

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE (AAS)

The Registered Nurse is an important member of the health care team; an indispensable participant within the medical community who provides total patient care; and a dependable, responsible, motivated professional capable of handling high stress situations with ease and confidence.

The Registered Nurse provides care using the nursing process; works within the guidelines of the Nevada Nurse Practice Act to give care, support and education to patients so that they can recover and stay well, works in hospitals, nursing homes, rehabilitation centers, home health, community agencies, medical facilities which offer acute and long term care, wellness centers, clinics and drug centers, monitors the physical and mental status of patients; gives medication and records the patients' reactions, symptoms and progress; and directs Practical and Nursing Assistants in a variety of health care settings. There are extensive job opportunities and potential in career advancement for graduates of the degree program.

Graduates of this program are eligible to sit for the NCLEX-RN exam for state licensure. Courses in the two-year degree can be applied toward the requirements for a Bachelor of Science in Nursing at a four year institution. The program has full approval status by the Nevada State Board of Nursing, 2500 West Sahara, Suite 207, Las Vegas, NV 89102, (702) 486-5800, and is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, Inc., 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326 (404) 975-5000.

A limited entry program; students must attend a health programs orientation and meet with a health programs advisor for additional counseling.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES – Graduates of this program will have the opportunity to:

- Demonstrate the ability to apply principles of the physiological, psychological, socio-cultural and spiritual concepts when providing safe and competent nursing care for clients at various stages in their life span.
- Demonstrate the ability to apply the nursing process and critical thinking to assist individuals and families to enhance and maintain adaptive behaviors that promote optimal health, quality of life, and death with dignity.
- Demonstrate the ability to empower and support individuals and families through caring behaviors.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (35 Credits):

	CR	SEMESTER
COMMUNICATIONS: COM 101, 215	3	_____
ENGLISH: ENG 100, 101, 113	3-5	_____
HUMAN RELATIONS: PSY 101	3	_____
MATHEMATICS: MATH 120 or above (except MATH 122, 123)	3	_____
SCIENCE: BIOL 189, 223, 224, 251	16	_____
FINE ARTS/HUMANITIES/ SOCIAL SCIENCES: SOC 101	3	_____
U.S. AND NEVADA CONSTITUTIONS: PSC 101 or HIST 101 and HIST 102 or HIST 101 and HIST 217	4-6	_____

SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (37 Credits):

	CR	SEMESTER
NURS 101 Introduction to Professional Nursing Practice	6	_____
NURS 115 Medical-Surgical Nursing I	6.5	_____
NURS 125B Pharmacology for Nursing Practice	2	_____
NURS 208 Professional Topics: Management Concepts and Transition into Professional Practice	2	_____
NURS 211 Medical-Surgical Nursing II	4.5	_____
NURS 243 Mental Health Nursing	4.5	_____
NURS 247 Maternal-Newborn Nursing	4.5	_____
NURS 248 Pediatric Nursing	4.5	_____
NURS 296 Nursing Management and Preceptorship	2.5	_____

This is a limited-entry program. Some of these courses are program prerequisites and MUST be completed before a student is considered eligible for entry into the Program. Students MUST attend a Health Programs orientation and meet with a Health Programs advisor for additional advisement.

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Total Credits

Students may elect to graduate using the degree requirements in effect at the time of matriculation, or when they declared or changed major or the current catalog. If a program is official after a student has matriculated, the student may choose the degree requirements of the new program. In no case may a student use a catalog which is more than six years old at the time of graduation.