

Associate of Science

Nursing (ASN)



Continue to earn while you learn. Become a Registered Nurse.

Looking for a career that is both rewarding and exciting? A career that offers you opportunities for advancement, job security and mobility? Become a registered nurse, and you'll enjoy all this and more.

Rivier's ASN degree prepares you to move directly into beginning nursing positions in hospitals and other acute-care facilities, extended-care facilities, and other structured healthcare settings. Designed for high school graduates and career-changers who have earned a bachelor's degree in another discipline, the ASN program provides the academic preparation necessary to take National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) and become a registered nurse.

LPN to ASN Option

Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) can receive advanced standing in the degree program. Advanced standing reduces the number of courses you need to complete at the University, enabling you to finish your degree in less time and at a lower cost. In addition to expanded care and job opportunities, the median annual salary for registered nurses is \$26,000 more than LPNs.

Choose Rivier

Rivier's nursing education provides strong foundational knowledge, and our state-of-the-art Simulation Labs provide experience that strengthens clinical nursing practice. The program provides extensive, hands-on clinical experience to build your skill sets and confidence. Graduates of Rivier's ASN program who sat for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) from 2020-23 had a pass rate of 85.40% for first-time test takers, above the national average pass rate of 84.38%.



Course Format

On campus,
evenings



#1 Ranked

nursing school
in New Hampshire



17,825 sq. ft.

Nursing Simulation
and Clinical Education
Center opened in 2022



Top 50 Ranked

private nursing
school in the nation



5 Semesters

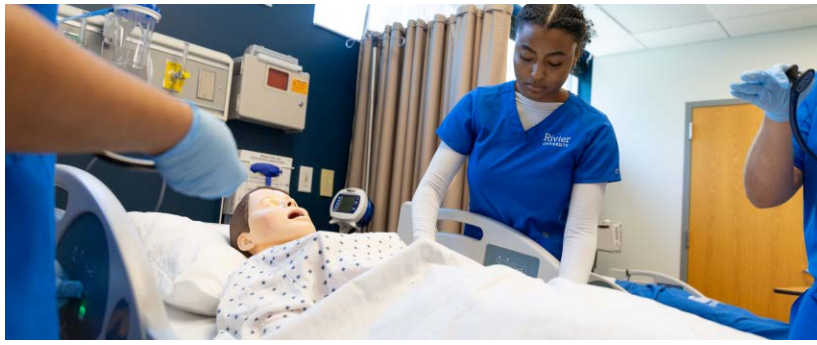
estimated program
length (after
prerequisites are met)



72 Credits

to complete
program





Major Requirements

NURSING COURSES

NURS 101	Nursing Fundamentals
NURS 102	Care of the Adult I
NURS 103	Foundations of Pharmacology
NURS 190	Essentials of Community Health Nursing
NURS 201	Mental Health Nursing
NURS 202	Care of the Childbearing Family
NURS 203	Care of the Adult II
NURS 205	Care of the Child
NURS 206	Professional Issues in Nursing

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

BIOL 105	Human Anatomy and Physiology I
BIOL 106	Human Anatomy and Physiology II
BIOL 201	Medical Microbiology
ENGL 120	Composition in Context
PSYC 101	General Psychology
PSYC 212	Life Span Development
RELS 379	Bioethics
Humanities	One Elective
Sociology	One Elective

TRANSFER CREDITS

Students may transfer up to 30 credits into the ASN program. The remaining 42 credits must be completed at Rivier.

ASN Program Start Dates

The ASN course of study and clinical rotations start each September; the acceptance deadline is July 1. A new LPN to ASN program begins each January; the acceptance deadline is October 15. Completed applications are reviewed as they are received throughout the year.

Accreditation

Rivier University is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE).



Rivier's ASN, BSN, MSN, Post-Master's Certificates, and DNP programs located in Nashua, New Hampshire, are accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), 3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400, Atlanta, GA 30326, (404) 975-5000.



The most recent accreditation decision made by the ACEN Board of Commissioners for the master's nursing program is Continuing Accreditation. View the public information disclosed by the ACEN regarding this program at rivier.edu/ACEN.

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