

## Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing

**AREA:** Nursing

**DEGREE:** Associate of Applied Science Degree

**LENGTH:** Four semesters

**PURPOSE:** The Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing (ADN) at Lord Fairfax Community College (LFCC) is designed to prepare students to master entry level registered nurse knowledge. Students will integrate the art of nursing skills with the science of health education in order to provide holistic client care.

Upon satisfactory completion of this program, the student will be eligible to take the National Council of State Boards of Nursing examination (NCLEX-RN), for licensure as a registered nurse (RN). Opportunities for the entry level RN include employment in a myriad of health care settings.

**TRANSFER GUIDELINES:** Transfer opportunities for associate of applied science degrees, if existing, are very specific in nature. Students enrolling in an applied science degree with plans to transfer should explore opportunities with an advisor.

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:** Acceptance into the ADN program is selective and competitive. Submission of an application does not guarantee acceptance into the ADN program. Applicants not selected for the program must complete and resubmit a new application packet each year. Applicants for the ADN program are selected one time per academic year.

Students considering the ADN program are required to successfully complete the general admission requirements earning a "C" or better in all required admission coursework by time of submitting nursing application.

1. Application to Lord Fairfax Community College (LFCC).
2. Graduation from high school or satisfactory completion of the certificate of general education development (GED or equivalent); official copy required.
3. One unit of high school biology and one unit of high school chemistry; or college equivalents (BIO 101: CHM 101 or CHM 111).
4. BIO 141 and 142 (Must have been completed within the past 8 years.  
The student can be currently enrolled in BIO 142 in the spring; the acceptance to the nursing program will be conditional based upon the final grade of a "C" in BIO 142.
5. LFCC placement tests (if required) and completion of any developmental work that may be identified by the placement test. Must place into ENG 111 and show proficiency in MTE 1-6.

6. A GPA of 2.5 or higher based on the twelve most recent college credits completed by the end of Fall semester prior to submitting a nursing application.
7. Meet certain computer competencies prior to entering the nursing program. Applicants are required to review and sign, "Essential Computer Competency Checklist." Students without the required skill set are encouraged to enroll in ITE 115.
8. Completion of the required HESI admission assessment exam components scoring at or above the 45<sup>th</sup> percentile in each required component and the HESI critical thinking exam by the established spring deadline (generally the first week of March).
  - Required HESI admission assessment exam components and the HESI critical thinking exam must be taken by all nursing program applicants as part of the application packet.
  - HESI will be available in the Testing Centers at all three LFCC locations. Testing is by appointment only, usually beginning in January. January and February will be for initial testing only with retakes in March. Please go to [www.lfcc.edu](http://www.lfcc.edu) to schedule an appointment at the Middletown or Fauquier Campus or Luray-Page Center.
  - **Nursing entrance exams are good for 2 application cycles only. NOTE: Needed entrance exam scores (at or above the 45%) change on a yearly basis.**

Pre-Nursing students are **strongly encouraged** to attend one of the nursing information sessions. Please use the link to view the nursing information session dates and locations: [http://www.lfcc.edu/areas-of-study/areas-pf-study-a-to-z/health professions-997/nursing/nursing-information-sessions/index.html](http://www.lfcc.edu/areas-of-study/areas-pf-study-a-to-z/health%20professions-997/nursing/nursing-information-sessions/index.html).

**Upon acceptance to the ADN program the student must:**

- Submit a completed physical history and examination, including immunizations.
- Provide proof of cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) by the American Heart Association/Healthcare Provider Course.
- Complete a criminal background check and drug screening required of each student and conducted by the college-designated contractor. Information will be provided at orientation. The costs of the background check and the drug screen are the responsibility of the student.
- Comply will all rules and guidelines of the LFCC Nursing Student Handbook and the LFCC Student Handbook.

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- 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 his/her property arising out of agreement of use of facilities associated with the nursing program.
- Nursing students enrolled in nursing courses are required to purchase malpractice insurance. Students may purchase malpractice insurance from independent providers.

Successful completion of the required 69 credits with a minimum grade of "C" in all general education and nursing courses is required for the ADN.

**APPROVAL:** The LFCC ADN is approved by the State Board for Community Colleges, the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia and the Virginia Board of Nursing, Southern Association of College and Schools (SACSCOC) and State Council for Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV).

### Admission requirements

BIO	141	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4
BIO	142	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4
<b>Total</b>			<b>8</b>

**First Semester** Acceptance into the ADN Program is required to enroll in NUR courses.

NUR	120	Nursing Terminology and Charting	2
NUR	106	Nursing Principles and Health Assessment	5
ENG	111	College Composition I	3
PSY	230	Developmental Psychology	3
SDV100/101		Orientation to Health Professions	1
HLT	130	Nutrition and Diet Therapy	2
<b>Total</b>			<b>16</b>

**Second Semester** Completion of all First Semester courses with grade of "C" or better prerequisite to NUR courses.

NUR	200	Essentials Mental Health Nursing	3
NUR	212	Second Level Nursing II	7
NUR	136	Principles of Pharmacology	2
SOC	200	Principles of Sociology (SOC 207 may substitute for SOC 200)	3
<b>Total</b>			<b>15</b>

**Summer Semester** Completion is required prior to starting the third semester of the nursing program

BIO	150	Introduction to Microbiology (must have been completed within the past 8 years)	4
<b>Total</b>			<b>4</b>

**Third Semester** Completion of all Second Semester and summer courses with grade of "C" or better prerequisite to NUR courses

NUR	180	Essentials of Maternal/Newborn Nursing	3
NUR	214	Second Level Nursing IV	7
CST	100	Principles of Public Speaking CST 110 and/or CST 138 may substitute for CST 100	3
<b>Total</b>			<b>13</b>

**Fourth Semester:** Completion of all courses above with grade of "C" or better is prerequisite to NUR courses

NUR	213	Secondary Level Nursing II	8
NUR	255	Nursing Organization and Management	2
PHI	220	Ethics (PHI 227 may substitute for PHI 220)	3
<b>Total</b>			<b>13</b>

**Program Total** **69**