The W. Cary Edwards School of Nursing baccalaureate, master’s and graduate nursing certificate programs at Thomas Edison State College are accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC). The College has pioneered the use of the latest technology to develop flexible, high-quality educational programs for self-directed adults and is a national leader in the assessment of adult learning. Forbes magazine identified the College as one of the top 20 schools in the nation in the use of technology to create learning opportunities for adults. Thomas Edison State College is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, 3624 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104, (267-284-5000) and has been selected by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) as a participating institution of the Yellow Ribbon GI Education Enhancement Program, a provision of the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008.

I am quite fortunate because I was able to apply my recent degree immediately. The application of Thomas Edison State College’s online learning has afforded me advancement in my career, which lead to financial stability for me and my family. — James Young, RN, BSN ‘11

St. Francis Medical Center
Trenton, N.J.

The online RN-BSN/MSN degree programs are designed for experienced registered nurses (RNs) who want an alternative to campus-based instruction. Three options are offered: BSN (Bachelor of Science in Nursing), BSN/MSN (Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Master of Science in Nursing) and MSN (Master of Science in Nursing).

The BSN degree includes 9 graduate credits (three courses) at the undergraduate tuition rate that may apply to MSN degree requirements at Thomas Edison State College, with only 27 additional credits (nine courses) needed to complete the MSN degree. The MSN degree is awarded on program completion for both BSN and BSNM students.

Three nursing specialties are offered in the MSN degree: Nurse Educator, Nursing Informatics and Nursing Administration. All programs may be completed by taking 12-week, mentored independent learning courses that are offered quarterly online. Requirements include participation in online asynchronous group discussions and written assignments submitted online.

TO LEARN MORE about the degree and certificate programs for the W. Cary Edwards School of Nursing at Thomas Edison State College, contact us at (888) 442-8372 or nursinginfo@tesc.edu.

TO APPLY ONLINE, visit www.tesc.edu/nursing.
The BSN Degree program requires a minimum of 120 credits:
- 60 in general education, 48 in nursing and 12 free electives.

> General Education
The 60-credit requirement in general education provides students with a knowledge of intellectual and practical skills, human cultures and the physical and natural world, and personal and social responsibility.

> Professional Nursing
The 48-credit nursing requirement includes 30 credits of lower-division nursing and 28 credits of upper-division nursing.

> Lower-Division Nursing
The 30-credit lower-division nursing requirement will be satisfied by transfer credit from an associate degree nursing program or by the award of credit for diploma nursing course work.

> Upper-Division Nursing
The 28-credit upper-division nursing requirement may be completed entirely through online courses offered by the College. Three graduate courses, Health Policy, Nursing Informatics: Concepts and Issues and Advanced Health Assessment, will be completed by all RN-BSN degree students and may be applied to the MSN degree.

> Free Electives
Twelve credits of college-level course work and examinations that do not duplicate other credits may be used, with a maximum of 8 credits from physical education activity courses.

> BSN Credit Distribution

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<td>Professional Nursing Credits</td>
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<td>Credit for prior nursing courses</td>
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<td>NUR-340 Nursing Informatics</td>
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Total 120 credits

> MSN Degree Program Requirements
The MSN degree requires a minimum of 36 credits consisting of different combinations of courses: core, direct care core, electives, specialty and Practicum. Two years of nursing experience is recommended, and a BSN degree from an accredited program is required.

The Nurse Educator program prepares graduates for teaching roles in healthcare and academic settings. The Nursing Informatics program prepares graduates to function as a nursing informatics specialist. The Nursing Administration program prepares graduates for the role of nurse administrator in healthcare settings. A certificate in the student's selected area of specialty is awarded along with the MSN degree.

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> Graduate Nursing Certificate Programs
The graduate nursing certificate programs are designed for experienced RNs with a master’s in nursing who want to develop the knowledge and skills needed to practice in another area of nursing specialty. The specialties offered are the same as those in the MSN program, and consist of the theory and Practicum courses listed above. A certificate for 12-18 credits will be awarded on program completion depending on the student’s choice of specialty and program requirements.

> Certificate Credit Distribution

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<td>Nurse Educator</td>
<td>12 to 15 credits*</td>
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<td>Nursing Informatics</td>
<td>18 credits**</td>
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<td>Nursing Administration</td>
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*The Nurse Educator certificate student may complete one or both Practicums.
**Nursing Informatics: Concepts and Issues is required if not completed as part of MSN degree requirements at Thomas Edison State College.

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Graduate Nursing Tuition Per Credit $599

NOTE: Tuition and fees for courses and examinations for the nursing and general education requirements taken at other institutions will be the student's responsibility. All fees are subject to change.

Students in the RN/BSN/MSN degree programs and the graduate nursing certificate programs who, in a 12-month period, earn a minimum of 3 credits at Thomas Edison State College will be considered continuously enrolled.

> Nursing Programs Offer:
Open, rolling admissions
- 12-week online courses, quarterly terms and a self-paced schedule
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> Graduate Nursing Certificate Programs

Our mentors come from a variety of ethnicities and geographic locations. As one who has worked on both U.S. coasts, I value these online exchanges and exploring patient care from a number of perspectives.

Lisa Modrjan, RN, CHN-BC - BSN Student RN Supervisor Fellowship Village Homecare Liberty Corner, N.J.

After graduating with my BSN from Thomas Edison State College, my employment opportunities flourished. Going back for my MSN guarantees a future in nursing education, a passion of mine. My ability to individually as well as collectively participate in staff development is a direct result of my education from Thomas Edison State College.

Jennifer Morell, RN, BC-IOB, EMT, BSN '07, MSN student
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