



NURSING & HEALTHCARE STUDIES PLANNING GUIDE GREENRIVER.EDU/NURSING



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><small>Note: Transfer degree only. Students must complete nursing program for licensure.</small></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

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.

**6 MONTHS
2 QUARTERS**
Program Length

START PROGRAM
Any Quarter

APPLICATION
Online - Due 10th Day Before Quarter

COST
About \$4,300
Tuition & Supplies

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 | Average Wage: \$52,508 | 2% Projected Growth

Common Job Duties: 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
1 QUARTER**
Program Length

START PROGRAM
Any Quarter

APPLICATION
Online - Due 10th Day Before Quarter

COST
About \$2,425
Tuition & Supplies

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.

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.

**3 MONTHS
1 QUARTER**
Program Length

START PROGRAM
Any Quarter

APPLICATION
Online - Due 10th Day Before Quarter

COST
About \$2,450
Tuition & Supplies

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.

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.

**3 MONTHS
1 QUARTER**
Program Length

START PROGRAM
Any Quarter

APPLICATION
Online - Due 10th Day Before Quarter

COST
About \$2,300
Tuition & Supplies

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

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.

Associate of Applied Science 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, 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 3 QUARTERS 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.

2-3 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, including for philosophical, religious, or medical reasons. A titer, as mentioned below, is a blood test used to check immunity to specific diseases.

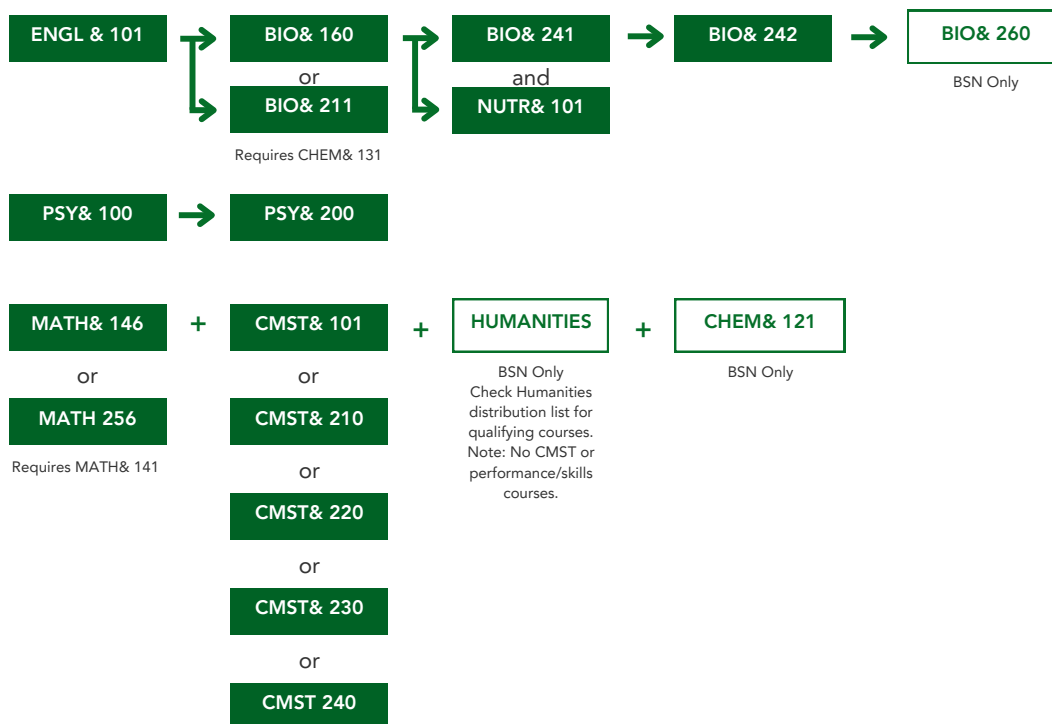
Immunizations	Immunizations or Titers	Immunization & Titer	Medical Tests
Tdap Required every 10 years Flu Required annually Covid-19 At least one booster or currently available vaccine	MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) Provide proof of vaccination (2 doses) or titer Note: If students choose Option B, they must obtain titer tests for measles, mumps and rubella. Varicella Provide proof of vaccination (2 doses) or titer Note: A history of chickenpox is not accepted as proof.	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

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 nursing@greenriver.edu



Funding opportunities at greenriver.edu/payforcollege



More Nursing program info at greenriver.edu/nursing



Student support services at greenriver.edu/support