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Although there are variations, some features are characteristic of associate degree programs in nursing: (1) The majority are conducted by public junior or community colleges, (2) Program length is 2 academic to 2 calendar years, (3) Nursing theory is combined with college-level general education courses, (4) Students must meet college and nursing program admission requirements, (5) Costs and living arrangements are comparable to those for students in other curriculums, and (6) The purpose of the program is to prepare registered nurses to give patient-centered nursing care in beginning general duty positions, usually in hospitals. Prepared to assist prospective applicants and others interested in nursing education, this publication discusses admission requirements, licensure, and program accreditation. Two hundred and ninety-two state approved programs are listed, and 66 programs also accredited by the National League for Nursing are indicated. (JK)

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## ASSOCIATE DEGREE EDUCATION FOR NURSING

### The Need for Registered Nurses

If you have read much about nursing or have had many contacts with nurses recently, you will know that more registered nurses are urgently needed to care for patients in our nation's hospitals, nursing homes, and other health agencies. Factors that have helped to bring about this need are well known: increased population, scientific and technological advances, more health insurance programs, and growth and expansion of hospitals and other health facilities. The startling fact is that while you are reading this paragraph, new job opportunities are being created and the need for more registered nurses is increasing.

As new job opportunities in nursing have been created, new educational opportunities have become available. A comparatively new and different type of education to prepare more registered nurses is the associate degree program in nursing.

This publication provides general information about associate degree education for nursing, lists the institutions that offer state-approved associate degree programs, and indicates those that have been accredited by the National League for Nursing (NLN), which is the national accrediting agency for nursing education. The material was prepared by NLN's Department of Associate Degree Programs to assist prospective applicants and others who may be interested. For more information of a general nature, write to the department. For specific information, write to the individual programs for their nursing catalogues or bulletins.

### Associate Degree Programs in Nursing

Associate degree programs in nursing became a part of the American system of nursing education in 1952. Their growth has been remarkable. In 1956, there were fewer than 25 state-approved programs. By the end of 1966, there were almost 220 state-approved programs in 41 of the 50 states and in Puerto Rico, Guam, and the American Virgin Islands. At this writing, there are 292 state-approved programs in 45 states and Puerto Rico, Guam, and the American Virgin Islands.

Although there are variations, a number of features are unique to associate degree programs:

The majority are conducted and controlled by public junior or community colleges (some are in senior colleges or universities, and a few are in private institutions).

Associate degree programs require two years to complete, which may be two academic years or two calendar years.

The course of study combines nursing theory and practice with college-level general education courses in the liberal arts and the sciences.

Students must meet requirements of the college and the nursing program for admission and for graduation.

Costs and living arrangements for nursing students are comparable to those for students in other curriculums in the college. These are usually minimal in community colleges.

The sole purpose of A.D. programs is to educate students who will be eligible for licensure as registered nurses and who will be prepared to give patient-centered nursing care in beginning general duty nurse positions, usually in hospitals.

This last feature is especially important to note if you are considering a nursing career, for within the occupation of nursing today there are many kinds of nurses with different types of education and equally dif-

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ferent job responsibilities. Despite this variety, the majority of registered nurses work in hospitals or other institutions and are engaged in giving direct nursing care to the sick. These nurses are usually called general duty or staff nurses and sometimes "bedside" nurses. Since staff nurses are responsible for direct care to patients, they must possess a high degree of technical nursing knowledge and skill and have an understanding of the scientific principles of the nursing care they give. Theirs is a demanding responsibility.

Because of its unique features, an A.D. program will meet your needs if:

You would like to become a registered nurse.

Your goal is to give nursing care to the sick as a staff nurse.

You want both a nursing education and some college-level general education.

You want to complete your education in a relatively short period of time.

You would like to obtain your nursing education in a college setting in your own community.

These unique features of associate degree education for nursing also mean that the programs are attractive to married women and others whose family responsibilities require them to live at home, to men who wish to pursue nursing careers, and to older students.

Although the associate degree program in nursing is complete for the purpose described, some of the college credits earned in the program can be applied toward a baccalaureate degree in nursing should a graduate decide later to pursue education for professional nursing. The amount of credit granted depends on the policies of the senior college or university that conducts the baccalaureate degree program.

### Admission Requirements

High school graduation is the minimum requirement for admission to any school or program that prepares its graduates to become licensed as registered nurses. This includes associate degree, baccalaureate degree, and diploma programs in nursing. A school may establish any requirements it wishes above the minimum. The college preparatory, or academic, course in high school is preferred by all schools and required by some. A good academic average is essential. Since admission requirements vary, you should obtain specific information by writing to schools for their nursing catalogues or bulletins.

