

Associate of Applied Science Degree: Advanced Placement Option for Licensed Practical Nurses

In fall 2018, Lord Fairfax Community College will begin participating in the statewide curriculum for community college nursing programs. Developed by nursing faculty from across the state of Virginia, the new program is designed to meet emerging trends in health care and focuses on learning nursing's most central concepts.

Students applying to start LFCC's Nursing Program in fall 2018 should attend an upcoming informational session regarding these changes and check the nursing website located at <https://lfcc.edu/nursing/>

AREA: Nursing

DEGREE: Associate of Applied Science Degree

LENGTH: Four semesters following completion of all admission requirements

PURPOSE: The advanced placement option for licensed practical nurses (LPNs) option is designed to prepare LPNs with a current unrestricted license in the Commonwealth of Virginia the opportunity to pursue a curriculum which will provide them with an Associate of Applied Science degree and eligibility to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN®). The Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing (ADN) at Lord Fairfax Community College (LFCC) is designed to prepare students for the role as an entry level registered nurse. Students will integrate the art of nursing skills with the science of health education in order to provide holistic patient-centered care. 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.

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

ACCREDITATION: This nursing education program is a candidate for accreditation by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS: Requirements for the admission to the advanced placement option for LPNs are specific and admission 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 advanced placement option for LPNs are selected one time per academic year. Students considering the advanced placement option for LPNs are required to successfully complete the general admission requirements earning a "C" or better in all required admission work by the time the nursing application is submitted.

1. Application for Lord Fairfax Community College (LFCC) and nursing program.
2. 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.
3. Graduation from high school or satisfactory completion of the certificate of general education development (GED or equivalent); official copy required.
4. One unit of high school biology and one unit of high school chemistry; or college equivalents (BIO 101, CHM 101 or CHM 111).
5. BIO 141 & 142 must have been completed within the past 8 years with a "C" or better.
6. Meet certain computer competencies prior to entering the nursing program. Applicants are required to review and sign the, "Essential Computer Competency Checklist." Students without the required skill set are encouraged to enroll in ITE 115. See requirements here: <http://www/lfcc.edu/wp-content/2015/03/ADN-Computer-Comptentcey.pdf>
7. A GPA of 2.5 or higher based on a minimum of the the 12 most recent college credits or high school units completed by the end of summer semester prior to submitting a nursing application.
8. Completion of required admission assessment exam (HESI LPN to ADN entrance exam) at or above the established benchmark of 850.
 - Information about HESI testing will be available early May on the nursing website.
 - Two attempts on the admission exam are permitted per application cycle.
 - Nursing entrance exams are good for 2 application cycles only.
9. Official transcripts documenting graduation from an approved practical nursing program and evidence of a current unrestricted license in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
10. Submit official transcripts from other institutions with the application to advanced placement option for LPNs.

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11. Admission requirements must be completed by summer application (includes remedial work for Math or English, high school biology and chemistry or the college equivalent).

Admission and General Education Requirements

(17 credits)		
Course	Title	Credits
BIO 141	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4
BIO 142	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4
ENG 111	College Composition I	3
PSY 230	Developmental Psychology	3
SDV 101/100	Orientation to Health Professions	1
HLT 130	Nutrition and Diet Therapy*	2

Pre-Nursing students are strongly encouraged to view the nursing information session located on the nursing website.

Upon acceptance to the advanced placement option for LPNs the student will be given information and instructions with regards to the following:

- Submit a completed medical history and physical examination, including immunizations.
- Provide proof of Basic Life Support (BLS) for Healthcare Providers by the American Heart Association.
- Complete a criminal background check and drug screening. The cost of the background check and drug screen are the responsibility of the student.
- Comply with all rules and guidelines of the LFCC Nursing Student Handbook and the LFCC Student Handbook.
- 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 from an independent provider.

Failure to meet the above requirements will be cause for administrative withdrawal of the student from the nursing program.

Second Semester (Spring): Acceptance into the advanced placement option for LPNs and successful completion of all general education courses with a "C" or better is required to enroll in the second semester NUR courses.

NUR	115	LPN Transition (online course)	2
*Successful completion of NUR 115 (195) will award credit for NUR 106 (5 credits), NUR 136 (2 credits), and 90 clinical hours.			
NUR	200	Essentials of Mental Health Nursing	3
NUR	212	Second Level Nursing II	7
SOC	200	Principles of Sociology (SOC 207 may substitute)	3
Total			14

Summer Semester: Completion with a grade of "C" or better is required prior to starting the third semester of the nursing program.

BIO	150	Introduction to Microbiology (must have been completed within the last 8 years)	4
Total			4

Third Semester: Completion of all second semester and summer semester courses with a grade of "C" or better is required to enroll in third semester 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 or CST 138 may substitute)	3
Total			13

Fourth Semester: Completion of all third semester courses with a grade of "C" or better is required to enroll in fourth semester NUR courses.

NUR	213	Second Level Nursing II	8
NUR	255	Nursing Organization and Management	2
PHI	220	Ethics (PHI 227 may substitute)	3
Total			13
Program Total			69