GENERAL INFORMATION
Nursing is a profession that requires a high level of both academic and interpersonal skills and a strong commitment to a career focused on helping others. Both nursing education and entry level RN positions require the provision of direct hands-on care to others and a schedule that includes work on nights, weekends and holidays. Prerequisite course work includes rigorous science courses, math skills, and selected social science and humanities courses. For those committed to entering a caring profession, nursing is a challenging, rewarding and multi-faceted career. We highly recommend that you review the essential qualifications of a nursing student: www.everettcc.edu/programs/health-safety/nursing/qualifications.

EvCC offers several options for students interested in becoming registered nurses. Though it is still possible to enter the nursing profession with only an Associate’s Degree in Nursing DTA/MPR (ADN), it is becoming increasingly necessary to get a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) in order to be assured of continued employment. We are committed to graduating well-prepared ADN nurses as well as providing opportunities for a seamless progression to the BSN. Following are the options available at EvCC:

**Option 1:** The ADN at EvCC is an Associate in Nursing Direct Transfer Agreement/Major Related Program degree and prepares students to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). This degree includes both the nursing prerequisites and the nursing coursework (the Nursing Program). The Nursing Program portion is six quarters and only accepts a limited number of students. After completing the degree and passing the NCLEX, the ADN nurse is qualified to apply for entry level nursing positions. To learn more about the EvCC ADN Nursing Program, please visit: www.everettcc.edu/programs/health-safety/nursing/about-our-program.

**Option 2:** The Pre-Nursing Transfer degree, provides prerequisite coursework that prepares students to apply to a university program as a transfer student where they take their nursing coursework and earn a BSN before taking the NCLEX-RN. For more information about a nursing transfer degree, look at the Pre-Nursing Transfer curriculum guide at www.everettcc.edu/cguides.

**Option 3:** For a student wishing to enter a program as a first-year college student and start on a direct path to the BSN, please refer to our First Year Entry partnership program with University of Washington Bothell: www.bothell.washington.edu/fyebsn.

PROGRAM APPROVAL AND ACCREDITATION
The EVCC Nursing Program is approved by:
- Washington State Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission
- PO Box 47864, Olympia, WA 98504-7877
- 360-236-4700
- www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/NursingCommission.aspx

The EvCC Nursing Program is accredited by:
- Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)
- 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850
- Atlanta, GA 30326
- 404-975-5000
- www.acenursing.org

GETTING STARTED STEP 1 – Apply to Everett Community College
The Nursing Program is a selective entry program within Everett Community College. You must first be admitted to the College and have completed the prerequisites before you can apply for admission to the Nursing Program. To apply to the College, please review the information and complete the required steps on the website: www.everettcc.edu/getstarted. Financial Aid application information is available online at www.everettcc.edu/fa. As part of the process of applying to the College, you will receive your Student ID Number (SID), which is required as part of the Nursing advising and application process. Admission to the College does not guarantee admission into the Nursing Program.

Enrollment Services and the Advising Center can assist you with the admission process for the College.
- Enrollment Services
  - Parks Student Union, Room 201
  - 425-388-9219 or admissions@everettcc.edu
- Advising Center
  - Rainier Hall, Room 104
  - 425-388-9339 or www.everettcc.edu/advising

GETTING STARTED STEP 2 – Prepare to Apply to the Nursing Program
- **Online Program Overview Video:** For an overview of the EvCC Nursing Program, entry requirements, and the application process, please review the Nursing Department’s Information Video. Students who are interesting in becoming a nurse should review this information prior to seeking advising.
- **Nursing Advising Sessions:** www.everettcc.edu/programs/health-safety/nursing/information-sessions
- **Required Nursing Pre-Application Course:** www.everettcc.edu/files/programs/health-sciences-public-safety/nursing/pre-application-class.pdf
- **Nursing Program Admission and Preparing for the Application:** www.everettcc.edu/programs/health-safety/nursing/nursing-admissions-procedure.

PROGRAM COSTS
The following link provides estimates: www.everettcc.edu/files/programs/health-sciences-public-safety/nursing/nursing-program-costs.pdf

ADVANCED PLACEMENT
Transfer students seeking advanced placement may occasionally be considered from other nursing programs on a space available basis and after individual evaluation. For information on how to apply to the Nursing Program as an Advanced Placement transfer, please visit: www.everettcc.edu/files/programs/health-sciences-public-safety/nursing/advanced-placement-transfer.pdf.

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PATHWAYS TO A NURSING CAREER

Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)
Licensed Practical Nurses work under the direction of a Registered Nurse (RN). The practice of an LPN is of a more routine, consistent, and non-urgent nature. Students who desire to work as LPNs either in the community or in long-term or acute care settings are advised to contact an LPN school and to pursue a pathway designed by that school. Often this education has fewer and less stringent entry requirements. Many LPN programs can be completed in four quarters.* One important caveat is that an LPN who later wishes to continue his/her education as an RN will be required to meet the prerequisite course and program requirements of the RN school. Several schools in Washington State are LPN schools or have LPN program options:

• Edmonds Community College
• Skagit Valley College-Whidbey Campus
• North Seattle College
• Renton Technical College
• Bates Technical College

* Note: After four quarters of the Nursing Program at Everett Community College, students may elect to take the LPN licensing exam so that they can work as an LPN while continuing their RN education."

