

Course Sequencing		
Year	Quarter	Subject
First Year	Fall	<a href="#">CHEM&amp; 121</a> (Intro to Chemistry w/ Lab) <a href="#">ENGL&amp; 101</a> (English Composition 1) <a href="#">PSYC&amp; 100</a> (General Psychology)
	Winter	<a href="#">CMST&amp; 101, 210, or 220</a> (Intro to Communication, Interpersonal Communication, or Public Speaking) <a href="#">BIOL&amp; 160</a> (General Biology w/ Lab) <a href="#">ENGL&amp; 102</a> (English Composition 2) OR <a href="#">ENGL&amp; 235</a> (Technical Writing)
	Spring	<a href="#">BIOL&amp; 241</a> (Human A&P 1 w/ Lab) <a href="#">MATH&amp; 146</a> (Intro to Statistics) <a href="#">PSYC&amp; 200</a> (Lifespan Psychology)
	Summer	Courses may be taken during summer quarter
Second Year	Fall	<a href="#">BIOL&amp; 242</a> (Human A&P 2 w/ Lab) <a href="#">HSCI 147</a> (Medical Terminology) <a href="#">Humanities (5 credits)</a> (Group A, B, or C)
	Winter	<a href="#">BIOL&amp; 260</a> (Microbiology w/Lab) <a href="#">Humanities (5 credits)</a> (Group A, B, or C) <a href="#">NUTR&amp; 101</a> (Nutrition)
	Spring	<a href="#">CHEM&amp; 122</a> (Intro to Organic Chemistry w/Lab) <a href="#">Humanities (5 credits)</a> (Group A, B, or C) <a href="#">Social &amp; Behavioral Science (5 credits)</a>

## BEFORE YOU START

Ready to get started? To begin working towards the AA degree, you simply need to apply and be accepted to CBC. You can apply online at [www.columbiabasin.edu](http://www.columbiabasin.edu).

This degree is applicable to students planning to prepare for an upper-division Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Entry-to-practice/basic BSN) pathway at a university within Washington State. Students seeking to apply to CBC's Associate Degree in Nursing program are encouraged to explore course options within the Health Science Associate of Science (AS) degree pathway and meet with a completion coach.

Some colleges/universities have requirements for admissions to the Pre-Nursing major that go beyond those specified below. Students can possibly meet these requirements by careful selection of distribution and additional elective courses. Students should work with a counselor, completion coach or academic advisor and the catalog of the four-year institution to which they plan to transfer for further guidance specific to their goals.

Early in the program, students should check with their intended transfer university/college advisor for specific admissions and Nursing program requirements for course choices where options are listed for Humanities, Mathematical & Natural Science, Social & Behavioral Science, and electives.

A cumulative college-level GPA of 2.0 is required. Some transfer institutions require a higher overall GPA, a higher GPA in a subset of courses, or a specific minimum grade in one or more courses. Check with your planned transfer institution for these requirements

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Associate in Arts and Sciences in Pre-Nursing degree is a direct transfer agreement (DTA), created for individuals drawn to a nursing career or healthcare professionals seeking to advance their education. This degree creates a streamlined pathway to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program at 4-year universities in Washington State, and is specifically crafted for transfer students. The 90-credit degree program instills students with fundamental knowledge in English, psychology, mathematics, and science, strategically designed to prepare them for entry into select pre-licensure Nursing programs as a junior. Emphasizing individualized guidance, students collaborate with dedicated completion coaches to select suitable courses and satisfy degree requirements.

Upon fulfilling the degree requirements, graduates may explore transfer options to esteemed Washington State institutions, including the University of Washington, Washington State University, Pacific Lutheran University, Seattle Pacific University, Seattle University, and Walla Walla University. However, it's crucial to note that while this degree offers a stepping-stone, it does not guarantee admission to any baccalaureate university or eligibility to sit for the Registered Nurse National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN).

The completion of a BSN degree at a university is necessary to become a Registered Nurse. It's essential for students to work with a transfer advisor at their intended institution to understand specific admission requirements. Moreover, students need to remain abreast of potential curriculum changes by regularly consulting with the Nursing department or completion coach.

The Associate in Arts & Sciences in Pre-Nursing (AA/DTA/MRP) degree at Columbia Basin College lays a robust foundation for aspiring nursing students, marking the commencement of a promising journey in the rewarding field of nursing.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

There are two educational paths that can lead to a career as an RN: earning an Associate's Degree in Nursing (ADN) or earning a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing (BSN). Both degrees allow you to take the National Council Licensure Exam—Registered Nurse (NCLEX) exam and become an RN. When choosing which track to take, it's important to think ahead and determine what the educational preferences are for the type of work you want. Some employers (especially hospitals) require RNs to have a Bachelor's degree. Many working RNs with an ADN opt to go back to school later to earn their Bachelor's degree through an RN-to-BSN program.

Registered Nurses (RNs) assume a wide variety of roles in patient care both in and out of traditional hospitals. Specific job titles and duties will vary depending on where you work and the types of patients you care for. There are opportunities for RNs to limit their work to caring for specific patient populations such as:

- Pediatric nursing
- Critical care nursing
- Neonatal nursing
- Rehabilitation nursing

RNs might also work to promote public health, run health screenings or blood drives or staff the health clinics in schools. RNs could also become:

- Healthcare consultants
- Public policy advisors
- Researchers
- Hospital administrators
- Salespeople for pharmaceutical and medical supply companies
- Medical writers and editors

The next step in the career ladder for nurses is a master's degree or Doctorate in Nursing. Master's programs typically require candidates to first have an RN license, with most preferring a BSN degree as opposed to an ADN and an RN license. Career options for master's prepared nurses include:

- Nurse Practitioner
- Nurse Educator
- Nurse Midwife
- Clinical Nurse Specialist
- Nurse Anesthetist
- Director of Nursing

## APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID OR OTHER FUNDING

**Please complete:**

**The FAFSA application:** The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) provides financial aid for U.S. citizens and eligible non-citizens, such as permanent residents. Visit the [FAFSA website](#) to create your FSA ID and to complete your application.

**OR**

**The WASFA application:** The Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA) is for DACA or HB 1079 undocumented students. Visit the [Washington Student Achievement Council website](#) to complete your WASFA application.

**Did you know???** You can apply for CBC scholarships two times every year! Click [here](#) for more information!

**PLEASE NOTE:** This document represents a sample plan for degree completion with this program of study. Actual course selection and sequence may vary and should be discussed individually with your Completion Coach. Completion Coaches can also help you plan other experiences to enrich your education such as internships, research, learning communities, and campus involvement and community-based learning.

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