



**PIERCE**  
COLLEGE

# ASSOCIATE IN NURSING ADN

(Puyallup Only)

## PREREQUISITES

### Minimum qualifications:

The following must be completed with a grade of 3.0 (B) or higher and completed within the last ten years of the date of the student's application. (See below for exceptions)\*

BIOL& 241 Human Anatomy and Physiology 1	6
BIOL& 242 Human Anatomy and Physiology 2	6
BIOL& 260 Microbiology	5
CHEM& 121 Introduction to Chemistry	5
ENGL& 101 English Composition I	5

### Transfer-Ready Requirements:

Must be completed with a grade of 2.0 (C) or higher:

MATH& 146 Introduction to Statistics	5
World Language Language 121 & 122	10

Successful completion of the above courses will add a maximum total of 4 extra points to the student's application.

### Recommended Coursework:

Must be completed with a grade of 2.0 (C) or higher:

CHEM& 131 Intro to Organic and Biochemistry	6
PSYC& 200 Development	5

Successful completion of the above courses will add a maximum total of 2 extra points to the student's application.

Note: All courses have prerequisites that cannot be waived. Please work closely with a pre-nursing advisor.

\*Please Note: The 10-year limitation on ENGL&101 and PSYC&200 may be waived if the course was completed as part of a degree from an accredited institution of higher learning. There is no time limit on the World Language requirement. Two years of the same high school foreign language will also satisfy this requirement. Native speakers can satisfy this requirement following UW guidelines. (See Nursing advisor for details).

## FIRST YEAR (37 Credits)

### Quarter I (13 credits)

HSCI 114 Therapeutic Communication in Healthcare Setting	3
HSCI 116 Pharmacology for Allied Health	4
NURS 111 Fundamentals of Nursing Practice	3
NURS 112 Fundamentals of Nursing Clinical Practice	3

### Quarter II (12 credits)

NURS 121 Intro to Medical-Surgical/Psychiatric Nursing	4
NURS 122 Intro to Nursing Clinical Practice	5
NURS 125 Family Centered Nursing Care	3

### Quarter III (12 credits)

NURS 130 Intermediate Medical-Surgical/Psych Nursing	6
NURS 132 Intermediate Nursing Clinical Practice	6

**Total Credits (Quarters I, II, III) 37**

In order to progress to Qtr IV, students must have successfully completed Quarters I-III.

\*Or have proof of unencumbered Washington State LPN license

\* Or Certificate of Completion from a Washington State approved practical nurse training program

## SECOND YEAR

### QUARTER IV (13 CREDITS – ADN STUDENTS, 17 CREDITS - BRIDGE)

NURS 210 Advanced Topics in Nursing I	4
NURS 211 Advanced Nursing Clinical Practice	6
NURS 214 Adv. Concepts in Family Centered Nursing Care	3
NURS 218 ADN Articulation Seminar (Bridge only)	4

### Quarter V (14 credits)

NURS 222 Professional Nursing Clinical Practice	5
NURS 223 Advanced Psychiatric Nursing	3
NURS 224 Professional Role Transition	3
NURS 230 Advanced Topics in Nursing II	3

### Quarter VI (12 credits)

HSCI 235 Issues & Trends in Healthcare Management	4
NURS 233 Acute Care Nursing Practicum	8

**Total Credits (Quarters IV, V, VI) 39-43**

**Total Credits (Quarters I, II, III, IV, V, VI) includes 76-80 theory, lab, preceptorship and service-connected learning.**

**Total Credits including prerequisites 103-107**

Each ADN course must be completed with a minimum 2.7 GPA and all courses must be completed in the designated quarter.

## Program Outcomes

- Nursing Process:**  
The graduate will demonstrate a beginning competence in critical, creative, & reflective thinking within the nursing process that serves to provide the foundation for safe, effective care delivery in a wide variety of health care settings.
- Communication:**  
The graduate will demonstrate effective communication through the exchange of messages in a variety of contexts using multiple methods.
- Professional Role:**  
The graduate will demonstrate responsibility in the registered nurse role by participating as a member of a team to promote holistic, ethical, and compassionate care while functioning within the scope of practice for the registered nurse.
- Cultural Competence:**  
The graduate will demonstrate multicultural competence by valuing open-mindedness, inclusion, multicultural perspectives, and multiple ways of knowing, thinking, and being for clients, families, and colleagues in health care.
- Information Competency:**  
The graduate will seek, find, evaluate, and use information in health care to support evidence-based practice and engage in lifelong learning for nursing practice.

