

## Why Nursing?

- Nursing is the fastest-growing occupation in the U.S.
- Nurses make up the majority of the healthcare industry, and that number continues to grow, with 581,500 more nursing jobs by 2018.
- With an aging population and a shrinking nursing workforce, nurses will be in high demand for the foreseeable future.
- Since its inception, the ENMU-Roswell Nursing Program has educated and graduated more than 800 students who have completed national board exams to become registered nurses.



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## Program Overview

Nurses are in high demand nationwide and a career in nursing can be very rewarding. Nurses are consistently rated first in most ethical professions. ENMU-Roswell's Associate of Science in Nursing Program is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Education in Nursing and the New Mexico Board of Nursing. Following completion of the first year requirements (which may take one academic year or more to complete), students begin a two year (or a minimum of four semesters) program of study leading to an Associate of Science degree in Nursing. Following graduation, candidates sit for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). Mandatory background checks and drug screens are required for all students enrolled in the nursing core courses.

## Completion Options

The first year of the program consists of selected academic courses (including but not limited to Biology and Anatomy and Physiology) in preparation for progression into the nursing core courses. Enrollment in the nursing core courses is limited.

The Associate of Science degree in Nursing transfers into a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Degree program at ENMU.

***See the current catalog for the complete degree plan. Course availability varies each semester.***



## Career Outlook

Employment of registered nurses is projected to grow 16 percent from 2014 to 2024, much faster than the average for all occupations. Growth will occur for a number of reasons, including an increased emphasis on preventive care; growing rates of chronic conditions, such as diabetes and obesity; and demand for healthcare services from the baby-boom population, as they live longer and more active lives. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the mean starting salary is \$68,450 per year or \$32.91 per hour. In New Mexico, the annual starting wage is \$66,030. Nationally, nurses may start as high as \$86,000.

**Top related in-demand job settings/occupations:** acute care hospitals, long-term care facilities, clinics, detention centers and prisons, academic settings, public health, courts, and many more



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