

NURSING

(ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM)

Nursing (AAS)

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WHAT WOULD I DO? EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Associate Degree Nurses (ADNs) work to promote health, prevent disease, and help patients cope with illness. They are advocates and health educators for patients, families, and communities. When providing direct patient care, they observe, assess, and record symptoms, reactions, and progress in patients; assist physicians during surgeries, treatments, and examinations; administer medications and assist in convalescence and rehabilitation. ADNs also develop and manage nursing care plans, instruct patients and their families in proper care, and help individuals and groups take steps to improve or maintain their health. White State laws govern the tasks that ADNs may perform, it is usually the work setting that determines their daily job duties.

WHERE WOULD I WORK? EMPLOYMENT SITES

- Offices
- Clinics
- Ambulatory surgical centers
- Emergency medical centers
- Hospitals
- Nursing care facilities
- Home healthcare services
- Employment services
- Government agencies
- Outpatient care centers

HOW MUCH WOULD I EARN? EMPLOYMENT INCOME

Earnings vary depending on experience, ranging from a little over \$16.00 an hour to \$23.50 an hour. In North Dakota, on an average, entry level RNs make \$33,822 annually and experienced RNs make \$49,031.

HOW MANY JOBS ARE THERE? EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK

More new jobs are expected to be created for registered nurses than for any other occupation.

2006-2007 Tuition & Fees

	<i>Semester/Term</i>	<i>YEAR</i>
*RESIDENT AND PROVINCES	\$ 1728.36	\$3456.72
Minnesota	\$2241.36	\$4482.72
Contiguous States (SD and MT)	\$2082.16	\$4164.32
WUE (AK, AZ, CO, HI, ID, NM, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY, CA) MHEC (KS, MI, MO, NE)	\$2435.88	\$4871.76
Non-Resident	\$2435.88	\$4871.76
NURSING PROGRAM FEE (YEAR TOTAL INCLUDES SUMMER TERM)	\$250.00	\$750.00
BOOKS & SUPPLIES – ESTIMATE FOR NURSING	\$800.00	\$1600.00

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO BECOME A NURSE?

The Dakota Nursing Program is designed to be a two-year educational ladder which students may achieve, one program at a time, from Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) to Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) to Associate Degree in Nursing (AND). The Dakota Associate Degree Nursing Program is a two-year educational program that results in an Associate in Applied Science in Nursing. Graduates are the eligible to apply for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (RN).

Prerequisites for the Associate Degree Nursing program for Dakota Practical Nursing students:

- Successful completion of the first year of the Dakota Nursing Program with a minimum GPA of 2.5 in all prerequisite and program courses.
- A letter of intent confirming desire for continuation by January 15th.
- A submission of appropriate forms available from the Nursing Coordinator.

Prerequisites for a Associate Degree Nursing program for all other Students:

- Unrestricted license to practice as a Licensed Practical Nurse in the United States.
- Admission to MSU-Bottineau as well as completion of a formal application to the Dakota Associate Degree Nursing Program. **Admission to the College does not guarantee admission to the Associate Degree Nursing program.** Application forms for admission to the Dakota Associate Degree Nursing Program may be obtained from the Nursing Coordinator during the second half of spring semester.
- Completion of the NLN-RN preadmission examination with a minimum score of 60 (95%).
- Completion of the following courses, each with a grade of C or better and an overall GPA of at least 2.5:
 - CHEM 115 Introductory Chemistry,
 - ENGL 110 Composition I,
 - PSYC 111 Introduction to Psychology,
 - BIOL 220 Anatomy and Physiology I,
 - BIOL 221 Anatomy and Physiology II,
 - PHRM 215 Introduction to Pharmacology (must be within 5 years of ADN admission),
 - PSYC 250 Developmental Psychology.

Curriculum

Fall Semester

		<u>Credits</u>
NURS 224	Professional Role Development	2
NURS 225	Alterations in Health Care I	3
NURS 226	Maternal Child Nursing	2
NURS 227	Clinical Applications I	4
Elective		3

Spring Semester

NURS 228	Alterations in Health Care II	4
NURS 229	Health Promotion & Psychosocial Nursing	2
NURS 237	Clinical Application II	6
MICR 202	Microbiology L/L	4