

NURSING: LVN TO RN

Curriculum Guide for Academic Year 2014-2015

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Students planning to **transfer** to a four-year college or university should refer to the ASSIST web site at www.assist.org and **consult a counselor** before beginning a program of study. Please call 562-938-4561 for the LAC, or 562-938-3920 for PCC to schedule a meeting with a counselor. Students may also wish to visit the Transfer Center on either campus.

Program Admission Requirements

General Information Items:

1. All applicants must have a clear background as unclear backgrounds may prevent the student from completing clinical requirements and jeopardize licensure.
2. All applicants should be physically and emotionally fit. If selected, applicant will need to show proof of meeting this requirement.
3. A strong command of the English language, both written and verbal is essential for successful completion of the program.
4. All applicants must show proof of a Social Security Number as a Social Security Number is required by some clinical agencies and by the California Board of Registered Nurses in order to take the NCLEX-RN exam.
5. All applicants must have a LBCC student ID number.
6. All applicants must show proof of high school graduation or equivalency in the form of a diploma, transcripts or GED.
7. All applicants must have a valid VN license and submit copy of VN license.

Sequential Procedure for Application to the Program:

1. Applicants are required to attend a mandatory information session. Information sessions are held on a regular basis throughout the fall and spring semester. Dates and times are listed on the nursing website: <http://nursing.lbcc.edu>.
2. All applicants must see a counselor to develop an educational plan and for evaluation of previous courses and proficiencies.
3. Complete the Reading Proficiency requirement for graduation through the LBCC assessment testing or completion of READ 82 or 83 with a grade of "C" or higher. Proper documentation must be submitted with application.
4. Complete the Mathematics Proficiency requirement for graduation through the LBCC assessment testing or completion of MATH 120, 130 or 130A with a grade of "C" or higher. Proper documentation must be submitted with application.
5. Complete the information portion of the Information Proficiency requirement with a grade of "C" or higher. Proper documentation must be submitted with application.
6. Complete ENGL 1, SOCIO 1 and PSYCH 1 with a grade of "C" or higher.
7. Applicants must have a minimal overall GPA of 2.5 or higher.
8. Applicants must have a minimal GPA of 2.5 or higher in these science courses: Human Anatomy, Human Physiology and Microbiology. These science courses must be less than 5 years old at the time of application and have a grade of "C" or higher.
9. Official transcripts from all colleges attended must be submitted with the application.
10. Unofficial transcripts from LBCC must be submitted with the application.
11. Complete and sign the application found on the nursing website: <http://nursing.lbcc.edu>.
12. Meet with a counselor to have your application signed.
13. Submit self-addressed stamped envelope with your application and all required documents. Incomplete applications will NOT be considered.
14. All provisional selected applicants and alternates will be required to attend a mandatory Advisement Meeting to discuss further requirements such as the TEAS test, background check and health information.

IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE YOUR CURRENT ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER

NOTE: All REQUIRED general education courses must be completed before entry to program since all of them will be required before earning the associate degree

Prerequisite Courses and Requirements

1. <u>Prerequisite Courses—complete the following courses with a “C” or better:</u>	Units	In Progress	Completed Grade
ⓐ ANAT 1 Human Anatomy	4		
ⓐ PHYSI 1 Human Physiology	5		
ⓐ BIO 2 General Microbiology	5		
‡ PSYCH 1 Introduction to Psychology	3		
† ENGL 1 Reading and Composition	4		
Subtotal Units	21		
RECOMMENDED but not required:			
ADN 225 Nursing Applications of Pharmacology	3		
2. Pass NURSING DEPARTMENT EXAMINATION with a score of 75% or better immediately after completion of ADN 20A. This multiple choice test covers theoretical aspects of first level nursing practice and is given on an individual basis. The test may only be taken twice. If test is not passed on the second attempt see the program director.			
Subtotal (advanced placement) units	16		
3. Hold a current license to practice as a Vocational Nurse in California.			
4. Entrance is not guaranteed. Entrance is determined by space availability.			

Program of study leading to: Associate in Arts or Associate in Science (A.A. or A.S.) Degree

REQUIRED COURSES

First Semester

	UNITS	In Progress	Completed Grade
±† ADN 20A Transition to Second Level Nursing	1		
(Student must be prepared to enter the program within one year after successful completion of ADN 20A)			
ADN 610 Nursing Skills Refresher Laboratory	0		
COMM 10, 20, or 30 General Ed Requirement	3		
SOCIO 1 Intro to Sociology	3		
Subtotal Units	7		

