



# 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](https://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](https://greenriver.edu/getstarted)

Certificate	AAS-Practical Nursing	A-Pre Nursing	BSN
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Apply to College</li> <li>2. Apply to certificate program</li> <li>3. Check email for next steps</li> <li>4. Attend program orientation</li> <li>5. Attend Class</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Apply to College</li> <li>2. English and math placement</li> <li>3. Sign-up for NSAE</li> <li>4. Register for classes at NSAE</li> <li>5. Complete prerequisites</li> <li>6. Apply to degree program</li> <li>7. Check email for updates</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Apply to College</li> <li>2. English and math placement</li> <li>3. Sign-up for NSAE</li> <li>4. Register for classes at NSAE</li> <li>5. Check email for updates</li> </ol> <p><small>Note: Transfer degree only. Students must complete nursing program for licensure.</small></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Apply to College</li> <li>2. Complete prerequisites</li> <li>3. Apply to degree program</li> <li>4. Check email for updates</li> </ol>

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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**  
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**  
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**  
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**  
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**  
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 & Fees

**TBD**  
NCLEX-RN Pass Rate

**3 YEARS**  
Program Length  
+LPN Program

**WINTER QUARTER**  
Admit 32 Students

**APPLICATION**  
Online-Open 7.15 to 9.15

**TBD**  
Acceptance Rate

**COST**  
\$23,000  
Tuition & Fees

**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.

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

**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**  
Program Length

**START PROGRAM**  
Any Quarter

**APPLICATION**  
Not Required

**COST**  
About \$13,000  
Tuition & Supplies

**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](http://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.

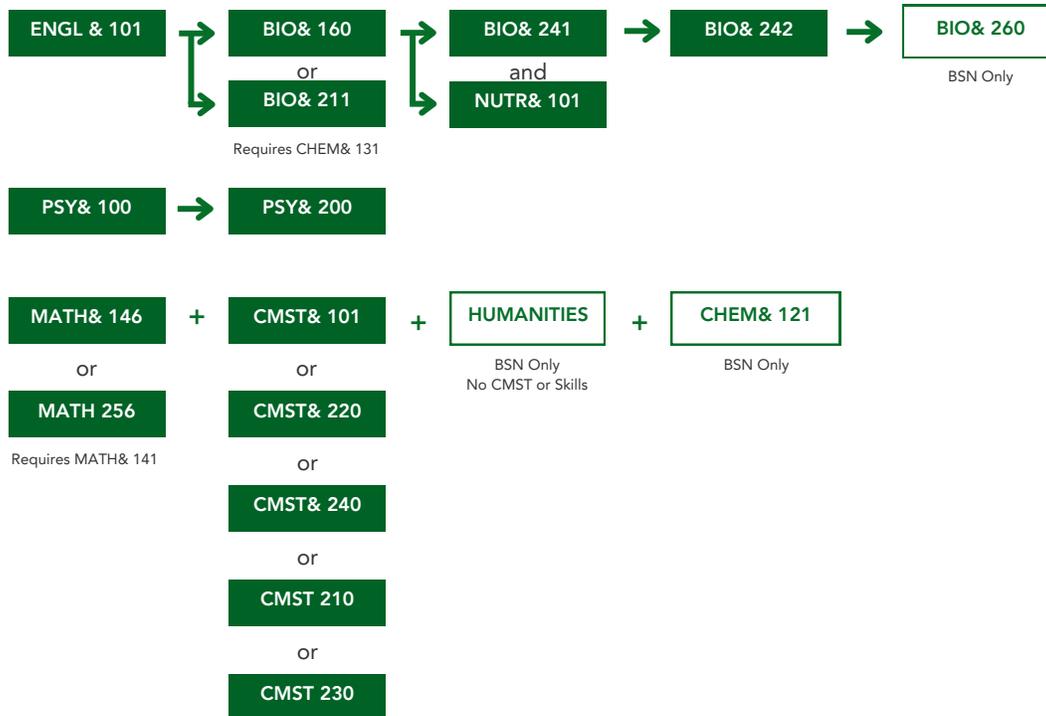
Immunizations	Immunizations or Titers	Immunization & Titer	Medical Tests
<p><b>Tdap</b> Required every 10 years</p> <p><b>Flu</b> Required annually</p> <p><b>Covid-19</b> At least one booster or currently available vaccine</p>	<p><b>MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)</b> Provide proof of vaccination (2 doses)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

# Green River AAS and BSN Prerequisite Courses

View the Details at [greenriver.edu/nursing](http://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 unfinished prerequisites at the time of application but their application may not be as competitive. 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](http://greenriver.edu/placement).

**English Placement:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Math Placement:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Resources

 email questions to [nursing@greenriver.edu](mailto:nursing@greenriver.edu)

 Funding opportunities at [greenriver.edu/payforcollege](http://greenriver.edu/payforcollege)

 More Nursing program info at [greenriver.edu/nursing](http://greenriver.edu/nursing)

 Student support services at [greenriver.edu/support](http://greenriver.edu/support)