



# Nursing AAS-T Online Information Session 2022-2023

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# LWTech Nursing AAS-T

**Program Mission:** The Nursing AAS-T (Associate of Applied Science –Transfer) degree prepares students who are highly educated, technically advanced, competent and caring individuals to practice professional nursing in a variety of settings and participate in lifelong learning.

The Nursing AAS-T is a **competitive admission program** with prerequisite requirements and application deadline unique to the program.

The Nursing AAS-T degree prepares students to apply for the **National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX)** to become a **Registered Nurse (RN)**.



# General Program Information



- Competitive admission program
- Top 24 students with highest points are admitted. No Waitlist.
- Nursing AAS-T admission cycles: Fall, Winter, Spring
- Full-time, day-time program only
- No summer courses offered
- Program length: 2 years: 6 terms
- Upon completion of the Nursing AAS-T students are eligible to apply for the NCLEX-RN licensing examination.
- Nursing AAS-T also prepares students interested in pursuing a degree at the baccalaureate level.

# General Program Information

## What is accreditation?:

Accreditation is a form of quality control, ensuring that institutions of higher education satisfy certain standards.



## Accreditation

- Lake Washington Institute of Technology is accredited by the **Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU)** at the associate degree level and at the baccalaureate level.
- The LWTech Nursing AAS-T program is a nationally accredited program with the **Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)**
  - The Board of Commissioners granted continuing accreditation to the associate nursing program and scheduled the next evaluation visit for Fall 2028.
- **Washington State Nursing Commission** approved.



# Estimated Program Costs

**These numbers are estimates as of Spring 2022.** Please view the website for updated estimates.

Estimated costs do not include pre-requisite coursework.

- 90 Credits, 6 Terms
- Estimated Tuition & Fee Cost: **\$8,687**
- Estimated Books and Supplies: **\$1,800**
- Estimated Class/ Lab Fees: **\$4,668**
- Estimated Technology Fees: **\$2,016**
- Total Program Cost: **\$17,171**

# Nursing Pathways

Upon completion of this degree at LWTech, students are eligible to apply for the NCLEX to become a Registered Nurse (RN).

The program also prepares students to transfer to multiple WA colleges and universities for Bachelor of Science in Nursing programs at junior status

Employment options upon completion of the Nursing AAS-T:

- Registered Nurse\*
  - Acute Care Nurse
  - Critical Care Nurse

Registered Nurses can work in many areas including but not limited to:

- Long term care
- Pediatric Nurse
- Hospices and Palliative Care
- Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Surgery
- ICU
- Clinic Nurse
- School Nursing
- Medical/Surgical

# Transfer Options upon completion of Nursing AAS-T

Many hospitals now require nurses to hold a bachelor's degree in order for the facility to achieve the industry's coveted Magnet Recognition®, a status that signifies 80 percent of the organization's nursing staff is BSN prepared.

Upon completion of LWTech's Nursing AAS-T, students have the ability to transfer to earn their BSN degree. The following WA colleges and universities offer RN to BSN degrees:

[Bellevue College](#)

[Olympic College](#)

[St. Martin's University](#)

[University of Washington – Bothell](#)

[Washington State University](#)

[Western Governors University](#)

[Western Washington University](#)

**Coming Soon!** Lake Washington Institute of Technology RN to BSN (in development)

**Note:** Student are encouraged to contact an advisor at the transfer college to determine specific transfer requirements.

For more information, visit [lwtech.edu/nursing](http://lwtech.edu/nursing) and click "[career path](#)" (upper right corner)