Second Semester

† ADN 21B Mental Health	2.5		
† ADN 21BL Mental Health Laboratory	3		
† ADN 31A Trends in Nursing A	1		
† ADN 35A Maternal Newborn Nursing	1.5		
† ADN 35AL Maternal Newborn Nursing Lab	1.5		
† ADN 35B Pediatric Nursing	1.5		
† ADN 35BL Pediatric Nursing Lab	1.5		
ADN 610 Nursing Skills Refresher Laboratory	0		
Subtotal Units	12.5		

Third Semester

A course from the Humanities General Education Requirement List	3		
† ADN 22B Advanced Nursing 2 Role Transition	2.5		
† ADN 22BL Advanced Nursing 2 Role Transition Laboratory	3		
† ADN 31B Trends in Nursing B	1		
† ADN 45A Advance Medical/Surgical Nursing	2.5		
ADN 45AL Advance Medical/Surgical Nursing Lab	3.0		
ADN 610 Nursing Skills Refresher Laboratory	0		
Subtotal Units	15		
TOTAL UNITS	34.5		
TOTAL PROGRAM UNITS (including prerequisites)	71.5		

Associate Degree requirements continue on the following page:

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For graduation with an **Associate in Arts or Science (A.A. or A.S.) Degree with a major in Nursing: LVN to RN:**

1. **Minimum Unit Requirements:** Any course that appears on a curriculum guide and the General Education Pattern (Plan A) may fulfill both major and general education requirements (Approved by College Curriculum Committee Spring 2012). Any course that appears on a curriculum guide and the General Education Pattern (Plan A) may fulfill both major and general education requirements (Approved by College Curriculum Committee Spring 2012). For this degree, complete a minimum of 60 units in courses numbered 1-599. Please note that additional elective units may be required to meet this minimum based upon courses selected to fulfill General Education for the Associate Degree.

Nursing: LVN to RN Major 71.5 units
General Education/A.A. § 25.0 units

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General Education/A.S. § 19.0 units

2. **Scholarship:** Maintain an **overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.0** ("C" average) based on all accredited college work applied to the degree, no matter where completed. For this **field of concentration, complete each course above with a grade of "C" or better**, or "P" if course is graded on a P/NP basis.
3. **Residence for the Degree:** Complete at least 30 units of the required 60 in residence at LBCC, or complete in residence at LBCC at least 20 units within the last 30 units of work applied to the degree.
4. **Residence for the Field of Concentration:** Complete fifty percent (50%) or more of the unit requirements for this field of concentration in residence; this means at **least 36 units** of the required 71.5 must be **completed at Long Beach City College**. Credit earned by exam, where applicable, may be included.
5. **General Education and Proficiency Requirements:** Complete the required A.A./A.S. General Education and Proficiency requirements*, otherwise known as "Plan A". For Plan A requirements, refer to the general catalog or view it online at <http://osca.lbcc.edu> . **Students must complete the courses outlined on the curriculum guide for the year in which they take their first nursing course. Students who withdraw from the program will be obligated by the guide of the year of their re-entry into the program.**
6. Complete and submit the degree application form to the Admissions and Records office during your final semester of course work. These forms are available in the Admissions and Records office, or online at <http://admissions.lbcc.edu/> . Refer to the Schedule of Classes (<http://schedule.lbcc.edu>) and click the "Important Dates" link to view the actual deadline for each semester.

*The requirements for general education/proficiency and the field of concentration (major) need to be from the same catalog year. This catalog year may be any year between the year of initial enrollment to the present, provided continuous enrollment is maintained throughout. See the catalog for definition of "continuous enrollment".

For the Associate in Arts or Associate in Science, the following courses are recommended, **BUT ARE NOT REQUIRED** to earn either:

		UNITS		
ADN 202	Nursing Skills Adjunct Lab	.5		
ADN 203	Nursing Skills Adjunct Lab	.5		
ADN 204	Nursing Skills Adjunct Lab	.5		
ADN 225	Pharmacology	3		

Program of study leading to:
Certificate of Achievement (30 Unit Option)

1. Complete the following course with a grade of "C" or better within the last 5 years.			UNITS	In Progress	Completed Grade
@	PHYSI 1	Human Physiology	5		
@	BIO 2	General Microbiology	5		
Prerequisite Units			10		

2. Take the NURSING DEPARTMENT EXAMINATION

This multiple-choice test covers the theoretical aspects of first level nursing practice. Results will be used for counseling in the program.

3. Provisionally accepted students must successfully pass the TEAS exam with 62 or higher in order to continue in the program.

