

Overview of Common Nursing & Healthcare 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 Nurse (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 program. Admission into a CRNA program typically requires 1-3 years of experience as an RN working in the ICU at a level 1 or 2 trauma hospital, like Harborview.

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, experience, 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.

Funding

View funding options at greenriver.edu/payforcollege

Students may qualify for funding for both certificate and degree programs. Degrees are eligible for FAFSA, WASFA, Workforce Grants, and Foundation Scholarships. Most certificates are only funded through the Workforce Office, except the Emergency Room & Patient Care Technician program, which also qualifies for FAFSA and WASFA.

Get Started

View the details of getting started at greenriver.edu/getstarted

Certificate	AAS-Practical Nursing	A-Pre Nursing	BSN
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Apply to College2. Apply to certificate program3. Check email for next steps4. Attend program orientation5. Attend Class	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Apply to College2. English and math placement3. Sign-up for NSAE4. Register for classes at NSAE5. Complete prerequisites6. Apply to degree program7. Check email for updates	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Apply to College2. English and math placement3. Sign-up for NSAE4. Register for classes at NSAE5. Check email for updates <p>Note: Transfer degree only. Students must complete nursing program for licensure.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Apply to College2. Complete prerequisites3. Apply to degree program4. Check email for updates

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Open House



Green River Certificate Pathways

Green River offers three certificate programs designed to prepare students for specific roles within healthcare. Each program provides the training required to meet State licensure standards and develop the skills necessary for role competency. Upon graduation, students are prepared to enter the workforce and are considered job-ready once they have successfully completed any required licensure examinations and submitted their applications for licensure.

Certificate Program Requirements

In order to participate in Green River College’s Nursing & Healthcare Studies certificate programs, students must meet the following requirements.

English Proficiency

- Students must qualify for English Level TS 6.
- Students who place into ENGL 97 or higher qualify for TS Level 6.
- Students who take the College Success reading assessment must score 61 or higher.

Background Check

- Students must pass a background check.
- Students with criminal convictions may not be eligible to participate in Green River’s Nursing & Healthcare Studies programs.
- Check with the program manager if you have questions about how a background check may affect your ability to participate.

Age Requirement

- Students must be 18 years of age within three months of program graduation.
- The State requires students to be 18 years of age at the time of licensure.
- Students may be 17 while in the program but must turn 18 within three months of graduation to ensure retention of skills for licensure.

Drug Screening

- Students must be able to pass a drug screening.
- Drug tests are required by some, but not all, clinical facilities. Students will only need to submit to a drug test if required by the clinical site.
- Drug tests typically include marijuana, which remains illegal at the federal level.

Emergency Room & Patient Care Technician | Average Wage: \$48,853 | 8.8% Projected Growth

Common Job Duties: 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.

2 QUARTERS
Program Length

START PROGRAM
Any Quarter

APPLICATION
Online - Due 10th Day Before Quarter

COST
About \$4,300
Tuition & Supplies

Nursing Assistant | Average Wage: \$48,077 | 4.3% Projected Growth

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

1 QUARTER
Program Length

START PROGRAM
Any Quarter

APPLICATION
Online - Due 10th Day Before Quarter

COST
About \$2,450
Tuition & Supplies

Phlebotomy | Average Wage: \$47,634 | 5.6% Projected Growth

Common Job Duties: 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.

1 QUARTER
Program Length

START PROGRAM
Any Quarter

APPLICATION
Online - Due 10th Day Before Quarter

COST
About \$2,300
Tuition & Supplies

Green River Degree Pathways

Green River offers an AAS in Practical Nursing and a BSN for LPNs, with part-time and full-time options. Graduates may apply for PN or RN licensure.

Bachelors of Science in Nursing | BSN-RN Average Wage: \$111,838 | RN 5.8% Projected Growth

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.

2 YEARS - 8 QUARTERS Program Length +LPN Program	FALL QUARTER Admit 32 Students	APPLICATION Online-Open 2.1 to 4.1	~55% Acceptance Rate	COST About \$23,000 Tuition & Supplies	TBD NCLEX-RN Pass Rate
3 YEARS - 12 QUARTERS Program Length +LPN Program	WINTER QUARTER Admit 32 Students	APPLICATION Online-Open 7.15 to 9.15	TBD Acceptance Rate	COST \$27,000 Tuition & Supplies	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.

AAS in Practical Nursing | PN Average Wage: \$79,221 | PN 7.2% Projected Growth

Prepares students for careers as licensed practical nurses through a 90-credit program, including 45 prerequisite credits. Graduates are eligible for the NCLEX-PN and can begin working in as little as two years, with options to continue into ADN or BSN programs.

