

**Program Description:** The Nursing (Registered Nurse) AAS-T (Associate of Applied Science, Transfer) degree is intended to help current LPNs (Licensed Practical Nurses) advance to RNs (Registered Nurses). Program admission is limited to students who have already completed a minimum of 35 credits from an accredited Practical Nursing program. There are a very limited number of spaces in the LPN to RN Ladder Program open to the community at this time due to current North Seattle College LPN students being offered direct transition to the LPN to RN Ladder Program.

**Prerequisites:** Prerequisites are those classes that prove eligibility for entry-level classes by testing or by having satisfied prior course work. Course work earned at other institutions must be evaluated or approved by a program advisor before registering.

**Nursing Degree Prerequisites:**

- Minimum of 35 credits from an accredited Practical Nursing Program
- BIOL&241\*, BIOL&242\*, BIOL&260\*, CHEM&121, ENGL&101, PSYC&200

**Nursing Degree Co-requisites:**

- MATH&146, NUTR& 101, US Cultures/Global Studies\*\*

\*Must be taken within the last 7 years.

\*\*A current listing of US Cultures and Global Studies courses are available at Seattle Colleges at <http://webshares.northseattle.edu/Nursing%20Student%20Resources/>

A 2.8 grade or higher is required in all general education, related instruction prerequisites and corequisite requirements.

<b>Program Requirements</b>		
	<b>Minimum of 35 credits from an accredited Practical Nursing Program</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Course Number</b>	<b>General Education/Related Instruction Requirements (45 credits)</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>
BIOL&241	Human Anatomy & Physiology 1	5
BIOL&242	Human Anatomy & Physiology 2	5
BIOL&260	Microbiology	5
CHEM&121	Introduction to Chemistry	5
ENGL&101	English Composition	5
MATH&146	Introduction to Statistics	5
NUTR&101	Nutrition	5
PSYC&200	Lifespan Psychology	5
	Five credits must be selected from a list of approved US Cultures or Global Studies	5
<b>Course Number</b>	<b>Certificate Requirements (36 credits)</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>
NUR 223	Advanced Nursing Skills	2
NUR 224	Health Promotion and Education in Nursing	2
NUR 225	Family Nursing	6
NUR 226	Care Management and Leadership	2
NUR 227	Complex Nursing Med/Surg-Psych	7
NUR 228	Complex Nursing Med/Surg-Psych Clinical Practice	5
NUR 231	Family Nursing Clinical	4
NUR 237	Advanced Med/Surg Nursing Care	3
NUR 238	Transition to Registered Nursing Practice	5
Total Credits for LPN to Ladder:		36
Total Credits for AAS-T Nursing:		116

To complete the program a 2.0 grade or higher is required in all nursing theory courses and a Satisfactory (S) in all lab and clinical courses.

#### **Program Outcomes:**

- Holistically care for self and others within an ethical, legal, and diverse framework under a designated healthcare provider within the scope of practice of the RN.
- Demonstrate competency in educating and communicating with patients, patient's family, the healthcare team, system administration, and wider community with a focus on Health Promotion.
- Demonstrate competency in assessment, analysis, planning, implementing patient care, and comprehensive evaluation of outcomes within a variety of settings utilizing appropriate technology.
- Synthesize patient assessment data with anatomy, physiology, pathophysiology, and pharmacology using critical thinking in order to safely manage rapidly changing and complex patient problems.
- Provide leadership to effectively delegate and collaborate with patient, patient's family, healthcare team, system administrators, and the wider community.

#### **What Skills do I need to be successful in this field?** <http://www.onetonline.org>

- Maintain accurate, detailed reports and records.
- Administer medications to patients and monitor patients for reactions or side effects.
- Record patients' medical information and vital signs.
- Monitor, record, and report symptoms or changes in patients' conditions.
- Consult and coordinate with healthcare team members to assess, plan, implement, or evaluate patient care plans.
- Modify patient treatment plans as indicated by patients' responses and conditions.
- Monitor all aspects of patient care, including diet and physical activity.
- Direct or supervise less-skilled nursing or healthcare personnel or supervise a particular unit.
- Prepare patients for and assist with examinations or treatments.
- Instruct individuals, families, or other groups on topics such as health education, disease prevention, and childbirth and develop health improvement programs.

#### **What are some potential job titles?**

- Registered Nurse (RN)
- Charge Nurse
- Staff RN

#### **Wages, employment trends and pathways:** <http://www.onetonline.org>

- Nationally: \$45,000 -- \$96,600  
WA state: \$54,600 -- \$99,300

**Course Sequence:** This full-time program of study is outlined by quarter, and courses are taken in the sequence indicated below.

Prior to application: BIOL&241, BIOL&242, BIOL&260, CHEM&121, ENGL&101, PSYC&200 and completion of LPN program. Courses below must be taken in order listed.

**1<sup>st</sup> quarter:** NUR 223, NUR 225, NUR 231

**2<sup>nd</sup> quarter:** NUR 227, NUR 228

**3<sup>rd</sup> quarter:** NUR 224, NUR 226, NUR 237, NUR 238

**Any quarter:** MATH&146, NUTR&101, US Culture/Global Studies elective (5 credits each)

**Program Contact:** Health and Human Services Division: (206) 934-3790

**Website:** <https://northseattle.edu/career/degrees/lpn-rn-aast-degree>

*For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who have completed these program, and other important information, please visit our website at <https://northseattle.edu/about-north/gainful-employment-information>.*