



Green River College Nursing PLANNING GUIDE

Nursing Roles

Assistant/Technician: Narrow scope of work. Provides basic patient care under supervision, assisting with daily activities and monitoring health. Examples include nursing assistant, emergency room technician, and phlebotomist. Licensing typically requires completion of a certificate program.

Practical Nursing (PN): Delivers direct patient care under supervision, focusing on hands-on skills and patient interaction. Licensing requires completion of an Associate of Applied Science in Practical Nursing degree.

Registered Nurse (RN): Coordinates patient care, administers medications, educates patients, and collaborates with healthcare providers. Licensing requires completion of an Associates Degree in Nursing or an Bachelors of Science in Nursing degree.

Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA): Administers anesthesia and monitors patients during surgery for safe pain management. Licensing requires completion of a CRNA doctoral program. Admission into a CRNA program typically requires 1-3 years of intensive work experience as an RN.

Nurse Practitioner (NP): Diagnoses and treats illnesses, prescribes medications, and educates patients, often specializing in specific areas. Licensing requires completion of a masters or doctoral program.

Nursing Specialties

Once an individual achieves nursing licensure, specialization often occurs through on-the-job training and further education, such as advanced practice nursing programs like a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) or a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP), offering specialized coursework and clinical experiences.

Get Started greenriver.edu/getstarted

Certificate

1. Apply to College
2. Apply to certificate program
3. Check email for next steps
4. Attend program orientation
5. GRC Nursing will enroll you into your classes after orientation.

AAS-Practical Nursing

1. Apply to College
2. English and math placement
3. Sign-up for NSA
4. Register for classes at NSA
5. Complete prerequisites
6. Apply to degree program
7. Check email for updates

AS-Pre Nursing

1. Apply to College
2. English and math placement
3. Sign-up for NSA
4. Register for classes at NSA
5. Check email for updates

Note: Transfer degree only. Students must complete nursing program for licensure.

BSN

1. Apply to College
2. Complete prerequisites
3. Apply to degree program
4. Check email for updates

Information Sessions greenriver.edu/infosessions

Learn more about Green River Nursing's certificate and degree programs by attending an information session. The Sessions are virtual, and attendees are able to ask questions specific to their own path.

Contact

nursing@greenriver.edu

Green River Certificate Pathways

greenriver.edu/nursing > Select Program

Emergency Room & Patient Care Technician

Measure vital signs, assist with daily activities, document care, provide support, perform assessments, assist in trauma care including wound care and splinting, help with medical procedures, and prioritize patient care.

3-6 MONTHS
Program Length

QUARTERLY
Admit Students

APPLICATION
Online

Requirements: 18 years of age within 3 months after completion of program. Up-to-date on immunizations; GRC Nursing does not grant religious or philosophical exemptions. Must be able to pass a drug screening (includes Marijuana) and background check; convictions and pending charges involving drugs, violence, or crimes against people typically disqualify student's from participating in program. English proficiency.

EKG Technician

Operate EKG machines, monitor signals for quality, troubleshoot technical issues, analyze readings for abnormalities, and accurately document EKG data, communicating with patient care teams.

3 MONTHS
Program Length

QUARTERLY
Admit Students

APPLICATION
Online

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Nursing Assistant

Helps with daily activities, records vital signs, assists with feeding, communicates with patients and the healthcare team, and documents care activities.

3 MONTHS
Program Length

QUARTERLY
Admit Students

APPLICATION
Online

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Phlebotomy

Greet and explain procedures to patients, perform venipuncture, collect blood specimens, adhere to infection control protocols, maintain equipment, and follow guidelines for accurate test results.

3 MONTHS
Program Length

QUARTERLY
Admit Students

APPLICATION
Online

Requirements: 18 years of age within 3 months after completion of program. Must be able to pass a drug screening (includes Marijuana) and background check; convictions and pending charges involving drugs, violence, or crimes against people typically disqualify student's from participating in program. English proficiency.

Green River Degree Pathways

greenriver.edu/nursing > Select Program

Bachelors of Science in Nursing

Equips students for careers as Bachelor's prepared Registered Nurses through a 90-credit curriculum, including classroom and lab experiences, leading to eligibility for the NCLEX-RN. Graduates benefit from improved job prospects, career advancement opportunities, and preparation for advanced degrees, enhancing patient care outcomes and autonomy in nursing practice.

2 YEARS
Program Length

FALL QUARTER
Admit 32 Students

APPLICATION
Online-Open 2.1 to 4.1

~55%
Acceptance Rate

TBD
NCLEX-RN Pass Rate

Requirements: Unencumbered practical nursing license. Up-to-date on immunizations; GRC Nursing does not grant religious or philosophical exemptions. Successful completion of all prerequisite courses; 1 course may be outstanding at the time of application.

Associate of Applied Science in Practical Nursing

Green River College's Practical Nursing Program prepares students for careers as licensed practical nurses through a 90-credit program, of which 45 credits are prerequisites. Graduates can sit for the NCLEX-PN for licensure. The program offers job security, a pathway into nursing, the ability to bridge into ADN or BSN programs, and the opportunity to start working in as little as 2 years.