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The Pierce College Nursing Program prepares students to become Registered Nurses and provides students with the opportunity to become certified nursing assistants as a part of the coursework. In addition, the program is designed to articulate with local four-year universities that offer a BSN completion program. The curriculum includes a solid base in the natural and social sciences and provides a strong foundation in basic nursing skills, from which students then advance to more complex nursing concepts in the second year.

During the course of the program, students will receive experience in medical surgical nursing, family and community nursing, and mental health nursing in acute care, long-term, and community settings such as clinics and schools. Graduates receive an Associate degree in Nursing, and then must pass the NCLEX-RN examination in order to be licensed as Registered Nurses in Washington State. Licensed graduates are qualified to be employed as entry-level nurses in hospitals, long-term care facilities, rehabilitation centers, clinics, health care provider's offices, and home care agencies. They are also able to plan and coordinate patient care.

The program includes classroom courses in nursing, as well as clinical nursing practice in an acute care setting where students apply theory attained in all previous courses, with a focus on the transition to the RN role. Concepts of the Roy Adaptation Model are used to guide developing nursing practice to individuals in the community, in a variety of settings, during a preceptorship assignment. At the end of the course, students are expected to complete an NCLEX-RN prep course and achieve a passing score on a comprehensive NCLEX-RN predictive examination.

Clinical courses are taught at a variety of health care agencies in the Pierce County area and may occur days, evenings and Saturdays. All courses are taught by master's prepared nurse educators. The program is approved by the Washington State Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission.

Selection for the RN pathway is competitive, and the program begins annually each winter quarter. Students who are selected begin a six-quarter program leading to an associate degree in nursing. The program seeks students who are committed to the profession of nursing. Before applying to our program, applicants should explore all facets of a nursing care, which may include but not be limited to, infection control, practice settings and the law as it pertains to nursing.

*Pierce College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, disability or age in its programs and activities.*

*Special funding may be available for unemployed workers and low-wage working parents. See your advisor or call (253) 964.6265.*

## REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION

Applicants must meet general entrance requirements for Pierce College as well as the specific pre-nursing course requirements. Prerequisite courses may take at least one year of study and possibly longer if additional coursework must be completed prior to taking the prerequisite courses. Check with your college early to plan your course of study.

The application deadline for admission to the Nursing Program is set annually. Check the Nursing program Web site for up-to-date information at [www.pierce.ctc.edu/nursing](http://www.pierce.ctc.edu/nursing). No waiting list is established. The Admission Committee selects students in May and successful candidates are notified. Evaluation is based on each prerequisite science course being completed with a 3.0, other college prerequisite courses completed with a cumulative GPA of 3.0, designated tests, a personal statement, two recommendations, and observation, volunteer, or work experience in a nursing care setting. There are additional courses recommended for students planning to continue their education to earn a bachelor of science in nursing. It is recommended that the applicant make an appointment with an advisor to make sure the planned course of study meets the program's admission requirements.

Nursing students will have additional college expenses to cover uniforms, supplies and pre-licensure testing. Application packets and additional information are available online at [www.pierce.ctc.edu/nursing](http://www.pierce.ctc.edu/nursing) or by contacting the nursing program office at (253) 864.3272.

## TRANSFERABILITY

Graduates of the Pierce College Nursing Program who successfully pass the NCLEX examination for RN licensure may apply to the University of Washington-Tacoma to earn a bachelor of science in nursing degree. An articulation agreement is in place and students who plan to transfer should work closely with their Pierce College advisor to make sure that all requirements are met.

The pre-nursing course requirements will apply to other allied health fields or to an associate degree for transfer to a four-year institution should a student change fields or not be accepted into the nursing program.

### **For More Information:**

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## Related Codes

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Nursing: **323**

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