### Licensure

All states regulate by law the practice of nursing and other health occupations. This applies equally to medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, and other fields, and to nursing. Licensure, therefore, has a *legal* meaning. A license is not a degree.

A graduate of a state-approved associate degree, baccalaureate degree, or diploma program in nursing is eligible to take a state licensure examination to become a registered nurse. Licensure as a registered nurse (R.N.) means that the nurse has met legal requirements to practice in the state in which the license is issued.

The protection of the public is the basic reason for licensing laws, since the public cannot be expected to know the difference between a competent or an incompetent practitioner. In terms of public safety, a licensed practitioner of nursing, a registered nurse, is assumed to be competent. Note especially that a registered nurse's license does not indicate the type of education the nurse has had, since the R.N. may be a graduate of an associate degree, baccalaureate degree, or a diploma program in nursing.

### Availability of Funds

A listing of scholarship funds is available on request from the college.

### Nationally Accredited Schools

To become a licensed nursing practitioner—an R.N.—you must be a graduate of a state-approved school or program in nursing. State-approved schools have met *legal* standards set by a state board of nursing. This applies in each of the 50 states.

The American system of education includes another type of educational approval that is important for you to know about. It is called *national accreditation*.

National accreditation differs from state approval in that it is national (rather than statewide) in scope and is voluntary instead of being required by law. The National League for Nursing is the national accrediting agency for nursing education. Schools that apply for and receive national accreditation must meet national standards of excellence. These standards exceed the legal standards set by state boards of nursing. Enrolling in an NLN-accredited program is your guarantee of getting the best available nursing education of its type

Following is a list of institutions that offer state-approved programs in nursing education leading to the associate degree. Those offering programs accredited by the National League for Nursing are printed in boldface type followed by an asterisk (\*). For specific information about any nursing program, write to the director of the program, c/o the junior or community college, and request a nursing catalogue or bulletin

#### ALABAMA

Birmingham—**Jefferson State Junior College\***  
Decatur—John C. Calhoun State Technical Junior College  
Gadsden—Gadsden State Junior College

#### ARIZONA

Floresville—Northern Arizona University  
Glendale—Glendale Community College  
Mesa—Mesa Community College  
Phoenix—**Phoenix College\***  
Yuma—Arizona Western College

#### ARKANSAS

Helena—Phillips County Junior College  
Little Rock—Little Rock University

#### CALIFORNIA

Alto Loma—Chaffey College  
Angwin—**Pacific Union College\***  
Bakersfield—Bakersfield College  
Chulo Vista—Southwestern College  
Compton—Compton College  
Costa Mesa—**Orange Coast College\***  
Cupertino—De Anza College  
El Cajon—Grossmont College  
Eureka—College of the Redwoods  
Fresno—Fresno City College  
Fullerton—Fullerton Junior College  
Hayward—Chobot College  
Kentfield—**College of Marin\***  
Long Beach—**Long Beach City College\***  
Los Angeles—  
    East Los Angeles College  
    **Los Angeles City College\***  
    Los Angeles Southwest College  
Modesto—Modesto Junior College  
Norwalk—Cerritos College  
Oakland—Merritt College  
Palm Desert—**College of the Desert\***  
Pasadena—**Pasadena City College\***  
Redding—Shasta College  
Riverside—  
    Loma Linda University, Lo Sierrro Compus  
    Riverside City College  
Sacramento—Sacramento City College  
Salinas—Hortnell College  
San Bernardino—San Bernardino Valley College  
San Francisco—City College of San Francisco

San Jose—**San Jose City College\***  
San Luis Obispo—Cuesta College  
San Marcos—Palomar College  
San Mateo—**College of San Mateo\***  
San Pablo—Contra Costa College  
Santa Barbara—Santa Barbara City College  
Santa Monica—Santa Monica City College  
Santa Rosa—Santa Rosa Junior College  
Stockton—San Joaquin Delta College  
Torrance—El Camino College  
Van Nuys—Los Angeles Valley College  
Venturo—Ventura College  
Walnut—Mount San Antonio College  
Whittier—Rio Hondo Junior College  
Wilmington—Los Angeles Harbor College

#### COLORADO

Denver—Metropolitan State College  
Grand Junction—**Mesa College\***  
Pueblo—**Southern Colorado State College\***

