

## What can you do with a major in Associate of Science in Nursing?

**Campus(s) program is offered:** Austell

**What are the most likely job titles one can expect to qualify for once completely this program?**

Registered Nurse

Registered nurses (RNs) constitute the largest healthcare occupation, with 2.6 million jobs.

**What do students express as the thing they enjoy the most about this program? What is the least?**

**Most:**• Each other ( colleagues)

Clinical opportunities: practical experience and simulation

Rewarding volunteer opportunities

Top- notch Simulation Mannequins

Excellent teachers

**Least:**

Writing Papers

Location too far, feels pushed to the side

changing schedules

Uniforms

Distance to some learning opportunities

**What are some typical misconceptions about this program of study?**

- Will have a set schedule
- That it will be easy and less quality
- Because its ASN its same as LPN
- That this degree does not count or it is less than BSN

**What are some essential skills a student needs to have in order to be successful in program of study?**

Social perceptiveness

Active listening

Speaking

Coordination

Service Orientation

Reading comprehension

Critical thinking

Judgment and decision making

**What are typical skills and abilities that a student gains once he/she has completed the program of study?**

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| - Flexibility             | -Time management | -Organization                |
| - Patience                | - Respect        | -Sense of Humor              |
| - Civility                | -Sense of Humor  | -Ability to accept criticism |
| - Perseverance            | - Confidence     | -Critical thinking           |
| - Quick thinking          | -Efficiency      | -Teamwork                    |
| - Performing under stress | -clinical skills |                              |

**Typical work activities/occupational functions:**

Assess patient health problems and needs, develop and implement nursing care plans, and maintain medical

records, administer nursing care to ill, injured, convalescent, or disabled patients. May advise patients on health maintenance and disease prevention or provide case management. Licensing or registration required. RNs teach patients and their families how to manage their illnesses or injuries, explaining post-treatment home care needs; diet, nutrition, and exercise programs; and self-administration of medication and physical therapy. Some RNs may work to promote general health by educating the public on warning signs and symptoms of disease. RNs also might run general health screening or immunization clinics, blood drives, and public seminars on various conditions

An RN's duties and title are often determined by their work setting or patient population served. RNs can specialize in one or more areas of patient care. There generally are four ways to specialize. RNs may work a particular setting or type of treatment, such as perioperative nurses, who work in operating rooms and assist surgeons. RNs may specialize in specific health conditions, as do diabetes management nurses, who assist patients to manage diabetes. Other RNs specialize in working with one or more organs or body system types, such as dermatology nurses, who work with patients who have skin disorders. RNs may also specialize with a well-defined population, such as geriatric nurses, who work with the elderly. Some RNs may combine specialties. For example, pediatric oncology nurses deal with children and adolescents who have cancer. The opportunities for specialization in registered nursing are extensive and are often determined on the job.

**What additional training would you recommend for a student who wants to go to the next level in this field?**

Currently we have an articulation agreement with Clayton State University, which students can transfer into that School of Nursing and move on to BSN and subsequently MSN.

**Do any of the occupational courses transfer easily?**

Nursing courses usually do not transfer in or out to other nursing programs.

Our students have continued their education after completing our program to obtain their BSN at Kennesaw State, Clayton State and Grand Canyon University.

**What are some common limitations, if any, in this program that students face?**

Life and work balance.

Cultural barriers? (ESOL)

**Are there any exams/certifications that a student needs to take after completing the courses? Are these exams/certifications offered on campus?**

Yes students take a final exam after each course which is located on campus. After completion of program the student will have to take the NCLEX test for licensure, and prep courses are offered for this as well in their final semester. Our current testing practices prepare them in utilizing computer system and that style of testing format.

**Possible employment settings:** hospitals, physicians' office, home health services, nursing facilities

**Names of employers:**

Piedmont Hospital  
WellStar Health System

Northside Hospital  
Mollen Clinic

Grady Hospital  
Red Cross

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