

LPN TO RN ADVANCED STANDING PROGRAM

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN NURSING

NURSING DIVISION

Admission to the College

1. Submit to College Admissions Office:
 - a. Northwest State Community College application.
 - b. Official high school transcript or G.E.D. certificate.
 - c. Transcripts from Approved Practical Nursing School.
 - d. Official college transcript(s) (if any).

Admission to the LPN to RN Advanced Standing Program:

1. Submit directly to the Nursing Office:
 - a. Application to LPN to RN Advanced Standing Program.
 - b. High school transcript.
 - c. Transcript from approved PN school.
2. Must be a graduate of a Practical Nursing program and have current Ohio LPN licensure without restrictions and with medication administration privileges. Six months continuous nursing experience with minimum 800 hours within the past two years is required.
3. All students are required to demonstrate proficiencies in reading, writing, and mathematics based on scores on the College placement test, ACT or take the recommended classes. If you have not taken these tests, call (419) 267-1320 for a testing appointment; recommended courses must be completed.
4. Complete National League for Nursing Pre-admission Exam for registered nursing programs (PAX-RN) with a score \geq 50th percentile in each subject area.
5. Meet ONE criterion in each of the following areas.
 - a. **Academic Background**
 1. LPN Program Certificate with college GPA \geq 2.5.
 2. Complete 16 semester hours college work with GPA \geq 2.5.
 - b. **Algebra**
 1. Meets course placement results for MTH090 Intermediate Algebra proficiency.
 2. Algebra II in high school and ACT \geq 22.
 3. College equivalent (MTH090 Intermediate Algebra) with a minimum grade of "S".
 - c. **Chemistry**
 1. High school chemistry with lab with minimum grade of "B".
 2. High school chemistry with a "C", plus an ACT science score of \geq 24.
 3. College equivalent (CHM101) with minimum grade of "C".
 - d. **Computer Competency**
 1. High school microcomputer course with minimum grade of "C" since 1992.
 2. Successfully complete or proficiency CIS090 Introduction to Computers or equivalent.
 - e. **Keyboarding Competency**
 1. High school keyboarding course with a minimum grade of "C".
 2. Successfully complete or proficiency OAS090 Keyboarding Basics or equivalent.
6. Complete the following courses with a "C" (2.0) grade or better prior to admission to advanced standing program:
 - a. BIO231 Anatomy & Physiology I
 - b. BIO232 Anatomy & Physiology II
 - c. PSY230 Human Growth and Development
 - d. PSY110 General Psychology
7. Students will not be admitted to the program if a grade of less than "C" is received more than one time in any of the above courses.
8. Students must pass with a maximum of 2 attempts NLN Acceleration Challenge Exam I - Nursing Care During Childbearing and Nursing Care of the Child at a 70 decision score; or complete coursework with a maximum of 2 attempts and a grade of "C" or better:
 - a. NRS209 Nursing Care During Childbearing & Childhood;
 - b. NRS207 Nursing Care of the Family Throughout Pregnancy, (SU only); or
 - c. NRS208 Nursing Care of the Family with Children(SU only)
9. Acceptance into the program is based on completion of criteria and review by the Committee. Applicants will be notified by letter regarding their acceptance into the program. When more qualified applicants have applied than seats available:
 - a. Consideration will be given to students having the greatest number of credit hours completed from the Advanced Standing Curriculum.
 - b. Priority will be given to students who have completed coursework at Northwest State Community College.
 - c. Technical grade point average will be used to determine placement when criteria are equal.
10. If criteria (1 through 8) are not met, the LPN may apply to the generic ADN program.
11. This is a rigorous program. Full-time employment is not recommended during the clinical courses.
12. Upon acceptance, the applicant must submit:
 - a. Nursing Acceptance deposit fee (\$100.00) to hold a seat in the assigned clinical.
13. Prior to entry into the program the applicant must submit:
 - a. Completed health and immunization forms and verify current CPR with Red Cross (CPR/AED) or American Heart Association BLS for the Healthcare Provider.
 - b. round check.
 - c. Drug screen.
14. Clinical agencies utilized by the nursing program may require a negative criminal background check and a negative drug screen. Although the College will make reasonable efforts to place admitted students in clinical experiences, it will be up to the host facility to determine whether a student will be allowed to be placed at that facility. A positive criminal background check or drug screen requires a conference with the Dean of Nursing to determine whether the student can continue in the clinical nursing program. Students with a positive background check or drug screen may be dismissed from the nursing program.
15. Guidelines from the Center for Disease Control state that "health care workers who have exudative lesions or weeping dermatitis should refrain from all direct patient care... until the condition resolves."
16. The following performance standards are necessary to safely and accurately carry out nursing duties:
 - a. Critical thinking ability sufficient for clinical judgment.
 - b. Physical abilities sufficient to move from room to room and maneuver in small spaces.
 - c. Tactile ability sufficient for physical assessment.
 - d. Ability to prepare and administer medications.
 - e. Ability to transfer patients.
 - f. Ability to read medication labels and patient records.
 - g. Ability to take blood pressure and hear breath sounds through a stethoscope (special types are available).
 - h. Communicate English clearly enough for most patients to understand and be able to understand the verbal communication of English-speaking clients.
 - i. Clear written communication.
17. Anyone with a felony, misdemeanor, or a D.U.I. conviction will be required, after completing the nursing program, to attend a hearing before the Ohio State Board of Nursing to determine eligibility to sit for the National Licensure exam. Anyone who has been convicted of or pled guilty to aggravated murder, murder, voluntary manslaughter, felonious assault, kidnapping, rape, sexual battery, gross sexual imposition, aggravated arson, aggravated robbery or aggravated burglary will not be eligible for licensure in Ohio. State Law (Senate Bill 38 and Senate Bill 160) requires certain agencies providing care to children or adults age 60 or older to require a Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (BCII) check of past misdemeanors and felonies. Job seekers are prohibited from holding such jobs if they have previously been convicted of (or pleaded guilty to) a variety of offenses.
18. Clinical component must be completed within three (3) years.

