



Degree Guide:

## Associate in Nursing, Direct Transfer Agreement/Major Related Program (DTA/MRP)

### Program

[Nursing \(NURS\)](#)

### Degree Type

DTA/MRP

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### Program Description

The Washington State Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission approves the nursing program, and the program is accredited by National League for Nursing Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation. Students who complete the two-year associate degree program are eligible to take national board exams for registered nurses. The curriculum provides a strong foundation in applied and social sciences and an understanding of the fundamentals of patient care in a variety of settings. Throughout the program students integrate experience caring for patients in acute care hospitals, long-term care facilities, and community agencies. Successful completion of this program leads to an Associate in Nursing, Direct Transfer Agreement/Major Related Program (DTA/MRP). Students with this degree need only to complete senior level courses at select universities in the state of Washington to achieve a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing. Courses transfer as defined by the Associate in Nursing, Direct Transfer Agreement/Major Related Program (DTA/MRP) agreement. Students who plan to transfer to a four-year program should review the university's requirements for senior-year standing in the Bachelor of Science in nursing program.

Program Length: 9 Quarters

Program Code: RENDTAA

The Nursing Program is accredited by the National League for Nursing Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation (NLN CNEA, The Watergate, 2600 Virginia Ave, NW, 8th Floor, Washington, DC 20037).

**Important Note: Individuals who would like to study nursing at Peninsula College must complete non-nursing academic requirements and prerequisite courses prior to entering the program or be in the final quarter of their completion. Prospective students must apply to the program.**

Application information is available on the nursing program web page at [pencol.edu/nursing](http://pencol.edu/nursing).

Only 10 credits of Humanities may be completed after application and prior to the second year of the nursing program. Nursing courses may be started only in the fall quarter and only after making application to, and being accepted into, the nursing program. Application to the nursing program can be made only during the spring quarter prior to enrolling in nursing courses.

### Career Opportunities and Earnings

Potential positions include hospital or nursing home staff nurse, clinic nurse, and home health nurse. With additional training and education, potential positions include critical care nurse, obstetrical nurse, pediatric nurse, emergency department nurse, or operating room nurse. Obtaining advanced academic degrees may lead to positions in administration, education, and advanced practice positions such as nurse practitioner. The demand for nurses should remain strong over the next decade.



For current employment and wage estimates, please visit and search for the relevant occupational term: [bls.gov/oes](https://www.bls.gov/oes)

## Program Outcomes

Upon completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Holistically assess the biopsychosocial-spiritual-cultural dynamic needs of the client
- Use evidence based information and the nursing process to critically think and make clinical judgments and management decisions to ensure accurate and safe care
- Demonstrate holistic caring behavior towards the client, significant support person(s), peers, and other members of the health care team
- Provide accurate and safe nursing care in diverse settings
- Provide teaching based on individualized teaching plan
- Organizes and manages the holistic care of clients
- Work cooperatively with others in the decision-making process to achieve client and organizational outcomes
- Utilize appropriate verbal and written channels of communication to achieve positive client outcomes
- Practice within the ethical, legal, and regulatory frameworks of nursing and standards and scope of nursing practice

## Special Features

- Students in the nursing program have the advantage of a low faculty to student ratio.
- The Associate in Nursing DTA/MRP also facilitates entering senior level BSN courses.
- Graduates of this program experience high placement success both locally and throughout the state of Washington.
- Graduates of this program consistently score higher than the national average on the NCLEX licensure exam.

## Program Prerequisites

College-level skills in English and math (eligibility for courses numbered 100 or higher) are required before registering for the prerequisite courses required in this program. Students may need to complete additional prerequisite coursework. Learn more about placement options by visiting the Assessment and Placement website: [pencol.edu/testing-center/accuplacer-placement](https://pencol.edu/testing-center/accuplacer-placement)

## Approximate Additional Costs

- TEAS test fee (for application): \$90
- HESI test fee (\$99/quarter x 6 quarters): \$594
- Books, supplies and miscellaneous fees: \$3000
- Equipment (uniforms, stethoscope, watch, etc.): \$300
- Laptop computer: \$1000
- Malpractice insurance: \$15.62 per year
- Personal health insurance (recommended): \$39- \$190 per quarter
- Required immunizations: varies depending on vaccination status and insurance coverage, estimated \$0-\$1000
- CPR card: varies
- Travel/Transportation: varies
- WA State licensing fee: \$92
- NCLEX: \$200



## Prerequisites

Catalog #	Course Title	Credits
BIOL& 160	General Biology with Lab, Cell Biology Emphasis	5
BIOL& 241	Human Anatomy & Physiology I with Lab	5
BIOL& 242	Human Anatomy & Physiology II with Lab	5
BIOL& 260	Microbiology with Lab	5
CHEM& 121	Introduction to Chemistry with Lab	5
CMST& 210 or CMST& 220 or ENGL& 102		5
ENGL& 101	English Composition I	5
Humanities		5
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MATH& 146	Introduction to Stats	5
PSYC& 100	General Psychology	5
PSYC& 200	Lifespan Psychology	5

10 credits of humanities must be taken prior to the second year of the nursing program. Students planning to transfer to a BSN program should check with the transfer institution to confirm humanities class requirements.

[CHEM& 121](#) has a prerequisite of intermediate algebra skills from either coursework or instructor testing.

## First Quarter (Fall)

Catalog #	Course Title	Credits
HUM 131	Policy and Ethics in Healthcare I	1
NURS 101	Nursing I	5
NURS 111	Fundamental Clinical Nursing Skills	2
NUTR 121	Nutrition in Healthcare I	3
PSYC 141	Psychosocial Issues in Healthcare I	3

## Second Quarter (Winter)

Catalog #	Course Title	Credits
NURS 102	Nursing II - Theory	6
NURS 112	Nursing II - Lab	5
NUTR 122	Nutrition in Healthcare II	1



Third Quarter (Spring)

<b>Catalog #</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
NURS 103	Nursing III - Theory	6
NURS 113	Nursing III - Lab	5
NUTR 123	Nutrition in Healthcare III	1

Fourth Quarter (Fall)

<b>Catalog #</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
NURS 201	Nursing IV-Theory	6
NURS 211	Nursing IV - Lab	5
PSYC 242	Psychosocial Issues in Healthcare II	2

Fifth Quarter (Winter)

<b>Catalog #</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
HUM 232	Policy and Ethics in Healthcare II	2
NURS 202	Nursing V-Theory	4
NURS 212	Nursing V-Lab	6

Sixth Quarter (Spring)

<b>Catalog #</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
HUM 233	Policy and Ethics in Healthcare III	2
NURS 203	Nursing VI - Theory	4
NURS 213	Nursing VI-Lab	6

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**Total Credits** **135**