

ASSOCIATE IN NURSING (DTA/MRP)

Direct Transfer Agreement (DTA)/Major Related Program (MRP)

(138 credits)

Program Description

Make a genuine difference in the lives of others. Become a caregiver and advocate for those who need you the most. A career in Nursing is as in-demand as it is rewarding, with extensive benefits in job security, flexibility, and portability. Whether you are looking to get to work quickly through Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) training (<https://spsc.edu/healthcare/nursing/nac/>) or want to become a Registered Nurse, SPSCC's extensive program options will prepare you to work in one of the world's most necessary fields.

The Associate in Nursing Direct Transfer Agreement (DTA)/Major Related Program (MRP) Program is designed for persons interested in becoming a Registered Nurse as defined by Washington State law (RCW 18.79.040 and WAC 246-840-700).

Accreditation

The South Puget Sound Community College Nursing Program is approved by the Washington State Board of Nursing (<https://nursing.wa.gov/education/nursing-education/approved-nursing-education-programs/>) (WABON).

National Accreditation

The South Puget Sound Community College Associate Degree Nursing Program is accredited by the

National League for Nursing Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation (<https://cnea.nln.org/>) (NLN CNEA)
2600 Virginia Avenue, NW
Washington, DC, 20032
202-909-2526.

Career Opportunities

Upon receiving licensure, graduates may be hired as nurses in a variety of settings including hospitals, clinics, medical offices, long-term care facilities, schools and community health agencies. Employment opportunities are high and well distributed throughout the state and the nation, especially in rural areas.

Outcomes

Program Mission, Vision & Values

Mission: The Nursing Program at South Puget Sound Community College prepares students to engage within the nursing profession, to thrive in the work force, and to further advance their professional knowledge

and practice. This is achieved through an emphasis on lifelong learning, integration of technology, and information derived from evidence-based practice. Our students will be supported to be successful within the nursing program at SPSCC and provided opportunities for a seamless transition to their BSN and beyond.

Vision: South Puget Sound Community College's Nursing Program is recognized as a leader in the South Sound region. Partnership with local stakeholders, innovative curricular design, and inclusion of a diverse student population prepare graduates to address diverse local and global community health and wellness needs.

Graduates will be prepared to pursue further education and to become nurse leaders, innovators, and creative community partners in the continually evolving nursing profession.

Values: The values of the nursing program at South Puget Sound Community College reflect nursing and nursing education to self, each other, the program, and the community:

- Caring
- Compassion
- Accountability
- Empowerment
- Respect
- Effective Communication
- Excellence with Integrity
- Humor and Laughter

South Puget Sound Community College believes that all students need to develop a broad range of abilities that will not only make them more effective in their professional pursuits but will enhance their capacity to relate well to others in their daily lives.

- Demonstrate the ability to assess, diagnose, plan, safely implement, and evaluate nursing plans of care which address the holistic needs of diverse individuals, families, groups, and communities
- Acquire and implement new scientific knowledge and use technology to enhance nursing practice
- Communicate effectively in full partnership to facilitate delivery of care
- Participate ethically and professionally in local and global communities as an entry level nurse

The SPSCC college-wide abilities are embedded into each program:

- Effective Communication
- Information Literacy
- Analytical Reasoning
- Multicultural Awareness
- Social Responsibility

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Program Costs

Total Estimated Cost: \$12,500 to \$13,500 for two years in the program.

Dollar values are approximate and subject to change.

- Tuition & Fees (<https://spscc.edu/financial-services/tuition/>) \$4,000 / year
- SPSCC ADN Application Fee (non-refundable) \$25

Program Fees

These fees are an estimated breakdown of what is included in the "Total Estimated Cost" above.

- Health records management, clinical requirements, Digital Learning Resources, Lab & Simulation fees - \$1,550 / year
- Textbooks - \$2,000
- CPR Class - Cost Varies
- Uniforms, shoes, name tags (watch with second hand, stethoscope, gait belt) - \$320
- Private health insurance per quarter - Cost Varies
- Graduation cap & gown (optional) - \$25
- School pin (optional) - Cost Varies
- RN WA Single State or Multistate license application - \$138/\$203
- National licensure examination RN - \$200

Program Outcomes

Program Completion Rates

NCLEX-RN First Attempt Pass Rate

Job Placement Rate

Accommodations & Nondiscrimination

Any applicant requiring reasonable accommodations for the application should call SPSCC's ADA coordinator in the human resources office, 2011 Mottman Rd SW, Olympia WA 98512, (360-596-5360). Students who need disability accommodation should contact Access Services in Building 22, second floor, email access.services@spscc.edu or call 360-596-5306. It is the policy of SPSCC that there will be no discrimination or harassment on the grounds of race, color, sex, marital status, religion, national origin, age, sexual orientation, or disability in any educational programs, activities, or employment.

