

Accreditations/Certifications

Centra College is certified to operate through the State Council of Higher Education Schools (SCHEV).

Centra College holds institutional accreditation through Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES).

The RN-BSN, Associate Degree in Nursing and Practical Nursing Programs have programmatic pre-accreditation by the National League for Nursing Commission Nursing Education Accreditation.

Centra College is a member of the Virginia Associate of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (VACRAO).

The pre-licensure Associate Degree in Nursing Program, Practical Nursing Program and the Nurse Aide Education Program are approved by the:

- Virginia Board of Nursing
- Commonwealth of Virginia
- Department of Health Professions

Centra College is committed to providing excellent care to individuals, families and patients in the community. Graduates will be prepared to engage in best practices through critical thinking, interdisciplinary collaboration and building community relationships.

Centra Lynchburg General Hospital
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Academic Progression Model:
Nurse Aide (NA)
Practical Nurse (PN)
Associate Degree (RN)
RN-BSN (Online)



Centra College

Centra College is committed to helping students begin and/or continue their nursing education. Centra College is a part of Centra, a nationally recognized regional healthcare system that is based in Lynchburg and serves central and southside Virginia.

With a commitment to the highest level of excellence in nursing education, Centra College offers an academic progression model providing students with the opportunity to choose the path that best meets their interests and needs.

Centra College incorporates a concept-based curriculum model that provides a structured framework to transfer critical thinking skills and reasoning to patient care. Exemplary faculty ensure students will receive a unique, specialized, hands-on experience that they won't find anywhere else. Faculty understand the importance of educating students to be fully prepared for their healthcare careers and work to ensure the curriculum and experiences build clinical skills and confidence.

Graduates will be prepared to engage in best practices for delivering safe and efficient patient-centered care within their scope of practice. Clinical and critical thinking skills will be utilized while incorporating interdisciplinary collaboration and a passion for continued learning.



Academic Progression Model

NURSE AIDE EDUCATION PROGRAM

Centra College offers a five-week Nurse Aide Education Program at the Main Campus site in Lynchburg, Virginia, and their branch location at Bedford Memorial Hospital (BMH). Clinical experiences are provided at Centra in both acute care and long-term care. Completion of the program qualifies a student to take the National Nurse Aide Assessment Program (NNAAP) Examination by Pearson Vue. Successful completion of this examination leads to licensure as a Certified Nurse Aide (CNA).

Advantages of a Nurse Aide Education

- Short program length
- Affordable cost
- Exposure to other careers in nursing
- Job placement

PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM

Centra College offers a 12-month Practical Nursing Program. Clinical experiences are provided at various Centra healthcare facilities. Other facilities are also used for clinical experiences as needed.

Advantages of a Practical Nurse Education

- Short program length
- Affordable cost
- Concept-based curriculum
- Job placement

ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN NURSING PROGRAM

Centra College offers a four-semester educational program which leads to an Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN). A wide variety of clinical experiences are provided at various Centra healthcare organizations. Other facilities are also used for clinical experiences as needed.

Advantages of an ADN Education

- Qualify for NCLEX RN in two years
- Increased focus on clinical reasoning
- Seamless transition to a BSN
- Concept-based curriculum

RN-BSN PROGRAM

The Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program at Centra College provides a uniquely flexible approach to learning for the working professional. This three-semester, one year educational program prepares a Registered Nurse to obtain a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN).

Advantages of a RN to BSN Education

- Short program length
- Convenient, flexible online courses
- Increased focus on nursing research and leadership
- Practicum hours relevant to leadership and community health

