



Nursing (RN)

Department website:

<http://www.collin.edu/nursing>

Program Options:

AAS – Nursing (RN)

Nursing (RN) Bridge for LVN /
Paramedic / Medic

Collin's Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Program prepares students to make application to the Texas Board of Nursing (Texas BON) for licensure as a registered nurse through the NCLEX-RN examination. The Nursing curriculum is approved by the Texas BON and accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN). Students must meet eligibility requirements for licensure as established by the Texas BON.

Licensure Notice: Students who have been involved with the criminal system, please be advised that your background could keep you from being licensed by the State of Texas. If you have a question about your background and licensure, please speak with your faculty member or the department chair. You also have the right to request a criminal history evaluation letter from the applicable licensing agency.

If an individual has reason to believe he/she is ineligible for licensure, he/she may petition the Texas BON for a declaratory order. Upon application to the nursing program, you must show your eligibility to take the NCLEX-RN exam through outcomes letter that will be issued by the Texas BON if the declaratory order is approved. To check your eligibility, please review the following questions. If you answer "yes" to any one of the following questions, you must have the declaratory order from the Texas BON completed prior to applying to the nursing program.

- Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor (other than a class C misdemeanor traffic violation)?
- Have you ever been convicted of a felony?
- Have you ever pled nolo contendere, no contest, or guilty?
- Have you ever received deferred adjudication?
- Have you ever been placed on community supervision or court-ordered probation, whether or not adjudicated guilty?
- Have you ever been sentenced to serve jail or prison time or court-ordered confinement?

- Have you ever been granted pre-trial diversion?
- Have you ever been arrested or have any pending criminal charges?
- Have you ever been cited or charged with any violation of the law?
- Have you ever been subject of a court-martial; Article 15 violation; or received any form of military judgment, punishment, or action?

Contact the Nursing Department for further information.

Collin County healthcare facilities support the ADN program. Several healthcare facilities throughout the Metroplex are used for the clinical experience. The role of the nurse continues to change in an evolving healthcare system.

Students planning to transfer to a college or university should check with Collin academic advisors. Also check the degree requirement of the intended transfer college prior to beginning this program to verify course degree applicability.

FUNCTIONAL ABILITIES / CORE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS STATEMENT

After initial acceptance to this program, all students are required to meet specific functional abilities - with or without accommodations - for successful completion of the program and to function safely and effectively in the variety of the profession's settings. The specific functional requirements are found in the Functional Abilities / Core Performance Standards documents provided in the program information on the Nursing website <http://www.collin.edu/nursing>. Students who think they may not be able to meet the functional standards and need accommodation are encouraged to contact the college ACCESS department as soon as this program is of interest.

ACCREDITATION

The Nursing Program is fully accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN). They may be contacted at:

3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850
Atlanta, GA 30326
404.975.5000

www.acenursing.org

SCHOLARSHIPS

Various scholarships are available to students when they have been accepted into the Nursing Program. Most scholarships are awarded based on financial need. Other types of monetary support are available through the college's Financial Aid Office.

ADDITIONAL ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

Admission to the Nursing Program is selective. Admission to the college does not guarantee admission to the Nursing Program. Registration is by permission only. Information and applications may be obtained from the Nursing Office or the Nursing website: <http://www.collin.edu/nursing>.

- Complete pre-entrance course requirements with a minimum 2.5 GPA
- Earn a grade of "C" or better in all courses applicable to the Nursing program
- Submit official copies of all college transcripts to include Collin College
- Complete the PSB (Nursing School Aptitude Exam) prior to the Jan. 31st, March 31st or Aug. 31st deadline with a satisfactory result
- Successful completion of drug screen, background check and physical / mental competencies, and dental exam
- Submit a current American Heart Association CPR for Health Care workers
- Provide a current negative TB test
- Complete a declaratory order from the Texas BON, if needed
- Show positive titer immunizations required by the Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS) *

* It is important to note that one of the required vaccinations, Hepatitis B, consists of a three dose series, which can take up to 7 months to complete. Individuals unable to receive the HBV must inform the Clinical Coordinator.

Health Insurance – All nursing students are required to show proof of health insurance prior to starting clinical rotations each semester.

Placement in mathematics and English courses is based upon the results of each student's assessments and subjects completed before admission.

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The Nursing curriculum allows for deep learning and promotes higher level clinical judgment. Students focus on generalities of specifically identified concepts and then apply those concepts within the context of specific priority exemplars. A great advantage of concept-based learning, from a curriculum point-of-view, is that it provides an efficient content management process. Nursing concepts are divided into two categories: *Health Care Concepts*, and

Professional Nursing Concepts. These concepts are learned in the classroom and applied using sound clinical judgment in practical settings such as the campus hospital and Health Sciences Simulation labs as well as in local healthcare facilities.

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60 credit hours

PREREQUISITES

<u>BIOL</u> 2401	<u>Anatomy and Physiology I</u> ¹
<u>BIOL</u> 2402	<u>Anatomy and Physiology II</u> ¹
<u>BIOL</u> 2420	Microbiology for Non-Science Majors

FIRST YEAR

First Semester

<u>PSYC</u> 2301	<u>General Psychology</u> ¹
RNSG 1125	Professional Nursing Concepts I
RNSG 1128	Introduction to Health Care Concepts
RNSG 1161	Clinical I – Nursing – Registered Nurse Training
RNSG 1216	Professional Nursing Competencies
RNSG 1430	Health Care Concepts I

Second Semester

PSYC 2314	Life-Span Growth and Development
RNSG 1126	Professional Nursing Concepts II
RNSG 1533	Health Care Concepts II
RNSG 2361	Clinical II – Nursing – Registered Nurse Training

SECOND YEAR

First Semester

<u>ENGL</u> 1301	<u>Composition I</u>
RNSG 1137	Professional Nursing Concepts III
RNSG 1538	Health Care Concepts III
RNSG 2362	Clinical III – Nursing – Registered Nurse Training

Second Semester

RNSG 2138	Professional Nursing Concepts IV (Capstone)
RNSG 2363	Clinical IV – Nursing – Registered Nurse Training
RNSG 2539	Health Care Concepts IV
<u>GEN ED</u>	<u>Humanities / Fine Arts</u> course

1. No course substitutions

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<u>PSYC 2301</u>	<u>General Psychology</u> ¹
PSYC 2314	Life-Span Growth and Development

Nursing faculty will determine the application and approval process. Students accepted into the Bridge for LVN / Paramedic / Medic Program will receive credit for the following courses: RNSG-1125, RNSG-1126 RNSG-1161, RNSG-1430, and RNSG-1533

FIRST YEAR

Summer

RNSG 1118	Transition to Professional Nursing Competencies
RNSG 1128	Introduction to Health Care Concepts
RNSG 1163	Clinical – Nursing Transition from LVN / Paramedic / Medic
RNSG 1324	Concept-Based Transition to Professional Nursing Practice

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First Semester

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