



# ONLINE R.N. ADVANCED STANDING TRACK

## *Associate in Science Degree*

Like the rest of the country, Florida is experiencing a shortage of skilled registered nurses. The Florida Hospital Association said the vacancy rate for hospital nurses was 15.6 percent in 2001, the third highest vacancy rate in the nation. At the same time, this presents a tremendous opportunity for nursing graduates. They are eagerly recruited, and typically earn starting salaries of \$35,000 and up. Valencia's nationally approved program is one of the best for preparing for a nursing career, by connecting students directly to situations nurses face today. The program offers an advanced standing curriculum together with real-life lessons to help nurses build skills and confidence. The Online RN Advanced Standing Track is designed for individuals who currently hold a Florida State License in Practical Nursing, Paramedic, Respiratory Therapy, or Cardiovascular Technology. This previous education is counted toward a two-year degree in registered nursing, saving students both time and money. For these individuals, a nursing degree can provide an opportunity to go into a wider range of careers or to pursue higher levels of education.

### Notes:

This option is designed for LPN's (Licensed Practical Nurses), Paramedics and RRT's (Registered Respiratory Therapists), and CVT's (Registered Invasive Cardiovascular Technologists) who are working toward an Associate in Science Degree in Nursing.

The Nursing, RN program is a selective admission, limited enrollment program. Students must be prepared for rigorous coursework, and must meet all prerequisites before continuing in the program.

### Potential Careers

- Registered Nurse

### Potential Earnings

\$35,000 - \$40,000 per year

### Contacts

*Health Sciences Career Program Advisor*  
West Campus: 407-582-1288

For more information, visit our Website at:  
[valenciacc.edu/west/health](http://valenciacc.edu/west/health)

### A.S. to Bachelor's Degree Career Path...

Now the A.S. degree has a career path to continue to a Bachelor's degree. All of Valencia's A.S. degrees will transfer into the new B.A.S. program at UCF's regional campuses, as well as other universities. The B.A.S. degree has seven different tracks you can specialize in – and the cool thing is, the specialization you major in does not have to be in the same area as the A.S. degree.

Check it out at [regionalcampuses.ucf.edu/bas](http://regionalcampuses.ucf.edu/bas)

### The Internship & Placement Office

is available to assist you in locating an internship or job resources.

Vertrilla Hunt, *East Campus*: 407-582-2726

Carmen Diaz, *West Campus*: 407-582-1034

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## Nursing. Advanced Standing Track

### Limited Access

This option is designed for LPNs (Licensed Practical Nurses), Paramedics, Registered Invasive Cardiovascular Specialists (CVTs), and RRTs (Registered Respiratory Therapists) who want to earn an Associate in Science Nursing Degree. All theory components of the nursing courses (the courses with a prefix of NUR) are offered only in an online or hybrid format. Testing will be completed on campus. All nursing courses beyond NUR 1003C have a clinical component to be completed in Central Florida health care facilities. Some Prerequisite for Admission Courses may be available online. Graduates of this track are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX) to become a registered nurse.

The R.N. Advanced Standing Track is a limited access program. Admission to Valencia does not imply acceptance to the R.N. Advanced Standing Track of the Nursing Program; students must apply and be accepted into the program. The Health Sciences Division provides specific information about the admission process to this track. Students are strongly encouraged to consult a Health Sciences advisor for assistance in determining the best education plan for their career goals.