# Admission Overview

# **Nursing AAS-T Admission Requirements**

**Please pay close attention  
to the requirements  
needed to apply for the  
Nursing Program.**

# Selection Criteria

## Fall 2022, Winter 2023 and Spring 2023

Points	Selection Criteria Description
Up to 40 Pts	Science GPA: Cumulative GPA from these three classes <i>CHEM&amp;121, BIOL&amp;241, BIOL&amp;242</i>
Up to 20 Pts	Non-Science GPA: Cumulative GPA from these three classes <i>ENGL&amp;101, MATH&amp;146, PSYC&amp;200</i>
0 Pts	<i>BIOL&amp;260, NUTR&amp;101, CMST&amp;(210 or 220 or 230) must be completed at time of application</i>
Up to 20 Pts	TEAS test (less than 2 years old, minimum score of 70 required)
<b>80 Pts</b>	<b>80 Points Possible (After Stage 1 of the application review process)</b>
Up to 20 Pts	On-Campus Essay (The top 50 scoring candidates based on Science GPA, Non-Science GPA, and TEAS score will be invited to participate in an on-campus essay)
<b>100 Pts</b>	<b>Top scoring 24 applicants are offered admission</b>

# Application Reminders

## Science Time Limits:

Science courses must have been taken within **7** years of application deadline.

All prerequisite courses must be completed prior to applying for admission to the Nursing AAS-T program.

TEAS test scores and official transcripts must be received by the application deadline in order to be considered.

**Late materials will not be considered.**

# 2022-2023 Nursing Application Deadlines & Important Dates

\*subject to change

	Fall 2022	Winter 2023	Spring 2023
<b>Application Deadline</b>	<b>July 8, 2022</b> <i>Top-scoring applicants invited for the essay will be emailed on Friday July 29, 2022</i>	<b>October 7, 2022</b> <i>Top-scoring applicants invited for the essay will be emailed on Friday, October 28, 2022</i>	<b>January 20, 2023</b> <i>Top-scoring applicants invited for the essay will be emailed on Friday, February 10, 2023</i>
<b>On-Campus Essay for Top 50 Candidates</b>	<b>August 6, 2022</b> <b>9:30am</b>	<b>November 5, 2022</b> <b>9:30am</b>	<b>February 25, 2023</b> <b>9:30am</b>
<b>Selection Results emailed after 3:00pm</b>	<b>August 15, 2022</b> <b>After 3:00pm</b>	<b>November 18, 2022</b> <b>After 3:00pm</b>	<b>March 3, 2023</b> <b>After 3:00pm</b>
<b>Mandatory Orientation for students admitted to Nursing AAS-T</b>	<b>August 29, 2022</b> <b>8am-12pm</b> <b>Room A102</b>	<b>December 1, 2022</b> <b>8am-12pm</b> <b>Room A102</b>	<b>March 16, 2023</b> <b>8am-12pm</b> <b>Room A102</b>

# GPA Bearing Required Courses for Application

- Applicants must have a 3.0 cumulative GPA in the GPA bearing course requirements.
- Each course must be completed with a 2.0 or better.

## Fall 2022 – Spring 2023

Cumulative GPA calculated separately for sciences and non-sciences for up to 60 points, the science GPA weighing more heavily.

- **Science GPA (40 points possible)**  
CHEM&121, BIOL&241, BIOL&242
- **Non-Science GPA (20 points possible)**  
ENGL&101, MATH&146, PSYC&200

All pre-requisite courses **must** be completed at the time of application.

# Non-GPA Bearing Required Courses for Application

The following courses are required at the time of application and are not calculated as part of the cumulative GPA .

## Fall 2022 – Spring 2023 Admission:

- NUTR&101, BIOL&260, CMST&210/220/230 required at time of application, completed with a 2.0 or higher.

# TEAS Test

## All Applicants must take the TEAS Test

**What is the TEAS?** The TEAS, or Test of Essential Academic Skills, is designed specifically to assess a student's preparedness entering the health science fields.

**Test Format:** The TEAS test is comprised of 170 questions set up in a multiple-choice format with four-option answers. The test takes approximately 3.5 hours.

**Test Content:** Questions are designed to test the basic academic skills you will need to perform in class in the areas of: Reading, Math, Science, and English and Language Usage.

**Preparation:** The TEAS test should be taken after completion of your pre-requisite courses. Students are highly encouraged to study in advance of the test. Next to your cumulative gpa in the pre-requisite courses, the TEAS is the next highest points value in the admission process. Performing strongly on the TEAS is important to be a competitive Nursing applicant.



