

# Nursing Programs



at Flathead Valley Community College  
FVCC offers numerous options to complete your nursing education right here in the Flathead Valley.



## Which option is right for you?

### Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)

- ◆ Five-credit course
- ◆ CNAs provide basic patient care under direction of nursing staff. They perform duties, such as feed, bathe, dress, groom, or move patients, or change linens.
- ◆ The class prepares students to take the CNA test approved by the state of Montana.

### Pre-Health Certificate

- ◆ One-semester program
- ◆ Includes CNA course, as well as additional courses to prepare students for further study in nursing.

### Practical Nurse (Associate of Applied Science Degree)

- ◆ LPNs care for ill, injured, convalescent, or disabled persons in hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, private homes, group homes, and similar institutions. They may work under the supervision of registered nurses.
- ◆ Four-semester, 52-credit program (First two semesters are prerequisite courses.)

### Registered Nurse (Associate of Science Degree)

- ◆ Applicants must be Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN) to apply for admission into the program.
- ◆ Two-semester, 28-credit program
- ◆ RNs assess patient health problems and needs, develop and implement nursing care plans, and maintain medical records. They administer nursing care to ill, injured, convalescent, or disabled patients. RNs may advise patients on health maintenance and disease prevention or provide case management.

### Registered Nurse Transfer Program

The partnerships FVCC has with other college and university nursing programs prepare students to transfer to other institutions to earn bachelor or associate degrees in nursing.

All nursing programs, including the CNA course, require a background check and several immunizations prior to acceptance into the programs. See current academic catalog for details.

### Job Outlook

- ◆ The employment of registered nurses is **expected to grow 26 percent from 2010 to 2020**, faster than the average of all occupations. Growth will occur primarily because of technological advancements, an increased emphasis on preventative care, and the large, aging baby-boomer population that will demand more health care services as people live longer and more active lives.

*"I had been working as a PN for nine years, and it had always been in the back of my mind to return to school to get my RN degree. When I found out about the FVCC program, everything seemed to fall into place. I had to work 20 to 30 hours a week while in school; it was fast and furious, but it was worth it! I wanted to show my two daughters that if you put your mind to something, no matter how hard it is, you can succeed and get to where you want to be. Now I'm working as a full-time nurse in same-day surgery at Kalispell Regional Medical Center, and I love it!"*

*- Angela Nyberg, RN, 2012 graduate*





## Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)

FVCC offers a Nurse's Aide Training course that enables students to obtain a Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) License in 105 hours.

Through hands-on clinical training, the intensive course teaches students the skills and applications required to address the needs of chronically-ill patients in long-term care facilities. Students also gain understanding of basic medical terminology, basic human anatomy and physiology, and the aging process.

At the end of the course, students are given the CNA test approved by the state of Montana. Students who pass the test will obtain their CNA licenses and become certified and eligible to work in long-term care facilities.

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## Pre-Health Certificate

The Pre-Health Certificate program is designed to provide students with a broad set of knowledge and skills, allowing them to explore different health career opportunities and prepare them for immediate entry into the **Certified Nurse's Aide** field. The program is further designed to provide students with the background of courses required for entry into various health-oriented academic program career tracks. The program is flexible, allowing students to select between several course options in a way that allows each student to advance their career and/or academic goals.

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# Practical Nursing

The Practical Nursing program is a four-semester course of study leading to an **Associate of Applied Science degree**.

FVCC's Practical Nursing program is four semesters in length and requires completion of 52 credits. The first two semesters are prerequisite courses. After completing the prerequisite courses, students may apply for placement into the Practical Nursing program. Once a student is accepted, the Practical Nursing courses take two additional semesters of full-time study to complete.

Graduates of this program are eligible to take the National Council of State Board of Nursing's Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN). After passing the test, the students are granted licensure through the Montana Board of Nursing to practice as licensed practical nurses in Montana.

There is an immediate need for licensed practical nurses in a variety of health care facilities. Employment opportunities include clinics, dialysis centers, and long-term care facilities.

Additional program information, admission guidelines, licensure information, and program costs can be found online at [www.fvcc.edu/practicalnursing.html](http://www.fvcc.edu/practicalnursing.html).