9 MONTHS Program Length + Prerequisites	FALL QUARTER Admit 40 Students	Full-Time Program APPLICATION Online-Open 12.1 to 1.15	~30% Acceptance Rate	92% NCLEX-PN Pass Rate
		Part-Time Program APPLICATION Online-Open 4.15 to 6.1	~25% Acceptance Rate	
17 MONTHS Program Length + Prerequisites	SPRING QUARTER Admit 24 Students			

MA-C Option: Certified medical assistants eligible to earn 2 credits for work experience, after completing skills test with faculty.

Requirements: Up-to-date on immunizations; GRC Nursing does not grant religious or philosophical exemptions. Successful completion of all prerequisite courses; 1 course may be outstanding at the time of application.

Associates of Science in Pre-Nursing

Enables students to transfer seamlessly to BSN programs in Washington State by fulfilling foundational coursework requirements, including completing 90-91 quarter credits with a minimum GPA of 2.0 and meeting specific distribution criteria, with potential GPA standards set by nursing programs. Completion of this program does not qualify students for licensure in nursing.

2-3 YEARS
Program Length

QUARTERLY
Admit Students

APPLICATION
Not Required

NA
Acceptance Rate

NA
NCLEX Pass Rate

Requirements: Check with the program you are intending to transfer into.

Immunizations

greenriver.edu/nursing > select program > Immunization Requirements

Participants in all of Green River's Nursing programs, except for Phlebotomy, must meet all immunization requirements.

Immunization	Anticipated Completion Time
Tb Test	Approximately 3-4 weeks (2 step test) or a few days (QuantiFERON)
Influenza (Flu)	Annually - One Visit
Hepatitis B*	Approximately 6 months
MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)	3 separate titers and can be completed in a single visit
Varicella	2 doses administered at least 4 weeks apart
Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap)	Required every ten years
COVID-19	Initial Dose + Booster or Current Booster**

*Complete Hepatitis B immunization is not required for entry. The first dose of immunization must be completed prior to admission.

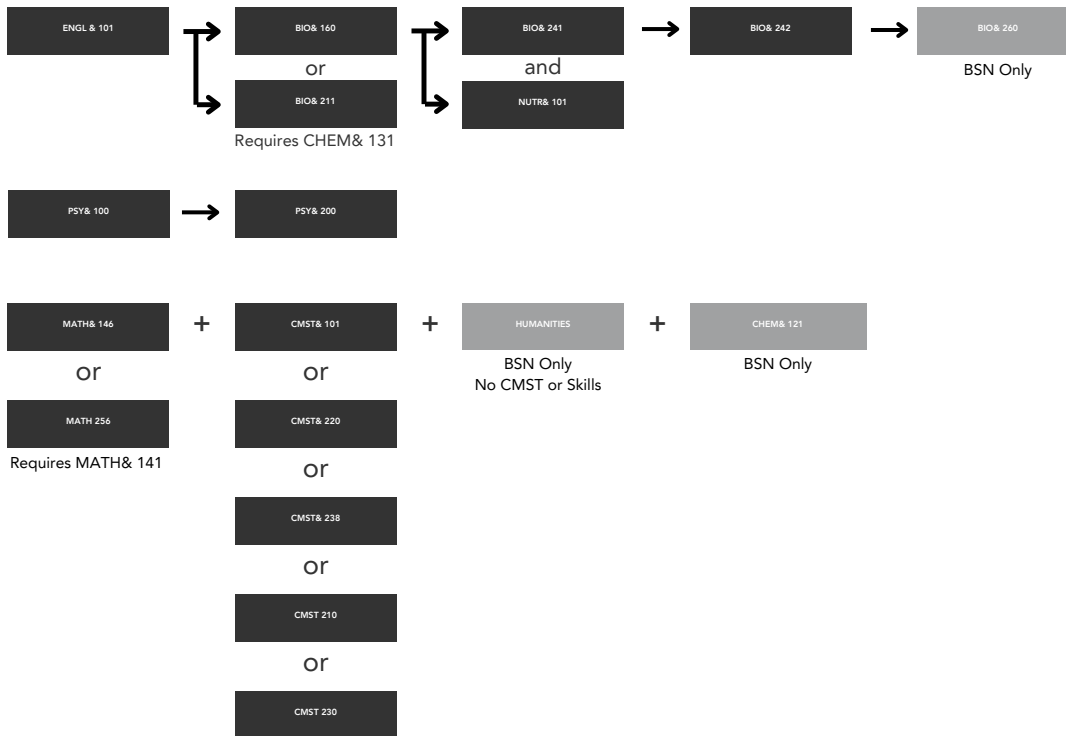
**If student has not received initial COVID-19 dose, current available booster is okay.

Green River AAS and BSN Prerequisite Courses

greenriver.edu/nursing > select program > Admission Requirements

Completion of the courses below are required prior to applying to Green River's AAS and BSN degree programs. Applicants may have one outstanding prerequisite at the time of application. Please note that:

- minimum course GPA is 2.5
- minimum cumulative prerequisite GPA is 3.0+
- courses do not expire
- no retake limit
- Your math & English placement may require additional courses.



Intended Program(s): _____

Program Application Deadline: _____ **Immunizations Required:** Yes No

English & Math Placement

Your math and English placement may impact your course progression. Determine your placement at greenriver.edu/placement.

English Placement: _____ **Math Placement:** _____

Draft Prerequisite Course Plan

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Resources

- email questions to nursing@greenriver.edu
- sign-up for info sessions at greenriver.edu/infosessions
- learn about funding opportunities at greenriver.edu/payforcollege
- learn about student support services at greenriver.edu/support