

Associate Degree Nursing RN

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**Nursing
Information Packet**



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The Associate Degree Nursing Program at Rhodes State College
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Associate Degree Nursing

Dear Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Candidate:

The Nursing Information Packet contains information about the qualification process for the Rhodes State College Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Program. The American Nurses Association (ANA) and each state board of nursing establish the scope of nursing practice. The Ohio Board of Nursing (OBN) establishes and enforces the State's Registered Nurse (RN) scope of practice and regulates all Ohio Registered Nurses. In order to provide a program that prepares students for licensure, it is essential to admit students who meet rigorous curriculum requirements.

Students who wish to be considered for admission into the ADN program must provide evidence of meeting all qualification requirements as outlined in the college catalog and discussed in this Nursing Information Packet. A maximum of 108 students will be accepted to begin ADN courses each Fall and Spring semesters. **It is the candidate's responsibility to ensure that admission requirements are satisfied by due dates.**

Rhodes State College advisors are available to help you become a Rhodes State student, determine if this is the right career path, answer questions about the qualification process, develop a plan to meet your educational goals, receive appropriate transfer credit, and assist with general education course registration. To schedule an advising appointment, contact the Enrollment Office at 419-995-8320.

Thank you for inquiring about the ADN Program at Rhodes State College. Our program is highly respected for its educational standards, commitment to professionalism, dedicated faculty with over 200 years of combined teaching/nursing experience, strong national licensure pass rates and job placement rates.

We look forward to helping you reach your career goals.

Sincerely,

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Who are Registered Nurses?

Registered Nurses (RNs) work as part of a team to provide safe, competent, and compassionate nursing care to patients. RNs care for people who are experiencing an interruption in health. They provide direct nursing care to patients from birth to death. It is the goal of RNs to restore health and assist a patient to achieve his/her highest level of function.

Registered nurses provide holistic nursing care that includes, but not limited to, patient assessments, medication administration, intravenous therapy, care plan development and implementation, and assists with activities of daily living. Another important function of RNs is the advocacy they provide for patients and their loved ones.

It is essential that RNs develop and use critical thinking and problem-solving skills on a daily basis. Additional skills that RNs must possess are excellent communication and interpersonal skills in order to interact appropriately and assertively with patients, families, co-workers, and other healthcare providers.

Employment Opportunities

- Hospitals/Medical Centers
- Urgent Care Centers
- Long-term Care Facilities
- Home Health Agencies
- Hospice Care Center
- Psychiatric Facilities
- Orthopedic Centers
- Schools

