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?

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.

AAS – Nursing (RN)
60 credit hours

PREREQUISITES
BIOL 2401 Anatomy and Physiology I ∆
BIOL 2402 Anatomy and Physiology II ∆
BIOL 2420 Microbiology for Non-Science Majors

FIRST YEAR
First Semester
PSYC 2301 General Psychology ∆
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
ENGL 1301 Composition I
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
GEN ED Humanities / Fine Arts course

1. No course substitutions

Please refer to http://www.collin.edu/academics/programs/index.html for the most current information.
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60 credit hours

PREREQUISITES

| BIOL 2401 | Anatomy and Physiology I ¹ |
| BIOL 2402 | Anatomy and Physiology II ¹ |
| BIOL 2420 | Microbiology for Non-Science Majors |
| PSYC 2301 | General Psychology 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 |

SECOND YEAR

First Semester

| ENGL 1301 | Composition I |
| 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 |
| GEN ED | Humanities / Fine Arts course |

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