Admission requirements for the Advanced Standing A.S. Degree Nursing Track are:

- Submit a completed Valencia Community College application
- Student's official Valencia record must indicate degree-seeking status
- Have a minimum overall college GPA of 2.5 (including transfer work)
- Satisfy the college entry testing requirements and satisfactorily complete all mandatory courses in reading, student success, mathematics, English, and English for Academic Purposes in which you are placed
- Students must successfully complete the designated entrance test requirements for Health Sciences prior to submitting the Nursing application
- Have completed LPN, Paramedic, CVT or RRT program within the last year or have one year of practice within the five years prior to the date of admission
- LPNs, must provide evidence of current Florida License and must document completion of a Florida Board of Nursing approved IV therapy certification course
- Paramedics must provide evidence of current certification in Florida and certification as a Nursing Assistant or evidence of equivalent work experience
- CVTs must provide evidence of completion of a Cardiovascular Technology program, certification as a Nursing Assistant, completion of an IV Therapy certification and passed the examination for the Registered Invasive Cardiovascular Specialist credential
- RRTs must provide evidence of current certification in Florida and certification as a Nursing Assistant or evidence of equivalent work experience, and completion of an IV Therapy certification

- Complete Nursing Program Prerequisite for Admission Courses with minimum grades of "C" prior to enrollment in NUR 1003C
- Submit a completed Valencia Nursing Program application

Program expenses are given in the Financial section of this catalog.

### Advanced Standing Track Curriculum

#### PREREQUISITE FOR ADMISSION COURSES:

Course	Title	Credits
+* <b>BSC 2093C</b>	<b>Human Anatomy and Physiology I</b>	<b>4</b>
+* <b>BSC 2094C</b>	<b>Human Anatomy and Physiology II</b>	<b>4</b>
+* <b>MCB 2010C</b>	<b>Microbiology</b>	<b>4</b>
+ <b>PSY 1012</b>	<b>General Psychology</b>	<b>3</b>
+* <b>DEP 2004</b>	<b>Developmental Psychology</b>	<b>3</b>
+* <b>ENC 1101</b>	<b>Freshman Composition I</b>	<b>3</b>
+ <b>HUN 2202</b>	<b>Essentials of Nutrition with Diet Therapy</b>	<b>3</b>
+ <b>Humanities</b>	<b>PHI 2600 or PHI 2010 recommended; can be any course with HUM prefix that meets A.A. Degree requirement</b>	<b>3</b>
	<b>Total Prerequisite Credits</b>	<b>27</b>

#### FIRST TERM

Course	Title	Credits
+* NUR 1003C	Transition Into Professional Nursing	8
+* NUR 2313C	Maternal Child Nursing	4

#### SECOND TERM

Course	Title	Credits
+* NUR 2211C	Adult Health Nursing	9

#### THIRD TERM

Course	Title	Credits
+* NUR 2244C	Advanced Adult Health Nursing	6
+* NUR 2801C	Patient Care Management Practicum	6
	<b>Total Nursing Credits</b>	<b>33</b>
	<b>Total Degree Credits</b>	<b>60</b>

#### NOTES:

All accepted applicants must be screened by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for criminal history. Applicants for Valencia Community College Health Science Programs must be free of offenses that would disqualify them from a student clinical experience in a health care setting and must have their civil rights intact. This policy is in response to requirements by clinical agencies and State/Federal regulations.

Specialized program courses are offered on the West Campus.; some are offered at the Osceola Campus.

General Education courses are in bold print in the course listing.

Specialized courses may not be offered every session or on every campus.  
 + This course must be completed with a grade of C or better.  
 \* This course has a prerequisite; check description in Valencia catalog.