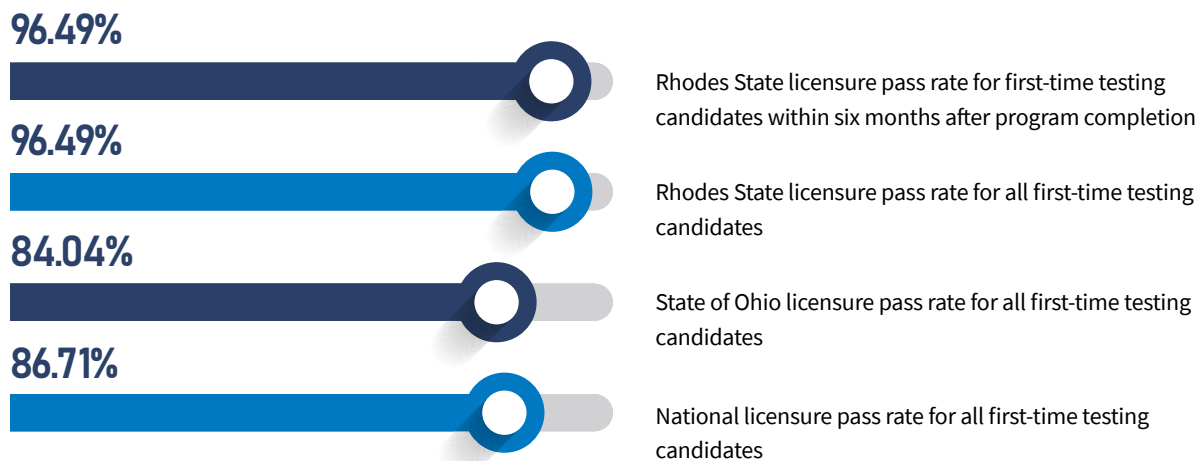


Program Mission

The Associate Degree Nursing Education Program serves to change lives, build futures, and improve communities by providing an opportunity for students with diverse learning needs to obtain an affordable, quality entry level professional nursing education, and thereby, meet the community's need for nurses.

Associate Degree Program Outcome

January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025



Employment rate/continuing education
following graduation Fall 2025

Associate Degree Nursing Curriculum

Course	Description	Credit Hours
Pre-requisite Courses		
BHS 2110	Growth and Development: Lifespan	2
BIO 1110	Anatomy and Physiology I	4
COM 1110	English Composition	3
BHS 2120	Introduction to Nursing	2
MTH 1260 OR MTH 1151	Statistics OR Quantitative Reasoning	3
SDE 1010	First Year Experience	1
Semester Total		15
First Year First Semester		
BHS 1711	Pathophysiology for Healthcare	2
BIO 1120	Anatomy and Physiology II	4
NSG 1510	Fundamentals of Nursing	6
Semester Total		12
First Year Second Semester		
SOC 1010 OR PSY 1010	Sociology OR Psychology	3
NSG 1523	Adult Health I	6
NSG 1524	Care of Childbearing Family	3
Semester Total		12
Second Year First Semester		
DTN 1220	Principles of Nutrition	2
NSG 1721	Pharmacology for Nursing	2
NSG 2521	Psychosocial Nursing	3
NSG 2522	Adult Health II	6
Semester Total		13
Second Year Second Semester		
BIO 1400	Microbiology	4
NSG 2525	Essentials of Nurse Practice	9
Semester Total		13
Total Credit Hours		65

Section ONE

Admission Process

Admission Requirements

The Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program has a maximum enrollment of 108 students per admitted cohort. The ADN program admits one cohort in the Fall semester and one cohort in the Spring semester each year. The ADN program does not have summer Nursing Clinical courses.

The following process will be utilized to qualify students for the program. It is the student's responsibility to read and understand this process.

Phase 1: College Admission Process

Step 1 ____ Apply to **Rhodes State College (RSC)**.

Step 2 ____ **Submit any relevant transcripts** directly to *Rhodes State College, Office of the Registrar*, 4240 Campus Drive, Lima, Ohio 45804.

Step 3 ____ Attend an optional Nursing Program Briefing. Register for a date from the options available through the Program Briefing Registration found on the Nursing page on the Rhodes State College website at <https://www.rhodesstate.edu/academic-programs/nursing.html>. (This is different from Nursing Orientation which will be attended during the BHS 2120 Introduction to Nursing Course)

- a. If you are a current Rhodes State student, your cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) will be used (See Phase 2, Step 4). If your RSC cumulative GPA is below 2.50, transfer and College Credit Plus (CCP) credit from courses in the ADN curriculum plan will be used to refigure the cumulative GPA to determine if the applicant meets the 2.50 minimum cumulative GPA requirement.
- b. If you are a high school senior with coursework completed through CCP, your cumulative GPA will be figured using only CCP credit from courses in the ADN curriculum plan (high school GPA will not be used).
- c. Applicants must be 18 years old before the first Nursing Clinical course begins.
- d. If you have transferable college credit, request your official transcripts from previous college(s) be sent directly to Rhodes State College, Office of the Registrar, 4240 Campus Drive, Lima, Ohio 45804. Program specific course grades from transferable college credit courses will be used to calculate your GPA if the applicant's RSC cumulative GPA is less than 2.50 (See Phase 2, Step 4).

