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The demand for qualified, safe and effective nurses is critical throughout North Dakota—most visibly in rural areas. That need spurred the creation of the Dakota Nursing Program whose mission and vision is to respond to the nursing needs of the people of North Dakota by delivering a high-quality nursing educational program to students through innovative instruction. The Dakota Nursing Program delivers a practical nurse certificate program and associate degree nurse program. Student nurses study in hands-on practical lab and clinical experiences with a local instructor along with classroom instruction delivered over interactive video network and online formats.

**Dakota Nursing Program  
Is also offered at the  
Following sites**

**Bismarck State College at:**

Harvey  
Hazen

**Dakota College at Bottineau at:**

Minot  
Valley City

**Lake Region State College at:**

Grand Forks  
Mayville

**Williston State College at:**

Williston only

The Dakota Nursing Program provides quality evidence-based nursing education for practical and associate degree nurses, serves as a foundation for further professional advancement and contributes collaboratively to meet the diverse healthcare needs of the communities it serves.



**Program applications can be obtained at [www.dakotanursing.org](http://www.dakotanursing.org) or by contacting your college of interest. Applications are available December 1st and are due by March 5th.**

# Dakota Nursing Program

## SO, YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A NURSE?

*Congratulations! Nursing is one of the fastest growing and most rewarding healthcare jobs in today's economy!*



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## Practical Nursing Program (LPN)

Length of Program: 11 months

Beginning Fall 2015

### General Prerequisites:

- Current CPR certification for BLS Provider
- Math requirements
- ACT composite score of 19 or completion of 12 credit hours of nursing program coursework with a GPA of 2.75 or higher
- A program minimum GPA of 2.75 and a minimum grade of C for all of the nursing required courses.
- A cumulative minimum GPA of 2.50
- Standardized Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) with a score in Basic level or higher
- TOEFL exam required for all applicants for whom English is not their native language or who have not attended 4 years of US high school and achieved a HS GPA of 3.0 or higher.

### **Fall**

BIOL	220	Anatomy and Physiology I
PSYC	111	Introduction to Psychology
NURS	120	Foundations of Nursing
NURS	121	Practical Nursing I
NURS	122	Clinical Practice I

### **Spring**

BIOL	221	Anatomy and Physiology II
PSYC	250	Developmental Psychology
		OR Composition I
NURS	127	Practical Nursing II: Introduction to Medical/Surgical Nursing
NURS	145	Introduction to Maternal/Child Nursing
NURS	124	Clinical Practice II
PHRM	215	Introduction to Pharmacology

### **Summer**

NURS	129	Practical Nursing III
NURS	126	Clinical Practice III
ENGL	110	Composition I
		OR Developmental Psychology

## Associate Degree Nursing Program (RN)

Length of Program: 9 months

Beginning Fall 2015

### General Prerequisites:

- Completion of DNP Practical Nursing Program **OR**
- Active and unencumbered license to practice as a Licensed Practical Nurse in the United States
- Current CPR certification for BLS Provider
- Completion with a C or better and GPA of at least 2.75 in nursing with the following general courses:
  - \* ENGL 110 Composition I
  - \* PSYC 111 Introduction to Psychology
  - \* BIOL 220 Anatomy & Physiology I
  - \* BIOL 221 Anatomy & Physiology II
  - \* PHRM 215 Introduction to Pharmacology
  - \* PSYC 250 Developmental Psychology

### **Fall**

NURS	224	Professional Role Development
NURS	225	Alterations in health I
NURS	226	Maternal Child Nursing
NURS	227	Clinical Application I
BIOL	202	Microbiology L/L

### **Spring**

NURS	228	Alterations in Health II
NURS	229	Health Promotion & Psychosocial Nursing
NURS	237	Clinical Application II
NURS	259	Role Transitions
ELECTIVE		Per College Requirement

## Contact Us

For program information and application, please contact the Nursing Program Director at the college of your choice.

### **Bismarck State College**

Annie Paulson, MSN, RN, CNE  
 Allied Health Building  
 500 E Front Avenue  
 Bismarck, ND 58504  
 (701)224-2468 or (800)445-5073

Andrea.L.Paulson@bismarckstate.edu

### **Dakota College at Bottineau**

Dawn Romfo, MSN, RN  
 105 Simrall Blvd.  
 Bottineau, ND 58318  
 (701)228-5433 or (800)542-6866  
 dawn.romfo@dakotacollege.edu

### **Lake Region State College**

Karen Clementich, MS, RN  
 1801 College Drive North  
 Devils Lake, ND 58301  
 (701)662-1569 or (800)443-1313  
 karen.clementich@lrsc.edu

### **Williston State College**

Gail Raasakka, MSN, RN, CNE  
 1410 University Ave.  
 Williston, ND 58801  
 (701)774-4290 or (888)863-9455  
 gail.raasakka@willistonstate.edu

### **RN to BSN**

The Dakota Nursing Program has articulation agreements with three ND Universities. These agreements enable a smooth transition process into a baccalaureate nursing program. The AD student/BSN applicant can meet the university general education requirements at either the DNP community college or the university and then complete a minimum number of credits at the following universities to complete a BSN:

**Mayville State University**  
**Minot State University**  
**University of Mary, Bismarck**