

General Program Description: The **Associate in Applied Science (AAS) in Nursing** is available at nine of the Maricopa Community Colleges. Clinical experiences are provided in a variety of healthcare settings. The Nursing Program provides eligibility for students to apply for the national exam for the practical and the registered nurse license. Licensing requirements are the exclusive responsibility of the State Board of Nursing. This program is approved by the Arizona State Board of Nursing and accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC). The **Practical Nursing Certificate of Completion (CCL) Program** is available at nine of the Maricopa Community Colleges. The **Nurse Assisting Certificate of Completion (CCL) program** prepares students for entry level employment in various health care settings as a nursing assistant. The program combines classroom instruction with clinical laboratory, skilled care and acute care experiences. Students who complete the program are eligible to take a written and practical certification examination and work as a Certified Nursing Assistant.

State and National Certification: All states require registered nurses to be licensed. In Arizona, applicants for a registered nurse license must meet the following requirements: graduate from high school or have a GED; graduate from an approved nursing school; and pass a written exam.

Advancement Options: Many RNs with an ADN or diploma later enter bachelor's degree programs to prepare for a broader scope of nursing practice. Often, they can find an entry-level position and then take advantage of tuition reimbursement benefits to work toward a BSN by completing an RN-to-BSN program.

Projected Job Growth: This occupation has a projected **46% growth over 10 years** (between 2003 and 2013) for the Greater Phoenix MSA. There is an average projected **1,587 job openings each year**, comprised of 1,094 new jobs and 493 position vacated by individuals leaving the field.

Location	Pay Period	Bureau of Labor Statistics - 2006 Salaries*		
		Entry-level	Median	Experienced
United States	Hourly	\$19.35	\$27.54	\$40.11
	Yearly	\$40,200	\$57,300	\$83,400
Greater Phoenix	Hourly	\$18.47	\$28.43	\$37.61
	Yearly	\$38,400	\$59,100	\$78,200
Arizona	Hourly	\$18.43	\$28.06	\$37.59
	Yearly	\$38,300	\$58,400	\$78,200

For more career information for Nursing visit:
www.bls.gov/oco, www.maricopa.edu/workforce,
<http://www.acinet.org/>, or
www.mc.maricopa.edu/students/career/

For MCC program information, contact
Peggy Fridell – 480-461-7335
Nursing Department, Chair
 or visit

<http://www.mc.maricopa.edu/dept2/nursing/>

*Labor market information provided by AZ Dept of Economic Security in cooperation with the U.S. Dept of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Wages will vary depending on the employer, location, hours worked, experience, responsibility and other factors. Career and Re-Entry Services will collaborate with academic and occupational program departments to develop internship and career experience opportunities.

Sample Job Titles: Registered Nurse

Types of Employers: Hospitals, Doctors' Offices, Nursing homes, personal care facilities, Home health care services

Local Employers who posted related jobs on the Maricopa Career

Network: Banner Desert Medical Center, Pantano Behavioral Health, CODA Behavioral Health Services, HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Southern Arizona, Phoenix Baptist Hospital, Maricopa Integrated Health System

Professional Associations
American Nurses Association
<http://nursingworld.org>

For current job openings, go to
Maricopa Career Network
<http://mcmaricopa.jobing.com/>.

For information on the NCLEX-RN exam and a list of individual State boards of nursing, contact:

National Council of State Boards of Nursing
<http://www.ncsbn.org>

Registered Nurse Overview At-A-Glance

- Work under the supervision of doctors
- Work in hospitals, doctors' offices, nursing homes, and clinics
- Keep detailed records
- Usually wear a uniform and safety gear (i.e., masks and gloves)
- May work days, nights, weekends, or holidays
- Training usually lasts three to four years
- Need a license

www.azcis.intocareers.org

For additional information on Nursing careers or to watch occupational videos, visit:

Arizona Career Information Systems (AzCIS)

www.azcis.intocareers.org

User name: mesacc; Password: 4azcis02

Career Voyages
www.careervoyages.gov

Internships are supervised practical training in a short-term or temporary position with an emphasis placed on instruction, training, mentoring, networking and gaining applied work experience. These positions may be paid or unpaid. Contact Career and Re-Entry Services for internship information: 480-461-7430.

Internship Completed: _____ Dates: _____ Location: _____

Service-Learning is a teaching and learning method that connects meaningful community service with academic learning through guided reflection. Contact the Center for Service- Learning for more information: 480-461-7393.

Service-Learning Completed: _____ Dates: _____ Location: _____

Transfer Options: Contact Transfer Services for more transfer information: 480-461-7452.

Career Assessments Completed:

Career Assessment / Results	Date Completed	Reviewed by

Career Readiness Workshops / Activities Completed:

Workshop Name / Activity	Date Completed	Follow Up Contact (s)
Resume Writing Workshop		
Resume completed and reviewed by:		
Participate in Mock Interview		
How To Prepare for a Career Fair		
Attend Career Fair / Job Expo Location:		
Joined Professional Association:		

MCC Career and Re-Entry Services
Providing Guidance for Career and Workplace Success

For more Career Profiles, visit

<http://www.mc.maricopa.edu/students/career/careerprofiles.html>

Meet with a Career Advisor in Bldg #36, Room SS5N - adjacent to the Kirk Student Center, 480-461-7430