- e. If applicable, a Certificate of High School Equivalency (GED) should be sent to the Rhodes State College Office of Admissions, 4240 Campus Drive, Lima, Ohio 45804. In the case of a GED report with no accompanying GPA, the student will be required to take Rhodes State level coursework to establish a GPA.
- f. Certain courses required as part of the ADN curriculum must be completed within the past five years. Waiver of this age requirement may be considered by the Program Administrator with submission of proof of employment in a health care field. Examples include Growth and Development: Lifespan, Anatomy & Physiology, Pharmacology for Nursing and Principles in Nutrition.
- g. Current American Heart Association (AHA) (BLS Healthcare Provider) or American Safety & Health Institute (ASHI) with in-person hands-on CPR component.

Phase 2: Program Qualification Requirements

- Step 4** ____ Validate a college level cumulative GPA of 2.50 or higher specific to Rhodes State nursing curriculum. The Rhodes State cumulative GPA will be the first decision to validate the applicant's GPA; if the Rhodes State cumulative GPA is below 2.50, then transfer and/or CCP credit courses found in the ADN curriculum plan will be used to refigure a cumulative GPA. The following URL can be utilized to calculate a GPA: <https://www.registrar.iastate.edu/students/grades/gpa-calc>
- Step 5** ____ Meet all General College requirements (see General Admission Procedures in the [RSC Catalog](#))
- Step 6** ____ Complete all pre-requisite coursework with a grade of "C" or higher (C=78%).
- Step 7** ____ Schedule and complete an academic advising or designee consultation/appointment with a Rhodes State advisor.
- Step 8** ____ Meet remediation free levels in reading, writing, mathematics and science or successfully complete any developmental coursework. (If applicable, Credit by Examination or Credit by Experience may be granted.)
- Step 9** ____ Provide a certificate of completion of a nurse aide training course and/or testing that demonstrates knowledge and psychomotor skill competency actively being used (as determined by the Program Administrator, Health Sciences/Nursing or designee) or current state registry verification for Certified Nurse Aide.
- Step 10** ____ Upon completion of all Program requirements and pre-requisite courses, students may register for the first Associate Degree Nursing clinical course, NSG 1510.



Section TWO

Associate Degree Nursing program Information

Associate Degree Nursing Program Information

I. Program Duration

The ADN Program admits biannually (Fall and Spring semesters) and is designed to be completed in five semesters. Students may take general education or basic related courses required for the nursing degree prior to admission in the ADN program. Regardless of the number of general education or basic related courses taken prior to admission, It will take a minimum of 4 semesters (Fall and Spring) to complete the program regardless of the amount of course work that has been completed prior to admission. The ADN Nursing program does not have Nursing Clinical courses during the Summer.

II. Nursing Clinical Assignments

Students enrolled in the ADN program must successfully complete clinical assignments in conjunction with on-campus classroom and laboratory instruction. Clinical assignments for students are arranged so that all students can benefit by learning through a variety of clinical experiences. **Students must be prepared to meet the financial obligations associated with the clinical assignment (i.e. transportation to the facility, immunizations and health testing, required equipment and health insurance).**

III. State of Ohio Licensing Procedure for Registered Nurses

Upon completion of the program, the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) and the Ohio Board of Nursing requires applicants to pass a national licensing examination prior to being granted nursing privileges in the State of Ohio.

There is considerable cost associated with required testing (approximately \$350 - \$400 at the time of this publication). Ohio is part of the Compact Licensure.

List of Potentially Disqualifying Offenses

As of April 12, 2021, Ohio Legislation (HB 263) required licensing boards to post potentially disqualifying offenses on the agency website. The Ohio Board of Nursing's list of potentially disqualifying offenses is posted at www.nursing.ohio.gov.