3 QUARTERS 9 MONTHS Program Length + Prerequisites	FALL QUARTER Admit 40 Students	Full-Time Program		APPLICATION Online - 4.15 to 6.1	~30% Acceptance Rate	COST About \$7,000 Tuition & Supplies	92% NCLEX Pass Rate
17 MONTHS 6 QUARTERS Program Length + Prerequisites	SPRING QUARTER Admit 24 Students	Part-Time Hybrid Program		APPLICATION Online - 12.1 to 1.15	~25% Acceptance Rate	COST About \$8,000 Tuition & Supplies	
17 MONTHS 6 QUARTERS Program Length + Prerequisites	SUMMER QUARTERS Admit 16 Students	Part-Time Weekend Hybrid (clinicals and lab is in-person)		APPLICATION Online - 3.1 to 4.15	~70% Acceptance Rate *Based on First Cohort	COST About \$8,000 Tuition & Supplies	

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 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 YEARS - 6 QUARTERS Program Length	START PROGRAM Any Quarter	APPLICATION Not Required	COST About \$13,000 Tuition & Supplies
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Requirements: This degree meets the enrollment requirements for BSN programs at universities in the State of Washington, but requirements can vary. Please check with your intended transfer program for specific requirements.

Immunizations & Medical Tests

View the details at greenriver.edu/nursing > select program > Immunization Requirements

Participants in all of Green River's Nursing programs, except for Phlebotomy, must complete all required immunizations and medical tests. No exemptions are allowed. A titer, as mentioned below, is a blood test used to check immunity to specific diseases.

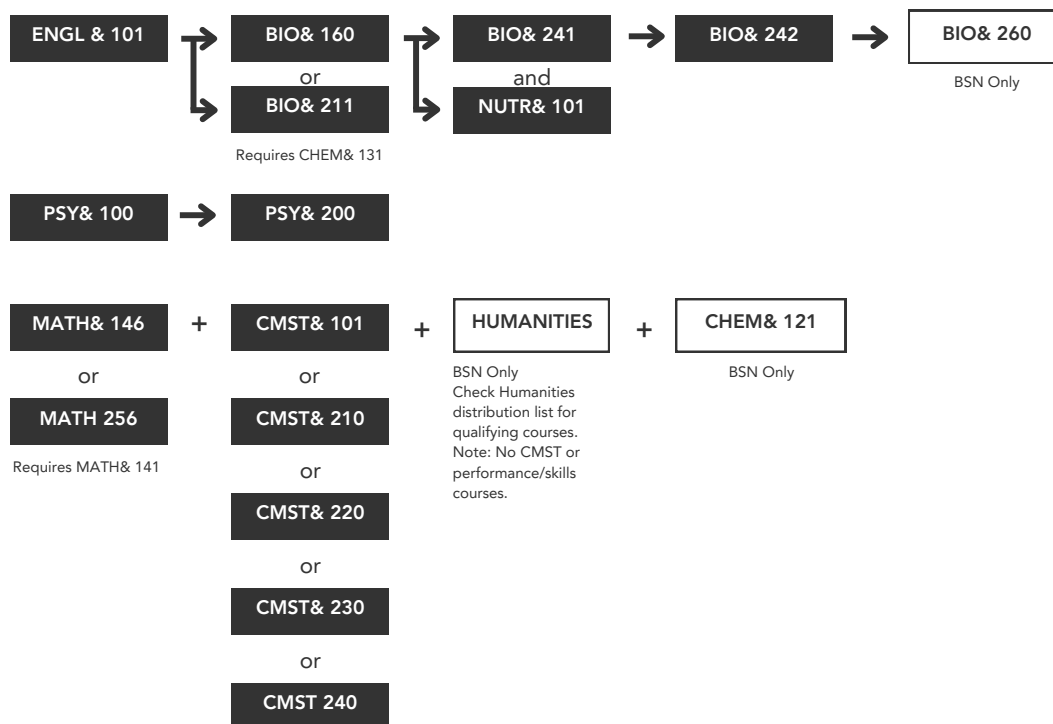
Immunizations	Immunizations or Titers	Immunization & Titer	Medical Tests
Tdap Required every 10 years	MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) Provide proof of vaccination (2 doses) or titer Note: If students choose Option B, they must obtain titer tests for measles, mumps and rubella.	Hepatitis B 3 injections which take approximately 6 months total. Titer is required after being fully vaccinated.	TB Test Option #1: 2-Step Tb Test Option #2: QuantiFERON Blood Draw
Flu Required annually	Varicella Provide proof of vaccination (2 doses) or titer Note: A history of chickenpox is not accepted as proof.		
Covid-19 At least one booster or currently available vaccine			

Green River AAS and BSN Prerequisite Courses

View the Details at greenriver.edu/nursing > select program > Admission Requirements

Completion of the courses below is required prior to entering Green River's AAS and BSN degree programs. Applicants may have one unfinished prerequisite that is in progress (student is enrolled-in) at the time of application. Please note that:

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



Sample LPN Prerequisite Course Plan

Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	Q 5	Q 6
ENGL& 101	BIO& 160	BIO& 241	BIO& 242	BIO& 260*	
MATH& 146	CMST& 220	NUTR& 101	CHEM& 121*		
PSYC& 100	PSYC& 200	HUMANITIES*			

This schedule assumes placement into ENGL& 101 / MATH& 146. Some students may need to take additional English/math courses.

*BSN prerequisites only, which can be completed after admission/completion of the LPN program.

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: _____

Resources



email questions to nhs@greenriver.edu



More Nursing program info at greenriver.edu/nursing



Funding opportunities at greenriver.edu/payforcollege



Student support services at greenriver.edu/support