

WESTERN DAKOTA TECHNICAL COLLEGE

REGISTERED NURSING

Associate of Applied Science, 41 Credit Hours, 14-Month Program

This degree will provide a 1 + 1 bridge track for graduates of an LPN program who hold a current LPN license. This program is designed for students with a goal of advancing their nursing career which includes opportunities in hospital, long-term care, clinic, assisted living, and other settings. This program will allow individuals to expand on the technical and communication skills obtained through their LPN licensure. Students will be trained in the areas of science and technology, advanced nursing skills, problem solving and critical thinking, professionalism, and communication, as it relates to nursing.

Students in the second semester technical courses of the Registered Nursing program must successfully meet benchmark scores on the required exit exam in order to graduate. All students successfully completing the Registered Nurse program will earn an AAS degree in Registered Nursing and will be prepared to take the licensure exam to enter the workforce as registered nurses (RNs).

Course No.	Course Title	Credits
Prerequisite Requirements		
CHEM 106	CHEMISTRY SURVEY	3
CHEM 106L	CHEMISTRY SURVEY LAB	1
CMST 101	FOUNDATIONS OF COMMUNICATION	3
MATH 114	COLLEGE ALGEBRA	3
MICR 231	GENERAL MICROBIOLOGY*	3
MICR 231L	GENERAL MICROBIOLOGY LAB*	1
SOC 100	INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY	3
	Total	17
Technical Requirements		
NURS 250	TRANSITION TO REGISTERED NURSING I	3
NURS 255	PHARMACOLOGY FOR THE REGISTERED NURSE <i>online</i>	3
NURS 260	MEDICAL SURGICAL NURSING ACROSS THE LIFESPAN	6
NURS 270	MATERNAL CHILD NURSING	3
NURS 275	MENTAL HEALTH NURSING ACROSS THE LIFESPAN	3
NURS 286	TRANSITION TO REGISTERED NURSING II <i>online</i>	3
NURS 298	REGISTERED NURSING PRACTICUM EXPERIENCE	3
	Total	24

Clinicals, practicums, and internships may include, but are not limited to, differential shifts (evenings, nights, weekends, and holidays) to meet industry expectations. This may require travel outside the Rapid City area.

Upon proof of current LPN licensure, 20 credits will be granted. An additional 17 credits in General Education courses and 24 credits in RN technical courses will be needed to meet graduation requirements for the RN degree.

Professional licensure and certification requirements often vary from state to state. Educational requirements by state for this program can be found <https://www.wdt.edu/degree-programs/registered-nursing/>.

[Required steps to obtain the credential for the Registered Nursing Program \(PDF\)](#)

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Semester Breakdown AAS- Fall Start

**Prerequisite Requirements must be completed with a C or better before enrolling in NURS Technical Courses.
Students must hold a current LPN license before entering NURS Technical Courses.**

CHEM 106	Chemistry Survey	CR	3
CHEM106L	Chemistry Survey Lab		1
CMST 101	Foundations of Communication		3
MATH 114	College Algebra		3
MICR 231	General Microbiology		3
MICR 231L	General Microbiology Lab		1
SOC 100	Introduction to Sociology		3
Total Credit Hours			17
Fall Semester		CR	
NURS 250	Transition to Registered Nursing I (12 weeks)	3	
NURS 255	Pharmacology for the Registered Nurse <i>online</i>	3	
NURS 260	Medical Surgical Nursing Across the Lifespan	6	
Total Credit Hours		12	
Spring Semester		CR	
NURS 270	Maternal Child Nursing (1 st 8 weeks)		3
NURS 275	Mental Health Nursing Across the Lifespan (2 nd 8 weeks)		3
NURS 286	Transition to Registered Nursing II <i>online</i>		3
NURS 298	Registered Nursing Practicum Experience		3
Total Credit Hours			12

Semester Breakdown AAS- Spring Start

**Prerequisite Requirements must be completed with a C or better before enrolling in NURS Technical Courses.
Students must hold a current LPN license before entering NURS Technical Courses.**

CHEM 106	Chemistry Survey	CR	3
CHEM106L	Chemistry Survey Lab		1
CMST 101	Foundations of Communication		3
MATH 114	College Algebra		3
MICR 231	General Microbiology		3
MICR 231L	General Microbiology Lab		1
SOC 100	Introduction to Sociology		3
Total Credit Hours			17
Spring Semester		CR	
NURS 250	Transition to Registered Nursing I (12 weeks)	3	
NURS 255	Pharmacology for the Registered Nurse <i>online</i>	3	
NURS 260	Medical Surgical Nursing Across the Lifespan	6	
Total Credit Hours		12	
Fall Semester		CR	
NURS 270	Maternal Child Nursing (1 st 8 weeks)		3
NURS 275	Mental Health Nursing Across the Lifespan (2 nd 8 weeks)		3
NURS 286	Transition to Registered Nursing II <i>online</i>		3
NURS 298	Registered Nursing Practicum Experience		3
Total Credit Hours			12

If you are or have been convicted, pleaded guilty or no contest to, or received a suspended imposition of sentence for a felony or certain misdemeanors, you are advised that you may not be able to complete all course requirements for your chosen program, you may be prevented from taking required certification/licensure examinations in your chosen program field, and you may be prevented from gaining employment in your program field.

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