Examples of potentially disqualifying offenses may include: aggravated murder, murder, voluntary manslaughter, felonious assault, kidnapping, rape, aggravated robbery, aggravated burglary, sexual battery, gross sexual imposition, and aggravated arson.

In addition, the Ohio Board of Nursing may deny an applicant's nursing license application for one of the following listed offenses.

1. Any Felony
2. Crimes involving Gross Immorality or Moral Turpitude
3. Misdemeanor Drug Law Violation
4. Misdemeanor Committed in the Course of Practice

The Board does not have the authority to conduct an investigation of an individual who has not applied for a license or certificate. If an applicant has a criminal history, the Board conducts a thorough investigation and considers the above factors and others, including the facts and circumstances underlying the offense; and the total number and pattern of offenses.

Determination by Board Whether a Crime is on the List of Potentially Disqualifying Offenses

You may request a letter from the Board of Nursing stating whether a crime is on this list of potentially disqualifying offenses by emailing: disqualifying-offense-requests@nursing.ohio.gov. A credit card payment of \$25.00 is required.

Other Consequences of Criminal History - Not Regulated by Board of Nursing

Although the Board may grant a license or certificate to an applicant who has a criminal offense history, an individual may be restricted from working in certain settings based on his or her criminal history due to federal and state laws, which require criminal records checks prior to employment in certain settings, and which may impose absolute or discretionary bars to employment in certain patient care settings, for example, in facilities or settings involving care provided to older adults or children. See, e.g., Ohio Administrative Code 173-9-07; 3701-60-07; 5123:2-02; 5160-45-07.

Enrollment in Education Programs

The Board cannot answer questions regarding one's eligibility to attend nursing, dialysis, medication aide, or community health worker schools, or participate in clinical instruction. Nursing and other programs vary in regard to enrollment criteria, so it is recommended that you contact the nursing or other program to determine whether you are eligible to enroll. Hospitals and other medical facilities may not authorize individuals to participate in the clinical instruction necessary to complete a program based on criminal history.

IV. Criminal Background Checks and Drug Screens

To meet the expanding requirements of our clinical affiliates, a criminal background check and a drug screen is mandatory prior to entering the first clinical nursing course for all students.

The student may not be able to complete the nursing program if he/she has been convicted of a felony and/or some misdemeanors. Students with certain felonies, misdemeanors, or drug-related convictions may be ineligible for admission into clinical experiences.

Positive drug screenings for admission will result in not being accepted into the program. Any student who refuses/fails to cooperate, or complete any required drug screening will be considered “positive” and dismissed from the program. All students may be subject to random drug screens for just cause during the program.

Upon completion of the ADN Program, graduates will be eligible to apply for licensure by examination. The Ohio Board of Nursing requires each applicant to complete a fingerprint criminal records check completed by the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (BCI) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). The BCI and FBI record checks are both required for initial licensure. The Ohio Board of Nursing cannot complete the processing of any application until it receives the BCI and FBI background check reports. Specific instructions are given to students going into the capstone course. RSC provides a BCI/FBI background check service bureau.

The graduate is responsible for the cost of the BCI and FBI records checks.

V. Physical Examination

Prior to the first clinical rotation, the student will be required to have a physical examination completed by his/her family physician (or other acceptable healthcare provider) and documented on the RSC Physical Form. This includes completion of all required immunizations. **The student is responsible for these costs.**

VI. CastleBranch Compliance (Immunizations) and Background (Criminal Records) Trackers

All nursing students are required to purchase the Compliance (Medical/Immunization) and Background trackers from DISA/CastleBranch (www.castlebranch.com) prior to entering the first nursing clinical course. In addition to purchasing the CastleBranch products, the student is required to complete the electronic background checker and upload all required medical documentation, immunizations and CPR proof to the appropriate portals prior to the deadline that is provided to students at the mandatory Nursing Program Orientation. Additional forms (ie Covid vaccination records or exemptions) may be submitted to Canvas once reviewed by the Clinical Coordinator. The student is responsible to renew and keep requirements from expiring throughout the program.

