**Nursing, AS**

Graduates of the Associate in Science in Nursing (ASN) program are prepared to become licensed as a Registered Nurse (RN). The role of a RN is to assess and evaluate clients and their healthcare needs, develop and implement plans of care, and document client responses to interventions. Nurses administer care to people who are ill, injured, convalescent, or disabled. Nurses counsel clients seeking healthier lifestyles.

The AS Nursing curriculum incorporates classroom instruction, laboratory, simulation education, and clinical practice in the care of diverse populations. Local health facilities are utilized for clinical practice, including community agencies, acute care institutions, long-term and ambulatory care facilities. Graduates of the program possess knowledge, values, skills, and compassion; all essential for professional nursing practice in a dynamic and rapidly changing health care environment.

Current occupational employment and wages data for Registered Nurses are published by the United States Department of Labor’s Bureau of Labor Statistics at [www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes291141.htm](http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes291141.htm).

**ACCREDITATION:**

The Edison State College Associate in Science in Nursing Program is accredited by the:

Accreditation Commission on Education in Nursing, Inc.

3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850

Atlanta, Georgia 30326

Telephone: 404-975-5000

<http://acenursing.org/>

**CURRICULUM OPTIONS:**

Edison State College offers several options for students to apply, enroll, and complete the Nursing AS degree program:

* Entry Curriculum, Full-Time, 4 semesters – for applicants entering the nursing profession who do not meet the criteria below for acceptance into the Transition Curriculum
* Entry Curriculum, Part-Time, 5 semesters – for applicants entering the nursing profession who do not meet the criteria below for acceptance into the Transition Curriculum; for applicants who would like to complete the program on a part-time basis with classes offered evening and weekend hours. The Part-Time curriculum is currently offered on the Lee Campus only.
* Transition Curriculum, Full-Time, 3 semesters – for applicants who have either:
1. Completed a Licensed Practical Nursing Program in Florida and hold current Florida licensure as a Licensed Practical Nurse/LPN. Applicants must enter the AS Nursing program within five years of their program completion date.

**OR**

1. Completed a direct patient care program in Florida, holding the related current Florida licensure: Cardiovascular Technologist/CVT, Paramedic/EMT-P, or Registered Respiratory Therapist/RRT. Applicants must enter the AS Nursing program within five years of their program completion date. These applicants **must also** hold current Florida licensure as a Certified Nurse Assistant/CNA, earned within five years of their program completion date.

**DEGREE REQUIREMENTS and PROGRAM LENGTH:**

A total of 72 credit hours is required to complete the AS degree in Nursing. These hours include General Education Courses (23 credit hours), Program Specific Courses (7 credit hours), and Nursing Core Courses (42 credit hours). Competitive applicants will have completed most or all of their General Education and Program Specific courses before starting the Nursing Core courses.

Minimally, students must complete the following PRIOR to admissions into each curriculum:

1. **ENTRY -** MAC 1105 College Algebra (or higher level MAC) or STA 2023 Statistical Methods I and BSC1093C Anatomy and Physiology I with Lab
2. **TRANSITION -** MAC 1105 College Algebra (or higher level MAC) or STA 2023 Statistical Methods I, BSC1093C Anatomy and Physiology I with Lab, BSC 1094C Anatomy and Physiology II with Lab, and ENC 1101 Composition I

Please note that BSC 1010/1010L Biology with Lab (or successful CLEP Biology testing) is required prerequisites for BSC 1093C Anatomy and Physiology, MCB 2010C Microbiology, and HUN 1201 Nutrition.

Prior to registration for the final semester of the Nursing Program, students **MUST:**

 (1) complete all pre-nursing and all previous semester nursing courses and

 (2) complete and document sixteen (16) hours of approved community volunteer service hours.

Each curriculum option in the AS Nursing Program is offered during various terms on Edison State College’s three campus locations and takes various numbers of terms and calendar months to complete:

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| **AS Nursing****Curriculum** | **LEE CAMPUS****START TERM** | **COLLIER CAMPUS****STARTS TERM** | **CHARLOTTE CAMPUS****START TERM** |
| **Entry Full-Time****4 semesters****22 calendar months** | **FALL** | **FALL** | **FALL** |
| **Entry Full-Time****4 semesters****24 calendar months** | **SPRING** | **SPRING** | **SPRING** |
| **Entry Part-Time****5 semesters****21 calendar months****(includes a Summer)** | **FALL** |  |  |
| **Transition Full-Time****3 semesters****16 calendar months** | **FALL** | **FALL** |  |
| **Transition Full-Time****3 semesters****16 calendar months** | **SPRING** |  | **SPRING** |

**APPLICATION DEADLINES:**

Fall Semester Start – Application due by **May 15**

Spring Semester Start – Application due by **October 1**

*\*Finalists will be notified within four weeks after application deadlines.*

The Associate in Science in Nursing program has limited enrollment due to the rigorous clinical education requirements for the program. Acceptance to Edison State College does not imply acceptance into the AS Nursing program. Each applicant must meet specific criteria which are listed in the admission policies. The Criteria for Admission Policies are available through the School of Health Professions Nursing office on each campus. Admission information and applications are located at <http://www.edison.edu/academics/programs/asnursing>.

Acceptance to the program is based on a tally of admission points using completed pre-nursing course GPA, pre-admission testing scores, and total number of pre-nursing courses completed. Pre-admission standardized examination includes Health Education Systems, Inc. (HESI) for Entry and Transition applicants.

