

NURSING: ASSOCIATE DEGREE (RN) PROGRAM

LONG BEACH CITY COLLEGE Curriculum Guide for Academic Year of 2010-2011 Certificate of Achievement and/or Associate in Arts or Science

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For possible updates to this guide please refer to the following website: <http://osca.lbcc.edu>

CAREER OBJECTIVES

The program is designed to be completed in two years (after completion of pre-requisites) and qualifies the student to take the NCLEX-RN licensing examination given by the State of California Board of Registered Nursing. The program satisfies the requirements for an Associate degree and/or a Career Certificate. The graduate is qualified for immediate employment in acute care hospitals and many other health care facilities.

This Associate Degree and Certificate of Achievement 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.

Graduates of the Associate Degree Nursing Program are also 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.

DEPARTMENTAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Graduation from an accredited high school or equivalent (GED) is required.
2. Science courses taken prior to acceptance of application must have been completed within the past 5 years.
3. This program is not for Licensed Vocational Nurses. LVN'S should apply for one of the advanced placement programs.
4. An overall GPA of 2.5 is required in the science courses for acceptance into the program. A student who is on academic or progress probation must meet with the program director to be considered for acceptance into the program.
5. Program information meetings are held on a regular basis. Call (562) 938-4166 for dates and times.

SEQUENTIAL PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATION TO THE PROGRAM

1. See a counselor to develop an educational plan and for evaluation of previous courses and proficiencies.
2. Complete mathematics proficiency to meet current graduation requirements. Proper documentation must be submitted with application to the School of Health and Science.
3. Complete reading proficiency to meet current graduation requirements through LBCC assessment testing or completion of READ 82 or 83 with a grade of "C" or higher. Proper documentation must be submitted with application to the School of Health and Science.
4. Complete information competency to meet current graduation requirements or the computer proficiency. To see a list of appropriate courses check the most current LBCC General Education Plan. Proper documentation must be submitted with application to the School of Health and Science.
5. Maintain an overall grade point average of 2.5 or higher for all courses. An overall grade point average of 2.5 or higher is required in the science courses. Proper documentation must be submitted with application to the School of Health and Science.
6. Proof of high school graduation or equivalency must be submitted with application to the School of Health and Science (high school/college transcript, diploma, GED).
7. An official copy of complete transcripts from other colleges attended must be included with the application to the School of Health and Science.

8. Apply for the program during the open application period.
 - a. Complete the Registered Nursing Program Application form. Forms are available in the "C" Building at the School of Health and Science, C100C.
 - b. Please bring completed application form with a self-addressed, stamped, and legal size envelope (4 1/8" X 9 1/2" available in the Bookstore) to the School of Health and Science Building "C". **DO NOT SEAL!** If you wish, you may mail your application to the School of Health and Science Office, including a self-addressed, stamped, legal size envelope. **IF ANY PART OF THE APPLICATION IS INCOMPLETE, ALL MATERIALS WILL BE RETURNED TO YOU.**
9. All applicants will be evaluated according to overall GPA and GPA of Biological Science courses. **It is the student's responsibility to provide the admissions clerk with his/her grades for all courses completed and updated GPA during each application.**
10. Those applicants who satisfy the requirements will be invited to an Advisement Session that they **MUST** attend. **ONLY** those applicants who are qualified and who have attended an Advisement Session (different from an Information Session) will be considered for admission into the program. Effective Spring, 2009 this admission will be provisional contingent upon score on TEAS examination.

NOTE: IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE YOUR CURRENT ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER.

ACCEPTANCE INTO THE PROGRAM

1. Effective Spring, 2009 all applicants will be required to take the TEAS examination and score a minimum score of 67. It is your responsibility to notify staff if you need special accommodations **prior** to testing.
2. Once you have been officially admitted into the program you **must attend** a second required advisement session. At this session additional information will be given to you on registration, uniforms, etc.
3. You must submit evidence of physical and emotional fitness. A health evaluation form will be provided at the advisement session.
4. You must meet agency requirements for background clearance, immunizations, TB clearance, CPR certification for Health Care Providers, and malpractice insurance. These must be kept current during the program.
5. Non-citizen students must show a valid Resident Alien Card or International Student Visa/F1 Visa.
6. Strong command of the English language, both verbal and written, is essential for successful completion of the program.

REQUIRED COURSES

PREREQUISITES (Required Prior to Enrollment in Program)

*	ANAT 1	Human Anatomy	4		
*	PHYSI 1	Human Physiology	5		
*	BIO 2	General Microbiology	5		
†# *	ENGL 105 <u>OR</u> 1	Fund of Writing <u>OR</u> Reading and Composition	4		

Subtotal Units

UNITS	In	Completed
	Progress	Grade
18		

FIRST SEMESTER

†	ADN 11A	Introduction to Nursing (F, SP)	2.5		
†	ADN 11AL	Introduction to Nursing Laboratory (F, SP)	1.5		
†	ADN 11B	Health Deviations 1 (F, SP)	2.5		
†	ADN 11BL	Health Deviations 1 Laboratory (F, SP)	1.5		
	ADN 610	Nursing Skills Refresher Laboratory	0		
*	PSYCH 1 <u>OR</u>	Intro. to Psychology <u>OR</u>			
	SOCIO 1	Intro. to Sociology	3		