**Valencia Community College**  
**Associate in Science Degree Nursing, R.N.**  
**ADVANCED STANDING TRACK**

**ADMISSION CHECKLIST**

Admission to the Nursing Program is limited to applicants selected by the Collegewide Health Sciences Admission Committee. The selection process is attached. **Applicants must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident to be eligible.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Submit a completed college application for admission by the College Application Deadline. Visit Valencia's Web site at [www.valenciacc.edu/admissions](http://www.valenciacc.edu/admissions) for specific information
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Prior to submitting the Nursing Program Application, applicants must meet the college admission requirements for degree seeking students. College entry level assessment, computerized placement tests, and all mandatory courses in Reading, Student Success, Mathematics, English, and English for Academic Purposes must be completed prior to submitting the Nursing Program Application.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. The following prerequisite courses **must** be completed with a grade of C or better and listed on your VCC transcript **prior** to the application deadline, October 1st:
  - BSC 2093C – Anatomy and Physiology I
  - BSC 2094C – Anatomy and Physiology II
  - MCB 2010C – Microbiology
  - PSY 1012 – General Psychology
  - DEP 2004 – Developmental Psychology
  - ENC 1101 – Freshman Composition
  - HUN 2202 – Essentials of Nutrition
  - PHI 2600 – Ethics and Critical Thinking **OR** PHI 2010 – Philosophy Recommended **OR** any course with HUM prefix
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Applicants to the Nursing Program must have an **Overall GPA of 2.5** including transfer course work.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Verify the possession of a current LPN license in the state of Florida, current certification as a Paramedic in the state of Florida, or certification as a Registered Respiratory Therapist or Cardiovascular Technologist in the state of Florida.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Complete an LPN, Paramedic, RRT or CVT program within the last year **or** one year of practice as an LPN, Paramedic, RRT or CVT within the last five (5) years.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. **LPNs, CVTs and RRT's** must provide documentation verifying satisfactory completion of an intravenous therapy course that meets Florida Board of Nursing Rules/Regulations outlined in Chapter 64B9-12 Administration of Intravenous Therapy by Licensed Practical Nurses.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Students must complete the designated Health Science Entrance Test requirements prior to submitting the Nursing application. Examination fee is the responsibility of the student. Information regarding entrance test requirements may be viewed at: [www.valenciacc.edu/nursing](http://www.valenciacc.edu/nursing)

- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. **Paramedics, RRT's and CVT's** provide **one** of the following:
- a. Documentation verifying completion of an approved Nursing Assistant or Patient Care Technician education program with a required clinical component and verification of Florida certification as a Nurse Assistant, Patient Care Technician, or successful completion of the Florida Certified Nurse Aid Exam.
  - b. Documentation verifying employment as a Certified Nurse Assistant/ Patient Care Technician.
  - c. Documentation verifying employment as a Clinical Nurse Technician.
  - d. Documentation verifying military experience delivering direct patient care in an acute care facility.
  - e. Rating of "C" or above on all five elements on the Assessment of Patient Care Role form. (attached)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. ***After steps 1-9 are complete***, a \$15.00 non-refundable nursing application fee (check or money order payable to Valencia Community College) must be submitted to the Business Office with each nursing application. Submit the completed Nursing Program Application to the Health Science Advising Office, Building 2 room 208 before the deadline of October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Contact Information:

Health Science Career Program Advisor  
West Campus, 2-208  
407-582-1288

Note: No student will be admitted into two (2) different Valencia Community College Health Sciences Programs within an academic year

- **After** acceptance and prior to the start of the first semester of nursing courses, students will be notified of the process required to complete a background check and the deadline for the completion of the check. Applicants with a positive background check may be denied admission into the Nursing Program. The current fee is \$49.00 and the responsibility of the student. The Nationwide Criminal Search is an additional \$10.00 if needed. Students will not begin the nursing program until we have the background check on file. Background checks are valid for one year.
- Applicants for Valencia Community College Nursing program must be free of offenses that would disqualify them from a student clinical experience in a health care setting and must have their civil rights intact. This policy is in response to requirements by clinical agencies and State/Federal regulations.
- Each applicant must be screened by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for criminal history. Each applicant must have a Social Security Verification, Residency History, Nationwide Sexual Offense Registry Search, Nationwide Healthcare Fraud/Abuse Scan, and a US Patriot Act/OFCA search. A Nationwide Criminal Search is also required if the applicant has worked, resided, or has been a student outside of Florida during the 2 year period prior to the start of any Health Science Program at Valencia. Applicants having concerns regarding these requirements are encouraged to make contact with the Program Advisor well in advance of the first semester in the Nursing Program.