## Practical Nursing Program Requirements

### Fall Semester (Required prerequisite courses)

Course#	Title	Credits	
___ BIOH	201NL*	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
___ CHMY	121NL*	Introduction to General Chemistry	4
___ M	121M*	College Algebra	3
<b>OR</b>			
___M	115M	Probability and Linear Math	3
<b>OR</b>			
___M	152M	Precalculus Algebra	4
<b>OR</b>			
___M	153	Precalculus Trigonometry	3
<b>OR</b>			
___M	171M	Calculus I	5
___ WRIT	101W*	College Writing I	3
		<b>Semester Total</b>	<b>14</b>

### Spring Semester (Required prerequisite courses)

Course#	Title	Credits	
___ BIOH	211NL*	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
___ NRSG	100	Introduction to Nursing	1
___ NUTR	221N*	Basic Human Nutrition	3
___ PSYX	100A	Introduction to Psychology	4
		<b>Semester Total</b>	<b>12</b>

### Fall Semester

Course#	Title	Credits	
___ NRSG	130*	Fundamentals of Nursing	7
___ NRSG	135*	Nursing Pharmacology	3
___ NRSG	138*	Gerontology for Nursing	2
___ NRSG	144*	Core Concepts of Mental Health Nursing	2
		<b>Semester Total</b>	<b>14</b>

### Spring Semester

Course#	Title	Credits	
___ NRSG	140*	Core Concepts of Adult Nursing	7
___ NRSG	142*	Core Concepts of Maternal Child Nursing	3
___ NRSG	148*	Leadership Issues	2
		<b>Semester Total</b>	<b>12</b>
		<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>52</b>

### Strongly recommended course:

Course#	Title	Credits	
___ NURS	101*	Nurse's Aide Training	5

\*Indicates prerequisite and/or corequisite needed; check course description.



# Registered Nursing

The Registered Nursing Program is a two-semester course of study leading to an **Associate of Science degree in Nursing**.

FVCC offers an Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) Registered Nurse (RN) program consisting of two semesters and 28 credits. Applicants to the ASN RN program must be licensed practical nurses to apply.

The focus of the Associate of Science in Nursing curriculum is to educate the ASN RN to provide direct care to clients, individuals, or groups in a variety of structured settings with clear policies and procedures.

Graduates of this program are eligible to take the National Council of State Board of Nursing's Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). After passing the test, the students are granted licensure through the Montana Board of Nursing to practice as registered nurses in Montana.

RNs continue to be in demand in all health care settings. Individuals who successfully completed the ASN program and pass the NCLEX-RN exam will find many employment opportunities available to them in Northwest Montana and beyond.

Additional program information, admission guidelines, licensure information, and program costs can be found online at [www.fvcc.edu/registerednursing.html](http://www.fvcc.edu/registerednursing.html).



## Registered Nursing Program Requirements

### Fall Semester

Course#	Title	Credits
___ NRSG 250*	LPN to RN Transition	3
<b>First Semester Total</b>		<b>3</b>

### Spring Semester

Course#	Title	Credits
___ BIOM 250NL*	Microbiology for Health Sciences	4
___ NRSG 252*	Complex Care Maternal/Child Client	3
___ NRSG 254*	Complex Care/Mental Health Client	2
___ NRSG 258N*	Principles of Pathophysiology	4
<b>Second Semester Total</b>		<b>13</b>

### Summer Semester

Course#	Title	Credits
___ NRSG 262*	Complex Care Needs-Adult Client	4
___ NRSG 265*	Advanced Clinical Skills Lab	1
___ NRSG 266*	Managed Client Care	4
___ SOCI 101A*	Introduction to Sociology	3
<b>Third Semester Total</b>		<b>12</b>

**Total Credits** **28**

\*Indicates prerequisite and/or corequisite needed; check course description.



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## Registered Nursing Transfer Degree

The FVCC curriculum will prepare students to transfer to other institutions to earn **bachelor or associate degrees in nursing.**

FVCC has partnerships with other college and university nursing programs and offers custom courses of study equal to the first two years of a nursing degree at the institutions listed below.

FVCC offers suggested courses of study to transfer to:

- ◆ Montana State University – Bozeman
- ◆ Montana State University- Northern
- ◆ Carroll College
- ◆ Salish-Kootenai College
- ◆ Montana Tech of The University of Montana

Additional information can be found online at [www.fvcc.edu/nursing-transfer.html](http://www.fvcc.edu/nursing-transfer.html).

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Other health care programs offered at FVCC include:

	Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA)
	Dental Hygiene
	Emergency Management
	Health & Human Performance
	Health Information Technology: Healthcare
	Health Information Technology: IT*
	Health Care Informatics
	Health Care Office Management
	Medical Assistant
	Medical Coding
	Medical Transcription*
	Nursing
	Paramedicine
	Patient Relations Specialist
	Personal Trainer
	Pharmacy
	Pharmacy Technology
	Physical Therapist Assistant
	Pre-Dental
	Pre-Health Professions
	Pre-Veterinary Medicine
	Radiologic Technology
	Surgical Technology

Key

- AA or AS Degree - General Studies
- AAS Degree
- Certificate of Applied Science
- Professional Certificate
- Licensure Training
- Also offered at Lincoln County Campus (Degree options may vary.)

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Sources:

<http://www.bls.gov/ooh/Healthcare/Registered-nurses.htm>  
<http://fvcc.emsicareercoach.com>

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