UNIVERSITY OF JUSTICE

Pre-Licensure Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) Program Plan

DEPARTMENT: School of Nursing

CREDENTIAL: Associate of Applied Science (AAS in Nursing)

Duration: 2 Years (4 Semesters)	**Total Credits: 60 SCH**	**Delivery: On-Campus / Clinical Labs**	**Clinical Practicum: 540 Hours**

1. Executive Summary and Institutional Rationale

The University of Justice School of Nursing establishes the Pre-Licensure Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) program to prepare competent, safe, and professional registered nurses for rapid entry into the healthcare workforce. Designed to meet the acute regional demand for bedside registered nurses (RNs), this intensive 2-year Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree integrates foundational biological sciences, nursing therapeutics, pharmacology, mental health care, adult health nursing, and 540 hours of direct patient-care clinical practicum.

Graduates of the program are fully prepared to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) through the Texas Board of Nursing and seamlessly articulate into RN-to-BSN baccalaureate degree pathways.

2. Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs)

- **Deliver Safe Patient-Centred Nursing Care:** Apply clinical judgment, nursing process frameworks, and biological science principles to deliver individualized, evidence-based care across the lifespan.
- **Execute Precise Pharmacological & Clinical Skills:** Calculate accurate medication dosages, administer therapeutics safely via diverse routes, manage intravenous lines, and maintain strict infection control standards.
- **Perform Comprehensive Clinical Assessments:** Conduct thorough head-to-toe physical assessments, monitor vital physiological parameters, interpret diagnostic findings, and respond effectively to patient deterioration.
- **Apply Medico-Legal & Ethical Standards:** Practice within the legal scope of the Texas Nursing Practice Act, adhere to HIPAA privacy guidelines, maintain professional accountability, and demonstrate bioethical decision-making.
- **Achieve NCLEX-RN Licensure Readiness:** Master essential nursing test plan domains, pass comprehensive predictor examinations, and exhibit full professional preparedness for RN licensure.

3. Admissions Requirements

- **Academic Eligibility:** High School Diploma or GED equivalent with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.
- **Prerequisite Coursework:** Successful completion of high school or college-level Chemistry, Biology, and Algebra with a minimum grade of 'C' or higher.
- **Entrance Examinations:** Passing score on either the ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) with an overall composite score of 65% or higher, OR the HESI A2 Examination with a minimum cumulative score of 70% or higher.
- **Background & Health Clearance:** Comprehensive criminal background check clearance by the Texas Board of Nursing, 10-panel drug screening, physical health clearance, complete immunization records (Hepatitis B series, MMR, Varicella, Tdap, annual TB test), and AHA CPR/BLS certification.

4. Comprehensive 2-Year (60 Credits) Curriculum Structure

The curriculum spans four continuous academic semesters (60 Credit Hours total), utilizing standard Texas Common Course Numbering System (TCCNS / WECM) 4-letter course prefixes and 4-digit course numbers.

SEMESTER 1: FALL - FOUNDATIONAL SCIENCES & NURSING BASICS (15 CREDITS)	
BIOL 2401: Human Anatomy & Physiology I with Lab	**4 Credits**
Study of cellular structure, tissue histology, musculoskeletal, nervous, and endocrine body systems with laboratory dissections.	
ENGL 1301: Composition I	**3 Credits**
Focuses on expository writing, critical reading, analytical thinking, scientific literature analysis, and academic research synthesis.	
PSYC 2301: General Psychology	**3 Credits**
Survey of major topics in psychology, human cognition, behavioral principles, personality, stress, and adaptation.	
MATH 1314: College Algebra and Dosage Calculations	**3 Credits**
Algebraic equations, logarithmic functions, dimensional analysis, metric conversions, and clinical dosage math.	
RNSG 1119: Introduction to Nursing & Professional Ethics	**2 Credits**
Introduction to the nursing profession, scope of practice, Texas Nursing Practice Act, therapeutic communication, and bioethics.	

SEMESTER 2: SPRING - ADVANCED A&P;, PHARMACOLOGY & FOUNDATIONAL CLINICAL (15 CREDITS)	
BIOL 2402: Human Anatomy & Physiology II with Lab	**4 Credits**
Detailed study of cardiovascular, respiratory, digestive, urinary, reproductive, and immune systems with laboratory simulation.	
BIOL 2420: Microbiology for Nursing with Lab	**4 Credits**
Morphology, physiology, genetics, transmission, aseptic control, immunology, and pathology of pathogenic microorganisms.	
RNSG 1301: Pharmacology for Nursing Practice	**3 Credits**
Classifications, mechanisms of action, therapeutic effects, adverse reactions, contraindications, and nursing implications of major drug groups.	
RNSG 1413: Foundations of Nursing Practice with Skills Lab	**4 Credits**
Basic clinical nursing skills, vital signs, physical exam setup, medical asepsis, hygiene, and introductory clinical simulation.	

