

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

The **Transition** option of the **Associate Degree Nursing (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: In addition to working in a hospital, there are many opportunities for employment for registered nurses in the community, including 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 ADN program is a separate process from admission to Polk State College. Individuals must have completed or be enrolled in the final required pre-requisite courses at the time of application. Admission to the Transition ADN program option is once a year – an August admission, with an application period of May 15 – May 31. An individual eligible for admission to the Transition option may also apply for the generic option by completing both applications. Applications for admission are not available until the application period and are located online through Etrieve, Polk State's electronic forms system. Prospective students are encouraged to review the information found on the nursing website: <https://www.polk.edu/nursing/associate-of-science>

Program Admission Requirements: Applicants must achieve a minimum score of 70 on the admission test, which is the Test of Essential Academic Skills and have a minimum overall GPA of 2.5 at the time of application. The Transition ADN program is a limited-access program, and a higher TEAS score and higher GPA are required to be competitive – most students accepted for admission have a TEAS score greater than 75 and a GPA greater than 3.0. If either of these scores is lower, the other must be higher. Applicants are ranked for admission based on the TEAS score, the overall GPA, and the GPA in program required courses. Additional points are awarded for previous degrees completed if posted to the Polk State transcript. The TEAS score has the biggest impact on points for admission.

To register for the TEAS test please visit

<http://higherreach.polk.edu/modules/shop/index.html?action=courseBrowse&CatalogID=1280874>

Click on TST1001 or TST1003 for testing dates.

Typical Schedule: Students attend class one day per week, either Monday or Wednesday, generally 8:00 am to 4:00pm. Content is repeated, which allows paramedics to switch back and forth depending on their rotating work schedules. An additional eight-hour day per week is required for clinical. The clinical day can be any day of the week, including weekends, and times may vary. There is a morning clinical option beginning at 6:30 am and some courses also offer afternoon/evening options beginning about 1:00pm. There can be no guarantee a student will get a specific day or time for clinical. Healthcare agencies throughout Polk County, as well as some out-of-county facilities, are used and there can be no guarantee of assignment to a specific facility. Reliable transportation is a must. Students are also required to spend time in the nursing skills lab, which is normally a minimum of two hours a week; although, the time can vary depending on the course. The Transition ADN program runs fall, spring, and summer semesters continuously to finish in one calendar year.

Graduate Success: Polk State ADN program graduates consistently exceed the state and national passing averages on the NCLEX-RN licensing exam. Graduates are being hired upon graduation and follow-up graduate and employer surveys and informal communication indicate satisfaction with the education, preparation, and experience received in the Polk State Transition ADN program.

Graduates of the ADN program are encouraged to continue with the RN to BSN program, as many employers now require the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree for continued employment. The BSN is also a path to masters or doctoral degree programs and careers as a nursing practitioner, nurse educator, nurse anesthetist, and other specialized positions. Polk State's RN-BSN program can be completed in as few as three semesters after graduation from the ADN program. For more information, see <https://www.polk.edu/nursing/bachelor-of-science>.

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.

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 College Algebra 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	Any HUM course (with Transition 2)	3
ENC 1102	English Composition II (with Transition 3)	3

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