



[AAS-NURS; CIP Code 51.3801]

**Nursing (NURS) Generic Program
Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.)
– Transfer**

The program combines general education with nursing courses to prepare currently Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN) for entry-level Registered Nursing (RN) practice. Upon successful completion of the Nursing program, students are eligible to apply for state licensure and take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). The Nursing program is approved by The New Jersey Board of Nursing and accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

Program Information

The American Nurses Association defines nursing as “both an art and a science, a heart, and a mind. At its heart, lies a fundamental respect for human dignity and an intuition for a patient’s needs. This is supported by the mind, in the form of rigorous care learning. Due to the vast range of specialisms and complex skills in the nursing profession, each nurse will have specific strengths, passions, and expertise.” (ANA, 2021).

Nursing also encompasses autonomous and collaborative care of individuals of all ages, families, groups and communities, sick or well, and in all settings. Nursing includes the promotion of health, prevention of illness and the care of ill, disabled and dying people. Advocacy, promotion of a safe environment, research, participation in shaping health policy and in patient and health systems management and education are also key nursing roles.

Highlights

Since 2000, the NCLEX-RN pass rate has been greater than 90 percent.

To learn more about the program or attend an information session, please visit [RCSJ.edu/gc/SelectiveAdmissions](https://rcsj.edu/gc/SelectiveAdmissions).

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Nursing (NURS), A.A.S.

This is a 3+1 option program with Rowan University.

FIRST YEAR – Fall Semester

<input type="checkbox"/> ENG 101 English Composition I	3
<input type="checkbox"/> BIO 105 Anatomy and Physiology I	4
<input type="checkbox"/> PSY 101 General Psychology	3
<input type="checkbox"/> NURS 110 Nursing I	6
<input type="checkbox"/> NURS 111 Nursing I Lab	1
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Spring Semester

<input type="checkbox"/> ENG 102 English Composition II	3
<input type="checkbox"/> BIO 106 Anatomy and Physiology II	4
<input type="checkbox"/> NURS 120 Nursing II	9
<input type="checkbox"/> NURS 121 Nursing II Lab	1
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SECOND YEAR – Fall Semester

<input type="checkbox"/> BIO 215 Microbiology	4
<input type="checkbox"/> NURS 230 Nursing III	8
<input type="checkbox"/> NURS 231 Nursing Lab III	1
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Spring Semester

<input type="checkbox"/> NURS 240 Nursing IV	7
<input type="checkbox"/> NURS 245 Transition to Practice	4
<input type="checkbox"/> NURS 210 Nursing Global Issues and Trends	2
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TOTAL CREDITS: 60

Special Admission Requirements

- Nursing is a selective admission program. Students must be accepted to the program prior to registering for any NURS courses.
- Please contact the Enrollment Services Office for an admission packet.
- Clinical agencies require criminal history background checks (CHBC) for all individuals engaged in patient care. All students must undergo a CHBC upon acceptance into the Nursing Program. CHBC results are sent to the clinical agencies, who have the sole discretion to decide if the student may engage in patient care at the agency. If a student is denied the opportunity to participate in the clinical agency as a result of the findings of the CHBC, the student will be dismissed from the Nursing Program.
- Students must satisfactorily complete all 100-level nursing courses to progress to 200-level courses. Students who do not meet prerequisite and co-requisite course requirements, and/or grade requirements will not be able to progress in the Nursing program.
- Students must complete the Nursing program in three years from the start of the first Nursing course.
- Students who do not complete the program within three years must wait three years before reapplying to the Nursing program.
- A minimum grade of “C+” is required in all courses in the Nursing Program of Study including General Education and Science courses.

Employment Opportunities

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, “Employment of registered nurses is projected to grow 6 percent from 2021 to 2031, about as fast as the average for all occupations.” (<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/registered-nurses.htm>)

Program Outcomes

Graduates of the Nursing program will:

- Apply principles of evidence-based practice to patient care
- Value inter professional and community partners collaboration
- Demonstrate ethical and professional nursing practice



After completing the Nursing A.A.S., students may choose to continue with the bachelor's degree pathway at RCSJ.

The 3+1 pathway enables students to complete three years of coursework at RCSJ and one year at Rowan University to earn a bachelor's degree. The 3+1 pathway follows Rowan's course curriculum, with junior year classes taught by RCSJ advanced-degree faculty.

Nursing 3+1

THIRD YEAR — Fall Semester

<input type="checkbox"/> Fine Arts Elective	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SPE 101 Oral Communication	3
<input type="checkbox"/> NURS 303 Comprehensive Health Assessment	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Broad-based Literature	3
<input type="checkbox"/> General Elective Option	3
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Spring Semester

<input type="checkbox"/> NURS 305 Nursing Informatics	3
<input type="checkbox"/> NURS 308 Topics in Healthcare Ethics	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Humanities/History/Language	3
<input type="checkbox"/> MAT 103 Statistics	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Free Elective	3
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FOURTH YEAR — After completing the third year at RCSJ, students will seamlessly transfer to Rowan University for their senior year. 3+1 team members at both institutions work closely with students to guide them through the process.



Industry & Employment Opportunities

Bachelor's

Registered Nurse, Health Information Specialist, Community Health Worker

Master's

Midwife, Healthcare Social Worker, Nurse Practitioner

Questions?

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