REQUIRED COURSES

First Semester

				In Progress	Completed Grade
†	ADN 20A ±	Transition to Second Level Nursing	1		
	ADN 610	Nursing Skills Refresher Laboratory	0		
Subtotal Units			1		

Second Semester

†	ADN 321A	Women's Health and Adv. Obstetrics	1.5		
†	ADN 321AL	Women's Health and Adv. Obstetrics Laboratory	1.5		
†	ADN 21B	Mental Health (F, SP)	2.5		
†	ADN 21BL	Mental Health Laboratory (F, SP)	3		
†	ADN 31A	Trends in Nursing A (F, SP)	1		
	ADN 610	Nursing Skills Refresher Laboratory	0		
Subtotal Units			9.5		

Third Semester

†	ADN 322A	Advanced Nursing 1, Adult Critical Care	1.5		
†	ADN 322AL	Advanced Nursing 1, Adult Critical Care Laboratory	1.5		
†	ADN 22B	Advanced Nursing 2 Role Transition (F, SP)	2.5		
†	ADN 22BL	Advanced Nursing 2 Role Transition Laboratory (F, SP)	3		
†	ADN 31B	Trends in Nursing B (F, SP)	1		
	ADN 610	Nursing Skills Refresher Laboratory	0		
Subtotal Units			9.5		
TOTAL UNITS (10 Prerequisites + 20 Required Certificate Courses)			30		

For graduation with a **LVN to RN 30 Unit Certificate of Achievement**:

- Complete each of the **REQUIRED COURSES** listed above with a **minimum grade of "C"**, or better, or "P" if course is graded on a P/NP basis.
- Complete fifty percent (50%) or more of the unit requirements for this field of concentration in residence; this means at **least 15 units** of the required 30 must be **completed at Long Beach City College**. Credit earned by exam, where applicable, may be included. **Students must complete the courses outlined on the curriculum guide for the year in which they take their first nursing course. Students who withdraw from the program will be obligated by the guide of the year of their re-entry into the program.**

Complete and submit the certificate application form to the Admissions and Records office during your final semester of course work. These forms are available in the Admissions and Records office, or online at <http://admissions.lbcc.edu/>. Refer to the Schedule of Classes (<http://schedule.lbcc.edu/>) and click the "Important Dates" link to view the actual deadline for each semester.

For the **Certificate of Achievement (30 Unit Option)**, the following courses are recommended, **BUT ARE NOT REQUIRED** to earn either.

			UNITS		
	ADN 225	Pharmacology	3		
@	ANAT 1	Human Anatomy	4		
	SOCIO 1	Introduction to Sociology	3		
	PSYCH 1	Introduction to Psychology	3		
	COMM 10, 20 OR 30	Communication Studies Class	3		

Program Information

Long Beach City College is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. The nursing program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), 3343 Peachtree Rd, NE Suite 500, Atlanta GA, 30326, (404) 975-5000 and the State of California Board of Registered Nursing. The Career Ladder Program (Licensed Vocational Nurse to Registered Nurse Program) is designed to be completed in two and a half semesters. Two advanced placement programs are offered: Associate Degree program and a Certificate program (30 unit option). This Associate Degree and Certificate prepare students for an entry-level position in a variety of health care settings following successful completion of the NCLEX-RN. The ADN also serves as a foundation for specialization. Persons who complete either program are qualified to take the registered nurse national licensing exam. However, persons who complete only the certificate of achievement program are not graduates of an accredited ADN program and may not qualify for license by endorsement in other states. For additional information call (562) 938-4166.

RESTRICTIONS ON LICENSURE:

Persons with substance abuse problems or with conviction of crimes substantially related to the practice of nursing may not be granted a license by the California Board of Registered Nursing. Fingerprints are part of the application for licensure. For further information see BRN Policy on Denial of Licensure.

ESTIMATED EXPENSES IN ADDITION TO TEXTBOOKS AND TUITION FEES:

Student Uniforms \$250	Live Scan \$68	Graduation Expenses \$300
Licensure \$300	Malpractice \$25	Background Check \$68

Career Opportunities

Graduates of the LVN to RN Career Ladder **Associate Degree** Program are eligible to transfer into the upper-division nursing courses in ADN to bachelor's degree nursing programs and ADN to master's degree nursing programs.

This **Certificate of Achievement** prepares students for an entry-level position in a variety of health care settings following successful completion of the **NCLEX-RN**.

Persons who complete only the 30 Unit Option certificate program are not graduates of an accredited ADN Program and may not qualify for licensure in other states and/or for admission to graduate programs of nursing.

Program Mission and Outcomes

The faculty members of the Associate Degree Nursing Program uphold the mission statement of Long Beach City College, and a commitment to excellence in supporting the community and lifelong learning of our students.

Outcomes:

- Synthesize the theories and principles that encompass the nursing process and pathological conditions.
- Manage all aspects of the nursing process to achieve positive patient outcomes.

Legend

† This course has a prerequisite; prerequisite courses must be completed with at least a "C" or "P" grade (see catalog or schedule of classes).

± Recommended but not required-- ADN 202, Nursing Skills Adjunct Lab.

Ⓞ This course must not be more than 5 years old at time of application and complete with a "C" or better.