

# Nursing

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## What is a Nurse?

Nurses are often the first caregiver a person encounters when injured or in need of medical attention. Ask a student why they want to be a nurse and often you will hear a story about an experience when they or a loved one was cared for by a nurse who went the extra mile for that patient. Through outstanding instruction, a state-of-the-art clinical arts lab and superb clinical rotations that include home health care, pediatrics, medical, surgery, psychiatric and long-term care settings, our students build a broad-based knowledge in nursing care.

## Job outlook for RNs

Nursing has an excellent outlook for the future! Nearly one out of eight Americans is older than 65 – a number that is going to grow. A 21-35 percent increase in the number of nursing jobs is expected between now and 2012. Graduates of our program often have multiple job offers before they graduate. Salaries for nurses range from \$43,500 to \$63,500 per year.

## Degree Programs

The H.E. Stuckenhoff Department of Nursing at Casper College offers two options for the prospective nursing student: the associate of applied science or the associate of science degree in nursing. Either degree option takes two years to complete upon admission into the program.



## Points of Pride

- A 1:8 faculty to student ratio.
- A qualified faculty and staff committed to facilitate your educational goals.
- A team of qualified nursing professionals and staff available to facilitate lab and coursework exclusively for nursing students.
- A wide variety of clinical experiences within a five-mile radius, including home health, long-term care, telemetry, pediatrics, obstetrics, medical-surgical, psychiatric, neurological and others.
- A modern, state-of-the-art facility including classrooms equipped for multimedia presentations. Our instructors use a variety of instructional methods to facilitate critical thinking and learning.
- A set of labs equipped with up-to-date equipment. We have simulation models, including SimMan® whose breath sounds and other features will give you “real” experiences.
- A multimedia computer lab where interactive software covers everything from vital signs to CathSim® to NCLEX-RN preparation.
- A proven record! Our nursing graduates have gone to work all over the country in many different specialty areas.
- Our NCLEX-RN results are consistently higher than the national average.
- Nursing classroom tests are computerized in preparation for the NCLEX-RN.



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## What does it take to be successful in nursing?

Nursing requires very special talents and skills. Classroom and clinical education is rigorous and challenging. “Wanting” to be a nurse and to take care of others isn’t enough. Successful students have strengths in mathematics, laboratory sciences and other general education courses. They are focused on building a foundation of learning that will be continued for a lifetime. Successful candidates for a career in nursing should be able to:

- Communicate clearly and effectively
- Transfer knowledge from the classroom to the practicum experiences
- Demonstrate good organizational skills
- Manage multiple priorities



- Think clearly and logically, even in stressful situations
- Show good judgment
- Work well with others
- Understand delegation roles
- Demonstrate honesty and integrity consistently
- Put the needs of the client first



## Admission Requirements

A new class of 64 students is admitted each spring and begins the following fall semester. Applications are processed in March.

To be eligible for admission into the program the following prerequisites must be met:

- Apply to Casper College
- ACT (less than two years old) or COMPASS test
- Math requirement: ACT of 21 or higher if out of school less than two years, COMPASS score of 40 or higher or “C” or better in MATH 0920
- Cumulative college grade point average of 2.3 or higher
- HLTK 1200 – Medical Terminology or equivalent or proficiency exam (must be a three-credit course)
- PSYC 1000 – General Psychology
- ZOO 2040 and 2041 – Human Anatomy or ZOO 2010
- Hold a current certification as a nursing assistant in Wyoming.

Interested students are encouraged to request a current Guide to Associate Degree Nursing Education for further admission instructions and a complete description of our degree requirements.

## Curriculum: Nursing

### Associate of Science & Associate of Applied Science Degrees

#### • Major Requirements

- Calculations in Health Care
- Medical Terminology
- Human Growth and Development
- Pharmacology
- Issues in Nursing Practice
- Nursing Process I
- Nursing Process II

- Nursing Process III
- Nursing Process IV
- Nursing Role Exploration

#### • General education courses:

- For A.S. students, at least 32 additional credits of general education coursework. (See college catalog or website for details).
- For A.A.S. students, at least 17 additional credits of general education coursework. (See college catalog or website for details).