

# AS, NURSING

**Note: This degree/certificate leads to professional licensure. Licensure requirements vary by state/territory and relocating could impact whether you will meet eligibility requirements for licensure. Please visit our Professional Licensure Programs (<https://www.tmcc.edu/vpaa/professional-licensure-programs/>) page for full details on State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement.**

## Program Description

The Associate of Science, Nursing Program prepares the graduate to practice as a registered nurse. The TMCC nursing program meets the minimum degree requirements for the Associate of Science degree. The Associate of Science degree in nursing is awarded upon completion of the curriculum and the student will be eligible to apply to take the NCLEX-RN examination leading to licensure as a Registered Nurse.

## Recommended Course Schedule

| 1st semester            |  | Units     |
|-------------------------|--|-----------|
| BIOL 190A & BIOL 190L   | Introduction to Cell and Molecular Biology and Introduction to Cell and Molecular Biology Laboratory (Fast-Track) <sup>3</sup> | 4         |
| BIOL 251                | General Microbiology (Fast-Track) <sup>3</sup>   | 4         |
| ENG 101                 | Composition I <sup>3</sup>   | 3         |
| or ENG 100              | or Composition Enhanced  |           |
| or ENG 113              | or Composition I for International and Multilingual Students   |           |
| MATH 126                | Pre-Calculus I (or higher) <sup>3</sup>  | 3         |
| <b>Semester Total</b>   |  | <b>14</b> |
| 2nd semester            |  | Units     |
| BIOL 223                | Human Anatomy and Physiology I (Fast Track) <sup>3</sup>   | 4         |
| BIOL 224                | Human Anatomy and Physiology II (Fast-Track) <sup>3</sup>  | 4         |
| ENG 102                 | Composition II   | 3         |
| or ENG 114              | or Composition II For International and Multilingual Students  |           |
| PSY 101                 | General Psychology   | 3         |
| <b>Semester Total</b>   |  | <b>14</b> |
| 3rd semester            |  | Units     |
| NURS 138                | Nursing Care I   | 7         |
| NURS 142                | Fundamentals of Pharmacology   | 2         |
| NURS 212                | Cultural Aspects of Nursing Care   | 3         |
| <b>Semester Total</b>   |  | <b>12</b> |
| 4th semester            |  | Units     |
| NURS 170                | Nursing Care 2   | 7         |
| NURS 209                | Principles of Pathophysiology  | 3         |
| <b>Semester Total</b>   |  | <b>10</b> |
| 5th semester            |  | Units     |
| Humanities <sup>5</sup> |  | 3         |
| NURS 202                | Nursing Care 3   | 7         |
| NURS 102                | Professional Behaviors   | 2         |
| <b>Semester Total</b>   |  | <b>12</b> |
| 6th semester            |  | Units     |
| NURS 274                | Nursing Care 4   | 7         |

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| Fine Arts <sup>4</sup> | 3         |
| <b>Semester Total</b>  | <b>10</b> |
| <b>Total Units</b>     | <b>72</b> |

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After completion of prerequisite courses, students apply for admission to the Nursing Degree program.

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See approved General Education list for the AA/AS Degree. (<http://catalog.tmcc.edu/degrees-certificates/general-education/aa-as/>)

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See program recommendations or requirements.

## Special Admissions Procedures

**Program information:** 775-850-4054

The TMCC program prepares the graduate to practice as a registered nurse. The TMCC Nursing Program meets the minimum degree requirements for the Associate of Science Degree. The Associate of Science Degree in nursing is awarded upon completion of the curriculum and the student will be eligible to apply to take the national NCLEX-RN examination leading to licensure as a Registered Nurse.

Nursing program graduates are eligible to apply for licensure in the state of their choice. Each state has specific criteria for licensure eligibility. It is the student's responsibility to contact the state to ascertain eligibility requirements. Graduation from an accredited program is only one of the requirements and does not mean automatic licensure as a nurse. The State of Nevada licensure application contains five questions which may impact the applicant's ability to obtain licensure. These questions have to do with revocation, denial or suspension of a license or certificate, conviction of a criminal offense, problems with drug or alcohol use, treatment for mental illness and physical disability which could impair one's ability to practice nursing.

Nursing courses are to be taken in the sequence outlined on the following page. General education support courses may be taken as outlined or prior to acceptance into the program. However, because clinical experiences and/or theory courses may be scheduled during both day and evening hours, it is suggested that as many general education classes as possible be taken prior to acceptance into the program with the exception of required pre-requisites.

Background checks are a requirement of the clinical facilities with which Truckee Meadows Community College has a contract for nursing student clinical experience. If a student declines to provide a background check or if the background is unsatisfactory to the facility, the student will not be permitted to participate in the clinical portion of the program. Prospective students are advised that they will be withdrawn from the program if clinical requirements are not able to be met for any reason. TMCC will not be responsible for obtaining background checks and will not receive the results of any background investigations.

