

A.A.S. in Nursing

Description of the Nursing Program:

The Nursing Program leads to an Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree for students who successfully complete the required five semesters of study. Students are prepared to become registered nurses upon successful completion of the course of study and satisfactory performance on the National Council Licensure Examination-Registered Nurse (NCLEX-RN). The framework for the nurse education program embodies basic needs, the nursing process, and the Associate Degree Nurse (A.D.N.) competencies. Students utilize the nursing process in the care of patients in acute general care hospitals and nursing homes. In addition to hospitals, students work within community settings. Teaching/learning environments also include lecture halls and patient simulated laboratory, where students practice and achieve proficiency in their technical skills to prepare them for patient assignments. Students, under the direct guidance of qualified professional nurse instructors, learn to provide nursing care for patients of all ages in a variety of settings.

For more information, see link below

http://www.hostos.cuny.edu/Hostos/media/Office-of-Academic-Affairs/Academic-Advisement/Nursing-AAS-Sept-16-CR_1.pdf

Skills:

- **Emotional Skills:** An effective nurse needs to be caring, understanding, non-judgmental, and have a strong ability to empathize with patients from all walks of life.
- **Intellectual Skills:** Intelligent, organized, and be good at multitasking.
- **Communication Skills:** Language and listening skills are extremely important for a nurse. You will have to be able to communicate with doctors, patients, and your coworkers in a very fast paced environment.
- **Observational Skills:** Nurses need to be able to identify anything out of the ordinary. This includes wounds, strange behavior, or anything that just doesn't seem right.
- **Physical Skills:** Nursing will require a substantial amount of physical activity. You will be lifting, moving, adjusting, and sometimes restraining.

Sample Job Titles:

Registered Nurse

- **Hospital**, e.g. Medical, Surgical, Emergency Room, Operating Room, Pediatrics, Obstetrics, Critical Care, Oncology or Rehabilitation
- **Home Health • Extended Care • Physician's Office • Clinics and more.**

Job Outlook:

Employment of registered nurses is projected to grow 15 percent from 2016 to 2026, much faster than the average for all occupations. Overall, job opportunities for registered nurses are expected to be good. Generally, registered nurses with at least a bachelor's degree in nursing (BSN) will have better job prospects than those without one. Employers may prefer candidates who have some related work experience.

<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/registered-nurses.htm#tab-6>

Career Path:

Registered nurses usually take one of three education paths: a bachelor's of science degree in nursing (BSN), an associate's degree in nursing (ADN), or a diploma from an approved nursing program. Registered nurses also must be licensed. The median annual wage for registered nurses with a bachelor's degree was \$68,450 in May 2016.

<http://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/registered-nurses.htm>

Career Coach – Search career information and current local wage data

<https://hostos-cuny.emsicc.com/careers/registered-nurse/about>