VII. Technical Standards

All applicants for Health Science Programs must possess the essential skills and abilities necessary to successfully complete the requirements of the curriculum either with or without reasonable accommodations for any disabilities the individual may have. Note: The use of an intermediary that, in effect, requires a student to rely on someone else's power of selection and observation will not be permitted. The essential skills and abilities for Health Science Programs are categorized in the following:

Technical Standards

1. **Sensory/Observational Skills:** The applicant must be able to observe a patient accurately at a distance and close at hand. Observation necessitates the functional use of all the senses.
2. **Communication:** The applicant must be able to speak, to hear, and to observe patients in order to elicit information, describe changes in mood, activity and posture, and perceive nonverbal communications. An applicant must be able to communicate effectively with patients and all members of the health care team. Communication includes, listening, speaking, reading and writing.
3. **Motor Skills:** Applicants must have sufficient motor skills to gain access to clients in a variety of care settings and to manipulate and utilize the equipment central to the assessment, general and emergency treatment of patients receiving health practitioners' care. Such actions require coordination of both gross and fine muscular movements, equilibrium and functional use of the senses of touch and vision.
4. **Intellectual-Conceptual, Integrative, and Quantitative Abilities:** These abilities include measurement, calculation, reasoning, analysis, and evaluation. Problem solving, the critical skill demanded of health practitioners, requires all of these abilities. In addition, the applicant should be able to comprehend three dimensional relationships and to understand the spatial relations of structures.
5. **Behavioral/Social Skills and Professionalism:** An applicant must possess the emotional health required for utilization of his/her intellectual abilities. The exercise of good judgment, the prompt completion of all responsibilities attendant to the care of patients, and the development of effective relationships with patients are essential skills for health practitioners. Applicants must be able to tolerate physically taxing workloads and to function effectively under stress. They must be able to adapt to changing environments, to display flexibility, and to learn to function in the face of the uncertainties inherent in the clinical problems of many patients. Concern for others, integrity, interpersonal skills, interest, and motivation are all personal qualities necessary for the health practitioners.

6. **Environmental:** All applicants must interact with diverse patient populations of all ages with a range of acute and chronic medical conditions. Applicants may be exposed to communicable diseases, toxic substances, ionizing radiation, medicinal preparations, hostile individuals, and other conditions common to the health care environment. Applicants must adhere to policies and procedures to minimize exposure to hazards in the environment, including but not limited to the use of personal protective equipment (PPE). Some PPE may be a personal expense.

VIII. Health Insurance

Rhodes State College is not responsible for any accidents or illnesses that result from experiences on campus, laboratory and/or clinical. Students are required to purchase personal healthcare insurance for the duration of the program and be able to provide proof if requested.

IX. Working while in the ADN Program

Some students continue to work while enrolled in the ADN Program, but this is dependent upon work schedule, flexibility, semester schedule, and credit hour load, as well as the student's learning style and other responsibilities. Students are required to attend all scheduled classes, and must be available for the required laboratory and clinical education experiences. The ADN faculty members strongly recommend that a student does not work more than 10 hours per week while in the program. It is an expectation that a student will spend at least two to three hours of outside preparation and studying for every contact hour in the course per week.

X. Academic Standards of the ADN Program

The grading policies of the ADN Program are more rigorous than those of Rhodes State College general education courses to ensure student competence. The student must earn a 78% or better in all NSG and related coursework in the ADN program. The student must earn at least a 90% on all drug calculation tests/quizzes throughout the program. The student must earn an overall satisfactory grade on all required skill competency checkoffs. Also, the student must earn an overall satisfactory grade for clinical rotations. General Education Courses may be offered online or at the main campus at 4240 Campus Drive, Lima, Ohio. All nursing courses are held at the Borra Center for Health Sciences, 8 Town Square, Lima, Ohio.

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