A student's progression in the ADN program is contingent upon attaining and maintaining a grade of "C" or better in each course in the nursing curriculum.

## Admission Requirements

The pre-requisite courses, MATH 126 (or higher), BIOL 223, BIOL 224, and BIOL 251 must be taken prior to application for admission to the

nursing program. There are additional admission requirements. Please go online for information.

## Accreditation and Regulation

The TMCC ADN program is approved by the Nevada State Board of Nursing and is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN). Students may contact the Nevada State Board of Nursing at 1-888-590-6726.

ACEN, a U.S. Department of Education recognized accrediting agency for nursing programs, maintains information on TMCC's nursing program. ACEN's address is:

3343 Peachtree Road, NE, Suite 850  
Atlanta, GA 30326

## Program Outcomes

Students completing the program will:

- Achieve a passing score on the NCLEX-RN.
- Complete the program in a timely manner.
- Be employable.

AA/AS degrees are designed for students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university.

To earn an AA/AS degree, students must:

1. Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 (see requirements for graduation.)
2. Complete a minimum of 15 units within the college.
3. Satisfy General Education requirements for the AA/AS (<http://catalog.tmcc.edu/degrees-certificates/general-education/aa-as/>).
4. Have no financial or library obligation to the college.

## Required Courses

| Code   | Title   | Units |
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| <b>General Education Requirements</b>        |   |       |
| <i>English</i> 3-6                           |   |       |
| Must include ENG 102 or ENG 114 <sup>1</sup> |   |       |
| <i>Fine Arts</i> 3                           |   |       |
| <i>Humanities</i> 3                          |   |       |
| Recommended:                                 |   |       |
| CH 203                                       | American Experiences and Constitutional Change (Also satisfies U.S. and Nevada Constitution) <sup>2</sup> |       |
| <i>Mathematics</i> 3                         |   |       |
| Required:                                    |   |       |
| MATH 126                                     | Pre-Calculus I (or higher)  |       |
| <i>Science</i> [6]                           |   |       |
| Required:                                    |   |       |
| BIOL 190A & BIOL 190L                        | Introduction to Cell and Molecular Biology and Introduction to Cell and Molecular Biology Laboratory      | 4     |
| BIOL 251                                     | General Microbiology  | 4     |
| <i>Social Science</i>                        |   |       |
| Required:                                    |   |       |

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| PSY 101 | General Psychology | 3 |
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### Additional College Requirements

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| <i>Diversity</i> |  | [3] |
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Required:

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| NURS 212 | Cultural Aspects of Nursing Care <sup>2</sup> |  |
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| <i>Science</i> |  | [6] |
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Required:

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| BIOL 223 | Human Anatomy and Physiology I | 4 |
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| BIOL 224 | Human Anatomy and Physiology II | 4 |
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| <i>U.S. and Nevada Constitutions</i> |  | [3] |
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Recommended:

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| CH 203 | American Experiences and Constitutional Change <sup>2</sup> |  |
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### Degree Requirements

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| BIOL 224 | Human Anatomy and Physiology II (additional 2 units from Gen. Ed.) | [2] |
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| BIOL 251 | General Microbiology (additional 2 units from Gen. Ed.) | [2] |
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| NURS 102 | Professional Behaviors | 2 |
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| NURS 138 | Nursing Care I | 7 |
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| NURS 142 | Fundamentals of Pharmacology | 2 |
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| NURS 170 | Nursing Care 2 | 7 |
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| NURS 202 | Nursing Care 3 | 7 |
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| NURS 209 | Principles of Pathophysiology | 3 |
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| NURS 212 | Cultural Aspects of Nursing Care | 3 |
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| NURS 274 | Nursing Care 4 | 7 |
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| <b>Total Units</b> |  | <b>69-72</b> |
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If you place into ENG 102 or ENG 114 the additional 3 required units will become elective units.

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Course may also count toward degree requirements. Please consult with Academic Advisement.

All nursing courses must be taken in the sequence listed. A grade of "C" or better is required. Other General Education courses may be taken out of sequence if allowed by college policy.

Students completing the degree will:

- Implement one's role as a nurse in ways that reflect integrity, responsibility, ethical practices, and an evolving professional identity as a nurse committed to evidence-based practice, caring, advocacy and quality care.
- Demonstrate appropriate written, verbal, and nonverbal communication in a variety of clinical contexts.
- Integrate social, mathematical, and physical sciences, pharmacology, and pathophysiology in clinical decision-making.
- Provide patient centered care by utilizing the nursing process across diverse populations and health care settings.
- Minimize risk of harm to patients, members of the healthcare team and self through safe individual performance and participation in system effectiveness.
- Collaborate with the multidisciplinary health care team to provide effective patient care throughout the lifespan.

- Use information and technology to communicate, manage data, mitigate error, and support decision-making.

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TMCC has agreements with the following institutions towards a bachelor's degree in the same of similar discipline.

- University of Nevada, Reno (<https://www.unr.edu/admissions/transfer/credits/transfer-agreements/>)