Special Program Notes

The Nursing Program is rigorous, and our faculty advises that students work no more than 20 hours per week while in the full-time Nursing Program. All nursing courses must be completed with a "C+" or better to continue in and complete the program.

Immunizations

Once admitted to the Nursing Program, proof of immunizations or immunity to certain diseases must be provided. COVID-19 vaccination and two of the three doses of Hepatitis B must have been received before the start of the nursing program. Information regarding healthcare requirements will be provided with offers of admissions from the Nursing Program. Immunization requirements may change based upon clinical site requirements.

CPR Training

All students must complete a BLS Health Care Provider Card (CPR for Health Care Professionals) before the first day of class. The card must be current at all times to meet clinical agreement requirements.

Background Check & Drug Screening

A criminal history clearance is required by state law RCW 43.43.830 (<https://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=43.43.830>) to participate in client care at clinical facilities. Some clinical facilities require national background checks and drug screening as well. Your background check must be cleared in order to continue enrollment in the nursing program.

Examples of crimes for which an individual will be denied clearance:

- Crimes against another person such as murder, manslaughter, assault, rape, sexual abuse, child abandonment or neglect.
- Conviction for a crime against property such as first degree offenses including burglary, arson, criminal mischief, robbery, or forgery.
- An extensive list can be found at <https://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=388-113-0020>

New Student Orientation

Students admitted into the program are required to attend orientation that may be held prior to the start of the first quarter. Additional information about the orientation will be provided after acceptance to the program.

Essential Skills

SPSCC encourages all interested and qualified individuals to apply to the nursing program and does not discriminate or deny admission to students with disabilities. Nursing students must meet the following technical standards/essential skills to progress through the program:

- Ability to grasp scientific concepts, set up and answer basic math & algebra problems.
- Critical thinking sufficient for clinical judgment.
- Verbal and written communication sufficient to effectively interact with clients, peers, and others, both respectfully and with cultural humility.
- Ability to move from room to room, maneuver in small spaces, remain on feet for extended periods of time, and lift, up to 40 pounds.
- Gross and fine motor skills sufficient to provide safe and effective nursing care.
- Hearing sufficient to monitor and assess clients, e.g., hear heart and breath sounds and use a telephone.
- Visual acuity and color discrimination sufficient to read fine print, to observe and assess clients, e.g., identify skin tones such as pale, ashen, grey, or bluish.
- Tactile ability sufficient for physical assessment, e.g., palpate peripheral pulses.
- Computer literacy.
- Be able to meet the guidelines established by healthcare organizations during the clinical experiences.
- Legally be able to obtain a license to practice nursing in State of Washington.

Student Handbook: Current student handbook for SPSCC Nursing Students.

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Admission Requirements Application Process

Before applying for admission to the program, there are a few requirements (steps 1-3) to complete. It is your responsibility to ensure that all application materials and required documentation are received by the published application deadline.

1. Apply to SPSCC (<https://spsc.edu/apply/>): If you are not already an admitted student at SPSCC, you must become one. Apply online to obtain a ctcLink ID number. *It is free to apply to the college.*
2. **Complete the Prerequisites:** Transcripts of prerequisite coursework must be received prior to the deadline of June 1st. Unofficial transcripts may be used with your application. Official transcripts will be required only from the finalists who are offered conditional program acceptance.

Code	Title	Credits
BIOL& 241	Human A & P 1 ("B+" or better)	5
BIOL& 242	Human A & P 2 ("B+" or better)	5
BIOL& 260	Microbiology ("B" or better)	5
CHEM& 121	Introduction to Chemistry ("B" or better)	5
ENGL& 101	English Composition I ("B" or better)	5
MATH& 146	Introduction to Statistics ("B" or better)	5
PSYC& 200	Lifespan Psychology ("B" or better)	5

An additional 30 credits of general education courses are also required for graduation from the nursing program. Though not required for admission to the program, it is recommended that you take these courses prior to entry into the program. These include:

Code	Title	Credits
BIOL& 160 or BIOL& 211	General Biology W/Lab Majors Cellular	5
PSYC& 100	General Psychology	5
NUTR& 101	Nutrition	5
	Communications elective from DTA list	5
	Humanities electives from DTA list	10

Notes on Prerequisites and General Education:

- Based on placement testing, students may need to complete basic skills and/or pre-college English and math in order to complete prerequisites.
- Although general education courses may be taken after admission to the Nursing Program, students are encouraged to complete as many of these courses as possible prior to entering the Nursing Program.

Summer quarters are also good times to take general education courses.

- Communications and humanities courses may be chosen from the course list for direct transfer degrees.

3. Take the TEAS Exam: The TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills) is a required component of your application. The TEAS assesses four areas; reading, mathematics, science and English of which minimum scores are required (see below). You may retake the TEAS exam if needed, but there must be at least thirty (30) days between attempts. For multiple attempts, the highest scores from each section will be taken for the application. The TEAS test scores must all be within three (3) years from January 1st of the application year.

