

The associate of applied science (A.A.S.) degree in nursing prepares students for a career as a registered nurse. Nursing and pre-nursing education courses provide the student with the foundation for skills, attitudes, and knowledge for professional nursing. Graduates of the program will be eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN) for licensure as a Registered Nurse.



The A.A.S. in nursing requires completion of prerequisite courses and acceptance into the nursing program for completion of nursing courses. Including prerequisites, it can be completed in two years. When a student has already completed all prerequisites prior to applying, it can be completed in just 15 additional months.

Recommended Semester	Class
Fall, Junior Year	ENGL 1010 - English Composition I
Fall, Junior Year	PSYC 1030 - Introduction to Psychology
Spring, Junior Year	ENGL 1020 - English Composition II
Spring, Junior Year	HIST 2010 - Early United States History
Optional Summer	BIOL 2010 - Human Anatomy and Physiology I
Fall, Senior Year	BIOL 2010 - Human Anatomy and Physiology I OR BIOL 2020 - Human Anatomy and Physiology II MATH
Fall, Senior Year	COMM 2045 - Public Speaking OR II MATH 1530 - Statistics
Spring, Senior Year	BIOL 2020 - Human Anatomy and Physiology II OR AHC 115 - Medical Terminology
Spring, Senior Year	COMM 2045 - Public Speaking OR II MATH 1530 - Statistics

Beginning Your Career Pathway



To Do List:

- Discuss your Vol State Nursing Program goals with your high school counselor.
- Apply to Vol State at [Apply for Admission | Volunteer State Community College \(volstate.edu\)](https://www.volstate.edu/admission)
- Apply for the TSAC Grant at [TSAC Student Portal \(tn.gov\)](https://www.tn.gov/tsac)
- Schedule a tour with Vol State at [Campus Tour | Volunteer State Community College \(volstate.edu\)](https://www.volstate.edu/campus-tour)

Career and Salary Information

The following is a list of some of the career choices that may be obtained upon completion of this program. Please visit the following website <http://www.onetonline.org> or speak to an advisor for additional career opportunities, salary information and education requirements. Salaries are not guaranteed.

Career	Beginning Salary with Bachelor Degree	Experienced Salary with Bachelor Degree
Registered Nurse	\$42,660	\$59,080
Critical Care Nurse	\$42,660	\$59,080
Nursing Instructor Post-Secondary	\$48,550	\$61,910