The college-wide Health Science Admission Committee uses the following point system to GUIDE them in the selection of qualified students to be admitted to the Advanced Standing Nursing Program.

**GPA Requirements (Nursing Science and General Education courses only)**

Overall GPA	Points	
2.50 – 2.74	6	
2.75– 2.99	7	
3.00 – 3.24	8	
3.25 – 3.49	9	
3.50 – 4.00	10	

**Science and General Education Courses**

*\*Pre-requisite courses must be completed by deadline of October 1<sup>st</sup>*

*Points will only be awarded if completed with a minimum of “C” or higher on the FIRST attempt.*

<b>BSC 2093C</b>	*Human Anatomy & Physiology I (pre-requisite course)	A=5 pts, B=4 pts, C=3 pts	
<b>BSC 2094C</b>	*Human Anatomy & Physiology II (pre-requisite course)	A=5 pts, B=4 pts, C=3 pts	
<b>MCB 2010C</b>	*Microbiology (pre-requisite course)	A=5 pts, B=4 pts, C=3 pts	
<b>ENC 1101</b>	*Freshman Composition I (pre-requisite course)	A=3 pts, B=2pts, C=1 pt	
<b>HUN 2202</b>	*Essentials of Nutrition with Diet Therapy	A=3 pts, B=2pts, C=1 pt	
<b>PSY 1012</b>	*General Psychology	A=3 pts, B=2pts, C=1 pt	
<b>DEP 2004</b>	*Developmental Psychology	A=3 pts, B=2pts, C=1 pt	
<b>PHI 2600</b>	*Ethics and Critical Thinking or PHI 2010 OR any course with HUM prefix that meets the AA degree requirement	A=3 pts, B=pts, C=1 pt	

**Additional Points may be awarded for the following courses (not required).**

HSC 1531	Medical Terminology	1 point if completed with a grade of “C” or higher	
SYG 2000	Sociology	1 point if completed with a grade of “C” or higher	

**Total Points = \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Total Possible Points: 42**

## **PARAMEDIC/RRT/CVT CANDIDATES FOR ADVANCED STANDING NURSING TRACK**

Students admitted to the Advanced Standing Track are expected to be competent in providing basic care and performing basic clinical skills for clients. The expected level of competence must be validated by one of the following methods:

1. Candidates may take a Certified Nursing Assistant Program and pass the State Exam. Programs are available at local vocational schools and many are part-time or full-time.
2. Candidates may challenge the Certified Nursing Assistant State Exam and become certified upon passing. Information and application are available at the following web site:  
[www.experioronline.com/nurseaides.htm](http://www.experioronline.com/nurseaides.htm).
3. Candidates working in a bedside clinical role may ask a Registered Nurse, who has observed their care of clients over a period of time, to assess their competence in providing the expected patient care task required of a Certified Nursing Assistant. (see attached)

**VALENCIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE NURSING PROGRAM  
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**Assessment of Patient Care Role  
by Paramedic, RRT & CVT Applicants**

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

The above applicant for the Valencia Community College Nursing Program, Advanced Standing Track, is an employee at my work place. I am an R.N. and have observed this candidate over a period of time in a patient care role and feel confident in my ability to evaluate their performance in relationship to the five areas described below. Please complete the assessment form.

