



**EMPHASIS:** Registered Nursing  
**DEGREE:** Associate in Applied Science-Transfer Degree

**Purpose:** The RN nursing program at Centralia College is designed to prepare men and women to give nursing care in a variety of health care settings. Students who complete the RN program are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nursing (NCLEX-RN). In addition to preparing a student to compete for employment in the nursing profession, the AAS-T degree provides science and general education courses appropriate for students planning a future transfer directly into selected Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) programs.

- A maximum of 24 students are selected each year to begin the first year of the RN program. RN students must apply for admission to the program. Students wishing to enter the RN program must meet all of the prerequisite courses, grade point average requirements, and have Nurse Aide Certification in Washington State. Complete RN admission application materials are available through the Centralia College Office of Admissions & Records ([nursingapplication.centralia.edu](http://nursingapplication.centralia.edu)). Applications are due in April; courses completed through Spring quarter will be considered. (Subject to change.)

- If you are admitted to the RN program, you must then provide consent forms and immunization records to the Nursing Director and attend a mandatory orientation session. Before beginning clinicals, Nationwide and Washington state specific background checks will be obtained. This includes a criminal records check required by clinical facilities in order to be at those clinical sites. You also must show proof of current Basic Life Support (BLS) for Health Care Providers (HCP).

**Program Outcomes:** Students who successfully complete this program should be able to meet the Program Objectives (identified in the Student Faculty Handbook) associated with Swanson's Caring Theory:

<i>Swanson's Caring Processes</i>	<i>Program Outcomes**</i>
<i>Maintaining Belief</i>	Provides patient-centered care to facilitate spiritual, mental and physical health with sensitivity and respect for the diversity of the human experience.
<i>Knowing</i>	Uses clinical judgement and evidence-based practice as the basis for decision making in the provision of safe, comprehensive patient-centered care.
<i>Being With</i>	Practices compassionate, competent, holistic, high quality patient-centered care in all situations.
<i>Doing For</i>	Uses critical thinking to promote holistic health while performing technical skills in an efficient, competent manner.
<i>Enabling/Informing</i>	Coordinates, collaborates and communicates with diverse patient populations, families and interdisciplinary health care teams to plan, deliver and evaluate care which promotes quality of life and empowers the patient through education.

\*\* Adopted from Swanson's Theory of Caring – a theory used to guide research, education, and practice.

Swanson, K.M. (1993). Nursing as Informed Caring for the Well-Being of Others. *Image: Journal of Nursing Scholarship*, 25 (4), 352 – 357.

**Note:** The Associate in Applied Science-Transfer degree is for transfer to schools offering baccalaureates in applied science. This degree combines the technical focus of the Associate in Technical Arts with a minimum of 20 credits of transferable academic courses. This degree is not generally transferable. If transfer is your intent you should work with your advisor to make sure this is the degree for you.

**Learning Themes:**

General education outcomes at Centralia College help students, faculty, and the general public identify what learning is expected when a student has completed a degree or program. The administration, faculty, and staff have agreed upon the following five Learning Ability Themes which students can expect to encounter in most courses and by the completion of any degree or program.

**Reasoning:** The ability to extract information from data, develop ideas and solutions, establish logical progression in thinking, and problem solve using such procedures as literary analysis or the scientific methods.

**Written, Oral and Visual Communication:** The ability to make oneself understood in public, interpersonal, professional, artistic, and technical arenas.

**Exploration-Self and Others:** An awareness of the values, beliefs, customs, and contributions of persons from one's own and other traditions, ethnicities, classes, and genders.

**Resourcefulness:** The ability to adapt to change, such as technological innovations or environmental conditions.

**Responsibility:** The ability to be accountable to self, society, and the natural world.

**Estimated Quarterly Program Costs (subject to change without notice)**

Tests: Accuplacer	\$15
Resident Tuition (15 credits) and fixed fees*:	\$1399
US Citizen Nonresident Tuition (15 credits) and fixed fee*:	\$1536
Non US Citizen Nonresident Tuition (15 credits) and fixed fees*:	\$3202
*Tuition is subject to change due to State Legislative actions	
Books and supplies (estimate):	\$595
Lab fees:	\$194

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