

Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing

AREA: Nursing

DEGREE: Associate of Applied Science Degree

LENGTH: Four semesters

PURPOSE: The two-year Associate of Applied Science Degree Program in nursing is designed to prepare selected students to function as contributing members of the health care team, providing direct patient care as beginning practitioners of nursing in a variety of health care environments. Students who successfully complete the curriculum are awarded the Associate of Applied Science degree in nursing and are eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN) leading to licensure as a registered nurse (RN). The Board of Nursing can deny licensure to any applicant who has filed false information and/or who has committed a felony/misdemeanor. (Certain health care facilities may not employ individuals who have committed certain criminal acts and may conduct criminal background checks before hiring potential employees).

The Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) Program is designed to provide a base of general education from which the graduate will grow and develop as a contributing member of society. The curriculum also provides a background for maximum transfer opportunities to baccalaureate or masters programs. The ADN Program is an academically challenging program. The program is open to men and women who provide evidence of interest, motivation and aptitude in the area of health care. Students shall be selected on the basis of established criteria and without regard to age, race, creed, sex, or national origin. Students with disabilities, who meet the admission requirements, pass the physical/mental exam and submit the physical examination form signed by their health care provider stating that they are able to perform as student nurses in the clinical setting are eligible for admission. It is the responsibility of the student to meet the physical/mental requirements for state licensure. Lord Fairfax Community College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, disability, age, or gender in their admission procedures.

OCCUPATIONAL OBJECTIVES: Employment opportunities for the graduate nurse include, but are not limited to, hospitals, long-term-care facilities, clinics, home health, health departments, primary care offices, day-care centers, civil service, military service, industry, private duty and community health services.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS: Requirements for admissions to the ADN Program are specific and admission is selective and competitive. All admission requirements

must be completed in order to be considered in the selection process. In all cases, the recommendation of the selection committee is the final determinant for admission to the nursing program. Current information may be obtained from the Division of Science and Health Professions.

1. Application to Lord Fairfax Community College (LFCC)
2. LFCC placement tests and completion of any developmental work that may be identified by the placement test. Must show competency in MTE 1-6 and ENG 111 to satisfy requirements without taking remediation.
3. Completion of:
 - High school chemistry or CHM 110 or CHM 101 with a minimum grade of C
 - High school biology or BIO 101 with a minimum grade of C
 - Minimum GPA 2.5
4. Evidence of ITE 115 or computer competency IC³
5. Completion of Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) admission examination (only available mid-November through the third week of March)
6. Completion of Nursing Program application with all required transcripts
7. Minimum grade point average of 2.5

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Failure to meet requirements will be cause for administrative withdrawal of the student from the ADN Program.

1. Upon admission to the program
 - a. Physical history and examination are required. All applicants must be free of any physical and/or mental condition which might adversely affect their performance as nurses.
 - b. Completion of all required immunizations
 - c. American Heart Association CPR Certification as a Health Care Provider (to include adult, infant, and child)
 - d. Completion of criminal background search, fingerprinting and drug screen as required and to the satisfaction of affiliating clinical agencies
2. Completion of 68 credits with a minimum grade of C in all general education and nursing courses including a required preceptorship during NUR 222

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3. Transportation to and from the College and agencies used for clinical experiences
4. Student is responsible for all fees charged for required testing, uniforms, books and criminal background search/drug screen.
5. Strict adherence to attendance and performance policies for classroom and clinical courses
6. Sign an agreement which releases all clinical agencies and their employees, Lord Fairfax Community College, the Virginia Community College System and the Commonwealth of Virginia from any liability for any injury or death to the student or damage to her/his property arising out of agreement of use of facilities associated with the nursing program

ACCREDITATION: The Associate Degree Program is approved by the State Board for Community Colleges, the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia and the Virginia Board of Nursing.

First Semester (Fall) (Acceptance into the ADN Program prerequisite to NUR courses)

BIO	141	Anatomy and Physiology I	4
ENG	111	College Composition I	3
NUR	105	Nursing Skills	3
NUR	136	Principles of Pharmacology	2
HLT	130	Nutrition and Diet Therapy	2
PSY	230	Developmental Psychology	3
SDV	101/100	Orientation to the Health Professions	1
Total			18

Second Semester (Spring)(Completion of all First Semester courses with grade of C or better prerequisite to NUR courses)

BIO	142	Anatomy and Physiology II	4
NUR	108	Nursing Principles and Concepts I	5
NUR	200	Essentials of Mental Health Nursing	3
NUR	226	Health Assessment	2
SOC	200	Principles of Sociology*	3
Total			17

Third Semester (Summer)

BIO	150	Introduction to Microbiology	4
Total			4

Fourth Semester (Fall) (Completion of all Second Semester and Summer courses with grade of C or better prerequisite to NUR courses)

CST	100	Principles of Public Speaking **	3
NUR	180	Essentials of Maternal/Newborn Nursing	3
NUR	221	Second Level Nursing Principles & Concepts I	9
Total			15

Fifth Semester (Spring)(Completion of all courses above prerequisite to NUR courses)

NUR	222	Second Level Nursing Principles & Concepts II	9
NUR	255	Nursing Organizations and Management	2
PHI	220	Ethics ***	3
Total			14

Program Total **68**

*SOC 207 Medical Sociology can substitute for SOC 200.

**CST 110 Introduction to Speech Communication can substitute for CST 100.

***Students transferring credits from another college may substitute the following courses for the PHI 220 requirement: ART 100, 102; ENG 241,242, 243, 244, 251, 252; HUM 100, 201, 202; MUS 121, 122; PHI 101, 225, 226, 227; REL 231, 232; SPS 151, 152; and a foreign language course, including American Sign Language (ASL).

Effective Fall 2009, HLT 130 changed from 1 credit to 2 credits and NUR 136 changed from 1 credit to 2 credits. Students may substitute the 1 credit courses taken prior to Fall 2009 to satisfy program requirements until May 2013.

ENROLLMENT: When enrollments must be limited for any curriculum (because the number of applicants exceeds available space), priority will be given to qualified applicants who are residents of the LFCC service region as designated by the VCCS. This includes the counties of Clarke, Fauquier, Frederick, Page, Rappahannock, Shenandoah and Warren and the city of Winchester.

TRANSFER STUDENTS: Students who wish to transfer into the LFCC Associate Degree Nursing Program are considered on a space-available basis. The following requirements must be satisfied in order for a student to be eligible for transfer into the program:

- Student must be in good standing with the current nursing program, eligible to continue during the next academic semester without any open issues of clinical competency, academic performance or student conduct.

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- LFCC ADN Program entrance requirements must be satisfied.
- LFCC ADN general education requirements must be satisfied to the point of the curriculum at which the student requests transfers (e.g., third semester, fourth semester, etc.).
- Transfer and substitutions of nursing courses are subject to faculty evaluation of course syllabi and approval by the program leader; a minimum of 80% content overlap is required. The student must then validate knowledge retention with a grade of 80% or better on a faculty constructed comprehensive exam, and clinical competencies via laboratory and/or clinical experience.