- A = Outstanding in all elements in this area
- B = Above expected level in most of the elements in this area
- C = Able to minimally meet most of the elements in this area
- D = Unable to minimally meet many of the elements in this area

<i><b>Patient Care Role</b></i>	<i><b>Description</b></i>	<i><b>Performance Level Grade</b></i>	<i><b>Comments</b></i>
<i>Role of the Nurse Assistant</i>	<b>Job Duties and responsibilities</b> – reporting, personal health, safety, resident rights, values, ethics, and legal consideration, reporting abuse and neglect <b>The health care team</b> – care plans, resident care conferences, roles of team member <b>Communication Skills</b>		
<i>Promotion of Health and Safety</i>	Accident prevention Infection control Use of restraints Fire prevention and safety Educating residents about health and safety		
<i>Promotion of Function and Health or Residents</i>	<b>Personal care skills</b> - feeding, bathing, perineal care, nail care, skin care, toileting, grooming, dressing <b>Health maintenance</b> - hydration and nutrition, protective devices, mobility and ambulation, range of motion, turning and positioning, transfer and appliances, bowel and bladder training, grooming, self care, assistive devices <b>Age-related changes</b> <b>Psycho-social needs</b>		
<i>Basic Nursing Skills</i>	<b>Routine situations</b> - vital signs, height, weight, skin, blood pressure, elimination, circulation, dietary, alertness, memory loss, confusion, sadness, fear, anxiety, withdrawn behavior <b>Emergency situations</b> - chest pain, respiratory distress, choking, seizures, difficulty swallowing, diabetes, level of consciousness, falls		
<i>Specialized Care</i>	<b>Physical problems</b> - hearing and vision loss, speech difficulty, mobility, paralysis, incontinence, constipation, diarrhea, nausea, catheter, tube feeding, oxygen therapy, dietary restrictions, pain <b>Psychological problems</b> - confusion, memory loss, anxiety, combativeness, depression, fear, grief, mental retardation, pain <b>Care of the dying resident</b>		

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Additional Comments to Related

Areas: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
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Registered Nurse Evaluator's Name (please print clearly) \_\_\_\_\_

Registered Nurse Evaluator's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

State/Type of Licensure: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information:

Phone or Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## HRP APPLICATION

A \$15 non-refundable application fee to the program (check or money order payable to Valencia Community College) must be submitted to the Business Office with **each** application. Application and check must be together. Do not send separately.

**By mail:** Please mail application and check together to the address listed below.

Valencia Community College  
Business Office, SSB 101  
1800 S. Kirkman Road  
Orlando, FL 32811

Finance Use

**In person:** Please make payment to the Business Office **before** turning in your application to the Health Science Advising Office on the West Campus, building 2, room 208.

### Criminal History

Have you ever been convicted of or entered a no contest or guilty plea regardless of offense other than minor traffic violation?

YES  NO

#### NOTE:

For acceptance into a health science program, and continuing through enrollment the student must not have been found guilty, regardless of adjudication, of an offense that would disqualify the student for employment in health care or a community health setting. Exemptions from disqualification can be granted. Students should make their request for appeal in writing to the Health Sciences Office: 1800 South Kirkman Road, Orlando, FL 32811. Upon receipt of the student's letter the college will inform the student of the appeal process.

The Board of Nursing may or may not allow a graduate from a nursing program who has any arrest or conviction to sit for licensure. The board will not tell you if you can sit for licensure until you are a graduate of an approved nursing school and apply to take the National Boards.

If you have additional concern about this area or questions, please call the Health Science office at 407-582-1288.

**Valencia Community College reserves the right to make changes in admission criteria and program information as circumstances require, and is an Equal Opportunity Institution.**

## INFORMATION SHEET

LPN/Paramedic/RRT/CVT Program Name \_\_\_\_\_

Program Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

LPN License/Paramedic/RRT/CVT Certificate Number \_\_\_\_\_

List LPN/Paramedic/RRT/CVT experience since graduation.

