

HEALTH PROFESSIONS

REGISTERED NURSE ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING - AAS DEGREE PLAN

PROGRAM INFORMATION

The two-year 60 credit hours curriculum in nursing leads to an Associate of Applied Science Degree (AAS) and prepares the graduate to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). Graduates must also meet legal requirements for licensure as mandated by the Texas Board of Nursing (BON) or the state in which initial licensure is sought. Successful completion of the examination will allow the graduate to practice as a registered nurse. The Navarro College Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Program is approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) and the Texas Board of Nursing (BON), P.O. Box 430, Austin, TX 78767, (512) 305-7400. The ADN program is accredited by the [Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing](#) (ACEN), 3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400, Atlanta, GA 30326, phone 404-975-5000, fax 404-975-5020.

The ADN curriculum includes on-campus coursework and clinical experiences in health care agencies. Applications to the program are available on the ADN website (See Application and Forms). Students wishing to apply to the program must attend an ADN information session. To be eligible for admission, students must achieve a Total Score of 66% or greater on the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS). Only 2 attempts are allowed within the same admissions period (2 attempts per year).

Admission is determined by: (1) eligibility for admission according to the Texas BON; (2) a criminal background acceptable to clinical agencies; (3)-meeting the minimum required score on the TEAS exam; and (4) GPA on non-RNSG ADN degree plan courses.

Acceptance to Navarro College does not guarantee admission to the Associate Degree Nursing Program. The Associate Degree Nursing program is only available on the Waxahachie campus.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- Students must complete all theory courses on the ADN degree plan with a final grade of “C” or higher and all clinical courses with a final clinical evaluation of competent or “satisfactory” in order to pass and progress in the program and graduate. The theory ADN grading scale is: A = 90-100, B = 80-89, C = 75-79, D = 60-74, F = <60.
- Students must meet all program and clinical agency requirements including drug screens, American Heart Association Basic Life Support CPR certification, health screenings and immunizations. The Texas Department of Health Administrative Code requires that students enrolled in health-related courses in institutions of higher education with required patient contact must have specific immunizations. Applicants must show proof of the complete series of immunizations prior to final admission to the program. Any exclusion of compliance for medical contraindications or religious beliefs will be handled on an individual basis and must be submitted in writing with the application packet. Students will receive information on unanticipated requirements by email after the application is filed.

Standardized exams including comprehensive predictors of NCLEX-RN success are used throughout the program as a portion of semester grades. Students may transfer nursing courses only from a nationally accredited ADN program. BSN courses cannot transfer to the ADN program. Must have minimum required GPA 2.0. Transfer students must complete >50% of their RNSG courses at Navarro College to be granted an ADN degree from Navarro College. (Only RNSG courses, not academic courses, can be considered when calculating > 50% for the purpose of eligibility for a Navarro College ADN degree.) Students being considered for transfer into the ADN Program must meet the same ATI/Skills requirements determined for re-entry students, based on the semester the student is entering. (See Withdrawal and Re-Entry Policy) Students must complete an application for graduation during their final semester.

INFORMATION REGARDING ELIGIBILITY FOR RN LICENSE

The Texas Board of Nursing has mandated that applicants for licensure as registered nurses meet eligibility requirements.

NOTICE TO STUDENTS REGARDING LICENSING - ADN

Effective September 1st 2017, House Bill (HB) 1508 amends the Texas Occupations Code Section 53 that requires education providers to notify you a potential or enrolled student that a criminal history may make you ineligible for an occupational license upon program completion. The [Texas Board of Nursing \(BON\)](#) website provides links to information about the licensing process and requirements.

Should you wish to request a review of the impact of criminal history on your potential ADN License prior to or during your quest for a degree, you can visit the [Texas Board of Nursing](#) and request a “Criminal History Evaluation.”

This information is being provided to all persons who apply or enroll in the program with notice of the requirements as described above, regardless of whether or not the person has been convicted of a criminal offense. Additionally, HB 1508 authorizes licensing agencies to require reimbursements when a student fails to receive the required notice.

All prerequisite courses must be completed within 7 years of making application. Applications sent without the required prerequisite will not be accepted. Any of the other non-RNSG degree plan courses on the degree plan can be taken prior to entering the program or after admission.

REQUIRED PREREQUISITES

COURSE SECTION	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
BIOL 2401	Anatomy & Physiology I	4
BIOL 2402	Anatomy & Physiology II	4
Total Credit Hours		8

FRESHMAN YEAR - FALL

COURSE SECTION	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
RNSG 1105	Nursing Skills I	1
RNSG 1413	Foundations of Nursing Practice	4
RNSG 1260	Clinical I	2
RNSG 1201	Pharmacology	2
ENGL 1301	Composition I	3
PSYC 2301	General Psychology	3
Fall Total Credit Hours		15

FRESHMAN YEAR - SPRING

COURSE SECTION	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
RNSG 1443	Complex Concepts of Adult Health	4
RNSG 1360	Clinical II	3
RNSG 1144	Nursing Skills II	1
BIOL 2420	Microbiology for Non-Science Majors	4
Spring Total Credit Hours		12

SOPHOMORE YEAR - FALL

COURSE SECTION	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
RNSG 2213	Mental Health Nursing	2
RNSG 1512	Nursing Care of the Childbearing and Childrearing Family	5
RNSG 2362	Clinical III	3
Fall Total Credit Hours		10

SOPHOMORE YEAR - SPRING

COURSE SECTION	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
RNSG 2307	Adaptation to the Role of Professional Nurse	3
RNSG 2331	Advanced Concepts of Adult Health	3
RNSG 2363	Clinical IV	3
X3XX	Approved Language / Philosophy / Culture or Creative Arts	3
PSYC 2314	Lifespan Growth and Development	3
Spring Total Credit Hours		15

COURSE SECTION	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
Program Total Credit Hours		60

Language / Philosophy / Culture or Creative Arts – (PHIL 1301 Introduction to Philosophy, PHIL 2305 Introduction to Ethics, ARTS 1301 Art Appreciation, or MUSI 1306 Music Appreciation are preferred. (Ethics is preferred by the ADN Program) With approval, a core curriculum Humanities course or Visual / Performing Arts course may be substituted.)

Navarro College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award associate and baccalaureate degrees. Navarro College also may offer credentials such as certificates and diplomas at approved degree levels. Questions about the accreditation of Navarro College may be directed in writing to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097, by calling (404) 679-4500, or by using information available on [SACSCOC's website](#).