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This three semester program is designed to prepare the Licensed Practical Nurse for licensure as a registered nurse. The program incorporates face-to-face and online coursework, labs, and clinicals to prepare the student to function as a member of the health care team. Students must meet all admission criteria prior to taking a clinical nursing course. Policies regulating the nursing program are available in the *Student Nurse Handbook*.

Graduates are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX-RN) for licensure as a Registered Nurse. Students who have prior misdemeanor, felony, or D.U.I. convictions may be denied the opportunity to take the NCLEX-RN.

The Associate Degree Nursing program is fully approved by the Ohio Board of Nursing and accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 500, Atlanta, GA 30326.

Program Learning Outcomes for All Associate Degree Nursing Programs

1. Integrate knowledge from physical, biological, behavioral and nursing sciences and general studies in providing comprehensive nursing care.
2. Integrate the nursing process to maintain, restore, and promote health of individuals, families, and groups of all ages in a variety of settings.
3. Incorporate principles and techniques of effective interpersonal relationships with clients, colleagues, and health team members.
4. Adapt nursing practice to reflect the worth and dignity of clients within the ethical-legal obligations of associate degree nursing.
5. Assume responsibility for continued learning and personal growth in nursing practice.
6. Accept accountability and responsibility to clients, to the nursing profession, and to society for own nursing practice.
7. Analyze the past, present and emerging roles of the associate degree nurse.
8. Apply concepts of leadership and management in utilizing human and material resources for nursing practice as an associate degree nurse.

<u>Fall Semester</u>		<u>Credits</u>
	ENG111	Composition I..... 3
+	NRS211	LPN to RN Transition Course..... 3
+	NRS212	LPN to RN Bridge Course..... $\frac{1}{7}$

<u>Spring Semester</u>		<u>Credits</u>
	BIO257	Microbiology..... 4
+	NRS215	Nursing Care of Clients with Psychosocial Health Needs..... 5
+	NRS216	Nursing Care of Clients with Physiological Needs II..... 3
	PHI220	Ethics in Health Care..... $\frac{3}{15}$

<u>Fall Semester</u>		<u>Credits</u>
	ENG112	Composition II..... 3
+	NRS217	Nursing Care of Clients with Physiological Health Needs III..... 5
+	NRS218	Concepts in Management of Groups of Clients..... 4
	STA120	Introduction to Statistics..... $\frac{3}{15}$

Van Wert Campus LPN to RN Advanced Standing Program

The LPN to RN Advanced Standing Program is also offered in Van Wert, Ohio through a unique collaboration between NSCC, Vantage Career Center and Wright State University (Lake Campus). Necessary remedial and all general education courses are offered at the Van Wert site either by NSCC at 793 Fox Road or Wright State University at Vantage Career Center. All nursing courses are through NSCC. Contact the nursing division for specific details.

NRS211 is considered a validation course and can only be taken one time. Students who are unsuccessful may apply to the two year associate degree program.

Students must attain a minimum grade of "C" in all courses to progress in the program and to graduate.

+ Refers to technical coursework

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