	Institution	Date of Employment
1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____

LPNs Only:

Provide Documentation of IV certification in accordance with BON regulation 64B9-12. (must attach a copy)

### **Paramedic/RRT Only:**

Paramedics are to provide one of the following: (must attach)

- a. Documentation verifying completion of an approved Nursing Assistant or Patient Care Technician education program with a required clinical component and verification of Florida certification as a Nurse Assistant or Patient Care Technician.
- b. Documentation verifying employment as a Certified Nurse assistant or Patient Care Technician.
- c. Documentation verifying employment as a Clinical Nurse Technician.
- d. Documentation verifying military experience delivering direct patient care in an acute care facility.
- e. Rating of "C" or above on all five elements on the Assessment of Patient Care Role form. (attached)

### **All Applicants:**

Are you currently employed? Yes  No

If yes, where are you employed? \_\_\_\_\_

How many hours per week do you work? \_\_\_\_\_

## INDIVIDUALS WITH A DISABILITY:

For the purpose of the Nursing Program a "Qualified individual with a disability is one who, with or without reasonable accommodation or modification, meets the essential eligibility requirements for participation in the program."

Nursing is a practice discipline with cognitive, sensory, affective, and psychomotor performance requirements. Based on these requirements a list of "Core Performance Standards" has been developed. Each standard has an example of an activity which a student will be required to perform while enrolled in the Nursing Program. These standards are a part of each nursing course.

These standards should be used to assist students in determining whether accommodations or modifications are necessary for a student to meet program requirements. Students who identify potential difficulties with meeting the Core Performance Standards must communicate their concerns to the college counseling and advising staff.

Determination is made on an individual basis as to whether or not the necessary accommodations or modifications can be made reasonably.

## CORE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR ADMISSION AND PROGRESSION

Issue	Standard	Some Examples of Necessary Activities (not all inclusive)
Critical Thinking	Critical thinking ability sufficient for clinical judgment	Identify cause-effect relationships in clinical situations, develop nursing care plans
Interpersonal	Interpersonal abilities sufficient to interact with individuals, families, and groups from a variety of social, emotional, cultural, and intellectual backgrounds	Establish rapport with patients/clients and colleagues
Communication	Communication abilities sufficient for interaction with others in verbal and written form	Explain treatment procedures, initiate health teaching, document and interpret nursing care actions and patient/client responses
Mobility	Physical abilities sufficient to move from room to room, maneuver in small spaces, and navigate stairwells	Moves around in patient's rooms, work spaces, and treatment areas, administer nursing procedures
Motor Skills	Gross and fine motor abilities sufficient to provide safe and effective nursing care	Calibrate and use equipment; position patients/clients
Hearing	Auditory ability sufficient to monitor and assess health needs	Hears monitor alarm, emergency signals, auscultatory sounds, cries for help
Visual	Visual ability sufficient for observation, assessment, documentation, and direct safe care necessary in nursing care	Observes patient/client responses
Tactile	Tactile ability sufficient for physical assessment	Perform palpation, functions of physical examination and/or those related to therapeutic intervention, e.g., insertions of a catheter

**COST OF ADVANCED STANDING NURSING PROGRAM  
2009/10**

Approximate costs for instate students in the AST program during the two years curriculum include:

*Tuition fees (\$77.83 cr. hr. x 60)	\$4,669.80
Health Science Entrance Test	40.00
Nursing Application Fee	15.00
Liability Insurance	24.00
Lab fees	414.00
Physical Exam	200.00
Hepatitis Immunizations	150.00
Immunizations: PPD, MMR, Tetanus, Varicella	165.00
CPR Certification	40.00
Books and syllabi (approximate)	600.00
Related course books (based on current market price)	355.00
Uniforms, lab coat, shoes	250.00
Name pins and uniform patches	15.00
Littman stethoscope	65.00
Accessory kit	25.00
Lab supplies	300.00
Background Check	49.00
Graduation pin (estimate)	50.00
Achievement Tests	400.00
<b>Approximate total for two years</b>	<b>\$7,826.80</b>

***\*Current fees subject to change***

(To view current tuition fees, please visit, <http://www.valenciacc.edu/finanserv/fees.cfm>)

To be licensed the student must successfully complete the following:

National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX)	\$405.00
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Nursing student will be responsible for furnishing transportation to the community and/or hospital facilities used by the college for clinical practice.

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