



# **Nursing Science**

## **(Career Ladder Track LPN-RN)**

### **Associate in Applied Science Degree**

#### **CAREER INFORMATION**

Registered nurses (RN's) work to promote health, prevent disease, and help patients cope with illness. They are advocates and health educators for patients, families, and communities. When providing direct patient care, they observe, assess, record symptoms, reactions, and progress; assist physicians during treatments and examinations; administer medications; and assist in convalescence and rehabilitation. They also develop and manage care plans; instruct patients and their families in proper care; and help individuals take steps to improve or maintain their health. **The Career Ladder Track is designed for those who are current LPNs or Paramedics.**

#### **APPLICATION PERIOD**

February 1 - April 1 for fall entry; July 1 - September 1 for spring entry. Applications can be downloaded from the program website during the application period.

#### **PROGRAM LENGTH**

Upon admission to the program, the course of professional study is two semesters, beginning in August or January. However, there are prerequisite courses and testing that must be completed before beginning the program.

#### **PROGRAM HOURS**

**Traditional option (fall and spring entry):** classes and clinicals are scheduled during traditional daytime hours.

**Evening/Weekend option (fall entry only):** classes are scheduled at/or after 4pm and clinicals are scheduled during the weekend.

**Hybrid/Online option (spring entry only):** students complete most classroom work online, but are still required to come to campus weekly for labs and tests. Clinicals are typically completed in the evening or on weekends.

**All clinical rotations are in the OKC metro area only.**

#### **CERTIFICATION/ LICENSURE ELIGIBILITY**

Upon successful completion of the program, graduates are eligible to apply for licensure by examination (NCLEX-RN) in Oklahoma, any state in the US, and other jurisdictions specified by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing ([www.ncsbn.org](http://www.ncsbn.org)). Applicants with certain felony convictions may not be eligible to test. An initial determination of eligibility for licensure petition from the Oklahoma Board of Nursing can be accessed at: <http://nursing.ok.gov/initialdeterm.pdf>.

#### **ACCREDITATION**

This degree is approved by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing and is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)  
3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, Georgia 30326  
(404)975-5000, [www.acenursing.org](http://www.acenursing.org), <http://nursing.ok.gov>

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND COURSE SEQUENCING

**Students that have previously been enrolled in a nursing program are strongly encouraged to speak with an advisor before applying to the program.**

**\*Students that have failed an RN program two times are not eligible to apply.\***

**Courses may be enrolled in at the time of application;  
however, all must be complete prior to beginning the program.**

**GENERAL ED & SUPPORT/RELATED - Must have a grade of “C” or higher.**

ENGL 1113 English Comp I

ENGL 1213 English Comp II+

HIST 1483 U.S. History to 1877 or

HIST 1493 U.S. History since 1877

POLS 1113 Amer. Federal Government

PSYC 1113 Introduction to Psychology

HSBC 1113 Medical Terminology

HSBC 2114 Human Anatomy+

CHEM 1114 Introductory Chemistry+

BIOL 2424 Human Physiology+

HSBC 1224 Intro to Clinical Microbiology

HSNS 1214 Concepts for Transitions to Professional Nursing Practice #\*

+Check course description for prerequisite that must be met

#Must be completed no more than three (3) years prior to application. Transfer credit not accepted.

\*Must be completed by LPNs that graduated a PN program more than a year prior to beginning the Nursing Science program and all Paramedics.

## PROFESSIONAL COURSES

The Career Ladder program is only a 2-semester program for qualified LPNs and Paramedics.

### First Semester (9 credit hours)

HSNS 1111 Intro to Professional Nursing Skills##

HSNS 1118 Professional Nursing Concepts I##

### Second Semester (9 credit hours)

HSNS 1219 Professional Nursing Concepts II##

### Third Semester (9 cr. hrs.)

HSNS 2119 Professional Nursing Concepts III

### Fourth Semester (9 cr. hrs.)

HSNS 2219 Professional Nursing Concepts IV

## Advanced standing credit awarded for this course to Career Ladder Track student upon enrollment in the third semester.

Rose State College will provide reasonable accommodations to persons with disabilities in order for students to have access to educational programs and services. Students requiring accommodations should contact the Student Access Services (SAS) office at least one week prior to the need for accommodations. SAS, located in the Learning Resources Center, Room 106, can also be contacted at (405) 733-7373.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

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1. **Apply to Rose State College** (if not currently enrolled).
  - Applicants must be admitted to the college through the Admissions office before application to the Nursing Science Program can be made.
  - **Official** college transcripts(s) of coursework not completed at Rose State College must be submitted to the Admissions office.
  - Submit a request for a **degree audit** for the Nursing Science Program. (Only required if student has out-of-state credits) Information regarding the degree audit and how to submit can be accessed online. <https://www.rose.edu/content/admissions-aid/admissions-records/degree-audit/>
2. **Submit the Nursing Science application** to include:
  - a. **College Transcript copies** from all institutions, **IF** originals have not already been submitted to the Rose State Admissions office.
  - b. **Next-Generation Accuplacer test results:** Writing, Reading, and Arithmetic. All applicants must take the Accuplacer exams within three (3) years prior to application. **IF** you take the tests at Rose State, copies of your scores will not be necessary. Contact the advisors for information: HSAdvisor@rose.edu.
  - c. **Copy of transcripts** for completed practical nursing or paramedic program.
  - d. **Copy of current license/registry.** (Printed from the OK Board of Nursing webpage is acceptable)

**ACCEPTANCE:** Applicants are notified of acceptance in May and October.

For more information, please visit our website at: <https://www.rose.edu/content/academics/academic-divisions/health-sciences/nursing-science-career-ladder-track/>

Health Sciences Advisors can be contacted at [hsadvisor@rose.edu](mailto:hsadvisor@rose.edu)  
or contact:

Rose State College Nursing Science Program  
Phone: (405) 736-0337  
Toll free: 1-866-621-0987

## **CRITERIA FOR PROGRAM SELECTION**

All applicants are reviewed by the criteria listed below. The highest numerically ranked applicants are selected. There are 89 total points possible. The minimum number of points needed for acceptance will vary each application period based on competitiveness of the applicant pool.

Contact the Health Science advisors for information on the Accuplacer tests, [HSAdvisor@rose.edu](mailto:HSAdvisor@rose.edu).

<b>Next-Generation ACCUPLACER</b> (scores must be < 3 years old at time of application)					
Sentence Skills (Writing)		Reading Skills		Math 1 (Pre-Algebra)	
Scores	Points	Scores	Points	Scores	Points
200-249	Not eligible	200-249	Not eligible	200-249	Not eligible
250-265	5	250-265	5	250-265	5
266-284	10	266-284	10	266-284	10
285-300	15	285-300	15	285-300	15
<b>Total points possible: 45</b>					

<b>Residence</b>	
Completion of at least 18 credit hours of the prerequisite coursework at RSC with a “C” or better.	2

<b>Grade Point Average:</b> GPA is calculated using <u>required</u> pre-requisite courses <u>only</u> . The highest grade earned in each course will be used in GPA calculations.	
GPA Range	Points
2.50 - 2.79	15
2.80 – 3.19	25
3.20 – 3.59	35
3.60 – 4.00	40
<b>Total points possible: 40</b>	

Optional Coursework: awarded only if the course is completed at the time of application with a “C” or better, choose only 2 out of these listed below:	
HES 2323 Nutrition	1
PSYC 2213 Developmental Psychology	1
HSBC 2103 Human Pathology	1
<b>Total points possible: 2</b>	