After notification, finalists must complete the following:

* College-approved criminal records check and drug testing at the applicant’s expense. Note that applicant should consult Florida Board of Nursing if they have any criminal offenses, beyond minor traffic violations, which may limit RN licensure eligibility.
* Immunization and health report
* Screening for tuberculosis (TB)
	+ - Certification in American Heart Association Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers (CPR and AED)

**BACCALAUREATE DEGREE OPPORTUNITY:**

Edison State College also offers a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) for students to advance from the AS, Nursing Degree to the BS, Nursing Degree. Graduates of the AS, Nursing Degree program with the RN credential may enroll in this degree completion program and complete remaining courses for the baccalaureate degree. For more information, please contact the School of Health Professions BSN Program. [http://www.edison.edu/academics/programs/bsnursing](https://owa.edison.edu/owa/redir.aspx?C=JsReJkgsQUej9RkGj4ylWQx8uIsO-9BIm4FqDuWbUaxSgDWunQmm3_5cRsZzgHpSUVSIw3tf1eo.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.edison.edu%2facademics%2fprograms%2fbsnursing)

Students in the AS Nursing program, who plan to advance to the RN to BSN degree, should consider adding the AA General Studies as a secondary degree and completing the following coursework:

* Composition II
* Statistical Methods I and one other college level math
* Humanities Part A, writing intensive
* World History Part A, writing intensive
* Speech
* Foreign Language Competency
* Science – three additional credit hours from CHM, BSC, BCH, PCB, or PHY

**NURSING, AS DEGREE PROGRAM OF STUDY:**

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| **GENERAL EDUCATION COURSEWORK:** Courses must be selected from those listed in the **General Education Program Guide** |
| \*MAC 1105 (or higher)**OR**\*STA 2023 | College AlgebraStatistical Methods I | 3  |
| \*BSC 1093C | Anatomy and Physiology I | 4 |
| \*\*ENC 1101 | Composition I | 3 |
| \*\*BSC 1094C | Anatomy and Physiology II | 4 |
| PSY 2012 | General Psychology I | 3 |
| DEP 2004 | Human Growth and Development | 3 |
| HUMANITIES | Any Listed Course in Humanities Section | 3 |
|  |  | **23 CREDIT HOURS** |

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| **PROGRAM SPECIFIC COURSEWORK** |
| MCB 2010C | Microbiology | 4 |
| HUN 1201 | Nutrition | 3 |
|  |  | **7 CREDIT HOURS** |

\*College Algebra or Statistical Methods I and Anatomy and Physiology I must be completed PRIOR to admission into the Entry Curriculum.

\*\*College Algebra or Statistical Methods I, Anatomy & Physiology I and II, and Composition I must be completed PRIOR to admission into the Transition Curriculum.

**NOTE:** Biology 1010/1010L or Successful CLEP Biology testing score is a required prerequisite for BSC 1093C Anatomy and Physiology I, Microbiology, and Nutrition.

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| **ASN – ENTRY CURRICULUM** |
| NUR 1022 | Fundamentals of Nursing | 6 |
| NUR 1022L | Fundamentals of Nursing Clinical | 2 |
| NUR 1023L | Fundamentals of Nursing Practicum | 1 |
| NUR 1060 | Health Assessment | 2 |
| NUR 1060L | Health Assessment Lab | 1 |
| NUR 1211 | Adult Nursing I | 4 |
| NUR 1211L | Adult Nursing I Clinical | 3 |
| NUR 1511 | Introduction to Mental Health Concepts in Nursing | 1 |
| NUR 2140 | Pharmacology for Nurses | 2 |
| NUR 2310 | Pediatric Nursing Concepts | 2 |
| NUR 2310L | Pediatric Nursing Clinical | 2 |
| NUR 2424 | Maternal Nursing Concepts | 2 |
| NUR 2424L | Maternal Nursing Clinical | 1 |
| NUR 2520 | Mental Health Nursing Concepts | 2 |
| NUR 2520L | Mental Health Nursing Concepts Clinical | 1 |
| NUR 2260 | Adult Nursing II | 3 |
| NUR 2260L | Adult Nursing II Clinical | 3 |
| NUR 2810 | Professional Issues and Role Development | 2 |
| NUR 2941L | Clinical Preceptorship | 2 |
| **NURSING CORE COURSEWORK** | **42 CREDIT HOURS** |
| **TOTAL DEGREE PROGRAM, NURSING, AS** | **72 CREDIT HOURS** |

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| **ASN – TRANSITION CURRICULUM** |
| \*NUR 1022 | Fundamentals of Nursing | 6 |
| \*NUR 1022L | Fundamentals of Nursing Clinical | 2 |
| \*NUR 1023L | Fundamentals of Nursing Practicum | 1 |
| \*NUR 1511 | Introduction to Mental Health Concepts in Nursing | 1 |
| NUR 1001C | Transition to Professional Nursing | 3 |
| NUR 1211 | Adult Nursing I | 4 |
| NUR 1211L | Adult Nursing I Clinical | 3 |
| NUR 2140 | Pharmacology for Nurses | 2 |
| NUR 2310 | Pediatric Nursing Concepts | 2 |
| NUR 2310L | Pediatric Nursing Clinical | 2 |
| NUR 2424 | Maternal Nursing Concepts | 2 |
| NUR 2424L | Maternal Nursing Clinical | 1 |
| NUR 2520 | Mental Health Nursing Concepts | 2 |
| NUR 2520L | Mental Health Nursing Concepts Clinical | 1 |
| NUR 2260 | Adult Nursing II | 3 |
| NUR 2260L | Adult Nursing II Clinical | 3 |
| NUR 2810 | Professional Issues and Role Development | 2 |
| NUR 2941L | Clinical Preceptorship | 2 |
| **NURSING CORE COURSEWORK**\*Articulation credit will be assigned for these 10 credit hours in the final semester of the Nursing Program and noted on the transcript with a grade of Satisfactory (S) | **42 CREDIT HOURS** |
| **TOTAL DEGREE PROGRAM, NURSING, AS** | **72 CREDIT HOURS** |