# TEAS Test (cont.)

## LWTech TEAS Testing Policy

**Where to Take:** LWTech's Assessment Center offers the TEAS test in-person and remotely. Email [assessment@lwtech.edu](mailto:assessment@lwtech.edu) to schedule. Students can take the TEAS test at another college and transfer their scores to LWTech.

**Cost:** LWTech charges **\$115.00** (subject to change) for the test

**Time limit:** Test scores are valid for **two years**.

**TEAS Testing Policy:** Submit your highest TEAS score that is no older than two years from the application deadline. The Nursing AAS-T admission requires a **minimum TEAS score of 70** for an applicant to be considered.

# Locating the Application

The Nursing AAS-T application is an online application

Nursing AAS-T Online Admissions  
Application

- The Nursing AAS-T application and information is available online at [LWTech.edu/Nursing](http://LWTech.edu/Nursing)
- There is a “Supporting Information Packet” that you can download, which includes an application checklist and an unofficial scoring table. This should not be submitted and is for your personal use only.
- Frequently asked questions regarding the application and other important information to prepare for your application is located at [LWTech.edu/NursingAdvising](http://LWTech.edu/NursingAdvising)

# Online Application

- Once your application is completed, make sure to click the "**Submit Application**" button on the last page.
- If you do not "**Submit**", your application is considered incomplete and will not be reviewed.



## Admissions Application Associate of Applied Science, Transfer Degree in Nursing

[LWTech.edu/nursing](http://LWTech.edu/nursing)

Program Admission Requirements	Selection Criteria	Nursing AAS-T Application	Re-Applicants	Required Attachments	TEAS Test results
Program Contact Information	Requirements	Charges and Additional Items	+		

\* = Required Field

### Application Process & Requirements

The Nursing AAS-T at LWTech has admission requirements beyond those necessary for general admission to the college. Please follow all directions in this application carefully. Failure to comply with the process described within may result in disqualification from the admissions pool for this program.



# Checking Application Status

- You can check on the progress of your admission decision status by logging into your Self-Service Center.
- Requirement status does not update automatically. It is updated manually one to two weeks following the application deadline.

✔ Requirements	
Name	Status
Degree or College Credit	! Not Received
Minimum College GPA	! Not Received
English Composition	! Not Received

# Application Decision Status

- The final decision **status** will be available on your online account. You can check your decision status by logging into your Self-Service Center.
- To accept the offer of admission, you must return an accept/decline form.
  - Click 'Respond' in the top-right of this letter and submit online
    - If you experience any difficulty with this form, please email [nursing@lwtech.edu](mailto:nursing@lwtech.edu) or call (425) 739-8104 to get assistance



# Mandatory Orientation for Accepted Nursing Students

- Students accepted into the Nursing Program are required to complete an on-campus mandatory Nursing Orientation.
- Failure to complete the nursing orientation will result in the student's withdrawal from the Nursing Cohort.

# Criminal Records

- You will undergo a background check for the program. This is your access to clinical facilities. If you don't pass the background, you will not be able to complete the program of study.
- Washington State Department of Health does a background check prior to issuing license(s). Their website gives a list of felonies and misdemeanors that are not acceptable for licensure. It is the student's responsibility to follow up with the Department of Health.

# Required Immunizations

**Upon admission to the Nursing AAS-T, all students are required to submit a Clinical Passport. Background check, Immunizations, and AHA BLS Provider CPR card are due week 1 of the quarter. All immunizations are required.**

- Clinical agencies may deny placement if you are unable to meet the immunization standards.
- COVID-19 vaccination is required. Agencies are requesting students be vaccinated and boosted.
- Immunizations and bloodwork for titers take time and may be expensive. We highly recommend obtaining immunizations, titers and BLS now and do not delay.

## Required immunizations for clinical eligibility/clearance may include:

Hepatitis B Series Vaccine X 2 or 3 and a positive titer

TB Test (Tuberculosis) 2 step PPD Skin Test or QuantiFERON Gold blood test. If history of TB or positive TB test will need chest x-ray and annual symptom check from provider.

