

**Associate of Science in Nursing****Transition Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Program****(For LPNs, Respiratory Therapists, Paramedics, and Qualified Military Medics)**

The **Transition** option of the **ADN Program** is a one-year, fast track, pre-licensure nursing program for individuals who already have a healthcare certificate or license as a licensed practical nurse, paramedic, respiratory therapist, or qualified military medic. The Transition program is an accelerated option designed for the individual with a fundamental educational background and license in another area of healthcare. Individuals eligible for the Transition option, but who have limited acute care experience or who have significant work or family responsibilities, should consider the Generic ADN program option instead. After successful completion of the Transition ADN program, graduates will be eligible to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) to obtain a license to practice as a registered nurse. See reverse side for a typical program schedule, pre-requisite courses, and other non-nursing course requirements.

**Accreditation:** The ADN program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN): 3390 PEACHTREE RD NE, SUITE 1400, ATLANTA, GA 30326. Phone: (404) 975-5000

**Job Opportunities and Potential Salary:** There are many opportunities for employment for registered nurses in our community, including hospitals, clinics, home healthcare, and long-term care facilities. According to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, the entry-level annual salary for a registered nurse is approximately \$54,000.

**Program Costs:** The total cost for the ADN program is approximately \$14,000, which includes tuition, fees, textbooks for all courses, including prerequisite courses, uniforms, testing fees, and other related expenses.

**Application Process:** Application for admission to the Transition ADN program is a separate process from application and admission to Polk State College. Individuals must have completed or be enrolled in the final required pre-requisite courses at the time of application. Official transcripts of courses taken from other schools must be sent to the Registrar prior to application. The application window is once a year, May 15th-31<sup>st</sup> (Fall start). Prospective students are encouraged to review the information found on the nursing website: <https://www.polk.edu/nursing/associate-of-science>

**Program Admission Requirements:** The Nursing Program is a competitive, limited-admission program. Most admitted students have ATI TEAS scores above 75 and GPAs above 3.0 with pre- and co-requisites completed.

- Minimum overall GPA of 2.5.
- Achieve a minimum score of 70 on the Assessment Technologies Institute Test of Essential Academic Skills (ATI TEAS). For registration information visit: <https://www.polk.edu/nursing/associate-of-science/>
- Complete all prerequisite courses with a GPA of 2.5 or better in each course (or the courses must be in-progress at the time of application and successfully completed prior to matriculation).

**Typical Schedule:** Students attend class one day per week, either Monday or Wednesday, for eight hours. Content is repeated, which allows paramedics to switch back and forth depending on their rotating work schedules. Lab hours and clinical days are in addition to classes. The clinical day can be any day of the week, including weekends, and/or evenings and are randomly assigned per course. Clinicals are held in Polk County and surrounding areas. Reliable personal transportation is a must. Reliable transportation is a must. The Transition ADN program runs fall, spring, and summer semesters continuously to finish in one calendar year.

**Graduate Success:** Polk State ADN graduates are prepared for the NCLEX-RN licensing exam and are highly sought after by local employers upon graduation. Our graduates consistently exceed the state and national passing averages on the NCLEX-RN licensing exam.

**Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Completion:** Graduates are encouraged to continue with the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN-BSN) program, as many employers now require the BSN degree for as a condition of continued employment. For more information, see <https://www.polk.edu/nursing/bachelor-of-science>.

### Curriculum Plan for Required Non-Nursing Courses for Transition ADN Program Option

Pre-Requisite Courses (Required to be Complete Before Admission)		
Course Number	Course Title	Credits
BSC 2085C	Human Anatomy and Physiology 1 with Lab	4
BSC 2086C	Human Anatomy and Physiology 2 with Lab	4
ENC 1101	College Composition 1	3
MGF 1106 <i>or</i> MAC 1105 (or higher) <i>or</i> STA 2023*	Topics in Mathematics <i>or</i> College Algebra <i>or</i> Statistics (*pre-requisite for RN-BSN course NUR 4775)	3
PSY 2012	General Psychology	3
HUN 1201	Principles of Nutrition	3
Additional Non-Nursing Required Courses that may be Concurrent with Nursing Courses (Strongly Advised to Complete Before Admission Into the Program)		
Course Number	Course Title (Term to be taken if not previously completed)	Credits
MCB 2010C	Microbiology with Lab (with Transition 1)	4
DEP 2004	Human Development (with Transition 1)	3
HUM 2020	Humanities (with Transition 2)	3
AMH 1020 OR POS 2041	Civic Literacy (with Transition 3) <b>*Beginning Fall 2022</b>	3
BSN Preparation – Please see the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN-BSN) program information		

**Information Contact:** For additional information, please contact an academic advisor on any of the College campuses or see the website at [www.polk.edu/nursing](http://www.polk.edu/nursing).