#### CONNECTICUT

Bridgeport—**Junior College of Connecticut, University of Bridgeport\***

#### DELAWARE

Dover—Wesley College

#### FLORIDA

Bortow—Polk Junior College  
Brodenton—Monatee Junior College  
Cocoa—Brevard Junior College  
Daytona Beach—Daytona Beach Junior College  
Fort Lauderdale—Junior College of Broward County  
Fort Pierce—Indian River Junior College  
Gainesville—Santo Fe Junior College  
Jacksonville—  
    Florida Junior College at Jacksonville  
    Jacksonville University  
Key West—Florida Keys Junior College  
Lake City—Lake City Junior College and Forest Ranger School  
Lake Worth—Palm Beach Junior College  
Miami—Miami-Dade Junior College  
Ocala—Central Florida Junior College  
Ponoma City—Gulf Coast Junior College  
Pensacola—Pensacola Junior College  
St. Petersburg—St. Petersburg Junior College

## GEORGIA

Albany—Albany Junior College  
Americus—Georgia Southwestern College  
Brunswick—Brunswick Junior College  
Clarkston—DeKalb College  
Columbus—Columbus College  
Savannah—Armstrong College\*  
Tifton—Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College

## GUAM

Agana—University of Guam

## HAWAII

Honolulu—University of Hawaii\*

## IDAHO

Boise—Boise State College  
Lewiston—Lewis-Clark Normal School  
Rexburg—Ricks College

## ILLINOIS

Bellefonte—Bellefonte Junior College\*  
Champaign—Parkland College  
Chicago—  
Amundsen-Moyfair College  
Chicago City College, Crane Campus  
Chicago City College, Southeast Campus  
Chicago Heights—Prairie State College  
Cicero—Morton Junior College  
Dixon—Sauk Valley College  
East Peoria—Illinois Central College  
Elgin—Elgin Community College  
Elk Grove Village—Harper College  
Harvey—Thornton Junior College  
La Salle—Illinois Valley Community College  
Moline—Black Hawk College  
River Grove—Triton College  
Rockford—Rock Valley College

## INDIANA

Fort Wayne—Purdue University, Regional Campus of Fort Wayne\*  
Gary—Indiana University, Northwest Campus\*  
Hammond—Purdue University, Colimet Campus\*  
Indianapolis—  
Indiana Central College\*  
Indiana University, Indianapolis Campus\*  
Purdue University, Indianapolis Campus\*  
Jeffersonville—Indiana University, Southeastern Campus  
Kokomo—Indiana University at Kokomo  
Lafayette—Purdue University\*  
Vincennes—Vincennes University Junior College\*  
Westville—Purdue University, North Central Campus\*

## IOWA

Fort Dodge—Iowa Central Community College  
Mason City—North Iowa Area Community College

## KANSAS

El Dorado—Butler County Community Junior College  
Hesston—Hesston College

## KENTUCKY

Bowling Green—Western Kentucky University\*  
Covington—Northern Community College of the University of Kentucky  
Elizabethtown—Elizabethtown Community College of the University of Kentucky  
Frankfort—Kentucky State College  
Henderson—Henderson Community College of the University of Kentucky  
Lexington—Lexington Technical Institute of the University of Kentucky  
Louisville—Jefferson Community College of the University of Kentucky  
Midway—Midway Junior College  
Paducah—Paducah Junior College\*  
Richmond—Eastern Kentucky University

## LOUISIANA

Alexandria—Louisiana State University of Alexandria\*  
Thibodaux—Nicholls State College

## MAINE

Portland—Westbrook Junior College

## MARYLAND

Arnold—Anne Arundel Community College  
Baltimore—  
Baltimore Junior College\*  
Catonsville Community College  
Bel Air—Harford Junior College  
Essex—Essex Community College  
Frederick—Frederick Community College  
Largo—Prince George's Community College  
Tokomo Park—Montgomery Junior College

## MASSACHUSETTS

Auburdole—Lasell Junior College  
Beverly—North Shore Community College  
Boston—Northeastern University\*  
Fall River—Bristol Community College  
Greenfield—Regional Community College at Greenfield  
Haverhill—Northern Essex Community College  
Hyannis—Cape Cod Community College  
Newtonville—Newton Junior College  
Pittsfield—Berkshire Community College  
South Lancaster—Atlantic Union College\*  
Watertown—Massachusetts Bay Community College  
West Bridgewater—Mossoset Community College  
Worcester—Quinsigomond Community College

## MICHIGAN

Bottle Creek—Kellogg Community College  
Dearborn—Henry Ford Community College\*  
Flint—Flint Community Junior College  
Grand Rapids—Grand Rapids Junior College  
Highland Park—Highland Park College  
Lansing—Lansing Community College  
Livonia—Schoolcraft College  
Petoskey—North Central Michigan College  
Port Huron—St. Clair County Community College  
Traverse City—Northwestern Michigan College  
Union Lake—Oakland Community College  
University Center—Delta College\*  
Warren—Macomb County Community College