Seasonal influenza vaccine

Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) vaccine X2 or titer showing immunity

TDAP (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis) vaccine within last 10 years.

Varicella (Chickenpox) vaccine X 2 or titer showing immunity

CPR: American Heart Association BLS

National Criminal Background check

# Planning & Support

# Cohort Statistics

Spring 2022	Statistics
Total Applicants	59
Average Science Pre-req GPA	3.69
Average Non-Science Pre-req GPA	3.78
Average TEAS Composite Score	90.47
Average Essay Score	18.15
Winter 2022	Statistics
Total Applicants	105
Average Science Pre-req GPA	3.91
Average Non-Science Pre-req GPA	3.81
Average TEAS Composite Score	85.6
Average Essay Score	17.18
Fall 2021	Statistics
Total Applicants	201
Average Cumulative Pre-req GPA	3.95
Average TEAS Composite Score	91.17
Average Essay Score	NA

# Planning for Pre-Requisites

The Nursing AAS-T program at LWTech, like programs across the country, is **very competitive**. Grades are weighted heavily in our admission process.

**Careful pre-requisite planning is strongly encouraged.** Ask yourself the following questions as you plan to take the pre-requisite courses:

## **What are your life obligations?**

- Do you work? Have children? Have other obligations in addition to going to school? It is important to consider the pace and order in which you take classes. It is also important to look into support services you may qualify for.

## **How much time do you have to dedicate to each class you're taking?**

- Consider taking 1-2 classes per term. Going slower may allow you to dedicate more time to your class(es) and higher grades.

## **Can you get a 3.8 or higher (the average grade for the required courses) if you take these classes together?**

- Pair classes thoughtfully. Consider taking a co-requisite (non points bearing) with a GPA bearing course. Know which courses are going to take you more effort and pair them with class(es) that you feel more confident in.

# Planning for Pre-Requisites

- **Do you enjoy and understand the pre-requisite class content?**
  - As you take your pre-requisite courses in preparation of applying to the nursing program, please keep in mind that the courses required are required for a reason.
  - The pre-requisite courses are core components of your education and the knowledge gained in them will be used throughout the Nursing curriculum. You will be expected to bring that knowledge to the very first quarter of the nursing program. This is especially true of the science courses.
- **Why am I choosing Nursing?**
  - Many students are interested in the healthcare field and are unaware of the vast opportunities in the field beyond Nursing. There are other healthcare careers available, many of which are less competitive that also offer stable careers and salary. Check out LWTech's other [healthcare programs](#)., which include:
    - **Behavioral Healthcare**
    - **Funeral Service Education**
    - **Medical Assisting**
    - **Occupational Therapist Assistant**
    - **Physical Therapist Assistant**
    - **Public Health**

# Planning for Pre-Requisites

Below are two example plans for completion of pre-requisites. There are many different timelines and combinations to take your pre-requisite courses. Individual circumstances will determine which plan is best for you.

**Example of plan for student who has few outside obligations (ex: not working) and wishes to complete pre-requisites quickly. This would be an incredibly demanding schedule for most students but is preparatory for how demanding the Nursing program is:**

Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer
BIOL&160 CHEM&121 PSYC&200	BIOL&241 CMST&220	BIOL&242 NUTR&101 MATH&146*	BIOL&260 ENGL&101

**Example of plan for student who has outside obligations (ex: working part-time) and wishes to take a reduced course load:**

Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter	Spring
ENGL& 101* CMST&220	MATH& 146* PSYC&200*	CHEM&121 BIOL&160 Learning Community	NUTR&101	BIOL&241	BIOL&242	BIOL&260

If you are a student who has many outside obligations (ex: working full-time, have many family responsibilities) you may want to consider taking the prerequisite courses one at a time.

