A.A.S.  
Maximum of 72 Credit Hours

Required Courses within Program

**Common Courses**  24-29 credits:
- Anatomy and Physiology  5-8 credits
- English 101 or English Composition  3 credits
- General Psychology  3 credits
- Microbiology  4-5 credits
  
  OR
  
- Pathophysiology  3-4 credits
  
**AND**
- Elective Credits  Up to 10 credits

Nursing programs may designate Support Courses as pre or co-requisite courses within their curriculum.

Course list sequence has no implication on course scheduling by colleges.

Institutions may add additional competencies based on local demand.

Competencies identified within the Common Courses represent opportunities for articulation with K-12.

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**Notes**

Specifics pertaining to A.D.N. Nursing programs:

1. Program educational standards and outcomes are established by the Kansas State Board of Nursing.

2. The Kansas Board of Regents defers A.D.N. nursing faculty requirements to those of the Higher Learning Commission and the Kansas State Board of Nursing. Nursing programs and their governing organizations will ensure compliance within those requirements.

3. Successful program completers will be eligible to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX), the passing of which culminates in the Registered Nurse (RN) credential.

4. The Kansas Nurse Practice Act requires an associate degree as the minimum for entry into employment as a Registered Nurse. There are no other exit points.

5. All A.D.N. programs must be approved by the Kansas Board of Nursing.

6. Aligned programs must use the seven revised program outcomes approved by KSBN. If a program required additional program outcomes, additions must be approved by KSBN.

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**ADN Program Outcomes:**

1. Integrate caring behaviors in practicing the art and science of nursing within a diverse population.
2. Implement professional standards and scope of practice within legal, ethical, and regulatory frameworks.
3. Collaborate with clients and members of the inter-professional health care team to optimize client outcomes.
4. Formulate safe and effective clinical judgements guided by the nursing process, clinical reasoning, and evidence-based practice.
5. Provide leadership in the management of care to meet client needs using available resources and current technology.
6. Generate teaching and learning processes to promote and maintain health and reduce risks for a global population.
7. Demonstrate effective communication methods to manage client needs and to interact with other healthcare team members.