



# NURSING



## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Associate in Applied Science Degree in Nursing is a four-semester program which builds on nursing skills and knowledge acquired through training / practice as a registered nurse. Learning occurs in classroom, clinical and laboratory settings. The program prepares students to practice as professional registered nurses – as defined in the Illinois Nurse Practice Act – at a beginning level of expertise.

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Admission of a student to the Associate Degree Nursing program shall be based solely on the qualifications of that student. College and state admissions policies are used to determine these qualifications. All students wishing to enter the ADN program must meet minimum requirements. These can be found online at [rlc.edu/nursing](http://rlc.edu/nursing).

## EMPLOYMENT

The program is approved by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. Graduates are prepared to assume responsibility for lifelong learning and professional growth as individuals / professionals. A variety of community settings offer career choices – hospitals; clinics; skilled, long-term and residential care facilities; community health and governmental agencies, and other facilities.

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## FINANCIAL AID

The college strives to assist individuals who demonstrate financial need, and in most cases, financial aid is available. The college has been approved as a participating institution for grants made by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission and also is approved for federal student aid programs, including veterans benefits. Locally endowed scholarships may be available to full-time students through the RLC Foundation.



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# DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

## ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING

Associate in Applied Science Degree

The Nursing program is designed to provide a career mobility path for individuals interested in health care. The curriculum is a concept-based method of instruction emphasizing critical thinking, problem solving, decision making, clinical reasoning and nursing judgment. Graduates will be prepared to practice professional nursing in a variety of health care settings.

Students must achieve a grade of "C" or better in each course, as well as demonstrate competency in dosage calculations and math skills. The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation approves this program. Upon graduation, the student is eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). Students who prefer to test out at the practical nurse level may do so after completing the first two semesters of listed coursework and then completing NURS 1212 – Practical Nurse Role Development (4 credit hours).

Total = 64 Hours

### Prerequisites

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|---|----------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> CNA 1201               | Certified Nurse Assistant  | 7 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ENGL 1101              | Rhetoric and Composition I | 3 |
| Competency in math (see admission requirements) |                            |   |

A criminal history background check & drug testing are required.

### First Semester (17 Cr. Hrs.)

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|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> NURS 1200 | Intro to Health Concepts           | 4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NURS 1201 | Intro to Health Concepts Clinical  | 1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NURS 1202 | Health – Illness Concepts          | 4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NURS 1203 | Health – Illness Concepts Clinical | 2 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NURS 1204 | Tools for Nursing Education        | 2 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ZOO 1105  | Anatomy & Physiology I             | 4 |

### Second Semester (16 Cr. Hrs.)

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|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> NURS 1205 | Family Health Concepts            | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NURS 1206 | Family Health Concepts Clinical   | 2 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NURS 1207 | Holistic Health Concepts          | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NURS 1208 | Holistic Health Concepts Clinical | 2 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NURS 1209 | Pharmacology                      | 2 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ZOO 1106  | Anatomy & Physiology II           | 4 |

### Third Semester (16 Cr. Hrs.)

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|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> MICR 1101 | Basic Microbiology               | 4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NURS 1214 | Medications in Nursing           | 2 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NURS 2212 | Health Care Concepts             | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NURS 2213 | Health Care Concepts Clinical    | 2 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NURS 2214 | Health Systems Concepts          | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NURS 2215 | Health Systems Concepts Clinical | 2 |

### Fourth Semester (15 Cr. Hrs.)

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|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> NURS 2201 | Registered Nurse Review Course   | 2 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NURS 2216 | Complex Health Concepts          | 6 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NURS 2217 | Complex Health Concepts Clinical | 4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PSYC 2101 | Intro to Psychology              | 3 |

## COMPLETE COURSE INFORMATION AT [RLC.EDU/NURSING](http://RLC.EDU/NURSING)

- <sup>1</sup> Prerequisite course(s) may be required based on results of COMPASS, ASSET, ACT or SAT scores.  
<sup>2</sup> If a student is preparing for teaching at the secondary education level, education courses should be taken.  
<sup>3</sup> Some schools require a year of foreign language.  
<sup>4</sup> One Fine Arts course and one Humanities course needed to meet IAI core requirements.  
<sup>5</sup> To guarantee full transfer of credit, students must complete the entire course sequence at the same school before transfer.  
<sup>6</sup> Check with your transfer university for math requirement.

Rend Lake College provides educational opportunities across cultural and economic boundaries to the diverse student population we serve. We are committed to our students' success in achieving their educational goals and to meeting our community-focused program objectives. With Rend Lake College, student journeys start here.

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## PRACTICAL NURSING CERTIFICATE

Students who prefer to test out at the practical nurse level may do so after completing two semesters of listed Associate Degree coursework and then completing NURS 1212.

Total = 37 Hours

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## LPN TO RN BRIDGE

Current Licensed Practical Nurses interested in obtaining their Associate Degree in Nursing may complete one, four-hour course before enrolling in the second year of the Associate Degree coursework. All program requirements apply.

Find more information at [rlc.edu/nursing](http://rlc.edu/nursing).

## ACCELERATED B.S.N. WITH SIUE

RLC and SIUE have teamed up to offer an accelerated Bachelor of Nursing track. Students can take classes at RLC for three years and begin a job in their profession, while working online to obtain their BSN from SIUE.

Find more information at [rlc.edu/nursing](http://rlc.edu/nursing).

## GETTING STARTED

### 1. Complete New Student Enrollment Form

These are available at [www.rlc.edu/admissions](http://www.rlc.edu/admissions), at the RLC Office of Student Records or at in-district high school counselors' offices. Submit other documentation as required for special programs.

### 2. Speak to an Advisor

Make an appointment in the Academic Advisement Center to discuss career development, educational planning, class scheduling and more.

### 3. Apply for Financial Aid

Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which is available online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Rend Lake College's school code is 007119. Alternatively, arrange for payment by enrolling in the Nelnet Payment Plan or by making full payment by established deadlines.

## ACCREDITATION

The Rend Lake College nursing program at Rend Lake College at the Ina campus located in Ina, Illinois is accredited by the: Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)  
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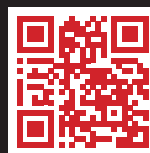
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