# Planning Considerations for Science Courses

The Advising Department and the Science Department strongly recommend students consider the following:

## Sequencing:

- Take the science courses in the following sequence: CHEM&121, BIOL&160, BIOL&241, BIOL&242, BIOL&260.
- Take BIOL&241 and BIOL&242 sequentially, without any gap terms, to ensure you retain information.
- BIOL&260 should be taken last in the science sequence even though the pre-requisites allow it to be taken after completion of CHEM&121/BIOL&160.

## Course Load:

- With the exception of CHEM&121 and BIOL&160, students never take two sciences together in the same term. For some students, even taking CHEM&121 and BIOL&160 in the same term can be an overload. Talk to an advisor to determine if taking them together is the right choice for you.
- Start your BIOL&241 and BIOL&242 sequence in Fall or Winter so that you can take the courses sequentially during the longer term. The summer term is a short term, which can be overwhelming to many students. If students plan to take one of these courses in a summer term, they are strongly advised to only take one course.

## Studying:

- While not required or considered for Nursing AAS-T admission, work hard and pay close attention to BIOL&160. This course is important to build a strong foundation in preparation for your other science requirements.
- LWTech offers [free tutoring](#) for all of the nursing pre-requisites. Students are strongly encouraged to utilize the [Learning Lab](#) for their sciences and other requirements.



# Pre-Requisite Programs of Study

While pursuing pre-requisites, students are encouraged to consider declaring one of the following majors:

- [Health Sciences AAS-T \(90 cr\)](#)
- [Pre-Nursing DTA/MRP \(95 cr\)](#)

These programs provide the following benefits:

- **Not competitive admission, can declare major any time and start any term.**
- Programs embeds all pre-requisites for Nursing AAS-T program, which presents a financial aid benefit (pre-requisite courses are eligible to be paid for by financial aid).
- Unsuccessful applicants to the Nursing AAS-T program may use this degree as a “backup plan” and can continue to complete the program and earn a credential to apply to other programs.
- Graduates of this program can apply to Nursing AAS-T program as well as other healthcare related programs such as LWTech’s Behavioral Health BAS and Public Health BAS programs
- The Pre-Nursing DTA/MRP program prepares students to apply for transfer to select university Nursing programs.

# Transferring in Pre-Requisites from Other Institutions

## **Sending Official Transcripts**

- Visit [LWTech.edu/Transfer](http://LWTech.edu/Transfer) for details on how and where to send your transcripts to LWTech.

## **Verifying LWTech Received your Transcript**

- Evaluation results will be available 2 – 4 weeks after the receipt of official transcripts.
- The results of the evaluation can be viewed by clicking on "Transfer Credit" from the Academics tab dropdown in [LionsLink](#).
- Transfer courses will be denoted on your advisement report with a "TR" notation.

## **Unofficial Transcript Evaluation**

- Advisors cannot guarantee that a course from another institution will count towards the pre-requisite for a competitive admission program.
- ALL students must submit an official transcript to the college for evaluation to receive official confirmation that the course they are transferring in meets the requirements.

## **Additional Questions?**

- Nursing applicants with further questions can contact: [Nursing@LWTech.edu](mailto:Nursing@LWTech.edu)



# Transferring Courses to LWTech

## Washington Community and Technical College Courses and Transcripts

All of the pre-requisite courses for Nursing are common core academic courses across the community and technical college system. If you took a class with the exact same coding and title such as PSYC&200 Lifespan Psychology at another community or technical college the course is equivalent and will transfer in.

## Washington State Colleges and Universities

If you have a course that does not have the exact coding and title as the requirement at a university in Washington State, you can email [Nursing@LWTech.edu](mailto:Nursing@LWTech.edu) to ask about course equivalency.

## Out of State Colleges and Universities

If you took courses at an out of state college or university, you must apply for general admission and submit an official transcript for evaluation. This process can take 2 – 3 weeks from the time we receive the transcript.

## International Transcripts

Must be evaluated (referred to as a course by course evaluation) and translated by an international transcript evaluation company such as FIS. Send the official evaluated transcript to LWTech for transfer evaluation.

