

## Clark College Nursing Program

### **Policies and Processes:** Graduation Policy

#### **What is the Purpose of this Policy?**

This policy outlines the graduation policies specific to nursing students.

#### **Aligned Clark College Policies, Legal Requirements and WAC:**

[www.clark.edu/about/arts-events/commencement/](http://www.clark.edu/about/arts-events/commencement/)

WAC 246-840-531 Clinical and practice experiences for students in approved nursing education programs.

#### **Related Documents, Forms and Tools**

Application to graduate

#### **Policy:**

Nursing students must meet all degree requirements set forth by Clark College and additionally must:

- Have completed at least 500 hours of direct patient care during clinical rotations during the program.
- As applicable, have complied with WAC 246-840-521(1)(b) and (c): Observation of licensed or qualified health care professionals practicing a technical skill or therapy may be included in the calculation of student clinical hours. Observation is reserved for care or therapy situations, which students are not qualified to deliver. Skill practice labs are not counted towards clinical practice hours (WAC 246-840-531 (c)).
- As applicable, have [Simulation](#) used as a substitute for traditional clinical experiences, after approval by the commission, which will not exceed fifty percent of the program's clinical hours for a particular course (WAC 246-840-534).

External nursing examinations are not used as the sole basis for program progression or graduation (WAC 246-840-537(7)).

The Clark College Nursing program does not prepare nursing students for licensure as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN).

When students have completed all requirements for a degree/diploma for the approved Washington State Nursing Program as outlined in WAC 246-840-025, 537, 539, or 541, the

nurse administrator will send a Certificate of Completion to the Washington State Board of Nursing (WABON).

Each student must request their official transcripts, with the degrees/diplomas posted, to be sent to the Washington State Board of Nursing as soon as it is available. All Official Clark College transcript is to be ordered through Parchment  
<https://www.parchment.com/u/registration/34066/institution>

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