

# So you want to be a Nurse!

## ICC GIVES YOU 3 OPTIONS

### OPTION 1

**Earn your Illinois Central College degree and transition directly into the workforce.**

#### **Associate in Applied Science degree in Nursing**

The mission of the Associate in Applied Science degree in Nursing is to effectively prepare students for a successful career as a registered nurse. Through hands-on learning in theory, a state-of-the-art simulation laboratory, and hospital and long-term care clinical opportunities, graduates of the program will have specialized and technical skills that translate to real-world experience.

When you graduate from the program, you will be well prepared to take the NCLEX-RN exam for licensure as a registered nurse (RN). The program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), which recognizes programs that meet or exceed standards and criteria for educational quality.

If you wish to further your education after completing your Associate in Applied Science degree and licensure requirements, ICC has seamless transfer opportunities and articulation agreements with the following colleges and universities to ensure a smooth transfer to an RN-BSN program:

- Chamberlain College of Nursing
- Eastern Illinois University
- ISU - Mennonite College of Nursing
- Olivet Nazarene University
- Saint Francis Medical Center College of Nursing
- University of Illinois at Chicago

For more information on these articulation agreements, visit the "Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science" section on the Transfer Assistance page: <http://icc.edu/students/transfer-assistance/transfer-agreements/> under the "Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science" section.

### OPTION 2

**Earn your ICC degree and transfer to a four-year college or university.**

#### **Associate in Arts**

General Education Transfer to Nursing

#### **Associate in Science**

General Education Transfer to Nursing

If you plan to complete the first two years of general education study at Illinois Central College and then transfer to a four-year college or university in Illinois to complete a bachelor degree as a nursing major, the Associate in Arts (AA) or Associate in Science (AS) transfer preparation program is the path for you.

This 60-credit hour area of concentration includes general education requirements, required core science courses, and recommended electives.

To keep you on track for your nursing transfer, ICC has general education advising guides for Methodist College and Saint Francis Medical Center College of Nursing.



#### **Nursing Assistant certificate**

The mission of the Nursing Assistant certificate at ICC is to provide the educational and clinical experiences that equip graduates for successful employment as an entry-level nursing assistant in a long-term care facility, hospital, or other health care setting. Upon graduation, you will be eligible to apply to take the Nurse Aide Competency Evaluation Program (NACEP) and become certified in the State of Illinois.

### OPTION 3

**Earn your Certificate or License at ICC.**

#### **Licensed Practical Nursing certificate**

Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) care for patients and clients under the direction of a registered nurse (RN), licensed physician, podiatrist, or dentist. As an LPN, you'll be involved in the day-to-day care of patients and clients. LPNs monitor patient conditions, help the RN develop and update care plans, record information in the patient's chart, and communicate regularly with other caregivers. You'll also be involved with patient and family education and provide emotional support for the patient. Upon graduation, you'll be eligible to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-PN) and to apply for licensure as a practical nurse.

#### **LPN-RN Completion Program**

This program allows you to further your education and take on more responsibility for patient care. The mission of this program is to provide theory, laboratory and clinical experiences, which prepare graduates for a successful career as a registered nurse. Upon graduation, you will be eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) and to apply for licensure to practice as a registered nurse.



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