## MINNESOTA

Coon Rapids—Ancker-Ramsey State Junior College  
Hibbing—**Hibbing State Junior College\***  
Minneapolis—St. Mary's Junior College  
Rochester—Rochester Junior College

## MISSISSIPPI

Booneville—Northeast Mississippi Junior College  
Ellisville—Jones County Junior College  
Gautier—Gulf Coast Junior College District, Jackson  
County College Branch  
Handsboro—Gulf Coast Junior College District, Jefferson  
Davis Branch  
Itta Bena—Mississippi Valley State College  
Meridian—Meridian Junior College  
Moorhead—Mississippi Delta Junior College  
Notchez—University of Southern Mississippi  
Poplarville—Pearl River Junior College  
Raymond—Hinds Junior College

## MISSOURI

Cape Girardeau—Southeast Missouri State College  
Joplin—Missouri Southern College  
Kansas City—Metropolitan Junior College  
Kirkswood—**Meramac Community College\***  
O'Fallon—Saint Mary's College of O'Fallon  
St. Louis—  
Forest Park Community College  
Mercy Junior College

## MONTANA

Havre—Northern Montana College

## NEVADA

Las Vegas—Nevada Southern University

## NEW JERSEY

Dover—County College of Morris  
Edison—Middlesex County College  
Lodi—Felician College  
Moys Landing—Atlantic Community College  
Newark—Essex County Community College  
Paramus—Bergen Community College  
Rutherford—**Fairleigh Dickinson University\***  
Sewell—Gloucester County College  
Toms River—**Ocean County College\***  
Trenton—Mercer County College  
Vineland—Cumberland County College

## NEW MEXICO

Albuquerque—University of Albuquerque  
Roswell—Eastern New Mexico University

## NEW YORK

Albany  
**Junior College of Albany\***  
Mario College

Alfred—**SUNY, Agricultural & Technical College\***  
Binghamton—Broome Technical Community College  
Buffalo—Trocaire College  
Canandaigua—Community College of the Finger Lakes  
Canton—SUNY, Agricultural & Technical College  
Corning—**Corning Community College\***  
Farmingdale—**SUNY, Agricultural & Technical College\***  
Garden City—**Nassau Community College\***  
Glen Falls—Adirondack Community College  
Jamestown—Jamestown Community College  
Johnstown—Fulton Montgomery Community College  
Middletown—**Orange County Community College\***  
Morrisville—**SUNY, Agricultural & Technical College\***  
New York City—  
Bayside—Queensborough Community College  
Bronx—**Bronx Community College\***  
Brooklyn—  
Kingsborough College of the City University of New  
York  
**New York City Community College of Applied Arts  
& Sciences\***  
Flushing—Queens College  
Manhattan—Borough of Manhattan Community College  
Staten Island—Staten Island Community College  
Newburgh—Mount St. Mary's College  
Niagara Falls—Niagara County Community College  
Pleasantville—**Pace College\***  
Poughkeepsie—**Dutchess Community College\***  
Rochester—Monroe Community College  
Selden—**Suffolk County Community College\***  
Stone Ridge—Ulster County Community College  
Suffern—**Rockland Community College\***  
Syracuse—  
Onondago Community College  
**SUNY, Upstate Medical Center\***  
Troy—Hudson Valley Community College  
Utica—Mohawk Valley Community College

## NORTH CAROLINA

Boiling Springs—Gardner-Webb Junior College  
Charlotte—Central Piedmont Community College  
Fayetteville—Fayetteville Technical Institute  
Morganton—Western Piedmont Community College  
Murfreesboro—Chowan Junior College  
Southern Pines—Sandhills Community College  
Wentworth—Rockingham Community College  
Whiteville—Southeastern Community College  
Wilmington—Wilmington College

## NORTH DAKOTA

Dickinson—Dickinson State College

## OHIO

Ashtabulo—Kent State University, Ashtabulo Area Com-  
pus  
Blue Ash—University of Cincinnati, Raymond Walters  
Branch  
Cleveland—**Cuyahoga Community College\***  
Elyria—Lorain County Community College  
Hamilton—Miami University, Hamilton Branch  
Kettering—Kettering Medical Center, Education Division  
Mentor—Lakeland Community College  
Permo—Cuyahoga Community College, Western Campus