SEMESTER 3: FALL - ADULT HEALTH I, MENTAL HEALTH & PRACTICUM I (15 CREDITS)	
RNSG 2404: Integrated Care of the Adult Patient I	**4 Credits**
Care of adult medical-surgical patients experiencing common acute and chronic physiological disorders across body systems.	
RNSG 2360: Clinical Nursing Practicum I - Adult Health (135 Hours)	**3 Credits**
Supervised medical-surgical clinical placement applying foundational nursing interventions and patient care management in hospital units.	
RNSG 1343: Mental Health and Psychiatric Nursing	**3 Credits**
Nursing management of individuals experiencing psychiatric disorders, therapeutic communication, and mental health crisis response.	
RNSG 1261: Clinical Nursing Practicum II - Psychiatric Nursing (45 Hours)	**2 Credits**
Supervised clinical placement in psychiatric healthcare settings, acute behavioral units, and outpatient mental health clinics.	
PSYC 2314: Lifespan Growth and Development	**3 Credits**
Study of physical, cognitive, emotional, and social development across the human lifespan from conception to geriatrics.	

SEMESTER 4: SPRING - ADULT HEALTH II, MATERNAL/PEDS & CAPSTONE (15 CREDITS)	
RNSG 2432: Integrated Care of the Adult Patient II	**4 Credits**
Advanced medical-surgical nursing care of adult patients with complex, multi-system physiological illnesses and surgical interventions.	
RNSG 2361: Clinical Nursing Practicum III - Advanced Adult & Specialties (180 Hours)	**3 Credits**
Supervised clinical placement in complex medical-surgical floors, maternal-child suites, and step-down units under RN preceptors.	
RNSG 2301: Maternal, Newborn, and Pediatric Nursing Care	**3 Credits**
Nursing care during antepartum, intrapartum, postpartum, normal newborn assessment, and pediatric childhood illnesses.	
RNSG 2438: NCLEX-RN Examination Preparation & Capstead Seminar	**3 Credits**

Comprehensive review of NCLEX-RN test plan domains, adaptive mock board examinations, and transition to practice.	
GOVT 2305: Federal Government (Constitution & Topics)	**2 Credits**
Origin and development of the U.S. Constitution, structure and powers of the national government, and civic responsibilities.	

5. Tuition and Comprehensive Cost Structure

Transparent, credit-hour pricing model covering academic instruction, high-fidelity nursing simulation labs, clinical placement fees, and NCLEX test preparation engines across the 2-year ADN degree.

Direct Institutional Costs (Billed Across 2 Years / 60 Credits)

Expense Category	Cost (USD)	Description
Tuition ($450 / credit × 60 credits)	$27,000.00	Covers all 60 general education, biomedical science, nursing lecture, and clinical practicum credits.
Institutional & Tech Fee ($600 / yr)	$1,200.00	Includes student services, library database access, campus technology fees, and LMS infrastructure across 2 years.
Nursing Sim Lab & Clinical Fee ($500 / yr)	$1,000.00	Covers high-fidelity mannequin simulation labs, IV practice kits, PPE, clinical lab consumables, and hospital placement fees.
NCLEX-RN Prep & EHR License Fee	$650.00	Access to simulated EHR nursing documentation systems, virtual clinical simulation suites, and adaptive NCLEX prep engines.
Total Direct Institutional Costs	**$29,850.00**	**Total billed directly by the University of Justice across the 2-year ADN program.**

Estimated Indirect Expenses (Out-of-Pocket / Third-Party)

Note: These items are paid directly to external vendors across the 2-year program duration.

Expense Item	Estimated 2-Yr Cost	Notes
Textbooks & Digital Science Bundles	$850.00	Required 2-year nursing textbooks, scientific manuals, and digital access codes.
Clinical Uniforms & Equipment	$300.00	Designated ADN clinical scrubs, stethoscope, BP cuff, penlight, and clinical shoes.
Board of Nursing Background Checks	$220.00	Mandatory Board of Nursing background check and fingerprinting clearances.
Immunizations & Physical Exams	$250.00 – $400.00	Dependent on personal health insurance coverage across 2 years.
NCLEX-RN Licensing & Exam Fees	$300.00 – $400.00	Texas Board of Nursing application fee and Pearson VUE NCLEX-RN exam fee.
Total Estimated Indirect Costs	**$1,920.00 – $2,170.00**	**Estimated total out-of-pocket expenses across 2 years.**

GRAND TOTAL ESTIMATED 2-YEAR ADN PROGRAM INVESTMENT: $31,770.00 – $32,020.00

6. Financial Aid, Scholarships, and Payment Options

The University of Justice provides robust financial support mechanisms for Pre-Licensure ADN candidates:

- **Federal Student Aid (FAFSA):** Eligible for Federal Pell Grants, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOG), Direct Subsidized Loans, and Direct Unsubsidized Loans.
- **State Grants & Nursing Scholarships:** Access to state-sponsored nursing education grants, institutional merit scholarships, and healthcare foundation awards.
- **Institutional Monthly Payment Plans:** Interest-free monthly installment options spread across each semester of enrollment.
- **Hospital Tuition Loan Forgiveness & Sponsorship:** Hospital health system partnerships offering tuition reimbursement and loan forgiveness in exchange for post-graduation RN clinical service commitments.

7. Professional Licensure & Career Pathway

Graduates of the ADN program earn direct eligibility for professional RN licensure and advanced clinical career mobility:

- **Registered Nurse (RN) Licensure:** Full eligibility to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) through the Texas Board of Nursing.
- **AHA BLS Certification:** American Heart Association Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers.
- **Clinical Practice Settings:** Employment in Acute Care Hospitals, Med-Surg Units, Long-Term Care Facilities, Ambulatory Surgery Centers, and Outpatient Clinics.

• **Academic Articulation:** Seamless pathway toward RN-to-BSN baccalaureate degree programs and advanced nursing studies.