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Today, there is a significant shortage of qualified registered nurses. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, in the coming decade, more new jobs are expected to be created for registered nurses than for any other occupation. In fact, employment of RNs is expected to grow by 22 percent through 2018.

**INSTRUCTOR PROFILE**  
Diane Bligh



Diane worked as a Licensed Practical Nurse for 16 years before she decided to enroll in FRCC's Nursing Program. "My mentors here had a profound impact on me," says Diane, who graduated with her A.A.S. in 1990. "I absolutely fell in love with learning." After graduating, Diane taught part-time at FRCC and headed immediately to Metro-

politan State College of Denver and earned her B.S.N. in 1993. "I knew then I wanted to become an educator," she says. She completed her M.S. at the University of Northern Colorado in 1996. Diane was recruited to return to FRCC as a full-time faculty member, joining the Westminster staff in 1998. Today, she is assistant program director. "This is where I began my journey. It is amazing and rewarding to be teaching here now."

**Projected Growth Rates for Registered Nurses to 2018**

Physician's offices	48%
Home health care services	33%
Nursing care facilities	25%
Employment services	24%
Hospitals	17%

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (2009)

**Annual Salaries for Registered Nurses**

	Entry-Level	Experienced
Denver-Aurora Metro Area	\$52,860	\$78,212
Boulder-Longmont Metro Area	\$51,592	\$78,277

Colorado Department of Labor and Employment  
Occupational Employment Statistics Survey (2009)

If you find the science of nursing and the art of caring for others appealing, a career in nursing could be right for you. Nursing career opportunities are abundant and diverse. You can work in a variety of areas or specialize in a field such as obstetrics, pediatrics, psychiatric nursing, or gerontological nursing.

**We'll guide you toward success**

At Front Range Community College, we are committed to excellence—to bringing out the best in every single Nursing student. Nurses need excellent communication and assessment skills to help a diverse client population achieve optimal health. We'll help you refine these skills and learn to carefully interpret and analyze information to provide the highest quality patient care possible.

# GET THE SKILLS YOU NEED

## A relevant curriculum

The Nursing Program will prepare you for the rapidly evolving health-care-delivery system. Clinical placements in settings such as community hospitals in Boulder, Denver, Westminster, Brighton and Thornton, and trauma centers and teaching hospitals throughout the Denver Metro Area provide candidates hands-on, acute-care experience. You'll also gain clinical experience in long-term care, home health, and community agency settings.

## GRADUATE PROFILE

### Tom Chandler, A.A.S., 2006



After a career in law enforcement and running his own construction company, Tom needed a change—and he'd always been interested in the medical field. He applied to the FRCC Nursing Program, and admits that his expectations were high. "I was so impressed with the way the curriculum was laid out and the instructors, who truly cared about

every student," he says. Despite working full time, Tom felt well-prepared for the NCLEX-RN exam and passed on his first attempt. Now a diabetes care manager for Kaiser Permanente, he's pursuing his M.S.N. at Regis University and intends to get his Ph.D. Eventually, Tom hopes to teach. "I love where I am now. At Front Range, I discovered what I'm meant to do."

## INSTRUCTOR PROFILE

### Janet Ruiz



"I always wanted to help others, and that's what led me to nursing school," says Janet, a 1998 B.S.N. graduate of the University of Illinois at Chicago and 2002 M.S. graduate of North Park University. During an undergraduate clinical rotation, Janet decided to focus on labor and delivery. She spent seven years at Chicago's Rush Copley Medical Center and Rush University Medical Center, and also taught part-time for one year at Triton College of Nursing. In 2008, Janet moved to Colorado. "FRCC is a wonderful place. We have an amazing faculty that is constantly working to make our program the best in the area. I miss the bedside, but I get to tell my stories now, and I hope students can take that knowledge and use it in whatever work setting they choose."

## Options

- Associate of Applied Science Degree – Graduates of the A.A.S. Nursing Program are eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN).
- Licensed Practical Nurse Exit Option – Students may complete the first year of the A.A.S. Nursing Program and NUR 169 to receive a certificate and be eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN).
- Nursing Advanced Placement Bridge Program (LPN to ADN) – The Bridge Program allows Licensed Practical Nurses to complete the transition course (NUR 189) and enter the second year of the A.A.S. Nursing Program. Graduates are eligible to apply to take the NCLEX-RN.
- RN to BSN 2+2 Program – Registered Nurses with associate degrees can earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Metropolitan State College of Denver. Take your classes at the Westminster Campus.

## Learn from great instructors

Our Nursing faculty are master's-degree-prepared educators who have worked in the field and are now eager to share their knowledge with students. They have stories to tell that help students get a sense of what nursing work is actually like. And with small class sizes and hands-on learning experiences at clinical sites, you'll gain plenty of personal attention and interaction.

## Accreditation

The Westminster Nursing Program has continuing full approval from the Colorado State Board of Nursing and continuing accreditation from the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission.

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## GRADUATE PROFILE

### Ana Maria Garcia, A.A.S., 2008



Ana Maria came to the United States in 1993—after three years of medical school in her native Colombia. She aspired to continue her studies, but was forced to rethink her path when her credits wouldn't transfer. In 2000, Ana became a dialysis technician for DaVita, a leading provider of kidney care. Soon, she started the FRCC Nursing Program.

"I was amazed by the program's quality. It was like a one-to-one education." Today, Ana still works for DaVita, but was promoted to charge nurse when she graduated. She's also pursuing her B.S.N. at Metropolitan State College of Denver. "I feel I was well-prepared by FRCC's Nursing Program. You learn from warm, supportive instructors."



## Information sessions

To learn more about the Nursing Program, please attend an information session. You will find out about required prerequisite courses, the procedure to be placed on the waitlist, FRCC's admission process, and estimated program costs.

Information sessions are the second Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in Room B0353. No meetings take place in July or December.

## GET STARTED!

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