**OHIO—Continued**

Springfield—Clark County Technical Institute  
 Youngstown—Youngstown University  
 Zanesville—Ohio State University, Zanesville Campus

**OKLAHOMA**

Muskogee—Bacone College  
 Lawton—Cameron State Agricultural College\*

**OREGON**

Ashland—Southern Oregon College  
 Eugene—Lone Community College  
 Portland—Portland Community College  
 Salem—Salem Technical-Vocational Community College

**PENNSYLVANIA**

Bethlehem—Northampton County Area Community College  
 Cresson—Mount Aloysius Junior College  
 Folsom—Delaware County Community College  
 Gwynedd Volley—Gwynedd-Mercy College\*  
 Philadelphia—Community College of Philadelphia  
 Pittsburgh—  
 Community College of Allegheny, Allegheny Campus  
 Point Park College

**PUERTO RICO**

Arecibo—University of Puerto Rico, Arecibo Regional College  
 Humocoo—University of Puerto Rico, Humocoo Regional College  
 Moyoguez—University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez\*  
 Rio Piedros—Puerto Rico Junior College

**RHODE ISLAND**

Providence—Rhode Island Junior College

**SOUTH CAROLINA**

Anderson—Clemson University  
 Charleston—Baptist College of Charleston  
 Columbia—University of South Carolina, College of General Studies  
 Greenwood—Lander College

**SOUTH DAKOTA**

Aberdeen—Presentation College\*  
 Vermillion—University of South Dakota

**TENNESSEE**

Bristol—East Tennessee State University  
 Cleveland—Cleveland State Community College  
 Collegedale—Southern Missionary College\*  
 Columbia—Columbia State Community College  
 Jackson—Union University  
 Memphis—Memphis State University  
 Murfreesboro—Middle Tennessee State University\*  
 Nashville  
 Agricultural and Industrial State University  
 University of Tennessee

**TEXAS**

Alvin—Alvin Junior College  
 Amarillo—Amarillo College  
 Corpus Christi—Del Mar College  
 Dallas—Dallas County Junior College District  
 Denison—Grayson County College  
 Edinburg—Pan American College  
 Fort Worth—Tarrant County Junior College District  
 Galveston—Galveston Community College  
 Killeen—Central Texas College  
 Laredo—Laredo Junior College  
 Lufkin—Angelino College  
 Odessa—Odessa College  
 Paris—Paris Junior College  
 Pasadena—San Jacinto College  
 San Angelo—Angelo State College  
 San Antonio—San Antonio College  
 Texarkona—Texarkana College\*  
 Waco—McLennan Community College

**UTAH**

Ogden—Weber State College\*  
 Salt Lake City—Brigham Young University

**VERMONT**

Castleton—Castleton State College  
 Montpelier—Vermont College\*

**VIRGIN ISLANDS**

Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas—College of the Virgin Islands\*

**VIRGINIA**

Annandale—Northern Virginia Community College  
 Arlington—Marymount College\*  
 Chester—John Tyler Community College  
 Norfolk—Virginia State College, Norfolk Division  
 Winchester—Shenandoah College  
 Wytheville—Wytheville Community College

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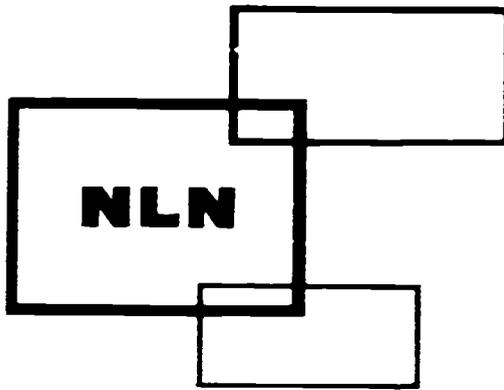
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 Bremerton—Olympic College  
 Everett—Everett Community College\*  
 Midway—Highline College  
 Posco—Columbia Basin College  
 Seattle—Shoreline Community College  
 Vancouver—Clark College  
 Yakima—Yakima Valley College

**WEST VIRGINIA**

Bluefield—Bluefield State College  
 Charleston—Morris Harvey College\*  
 Fairmont—Fairmont State College  
 Huntington—Marshall University  
 Parkersburg—West Virginia University, Parkersburg Center

**WISCONSIN**

Milwaukee—Milwaukee Technical College



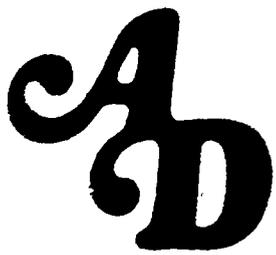
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