

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.

CLASS SIZE

Max of 25, dependent upon clinical availability and number of qualified applicants

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

Our nursing program is delivered in a hybrid format, with daytime and evening/weekend options available, offering the flexibility of online learning with the essential hands-on experience of in-person training. Lectures are recorded and delivered online, allowing students to rewatch them as needed for better understanding. While lectures must be viewed by specific deadlines, the recorded format offers flexibility in how and when students review the material within those timeframes. On-campus theory classes are optional but highly encouraged, providing opportunities for live interaction, clarification, and academic support. Attendance is required for all labs and clinical rotations, which are conducted in person and are vital for developing hands-on nursing skills and meeting clinical competency requirements.

ACCREDITATION

This degree is approved by the [Oklahoma Board of Nursing](#) and is accredited by the: [Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing \(ACEN\)](#)
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(404)975-5000

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND COURSE SEQUENCING

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

GENERAL ED & SUPPORT/RELATED

All courses must be completed with a grade of “C” or higher prior to beginning the program.

ENGL 1113 English Comp I	BIOL 2114 Human Anatomy+
ENGL 1213 English Comp II+	CHEM 1114 Introductory Chemistry+
HIST 1483 U.S. History to 1877 or	BIOL 2424 Human Physiology+
HIST 1493 U.S. History since 1877	HSBC 1224 Intro to Clinical Microbiology
POLS 1113 American Federal Government	HSNS 1214 Concepts for Transitions to
PSYC 1113 Introduction to Psychology	Professional Nursing Practice**
HSBC 1113 Medical Terminology	

HSBC 1104 Anatomy & Physiology is not accepted as a prerequisite course.

+Check course description for prerequisite that must be met

**Must be completed no more than one year prior to application. Transfer credit not accepted.

**Must be completed by LPNs that graduated a PN program more than two years 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 complies with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act. Students with disabilities who seek accommodations must make their request by contacting [Student Access Services](#) (formerly the Office of Disabilities Services) located in the Student Services Building, Room 107i. You can also reach them by calling (405) 733-7407. Students will be asked to provide documentation concerning their disability. **All accommodations must be approved by [Student Access Services](#).**

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](#). Applicants with certain felony convictions may not be eligible to test for licensure.

An initial determination of eligibility for licensure petition from the Oklahoma Board of Nursing can be accessed for a fee at <http://nursing.ok.gov/initialdeterm.pdf>.

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.
 - Request a [degree audit](#) for the Nursing Science Program if using out-of-state credits.
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.

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.

Next-Generation ACCUPLACER (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
Total points possible: 45					

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

Grade Point Average: 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
Total points possible: 40	

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
Total points possible: 2	

For more information, please visit the [Nursing Science Career Ladder Track program website](#).

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