

REGISTERED NURSE ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

The Registered Nursing Program is a two-year course of study consisting of both classroom and clinical training. Graduates of the program work as integral members of the healthcare team, providing care and educating clients across the lifespan. Graduates earn the Associate of Science degree and are eligible to sit for the State licensure exam (NCLEXRN). Prospective students must first complete required prerequisites and general education requirements before entry to the program. Admission to the program is competitive. Initial screening is based on the CA Chancellor's Office Formula for Nursing Student Success which calculates an applicant's overall college GPA, English prerequisite GPA, and prerequisite sciences GPA. Applicants who achieve the minimum score using this formula are then chosen by a random computerized selection process (lottery). For further details on admission criteria, see the Mendocino College Nursing Department webpages.

Required Courses – Prerequisites		Units
BIO 230	Human Anatomy	5
BIO 231	Human Physiology	5
BIO 259	Microbiology	5
ENG 200	College Composition	4
Plus 1 of the following Required Prerequisite Health Courses:		Units
HLH 214	Foods and Nutrition	3
HLH 215	Therapeutic Nutrition	3
Plus 1 of the following Required Prerequisite Psychology Courses:		Units
CDV 200	Child Growth and Development: Conception through Adolescence	3
PSY 205	Introductory Psychology	3
PSY 210	Psychology of Life Span Development	3
PSY 215	Psychology of Personal Growth	3
Plus 1 of the following Required Prerequisite ANT/ETH/SOC Courses:		Units
ANT 201	Cultural Anthropology	3
ETH 202	Racial and Ethnic Relations	3
SOC 200	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOC 201	Social Problems	3
Plus 1 of the following Required Prerequisite Speech Courses:		Units
COM 203	Introduction to Public Speaking	3
COM 210	Interpersonal Communication	3
Required Courses – Major:		Units
NUR 52A	Nursing Technical Lab I	1
NUR 52B	Nursing Technical Lab II	1
NUR 52C	Nursing Technical Lab III	1
NUR 52D	Nursing Technical Lab IV	1
NUR 102	Nursing Concepts and Skills I	10
NUR 105	Pharmacology I	1
NUR 112	Nursing Concepts and Skills II	10
NUR 115	Pharmacology II	1
NUR 116	Introduction to Nursing Seminar	1
NUR 121	Leadership and Management I	1
NUR 122	Complex Medical/Surgical Nursing I	8
NUR 125	Pharmacology III	1
NUR 126	Nursing Seminar I	2
NUR 131	Leadership & Management II	1
NUR 132	Complex Medical/Surgical Nursing II	8
NUR 135	Pharmacology IV	1
NUR 136	Nursing Seminar II	2
Total Major Units		51
Total Degree Units		88

Program Level Student Learning Outcomes:

1. Meets qualifications and obtains an AS Degree in Nursing.
2. Become eligible and succeeds on state board examination (NCLEX-RN) leading to licensure.
3. Successfully passes ATIs in fundamentals, maternal/newborn, pediatrics, community health, mental health, medical/surgical, and leadership.
4. Successfully completes a minimum of 132 hours of individual clinical preceptorship as assigned in the final semester as outlined in Mendocino College RN Preceptor Handbook.
5. Practices within legal, ethical, and regulatory guidelines while adhering to standards of professional practice and accepting accountability for personal actions.

Career Opportunities in NURSING

Completing the associate's degree in nursing can lead to a variety of opportunities. Registered nurses (RNs) can work in a hospital, a clinic, in an extended care facility, as a case manager, in management positions, as a traveling nurse, as a school nurse, as a home health nurse, or as a hospice nurse. Areas of specialization in which nurses can focus include cardiac, obstetrics, emergency trauma, pediatrics, oncology, diabetes care, surgery, general medicine, wound care, geriatrics, and air ambulance. RNs can continue their education and obtain advanced degrees that give them even more career options such as Nurse Practitioner or Nurse Educator. The current job market makes nursing a career with many opportunities and choices.