

Overview of Nursing & Healthcare Industry Roles

Assistant/Technician: Narrow scope of work, with specific skills. Provides basic patient care under supervision, assisting with daily activities and monitoring health. Examples include nursing assistant, emergency room technician, and phlebotomist. Licensing typically requires completion of a certificate program.

Practical Nurse (PN): Delivers direct patient care under supervision, focusing on hands-on skills, patient interaction, and care team collaboration. Licensing requires completion of an Associate of Applied Science in Practical Nursing degree.

Registered Nurse (RN): Coordinates patient care, administers medications, educates patients, and collaborates with healthcare providers. Licensing requires completion of an Associates Degree in Nursing or an Bachelors of Science in Nursing degree.

Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA): Administers anesthesia and monitors patients during surgery for safe pain management. Licensing requires completion of a CRNA program. Admission into a university's CRNA program typically requires extensive experience as an RN working in the ICU at a level 1 or 2 trauma hospital, like Harborview.

Nurse Practitioner (NP): Diagnoses and treats illnesses, prescribes medications, and educates patients, often specializing in specific areas. Licensing requires completion of a masters or doctoral program.

Nursing Specialty: Once an individual achieves nursing licensure, specialization often occurs through on-the-job training, experience, and further education. For example, labor and delivery, ICU, and ER nurses.

Getting Started at Green River College

View the details of getting started at greenriver.edu/getstarted

Everyone Starts Here

1. Apply to Green River College by going to greenriver.edu/applynow
2. Follow Next Steps: After your application is processed, you will receive an email with general onboarding instructions for the College, including Online Orientation, and English/math placement.

LPN or BSN Degree Seeking Students

3. Complete all prerequisites; 9 courses for LPN. 12 courses plus LPN program completion for BSN.
4. Apply to LPN or BSN program once prerequisites are finished. Both programs have competitive admissions.
5. If offered admission, attend orientation, register for and attend program courses.

Certificate Seeking Students

3. Go to greenriver.edu > Healthcare and Wellness, find your certificate program, and apply.
4. Check Your Email: Once your application is processed, you will receive your next steps.
5. Attend the required orientation, register for and attend program courses.

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Green River Certificate Pathways

View the details at greenriver.edu/nhs.

Green River offers three healthcare certificate programs that meet state licensure standards and develop role-specific skills, preparing graduates to enter the workforce after passing required exams and applying for licensure. These programs are a strong option for students exploring healthcare or professionals seeking to expand their skills.

Certificate Program Requirements

In order to participate in Green River College’s Nursing & Healthcare Studies certificate programs, students must meet the following requirements.

English Proficiency

Qualify for TS Level 6 (ENGL 97+ or reading score 61+ on the College Success Reading Assessment).

Background Check

Must pass; some convictions may prevent participation—check with NHS Program Manager. Do not run your own check.

Age Requirement

Must be 18 within 3 months of graduation; State requires individuals are 18 at the time of licensure.

Drug Screening

May be required by clinical sites; includes marijuana testing. Testing depends on student’s clinical site.

Emergency Room & Patient Care Technician | Average Wage: \$48,853 | 8.8% Projected Growth

Common Job Duties: Take vital signs, assist with daily activities, document care, support and transport patients, aid in trauma and wound care, assist with procedures, and prioritize patient needs.

2 QUARTERS

Program Length

START PROGRAM

Any Quarter

APPLICATION

Online - Due 10th Day Before Quarter

COST

About \$5,100
Tuition & Supplies

Nursing Assistant | Average Wage: \$48,077 | 4.3% Projected Growth

Common Job Duties: Helps with daily activities, records vital signs, assists with feeding, communicates with patients and the healthcare team, and documents care activities.

1 QUARTER

Program Length

START PROGRAM

Any Quarter

APPLICATION

Online - Due 10th Day Before Quarter

COST

About \$2,800
Tuition & Supplies

Phlebotomy | Average Wage: \$47,634 | 5.6% Projected Growth

Common Job Duties: Greet and explain procedures to patients, perform venipuncture, collect blood specimens, adhere to infection control protocols, maintain equipment, and follow guidelines for accurate test results.

1 QUARTER

Program Length

START PROGRAM

Any Quarter

APPLICATION

Online - Due 10th Day Before Quarter

COST

About \$2,400
Tuition & Supplies

Green River Degree Pathways

View the details at greenriver.edu/nhs.

Bachelors of Science in Nursing | BSN-RN Average Wage: \$111,838 | RN 5.8% Projected Growth

Prepares LPNs for careers as Bachelor's-prepared RNs through a 90-credit curriculum with classroom, lab, and clinical work, leading to eligibility for graduates to sit for the NCLEX-RN.

Pathway	Start	Length	Apply	Admission Rate	Approximate Cost	NCLEX PASS RATE
Fulltime Hybrid	Fall	8 Quarters	2.1 to 4.1	~45%	\$28,000	100%
Part Time Hybrid	Winter	12 quarters	7.15 to 9.15	TBD	\$30,000	

Program Requirements: Active practical nursing license, current immunizations (no exemptions), and completion of all prerequisites; one may be outstanding at the time of application.

AAS in Practical Nursing | PN Average Wage: \$79,221 | PN 7.2% Projected Growth

Prepares students for LPN careers through a 90-credit program (includes 45 credits of prerequisite courses). Graduates qualify to sit for the NCLEX-PN. Pathway to ADN, BSN, and advanced degree programs.