Subtotal Units

11		
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SECOND SEMESTER

†	ADN 12A	Health Deviations 2 (F, SP)	2.5		
†	ADN 12AL	Health Deviations 2 Laboratory (F, SP)	1.5		
†	ADN 12B	Health Deviations 3 (F, SP)	2.5		
†	ADN 12BL	Health Deviations 3 Laboratory (F, SP)	1.5		
	ADN 610	Nursing Skills Refresher Laboratory	0		
*	PSYCH 1 <u>OR</u>	Intro to Psychology <u>OR</u>			
	SOCIO 1	Intro. to Sociology (Whichever not already taken above)	3		

Subtotal Units

11		
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			UNITS	In	Completed
				Progress	Grade
†	ADN 21A	Women's Health (F, SP)	2.5		
†	ADN 21AL	Women's Health Laboratory (F, SP)	3		
†	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		
*	SP 10, 20, <u>OR</u> 30	General Ed. Requirement	3		
Subtotal Units			15		

			UNITS	In	Completed
				Progress	Grade
†	ADN 22A	Advanced Nursing 1Critical Care Life Span (F, SP)	2.5		
†	ADN 22AL	Advanced Nursing 1Critical Care Life Span Laboratory (F, SP)	3		
†	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		
*	A course from the Humanities General Ed. Requirement		3		
Subtotal Units			15		
TOTAL UNITS			70		

RECOMMENDED but not required courses:

	ADN 201AD, 202AD	Nursing Skills Adjunct Lab	0.5		
†	ADN 212AD	Clinical Practicum I	2.0		
†	ADN 221AD	Clinical Practicum II	2.0		
†	ADN 222AD	Clinical Practicum III	2.0		
	ADN 225	Nursing Applications of Pharmacology	3		
	ADN 810	Preparation for Nursing	0.5		
	AH 60	Medical Terminology	3		
†	AH 222	Intravenous Therapy	1		
†	AH 225	Basic Arrhythmia Recognition	0.5		

General frequency of course offering • SP = Spring, S = Summer, F = Fall, INF = Infrequently	
† This course has a prerequisite; prerequisite courses must be completed with at least a "C" or "P" grade (see catalog or schedule of classes).	
* This course is an exception to the "double-counting" rule; it may be double counted (see catalog).	
# ESL 34 class can be substituted to fulfill this requirement.	

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

For CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT:

A certificate of achievement is available in addition to an associate degree. Complete the required units with a minimum grade of "C" in each course.

For ASSOCIATE DEGREE:

In addition to the requirements for this Certificate of Achievement, complete the A.A. or A.S. degree requirements specified in the catalog. The requirements for general education/proficiency and the field of concentration need to be from the same catalog year. Nursing students must graduate under the catalog and nursing curriculum guide in effect for the entire class in which they are graduating. Fifty per cent (50%) or more of the unit requirements for this field of concentration must be completed in residence (credit earned by exam, where applicable, may be included).

NOTE: To receive a certificate or degree you must submit completed application forms in the Admissions and Records Office during your final semester of course work.

SUGGESTED SEQUENCE OF COURSES

A suggested full-time sample sequence of course for the program is shown on Page Two of this guide. All ADN courses are sequential.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

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 more information request BRN Policy Denial of Licensure. For additional information call (562) 938-4166.

ACCREDITATION

Long Beach City College is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. The nursing program is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, 3343 Peachtree RD. NE Suite 500, Atlanta, GA 30326 and the State of California Board of Registered Nursing.

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 and the nursing student handbook of the year of their re-entry into the program.

Every nursing course in the program has a challenge option provided for students enrolled in the course. Students are directed to the individual course syllabus for detailed instructions on how to apply for advanced placement via the challenge option.

ESTIMATED EXPENSES

Current enrollment fees are \$20 per unit.

Students purchase their own books, school supplies, uniforms and pay a student-body fee. The college has no dormitory facilities; students must provide for own living expenses and transportation. Limited educational grants and loan funds are available.

Books and supplies	\$1,200		
Student Body fees (ASB)	\$100		
Nursing Students Assoc. (optional)	\$45		
Enrollment fees, 4 semesters	\$1355		
Parking (4 semesters, optional)	\$120		
Uniforms and accessories	\$425		
Malpractice insurance	\$40		
Graduation Expenses	\$300		
Application for Licensure	\$300		
Materials Fee	\$100		
Physical, labs, immunization	\$350		
Background check	\$65		

TRANSFER CREDIT

Applicants who wish to transfer from another school of nursing must meet the entrance requirements and spend at least 2 semesters in the Long Beach City College Program. Eligibility for transfer credit, advanced placement, and/or credit by examination is determined on an individual basis by the Program Director. Applicants may attend an information session for additional information regarding transfer into the RN Program.

Students interested in transferring to a university to continue their study in this field of concentration or other majors are strongly advised to consult an LBCC academic counselor and refer to the ASSIST website (www.assist.org) for major preparation information. Counselors can clarify the different major and admissions requirements at a university. Students may visit the Student Success/Transfer Services Center to access further educational resources. If you need to set up an appointment to see a counselor or schedule the SOAR Test, call LAC (562)938-4561 or PCC (562)938-3920.