

Associate in Nursing - Direct Transfer Agreement (AN-DTA/MRP)

Nursing - Registered Nurse

This degree prepares students for licensure and employment as a registered nurse, as well as for continuing nursing education for a baccalaureate degree in nursing. Students who complete this degree and pass the registered nurse license exam (NCLEX-RN) may enter participating Bachelor of Science in Nursing programs in Washington State as seniors. The Nursing Program is approved by the Washington State Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission and accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing.

For a roadmap that identifies the preferred sequencing of courses and other specific recommendations from faculty, please see the corresponding program map(s):

- **Nursing - AN-DTA/MRP (LPN2RN Campus Based Opt-in Option) (lowercolumbia.edu/program-maps/health/ANDTAMRP-Nursing-LPN2RN-Campus-Based-Opt-in-Option)**
- **Nursing - AN-DTA/MRP (lowercolumbia.edu/program-maps/health/ANDTAMRP-Nursing)**
- **Nursing - AN-DTA/MRP (LPN2RN eLearning Option) (lowercolumbia.edu/program-maps/health/ANDTAMRP-Nursing-LPN2RN-eLearning)**

Degree Requirements

- **Communications:**
10 credits - ENGL& 101 English Composition I AND ENGL& 102 English Composition II OR CMST& 220 (was SPCH 110) Public Speaking.
- **Quantitative Skills:**
5 credits – MATH& 146 Introduction to Statistics
- **Humanities:**
15 credits – *HUM 150, 250, 251: Ethics and Policy in Healthcare I (1 cr), II (2 cr), & III (2 cr) (taken after admission to Nursing Program); 10 credits selected from at least two disciplines on the distribution list for transfer degrees. No more than 5 credits in foreign language at the 100 level, no more than 10 credits from any one discipline. No more than 5 credits in performance/skills courses are allowed. Five of these credits must also meet the DIV requirement.
- **Natural Sciences:**
30 credits – BIOL& 160, BIOL& 241, BIOL& 242, BIOL& 260, CHEM& 121, NUTR& 101
- **Social Sciences:**
15 credits – PSYC& 100 General Psychology; PSYC& 200 Lifespan Psychology;
*PSYC 150 & 250: Psychosocial Issues in Healthcare I (2 cr), & II (3 cr) (taken after admission to Nursing Program)
- **Diversity:**
5 credits. Must be met by a course on both the Humanities distribution list and the DIV course list.

- **Electives:**

Fulfilled by 15 credits of the Nursing courses

Nursing Courses

NURS 150	Pharmacology in Nursing I	2
NURS 151	Nurs Concepts/Health & Illness I	3
NURS 152	Nurs concepts/Health & Illness II	5
NURS 153	Nurs Concepts/Health & Illness III	5
NURS 160	Skills in Nursing I	2
NURS 161	Nursing Practicum I	3
NURS 162	Nursing Practicum II	5
NURS 163	Nursing Practicum III	5
NURS 250	Pharmacology in Nursing II	1
NURS 251	Nurs Concepts/Health & Illness IV	4
NURS 252	Nurs concepts/Health & Illness V	5
NURS 253	Nurs Concepts/Health & Illness VI	5
NURS 261	Nursing Practicum IV	5
NURS 262	Nursing Practicum V	5
NURS 263	Nursing Practicum VI	5

Diversity and Distribution Lists (lowercolumbia.edu/publications/catalog/diversity-lists) are available in the Lower Columbia College Catalog located at lowercolumbia.edu/catalog.

Total credits required to earn this degree: 135. Additional credits may be used to satisfy degree requirements, but only 135 credits will transfer to four-year institutions.

*Note: Admission to the nursing program is required for all NURS courses, as well as HUM 150, 250, 251, PSYC 150 and 250.

Admission is competitive. **Grade of C or higher is required in all courses.** ENGL& 101, MATH 210, PSYC& 100, PSYC& 200, BIOL& 160, BIOL& 241, BIOL& 242, BIOL& 260, and CHEM& 121 must be completed or in process to apply. NUTR& 101 must be completed prior to beginning nursing coursework. It is highly recommended that the

communications courses and the 10 credits of humanities (5 of which must be DIV) be completed prior to beginning the nursing coursework.

Students completing this program should acquire the following skills and abilities:

- Demonstrate critical thinking by applying objective, valid methods of inquiry and problem solving to draw rational, ethical, and coherent conclusions in nursing practice.
- Demonstrate competence in basic nursing knowledge and skills in the performance of the nursing roles as provider of care, manager of care, and member of the profession.
- Communicate effectively in professional nursing practice.
- Process and utilize quantitative data in professional nursing practice.
- Incorporate professional interpersonal skills and caring behaviors in nursing practice.
- Initiate equitable and inclusive nursing practices to promote and maintain health and reduce risk in diverse healthcare settings across the lifespan.

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Notes:

Program planning is based on information available at the time of preparation. It is the student's responsibility to meet with their LCC advisor and with an advisor at the college to which they plan to transfer for specific requirements. Consult the LCC catalog for LCC graduation requirements. Most four-year universities require one year of a single foreign language as a graduation requirement.

Nursing Program admission requirements include current Nursing Assistant Certification issued by the Washington or Oregon Department of Health. To comply with health care agency requirements, students must provide documentation of the following upon admission to the program: Current first aid card, current Healthcare Provider CPR, negative urine drug screen within 30 days prior to beginning nursing coursework, all required immunizations and titers, current TB test or chest X-ray, and completion of a criminal and fraud background check. Certain criminal convictions or pending charges automatically disqualify an individual from having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults, juveniles, and children, hence may disqualify a student from the program. Please refer to the Nursing Program website Practicum requirements, as well as the DSHS Secretary's List of Disqualifying Crimes