Centralia College
Nursing Program

As the ‘baby boomer’ generation reaches retirement age, and with ever increasing technological advancements in health care, more people are living longer than at any time in history. Because of these and other factors, registered nurses are in very high demand, with a projected job growth of 26 percent between the years 2010 and 2020. With a median income of $64,690 a year for registered nurses, and with excellent medical and retirement benefits available at most jobs, the earning potential for nursing graduates is well over the national average for most other occupations.

Centralia College offers a highly competitive nursing program to prepare eligible graduates to take the licensure examination for practical or registered nursing. Students who successfully complete all six quarters of the nursing program will receive an Associate in Applied Sciences-Transfer (AAS-T) degree, and be eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nursing (NCLEX-RN). In addition to preparing students for employment in the nursing profession, the AAS-T degree provides science and general education courses appropriate for students planning to transfer into selected four-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) programs.

Students who successfully complete the first four quarters of the nursing program may receive a Certificate of Proficiency and be eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nursing (NCLEX-PN) (PN exit option).

A maximum of 24 students are selected each year for the two-year (six-quarter) program. Up to five spaces may be filled by students in rank order from the previous year’s alternate list. Selection is competitive. For complete details, see Nursing Program Selection Criteria and Notification.

Students seeking mid-program transfer or readmission will be considered for admission only on a space available basis. For more information, see Nursing Program Advanced Placement.