



Minnesota West Community & Technical College

Department of Nursing

Program Outcomes and Student Achievement Data

Associate Degree in Science (AS) Nursing Program (RN training): Program Outcomes:

- The Professional (Associate Degree of Science in Nursing) Program began in 1996 and the first graduates completed in 1997.
- Job placement by 2021 graduates in the AS Nursing Program was 84.6% of students reporting working and/or continuing education. 71% report only working.
- Student Satisfaction: Graduates of the program in 2023 reported 98.33% overall satisfaction with their education and the AS Nursing Program.
- National licensure examination pass rate (NCLEX) for the AS Nursing Program students from 2023 was 76.47%, above the state and national averages for NCLEX-RN first time test takers.
- Program Completion (students start and complete the degree program in 1 year) for the AS Nursing Program in 2023 was 41.40%. In 2023-2024 (as of 1/2024), 72.1% of students are progressing to completion from the AS Nursing Program.
- Small class sizes are important for student success. The program instructor to student ratio for 2023-2024 is 1:14 and was 1:12 in 2022-2023. Clinical courses are 1:8.
- The AS Nursing Program holds accreditation from the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

Practical Nursing Program, Diploma Degree (LPN training) Program Outcomes:

- The Practical Nursing Program began in 1970 and celebrated the first graduates in 1971.
- National licensure examination pass rate (NCLEX) for the Practical Nursing Program students from 2021, 2022, and 2023 was 100%. Minnesota West's PN program passing rates exceeds state and national averages! Minnesota West's PN Program named #1 Nursing Program in Minnesota!
- Job placement for 2022 graduates in the Practical Nursing Program was 85.7% of students reporting working and/or continuing education. 40% report only working.
- Student Satisfaction: Graduates of the program in 2022 reported 99.5% overall satisfaction with their education and the Practical Nursing Program.
- Program Completion (students start and complete the degree program in two semesters) for the Practical Nursing Program in 2022 was 45.7%. In 2023-2024 (as of 1/2024), 87.27% of students are progressing to completion from the Practical Nursing Program.
- Small class sizes are important for student success. The program instructor to student ratio for 2023-2024 is 1:17.5 in lectures courses on campus/1:19.5 in online courses. Lab courses are 1:16 and clinical courses are 1:8.
- The Practical Nursing Program holds accreditation from the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).