

EARN & LEARN PROFILES



Program Name	Advanced Student Experience (ASE)
Organization	Austin Community College
Partners	St. David's Healthcare

EDUCATION

This is an ACC Advanced Clinical Immersion (ACI) program. Nursing students in their final semester of the Associate Degree Nursing (RN) program at ACC work approximately 36 hours per week, twelve of those weekly hours are counted towards completion of their final semester clinical course.

PAY

Students receive a stipend of \$1,500 to be part of the preceptorship program and once they complete the semester they receive another \$1,500 for a total of \$3,000 for that semester.

OTHER SUPPORTS

Students are eligible to use all ACC resources and support. St. David's also supports the ASE participants in further learning the nursing content and preparing for the licensure exam.

PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

20 students participate annually

IMPACT

Students earn while learning during their clinical experiences. In addition, the data thus far demonstrates increased success in first-time RN Licensure pass rates for students participating in the ASE program. Students in this program have had a 100% pass rate. In addition, according to St. David's Healthcare, the time needed to orient and transition them into practice once they graduate has been reduced significantly and retention has increased. The preceptors, unit managers, and students report high satisfaction with this program.

HOW TO SIGN-UP

1. The student nurse must complete a rigorous application and vetting process, which includes a two-tiered interview process, demonstrate compliance with the nursing program requirements, and maintain an acceptable grade point average.
2. After these conditions are met, the student is hired and assigned a unit and trained preceptor and gains beneficial nursing experience.
3. They complete 150 hours of clinical on their assigned unit with a trained preceptor satisfying a portion of ACC's clinical requirements, and they get paid from the participating hospital.
4. The students make a verbal agreement with the hospital to work on the assigned unit after they graduate. The student nurse has a clinical professor conducting supervisory visits and liaising with the preceptor, hospital, and college.