

NURSING: ASSOCIATE DEGREE (RN) PROGRAM

Curriculum Guide for Academic Year 2011-2012

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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. To meet with a counselor call 562-938-4561 for the LAC, or (562) 938-3920 for PCC. Students may also wish to visit the Transfer Center on either campus.

Program 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. LVNs 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 all 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 2011 all applicants will be required to take the TEAS 5.0 examination and score a minimum score of 62. 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.

Prerequisite Courses

The following courses must be completed within five years prior to the first Spring Semester of the program:

*	ANAT 1	Human Anatomy	4		
*	PHYSI 1	Human Physiology	5		
*	BIO 2	General Microbiology	5		
* †	ENGL 1	Reading and Composition	4		
Subtotal Units			18		

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

REQUIRED COURSES

First Semester

			UNITS	In Progress	Completed Grade
†	ADN 11A	Introduction to Nursing	2.5		
†	ADN 11AL	Introduction to Nursing Laboratory	1.5		
†	ADN 11B	Health Deviations 1	2.5		
†	ADN 11BL	Health Deviations 1 Laboratory	1.5		
	ADN 610	Nursing Skills Refresher Laboratory	0		
*	PSYCH 1 OR	Intro. to Psychology OR	3 OR		
	SOCIO 1	Intro. to Sociology	3		
Subtotal Units			11		

Second Semester

			UNITS	In Progress	Completed Grade
†	ADN 12A	Health Deviations 2	2.5		
†	ADN 12AL	Health Deviations 2 Laboratory	1.5		
†	ADN 12B	Health Deviations 3	2.5		
†	ADN 12BL	Health Deviations 3 Laboratory	1.5		
	ADN 610	Nursing Skills Refresher Laboratory	0		
*	PSYCH 1 OR	Intro. to Psychology OR	3 OR		
	SOCIO 1	Intro. to Sociology	3		
Subtotal Units			11		

Third Semester

			UNITS	In Progress	Completed Grade
†	ADN 21B	Mental Health	2.5		
†	ADN 21BL	Mental Health Laboratory	3		
†	ADN 31A	Trends in Nursing "A"	1		
†	ADN 235A	Maternal Newborn Nursing	1.5		
†	ADN 235AL	Maternal Newborn	1.5		
†	ADN 235B	Pediatric Nursing	1.5		
†	ADN 235BL	Pediatric Nursing Lab	1.5		
	ADN 610	Nursing Skills Refresher Laboratory	0		
*	SP 10, 20, OR 30	General Ed Requirement	3		
Subtotal Units			15.5		

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Fourth Semester

UNITS

†	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 245A	Advance Medical/Surgical Nursing	1.5		
†	ADN 245AL	Advance Medical/Surgical Nursing	1.5		
	ADN 610	Nursing Skills Refresher Laboratory	0		
*	A course from the Humanities General Ed. Requirement		3		
Subtotal Units			12.5		
TOTAL UNITS			68		

For graduation with an **A. A. or A.S. Degree with a major in Nursing: Associate Degree (RN) Program**

1. **Units:** Complete a minimum of 60 units, distributed as follows:

A.A.	Nursing: Associate Degree (RN) Program Major:	68	units
	General Education/A.A.	25	units
	Electives/Other courses:	0	units
	TOTAL:	93	units
A.S.	Nursing: Associate Degree (RN) Program Major:	68	units
	General Education/A.S.	19	units
	Electives/Other courses:	0	units
	TOTAL:	87	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 35.5 units** of the required 70.5 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>.
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".

Unless otherwise noted, "double-counting" is not allowed. That is, one course may not be used to fulfill both a field of concentration requirement and to fulfill a general education requirement.

**Program of study leading to:
Certificate of Achievement**

REQUIRED COURSES—Complete the 70 units of required courses as listed in the Associate Degree requirements box on the first page.

<u>REQUIRED COURSES</u>	TOTAL UNITS	68	In Progress	Completed

For graduation with a **Nursing: Associate Degree (RN) Program Certificate of Achievement**:

1. 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.
2. Complete fifty percent (50%) or more of the unit requirements for this field of concentration in residence; this means at **least 35 units** of the required 68 must be **completed at Long Beach City College**. Credit earned by exam, where applicable, may be included.
3. 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 both the **Associate in Arts or Science** and the **Certificate of Achievement**, the following courses are recommended, **BUT ARE NOT REQUIRED** to earn either.

Recommended but not required courses_:

		UNITS		
	ADN 201AD Nursing Skills Adjunct Lab	0.5		
	ADN 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		

Career Opportunities

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.

Additional 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 \$26 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	Malpractice insurance	\$40
Student Body fees (ASB)	\$100	Graduation Expenses	\$300
Nursing Students Assoc. (optional)	\$45	Application for Licensure	\$300
Enrollment fees, 4 semesters	\$1355	Materials Fee	\$100
Parking (4 semesters, optional)	\$120	Physical, labs, immunization	\$350
Uniforms and accessories	\$425	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.

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 life long learning of our students.

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

Legend

† This course has a prerequisite. Prerequisite courses must be complete with at least a "C" or "P" grade. Refer to the General Catalog (<http://www.lbcc.edu/cat/index.html>), the Schedule of Classes (<http://schedule.lbcc.edu/>), or the online Credit Course Outline (<http://wdb-asir.lbcc.edu/coursecurriculum/course/details/>) for specific prerequisite information.

* This course is an exception to the "double-counting" rule; it may be double counted (see catalog).