

NURSING

The registered nurse is a licensed health care professional able to work in hospitals, clinics, acute care, physicians' offices, emergency centers, long-term care facilities, and home health care agencies. Registered nurses work with patients from birth through old age in a variety of health care settings, including medical/surgical, obstetrics, mental health, long-term care, and in the community. They design care plans, perform patient assessments, administer medications, give injections, serve as advocates for patients, and refer patients to the proper resources. Critical-thinking and decision-making ability, as well as a life-long commitment to learning, are important assets in this demanding but rewarding profession.

Students must earn a 2.0 cumulative GPA in order to qualify for graduation from Clark College and are encouraged to connect with their potential transfer institution to confirm GPA and course requirements to entry.

Graduates of the Associate Degree Nursing program receive an Associate in Arts Nursing DTA/MRP degree, and are qualified to take the National Council Examination for licensure as a Registered Nurse.

The Associate Degree Nursing Program at Clark College at the Washington State University campus located in Vancouver, Washington is accredited by:

ACEN
Accreditation Commission for Education In Nursing
3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400
Atlanta, Georgia 30326
www.acenursing.org (<http://www.acenursing.org>)

The most recent accreditation decision made by the ACEN Board of Commissioners for the Clark College Associate Degree Nursing Program is Continuing Accreditation.

About the Program

For Financial Aid purposes, the Associate Degree in Nursing DTA/MRP is open enrollment which enables all students who wish to pursue this degree to complete the "Nursing Degree Requirements" (courses in the areas of English, Biological Sciences, Psychology, etc.). The "Nursing Degree Requirements" provide the foundation for the subsequent "Nursing Core" classes (classes with "NURS" prefix). Due to clinical space limitations, there are limited spaces available, however, the program of study for the nursing transfer degree is open enrollment, following a holistic admissions selection process. Students who complete required orientations and clinical compliance requirements are able to begin the "Nursing Core" classes. The instructions on the Nursing program webpages explain the nursing transfer degree requirements and application process to be able to begin the Nursing Core classes.

The Nursing Program Guide is posted on the Nursing website at www.clark.edu/clarknursing (<http://www.clark.edu/clarknursing/>).

Disability Statement for Health Occupations

Students with disabilities are qualified to participate in clinically based healthcare professions with the use of approved reasonable accommodations (as defined by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act). To be qualified for nursing programs at Clark College those individuals must be able to meet the essential

abilities with or without reasonable accommodation. Accommodations for the classroom, laboratory, or clinical setting will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis for individual student disability needs and according to the reasonableness of the essential functions and learning of the program. Accommodations that compromise patient care, or that fundamentally alter the essential functions of the program or activity, are not considered to be reasonable. Further information can be found at the Disability Access Center. Documentation guidelines and procedures can be found at www.clark.edu/ (<https://www.clark.edu/dac/>)[dac](https://www.clark.edu/dac/) (<https://www.clark.edu/dac/>).

- Associates in Nursing DTA/MRP (Plan Code: RENDTAA) (<https://catalog.clark.edu/academic-plans/nursing/nursing-aa/>)
- Pre-Nursing (DTA/MRP)(Plan Code: RENPNAS) (<https://catalog.clark.edu/academic-plans/nursing/pre-nursing-dta-mrp-aa/>)