TEAS exam scores will need to be scanned and submitted during the application process. Failure to include TEAS exam score will result in denial of application.

Minimum required scores on each TEAS exam content area:

- Reading: 58.7%
- Mathematics: 58.7%
- Science: 58.7%
- English: 58.7%

4. Apply for Admission to the Nursing Program: To apply to the nursing program at SPSCC, you must submit a Nursing Program Application along with a non-refundable \$25 application fee.

Application Periods:

January 2 - March 15:

Applications for Summer 2024 admission to the nursing program were accepted starting on January 2, 2024. No applications will be accepted after March 15, 2024. Coursework completed through Winter Quarter 2024 will be accepted towards admission to the program. Application materials, dates of nursing information sessions, and information about the lottery process are available on the Nursing Admissions page (<https://spsc.edu/admissions/special/>).

April 1 through June 3:

Applications for Fall 2024 admission to the nursing program will be accepted starting on April 1, 2024. No applications will be accepted after June 3, 2024. Coursework completed through Spring Quarter 2024 will be accepted towards admission to the program. Application materials, dates of nursing information sessions, and information about the lottery process are available on the Nursing Admissions page (<https://spsc.edu/admissions/special/>).

- Nursing Application <https://spsc.edu/admissions/special/nursing> (<https://spsc.edu/admissions/special/nursing/>)

Admission Process

Qualified applicants who have met the above requirements by the application deadline are entered into the nursing lottery, which selects students for the nursing program. For the Summer cohort, five slots will be specifically drawn for students who took 20 or more credits of their prerequisites at SPSCC. For the Fall cohort, ten slots in the program will be specifically drawn for students who took 20 or more credits of their prerequisites at SPSCC. Applicants selected in the lottery process

will be required to provide official transcripts, TEAS test results, proof of immunizations and be cleared through background checks in order to progress through the admission process.

Courses by Quarter

To earn an Associate in Nursing DTA/MRP degree all courses taken must be: At college level (numbered 100 or above).

- A minimum of 75 of the 90 credits required for the degree must be from the General Education Requirements for the Associate in Arts & Science – Direct Transfer Agreement. Copies of the list are available online at spscc.edu/programs/general-edrequirements.
- A class can only count once toward General Education requirements. For example, CMST& 220 will satisfy either HUMANITIES or COMMUNICATION course requirements, but not both.
- A cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or above in all college-level courses required. Note that admission to specific upper division Nursing programs is competitive; therefore, no particular GPA can guarantee admission to any specific program.
- Although this degree is a direct transfer agreement/major-related program degree, South Puget Sound Community College has provided pathways and associated recommended courses for ease of student selection based upon a student's career interest. Please review the pathway maps for recommended courses and course sequences.

Courses by Quarter

Code	Title	Credits
Quarter 1		
Transition Studies		
Quarter 2		
MATH 092	Mathematical Reasoning	5
or ABE 065	Contextualized Math II	
ENGL 090	Integrated Reading and Writing I	5
or ENGL 095	Integrated Reading and Writing II	
CCS 101	Pathways to Success	3
Quarter 3		
CMATH 146	Clippers Introduction to Statistics ¹	7
ENGL 098	Transitional English Composition	5
or ENGL& 101	English Composition I	
BIOL& 160	General Biology W/Lab	5
Quarter 4		
CHEM& 121	Introduction to Chemistry	5
PSYC& 100	General Psychology	5
Select one of the following:		
CMST& 220	Public Speaking	
CMST& 210	Interpersonal Communication: Diversity	
CMST& 240	Intercultural Communication: Diversity	
Quarter 5		
BIOL& 241	Human A & P 1	5
PSYC& 200	Lifespan Psychology	5
NUTR& 101	Nutrition	5
Quarter 6		
BIOL& 242	Human A & P 2	5
BIOL& 260	Microbiology	5
Select one of the following:		