## Semester Units

If you are transferring units from a semester college, you can multiply the amount of semester units by 1.5 to find the term unit amount. It is common for you to have a 3 unit semester course that will transfer in as 4.5 quarter credits. This is ok for the admission process.

## Courses Without Decimal or Letter Grades:

For selective admission healthcare programs, LWTech does not accept transfer units from colleges that do not provide a decimal or letter grade for completed classes. Classes from any college that are graded only as a “pass” or “satisfactory” or units earned via CLEP, AP, IB, or other testing process will be converted to a 2.0 in the admission process which may make you ineligible for admission.



# Academic Advising

Please visit [LWTech.edu/NursingAdvising](http://LWTech.edu/NursingAdvising) for all Advising options and additional academic planning resources.

Individual appointments with a general advisor are not available at this time for prospective nursing students. Visit [LWTech.edu/NursingAdvising](http://LWTech.edu/NursingAdvising) for all Advising details. Options include:

- Attend a **Nursing Group Advising & Information Session** where advisor's offer one-on-one breakout rooms for academic advising.
- Attend **Drop-in Advising** which is offered 3x per week with no appointment necessary. More information available at [www.lwtech.edu/Advising](http://www.lwtech.edu/Advising).
- Join LWTech's **TRIO** and/or **Workforce Development** programs. They offer individual advising appointments and academic planning to qualified students in addition to other support and resources.
  - [LWTech.edu/TRIO](http://LWTech.edu/TRIO)
  - [LWTech.edu/WFD](http://LWTech.edu/WFD)



# Intensive Advising & Support Programs

Need more intensive support with planning for and taking your pre-requisites.

See if you qualify for TRIO and or Workforce Development

All students are encouraged to see if they meet the qualifications for the following support programs which do offer one-on-one advising assistance to eligible students.

## TRIO

The goal of TRIO is to provide support services such as intensive academic advising, one-on-one tutoring, and more to students who are citizens, nationals, or permanent residents of the US who identify as:

- Low-income and or
- First generation (neither parent nor guardian has a bachelor's degree and neither does the student) and/or
- Students with disabilities.

See if you qualify by going to [www.lwtech.edu/TRIO](http://www.lwtech.edu/TRIO)

## Workforce Development

This department consists of several federal and state funded programs including:

- [BFET](#) (on or eligible for federal food assistance)
- [Opportunity Grant](#) (low-income students pursuing high wage, high demand careers)
- [Worker Retraining](#) (laid off workers, displaced homemakers, vulnerable workers, formerly-self employed, military veterans discharged in last 48 months, active duty military with separation orders.)
- [WorkfFirst](#) (on TANF/welfare)

The programs may provide assistance with tuition, books, advising and individualized support services.

See if you qualify by going to [www.lwtech.edu/WFD](http://www.lwtech.edu/WFD)



# Tutoring Resources

Students are highly encouraged to utilize LWTech's [free tutoring resources](#) in their pre-requisite coursework.



**The Learning Lab**: The Learning Lab is a drop-in tutoring center that supports All LWTech students in math, English, science, social science, pre-requisite, and select program classes. The Learning Lab offers free drop-in tutoring from faculty, staff, and certified tutors to support students in understanding course concepts and accessing resources.

**TRiO**: The goal of TRiO is to provide services to students who are low-income, first-generation (neither parent nor guardian has a bachelor's degree and neither does the student), or students with disabilities. TRiO offers one-on-one tutoring, academic advising, and more.

# Paying for College

LWTech offers resources to assist students with paying for college.

The Pay for College webpage includes information about Federal and State financial aid as well as scholarships and special population funding opportunities.

- Visit [LWTech.edu/PayForCollege](https://www.lwtech.edu/PayForCollege) for details.

The most common way students pay for school is through federal or state financial aid - FAFSA or WASFA

- To learn more go to [LWTech.edu/FinancialAid](https://www.lwtech.edu/FinancialAid)
- The application is FREE
- Once submitted, your application will take up to 20 weeks to process. Apply for financial aid before you apply to the program so that you are not delayed in receiving funding.



# Additional Information & Resources available on the Nursing Advising Webpage

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