



# REGISTERED NURSING

## Full-Time Online

### FALL 2025 ADMISSION INFORMATION

Lake Area Tech offers an Associate of Applied Science full-time online hybrid e-degree Registered Nursing program. Our nursing program has full approval from the South Dakota Board of Nursing and full accreditation from the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing. One class will be admitted in the fall each year. Interested individuals need to have a current unencumbered LPN license. Laptops are required and are available through Stax Bookstore or students may bring their own. See website for requirements.

**All application process steps must be completed by the application priority deadline to be considered. The application window opens September 1, 2024 and the priority deadline\* is March 1, 2025, for the full-time online hybrid program that begins Fall 2025.**

\*Applications may be accepted after the deadline if the program does not have a full class. Check with the Admissions Office for enrollment levels after March 1.

### Application Process

Application packets are available online at: [www.lakeareatech.edu](http://www.lakeareatech.edu). All of the following **MUST** be turned in by March 1, 2025.

- ✓ Completed application and fee
- ✓ Official high school and college transcripts
- ✓ If the applicant is a current Lake Area Tech student, verify transcripts are in place at LATC.

Transcripts must have an official school seal, copies will not be accepted. The grade report will be accepted if a final transcript is unavailable by the priority deadline date. A final official transcript is required when available to complete transfer of courses. Interviews for selected applicants will be made available and acceptance is limited, with a waitlist. Accepted students must hold a valid and current CPR certification.

### Acceptance Criteria

Admission is competitive. Acceptance into the online program will be based on the following criteria:

- Most recent GPA of 2.75 or higher preferred
- Transferrable coursework must be completed with a grade of C or higher and science courses should not be more than seven years old (exceptions may be granted if the applicant is a practicing LPN)
- Completion of required courses
- An interview
- LPN program exit scores
- A letter of admission which includes the student's plan for success
- A letter of reference from a current healthcare employer or a former faculty
- Applicants will be notified of acceptance or denial by letter
- Acceptance is contingent on all the requirements being met

Students will also be required to provide a record of the following for the student file by the beginning of the school year:

- A physical examination within the last 24 months
- Current immunizations, including MMR, DPT and polio
- Mantoux test (current within the last year) 2-step required; or quarterferon gold blood test
- Hepatitis titer (positive)
- Tdap (unless Td in last year)
- Varicella titer showing positive or proof of the series of two shots

The following immunizations are not LATC requirements but are required by LATC clinical partners. Proof of these immunizations or religious or medical exemption from the immunization is required to complete the nursing clinical component:

- Influenza vaccination
- COVID vaccination

Criminal background checks are performed on all students before clinical rotations at the students' expense.

## Early Acceptance

Early acceptance (a year in advance) is possible. Please review the following bullet points. This is not an automatic acceptance; applicants' files will be reviewed as they are submitted.

- The early acceptance status is granted based on the applicant's GPA and the need to complete generals (must have at least three general education courses to complete)
- The applicant may use the acceptance status a year before the RN program begins to complete those generals
- The applicant must successfully complete all attempted generals to keep acceptance status
- We will fill up to 12 early admitted students in each cohort

## Online Registered Nursing Program Course Requirements

### Nursing • Second Year Registered Nurse (RN) • Full-time Hybrid E-Degree

#### Semester Course Outline • 2024 – 2025

11 Months (2 Semesters, 1 Summer Session) • Revised: 4/25/24

Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) Degree • Credits Required for Graduation: 41



Completion of MATH 103 – Mathematical Reasoning or MATH 114 – College Algebra is required prior to starting the RN program.

#### Fall Semester

Course Number	Course Title	Theory Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours	Semester Credit
RN 206	Professional Concepts in Nursing	15	----	----	1
RN 223	Health Promotion and Clinical Concepts in Nursing	33.75	7.5	67.5	4
RN 227	Nursing Care of the Child and Family	45	----	45	4
RN 230	Pharmacology for the Registered Nurse	37.5	----	----	2.5
PHGY 210	Introduction to Human Physiology *	60	----	----	4
CHEM 106	Inorganic Chemistry Lecture *	45	15	----	4
CHEM 106L	Inorganic Chemistry Lab *				
<b>Total</b>		236.25	22.5	112.5	19.5

#### Spring Semester

Course Number	Course Title	Theory Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours	Semester Credit
RN 228	Nursing in the Community	15	----	22.5	1.5
RN 236	Mental Health Nursing	22.5	----	22.5	2
RN 240	Applied Pathophysiology in Clinical Nursing	37.5	----	67.5	4
MICRO 231	General Microbiology *	60	----	----	4
SOC 100	Introduction to Sociology *	45	----	----	3
<b>Total</b>		195	----	112.5	14.5

#### Summer Session

Course Number	Course Title	Theory Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours	Semester Credit
RN 242	Applied Nursing Concepts	----	----	180	4
CMST 101	Foundations of Communication *	45	----	----	3
<b>Total</b>		45	----	180	7

Courses marked with an asterisk (\*) can be transferred directly to the university system.

**Clock Hours:** 15 Theory Clock Hours = 1 credit 30 Lab Clock Hours = 1 credit 45 Clinical Clock Hours = 1 credit

**Clinical Hours:** First Year Nursing (LPN) = 674 Second Year Nursing (RN) = 449

**First Year Nursing (LPN):** 44.5 Credits (12.5 credits in General Education and 32 credits in Technical Education or Nursing)

**Second Year Nursing (RN):** 41 Credits (18 credits in General Education and 23 credits in Nursing)

**Total:** 85 Credits (30.5 credits in General Education and 55.5 credits in Nursing)

If a student transfers from another LPN program, they must have a current nursing license. Upon proof of their license, 20 credits will be granted for the first year of nursing. An additional 18 credits in general education and 23 credits in nursing will be needed to meet graduation requirements for the RN degree.

If a student does not successfully complete one of the following courses: RN 206, RN 227, RN 230, RN 240, RN 236, RN 228 or RN 242, the student will be required to complete RN 245 – RN Skills Remediation before advancing in the Registered Nursing Program.

Online students will come to campus one to two times per semester for approximately three days.

## Lake Area Technical College Registered Nursing Program

Lake Area Technical College's curriculum for Registered Nursing meets the educational requirements for professional licensure in South Dakota and many other states. Read more regarding [Professional Licensure Disclosures](#) on our website at [www.lakeareatech.edu](http://www.lakeareatech.edu).

### Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) – Fully Accredited, January 2020

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View the list of accredited ACEN programs: <http://www.acenursing.com/accreditedprograms/programsearch.htm>

### South Dakota Board of Nursing – Fully Approved, February 2021

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