ENGL& 102	Composition II	
CMST& 210	Interpersonal Communication: Diversity	
CMST& 220	Public Speaking	
CMST& 240	Intercultural Communication: Diversity	
Quarter 7		
NURS 111	Integrated Nursing Care I	3
NURS 112	Integrated Nursing Care & Assessment I-Lab	3
NURS 140	Integrated Nursing Care & Assessment I-Clini/Sim	2
PHIL 235	Ethics and Policy in Health Care I: Diversity	2
Humanities Distribution Course (https://catalog.spscc.edu/distribution-requirements/aa-as-dt-degrees/)		
Quarter 8		
NURS 121	Integrated Nursing Care II - Theory	5
NURS 122	Integrated Nursing Care & Assessment II-Lab	2
NURS 141	Integrated Nursing Care & Assessment II Clinical/Simulation	3
NURS 113	Pharmacology	2
Quarter 9		
NURS 131	Integrated Nursing Care III - Theory	5
NURS 132	Integrated Nursing Care & Assessment III-Lab	2
NURS 142	Integrated Nursing Care & Assessment III Clinical/Simulation	3
PSYC 235	Psychosocial Issues in Health Care I	2
Quarter 10		
NURS 211	Integrated Nursing Care IV - Theory	4
NURS 212	Integrated Nursing Care & Assessment IV-Lab	2
NURS 240	Integrated Nursing Care & Assessment IV-Clinical/Simulation	3
PSYC 236	Psychosocial Issues in Health Care II	3
Quarter 11		
NURS 221	Integrated Nursing Care V-Theory	4
NURS 222	Integrated Nursing Care & Assessment V-Lab	2
NURS 241	Integrated Nursing Care & Assessment V-Clinical/Simulation	3
PHIL 236	Ethics and Policy in Health Care II: Diversity	3
Quarter 12		
NURS 231	Nursing Transition Into Practice	4
NURS 232	Preceptorship	6
NURS 233	Capstone Project	2

¹ Some students may place directly into MATH& 146

Pathway Maps

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Qtr. 1	Qtr. 2	Qtr. 3	Qtr. 4	Qtr. 5	Qtr. 6	Qtr. 7	Qtr. 8	Qtr. 9	Qtr. 10	Qtr. 11	Qtr. 12
Transition Studies	Choose one: MATH 092 (3cr) Mathematical Reasoning ABE 065 (3cr) Computerized Math	CMATH 146 (2cr) CLIFFER Introduction to Probability and Statistics MATH 095 MATH 096 MATH 146 Includes ability to complete *Some students may place directly into MATH 146	CHEM 121 (3cr) Introduction to Chemistry	BIO 241 (3cr) Human A & P I	BIO 242 (3cr) Human A & P II	NURS 111 (3cr) Integrated Nursing Core I: Diversity	NURS 121 (3cr) Integrated Nursing Core II: Theory	NURS 131 (3cr) Integrated Nursing Core III: Theory	NURS 211 (4cr) Integrated Nursing Core IV: Theory	NURS 221 (4cr) Integrated Nursing Core V: Theory	NURS 231 (4cr) Nursing Transition into Practice
	ENGL 090 (3cr) Integrated Reading and Writing I ENGL 091 (3cr) Integrated Reading and Writing II	ENGL 090 (3cr) Transitional English Composition I ENGL 101 (3cr) English Composition I	PSYC 100 (3cr) General Psychology	PSYC 200 (3cr) Lifespan Psychology	BIO 260 (3cr) Microbiology	NURS 112 (3cr) Integrated Nursing Core & Assessment I – Lab	NURS 122 (3cr) Integrated Nursing Core & Assessment II – Lab	NURS 132 (3cr) Integrated Nursing Core & Assessment III – Lab	NURS 212 (3cr) Integrated Nursing Core & Assessment IV – Lab	NURS 222 (3cr) Integrated Nursing Core & Assessment V – Lab	NURS 232 (3cr) Preceptorship
	CCS 101 (3cr) Pathways to Success	BIO 150 (3cr) General Biology w/Lab		NUTR 101 (3cr) Nutrition		NURS 140 (2cr) Integrated Nursing Core & Assessment I – Clinical/Simulation	NURS 141 (3cr) Integrated Nursing Core & Assessment II – Clinical/Simulation	NURS 142 (3cr) Integrated Nursing Core & Assessment III – Clinical/Simulation	NURS 240 (3cr) Integrated Nursing Core & Assessment IV – Clinical/Simulation	NURS 241 (3cr) Integrated Nursing Core & Assessment V – Clinical/Simulation	

		Choose One (3cr) (Humanities recommended) CMST 220 (3cr) Public Speaking CMST 210 (3cr) Interpersonal Communication: Diversity CMST 240 (3cr) International Communication: Diversity		Choose One (3cr) (Communications recommended) ENGL 102 (3cr) Composition II CMST 210 (3cr) Interpersonal Communication: Diversity CMST 220 (3cr) Public Speaking CMST 240 (3cr) International Communication: Diversity	PHL 135 (3cr) Ethics and Policy in Health Care I	NURS 113 (3cr) Pharmacology	PSYC 235 (3cr) Psychosocial Issues in Health Care I	PSYC 236 (3cr) Psychosocial Issues in Health Care II	PHL 236 (3cr) Ethics and Policy in Health Care II	NURS 233 (2cr) Capstone Project
					Choose One (3cr) (Humanities recommended) HUM 121 (3cr) Multicultural America: Diversity HUM 140 (3cr) World Religions PHL 102 (3cr) Ethics PHL 103 (3cr) Science, Technology, and Human Values Any Language (3cr)					