

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

PURPOSE: The Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing (AAS Nursing Program) 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 AAS nursing program is selective and competitive. Submission of an application does not guarantee acceptance into the AAS program. Applicants not selected for the program must complete and resubmit a new application packet each year. Applicants for the AAS program are selected one time per academic year.

Students considering the AAS nursing 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) and the nursing program.
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 8 years of application to the nursing program.) 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. See requirements located at <http://www.lfcc.edu/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/ADN-Computer-Competency.pdf>
8. Completion of the required HESI admission assessment exam components scoring at or above the 45th percentile in each required component which includes reading comprehension, anatomy and physiology, math and the composite score.
 - HESI critical thinking exam learning style and personality profile are also included in the required HESI admission exam..
 - Two attempts on the HESI admission exam are permitted per application cycle.
 - **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 a nursing information session. Dates are posted on the website located at <https://lfcc.edu/nursing/>

Upon acceptance to the AAS program the student will be given instructions with regards to the following:

- Submit a completed physical history and 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 will all rules and guidelines of 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 NUR courses are required to purchase malpractice insurance from independent providers.
- Complete a criminal background check and drug screening. The cost of the background check and drug screen are the responsibility of the student.
- Students must comply with all clinical agreement protocols including immunization requirements, drug screening, background checks, and personal health insurance.
- Failure to meet the above requirements will be cause for administrative withdrawal of the student from the nursing program.

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

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

BIO	141	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4
BIO	142	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4
Total			8

First Semester Acceptance into the AAS 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
Total			16

Second Semester Completion of all first semester courses with grade of "C" or better required to enroll in second semester 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 will substitute)	3
Total			15

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
Total			4

Third Semester Completion of all second semester and summer courses with grade of "C" or better 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 and/or CST 138 may substitute)	3
Total			13

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

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

Program Total **69**