Pathway	Start	Length	Apply	Admission Rate	Approximate Cost	NCLEX PASS RATE
Fulltime	Fall	3 Quarters	4.15 to 6.1	~30%	\$9,500	92%
Weekday Hybrid	Spring	6 quarters	12.1 to 1.15	~25%	\$10,500	
Weekend Hybrid	Winter	6 Quarters	10.1 to 11.15	TBD	\$10,500	

Program Requirements: Current immunizations (no exemptions) and completion of all prerequisites with at least a 2.5 in each course and a 3.0+ cumulative prerequisite GPA; one course may be outstanding at the time of application.

Immunizations & Medical Tests

View the details at greenriver.edu/nhs > Select Program > Vaccine Requirements

All Nursing programs (except Phlebotomy) require completed immunizations and medical tests, with no exemptions. NHS Staff will assist students in meeting these requirements during orientation and the first weeks of the quarter.

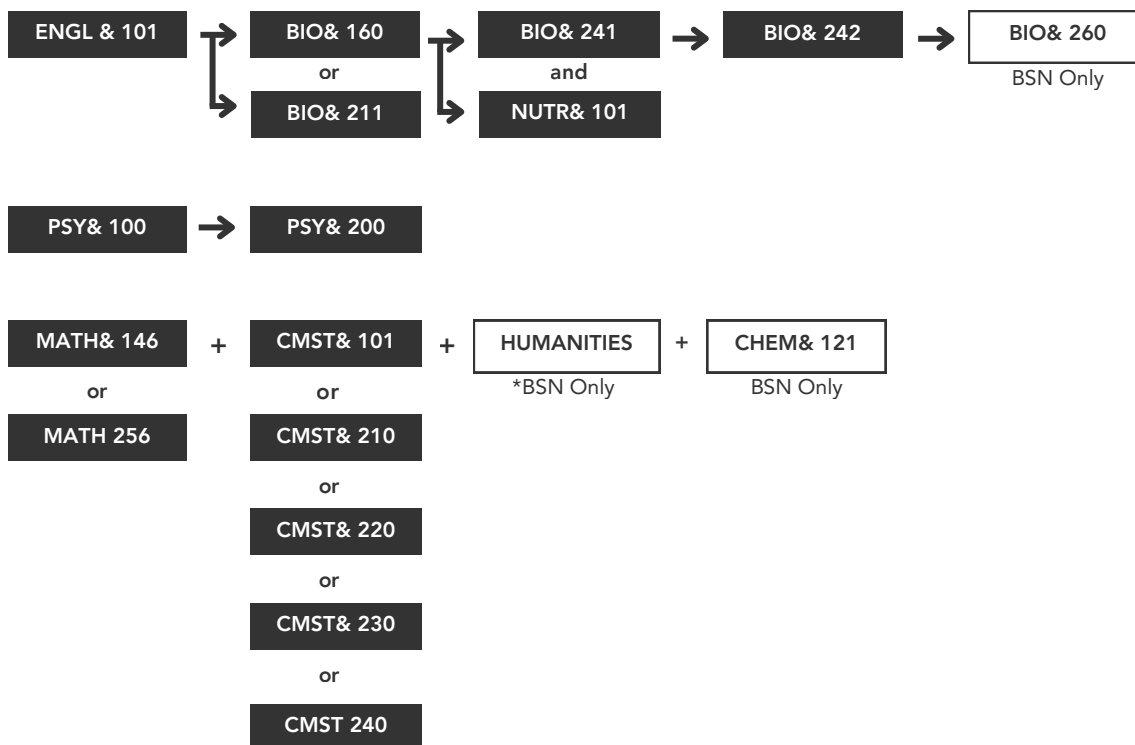
1. **TDAP:** Required every 10 years.
2. **MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella):** Provide proof of vaccination (2 doses) or titer for all three.
3. **Hepatitis B:** 3 injections which take approximately 6 months. Titer is required after being fully vaccinated.
4. **Varicella:** Provide proof of vaccination (2 doses) or titer. A history of chickenpox is not accepted as proof.
5. **TB Test:** Option 1 is a 2-step TB Test. Option 2 is a QuantiFERON blood draw.
6. **COVID-19:** Pre-September 2023 okay for certificate programs. Booster shot after September 2023 is required for LPN and BSN program.
7. **Flu:** When available

Green River AAS and BSN Prerequisite Courses

View the details at greenriver.edu/nhs > Select Program

Completion of the courses below is required prior to entering Green River's AAS and BSN degree programs. Applicants may have one unfinished prerequisite that is in progress (student is enrolled-in) at the time of application. Please note:

- minimum prerequisite course GPA is 2.5
- minimum cumulative prerequisite GPA is 3.0+
- courses do not expire
- no course retake limit
- Your math & English placement may require additional courses.



*Humanities must be from Humanities distribution list, and cannot include Communications or a performance/skills course.

Sample LPN Prerequisite Course Plan

Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	Q 5	Q 6
ENGL& 101	BIO& 160	BIO& 241	BIO& 242	BIO& 260*	
MATH& 146	CMST& 220	NUTR& 101	CHEM& 121*		
PSYC& 100	PSYC& 200	HUMANITIES*			

This schedule assumes placement into ENGL& 101 / MATH& 146. Some students may need to take additional English/math courses.

*BSN program only. Students may complete these courses before or after completing their LPN program.

Intended Program(s): _____ Program Application Deadline: _____

Immunizations Required: Yes ☐ No ☐ English Placement: _____ Math Placement: _____

Your math and English placement may impact your course progression.
Determine your placement at greenriver.edu/placement.

Resources



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