“Basic” Registered Nurse Program -- Associate Degree (ADN) Program:
Students who wish to pursue an education that leads to a Registered Nursing License and who prefer an education at a community or technical college will want to consider an ADN program as their initial (basic) nursing education. This type of education provides the largest number of RNs, and is available through EvCC.

Entry into nursing practice occurs after completion of the ADN program and passage of the licensing exam.

Prerequisite requirements for such programs vary across the state but follow very similar templates. Entry processes also vary. Students are wise to investigate the differences in programs and to select a program carefully. Nursing Advisors can be very helpful in this process. There are many such programs across the state. Several local programs are:

• Everett Community College
• Whatcom Community College
• Skagit Community College
• Shoreline Community College
• Bellevue College
• Seattle Central College

Several schools offer a sequential approach to the Associate Degree by separating the LPN and RN sections of their programs. Entry requirements for the LPN programs are generally consistent with other LPN programs which a separate RN level of the program exists with more stringent entry and progression requirements. Programs in our area that follow this model are:

• North Seattle College
• Renton Technical College

“Basic” Registered Nurse Program -- Bachelor’s Degree in Nursing Program
Students who wish to pursue an education that leads to a Registered Nursing License and who prefer to attend a four-year institution will want to consider a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Program. This type of education includes taking one’s prerequisites at a 4-year institution (usually 2 years in length) and then applying for and being accepted into the 2 remaining years of university Nursing School. Entry into nursing practice begins after the attainment of the BSN and passage of the licensing exam.

There are seven university “basic” nursing programs in Washington State:

• University of Washington—Seattle Campus
• Washington State University -- Pullman & Spokane (ICNE)
• Seattle Pacific University
• Seattle University
• Northwest University
• Pacific Lutheran University
• Gonzaga University

To learn more about this program at EvCC, go to: www.everettcc.edu/nursing and click on “Nursing Curriculum Guide”
RNB Program

Students who wish to continue their education after having chosen the Associate Degree (ADN) pathway to becoming a Registered Nurse will want to choose an RNB program (Bachelor’s degree for an RN). Bachelor’s programs for RNs have become very prominent and well respected. Many employers require or strongly encourage and/or provide incentives for higher degrees. Practicing nurses hold the point of view that continuing education and higher education degrees are desired. RNB programs are usually 1 year (4 quarters) in length and often have prerequisite courses. There are several RNB programs in Washington State:

- University of Washington -- Bothell Campus
- Seattle Pacific University
- Seattle University
- University of Washington -- Tacoma Campus
- Pacific Lutheran University
- Washington State University
- Bellevue College

Pre-Nursing Direct Transfer Degree – see Pre-Nursing curriculum guide

While not a nursing program, the pre-nursing direct transfer (DTA) degree provides a standardized method and set of prerequisites which students can complete at a community college, with transferability to those universities within Washington State which have agreed to accept the degree. The coursework within the degree will equate with the 2 years of courses which a student could have taken at a university in preparation for entry into a “Basic” RN Bachelor’s Degree Program. While attaining the transfer degree does not guarantee acceptance into any university program, it does allow application and competition for acceptance. Students who choose this option may want to simultaneously be considering a “Basic” ADN program in order to increase their opportunities for acceptance.

Accelerated Nursing Programs

Some students desire a ‘faster track’ to nursing education. Accelerated nursing programs range in length from 4-5 consecutive quarters with no break. Requirements for entry include a bachelor’s degree in a related field and excellent grades in the required sciences and social sciences. An expected outcome of an accelerated nursing program is a BSN degree and the ability to test for the RN licensing exam. It is highly recommended that student do not work and have very few personal responsibilities since these programs are often very time and energy intensive. In some situations accelerated programs have a Master’s Degree in Nursing (MN) as an endpoint. These programs have similar entry requirements but range in length from 2-3 years with no breaks. Benchmarks for such programs are the ability to test for licensure after 4-5 quarters and the awarding of a MN degree within a defined specialty after 2-3 years. Accelerated Nursing Programs are often costly. In our area such programs exist at:

- The University of Washington – Seattle Campus
- Seattle University
Associate in Nursing (DTA/ MR P) Degree Checklist

This checklist prepares students for licensure as a registered nurse, as well as for entry into a Bachelor of Science in Nursing completion degree. Students should meet with an advisor and maintain this checklist while at Everett Community College. The quarter before expected completion, this checklist should be submitted with a diploma application to the Enrollment Services Office.

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**NURSING DTA/MPR Minimum 135 credits, with minimum 2.0 GPA. (See GPA Notes)**

**GPA Notes:** All prerequisite courses (listed above under Communication Skills, Quantitative Skills, Humanities, Social Sciences and Natural Sciences) must be completed with a minimum 2.0 grade in each course. In addition, the four biology courses and chemistry course must be completed with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.

**Note 1:** ANTH& 206D must be taken at Everett Community College to apply to this degree.

**Note 2:** The University of Washington has math and foreign language requirements for admission. Refer to [University of Washington Admissions](https://www.washington.edu/admissions) for information about these requirements.

**Notes on university admissions:** Admission application deadlines vary; students must meet the specific deadline for the university or universities to which they plan to apply for transfer admission. Certain schools may have additional “university-specific” requirements for admission to the institution that are not prerequisites specifically identified in the DTA requirements. Admission to specific upper division Nursing programs is competitive; therefore, no particular GPA can guarantee admission to any specific program.