

General Information

Luzerne County Community College offers a two-year associate degree Nursing Program. The Nursing curriculum is designed to prepare competent associate degree nurses who are eligible to meet licensing requirements for registered nurses and are able to practice nursing in acute care, long-term care, homes, clinics, physician's offices, or other agencies established to meet the health needs of individuals. Upon successful completion of the Nursing Program, students are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) to become a Registered Nurse.

Nursing Programs offered at LCCC:

- Main Campus – Day - yearly
- Main Campus – Evening – every odd numbered years only
- Shamokin– every odd numbered years only

The LPN-RN Program is offered for current Licensed Practical Nurses in the following formats:

- Traditional Day Program- Main Campus
- Evening/Weekend Program - Main Campus only, every even numbered years
- Northumberland Center-Shamokin, every odd numbered years

The LCCC Nursing Program is approved by the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing and is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, 3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400, Atlanta, GA 30326.

Goals

The program provides the student the opportunity to:

- Obtain the necessary competency and ability to practice in an entry-level nursing position.
- Gain the knowledge to successfully pass the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, NCLEX-RN examination.

Admission

Admission into the Nursing Program is selective and limited to the number clinical facilities available. General admission to the College and meeting the minimum nursing admission requirements does not guarantee acceptance to the Nursing Program. Nursing admission decisions are determined on a point scale system and process. The Nursing Committee notifies the selected applicants between February and March to begin class in the summer. Acceptance to the Nursing program is conditional until all clearances and background checks have been verified through the LCCC Health Sciences Department. Applicants not accepted are required to reapply each year. The College reserves the right to exercise discretion to select the most qualified candidates.

Application Deadline: December 1

It is the applicant's responsibility to assemble and submit all required application materials by the nursing application deadline to be considered for admission. Students who do not submit all required application materials are considered incomplete and will not be eligible for evaluation for admission into the Nursing Program.

Admission Requirements

Apply for admission

Complete the general college application for admission. Indicate AAS.NUR as your intended major.

Submit Official Transcripts

- Submit your official high school transcripts or GED. If you previously attended LCCC and did not enroll within the previous two years you will need to resubmit your high school transcripts.
- Submit official transcripts from all previously attended colleges and universities. Student-issued or unofficial transcripts are not accepted for transfer evaluation credit. Submit college/university transcripts to the LCCC Registrar Office.

Complete pre-requisite courses

Applicants must provide evidence of final grade "C" or higher in high school or college level algebra, biology and chemistry courses.

Take the TEAS Exam

Applicants must take the TEAS prior to the application deadline. The TEAS is designed to measure essential skills of reading, mathematics, science, and English and language usage. To register for the TEAS, go to www.atitesting.com and create an account. The minimum passing score for the TEAS is a proficient level in the total score. Applicants are allowed to take the TEAS once in each testing session. The TEAS exam is administered at the LCCC Health Sciences Center. For tests taken outside of LCCC, applicants must contact ATI Testing to request an official transcript to be sent to the LCCC Nursing Department. Test results are valid for two years per application cycle. For TEAS study materials, visit www.atitesting.com.

Cumulative GPA

A minimum cumulative 2.75 college GPA on a 4.00 scale. High school students without college credits must have a minimum cumulative 2.0 ("C") high school GPA.

Nursing Declaration Form

Nursing applicants will complete the Nursing Declaration Form during their Nursing Pre-Admission Exam.

College Math 101 or higher

Complete college level course MAT 101 or higher with a minimum final grade "C" before enrollment into the Nursing 110 course.

Criminal Background Checks & Screenings

Due to mandated regulations by area clinical agencies in which LCCC Health Science students participate in clinical rotations, acceptance into the Nursing Program is conditional based on the following background checks and screenings: PA criminal background check, PA Child Abuse background check, 10 panel drug screening; FBI fingerprint-based background screening, Office of Inspector General background screening for suspensions or disbarment from Federal Programs, and Department of Motor Vehicle driver license screening for any prior or current history of DUI. All background check forms are provided to students from the Department of Nursing after they are notified of acceptance to the Nursing Program. Students will be required to satisfy these background checks and screenings before final notice of acceptance is offered to you by the Department of Nursing. If any report indicates a positive criminal history or a student incurs a positive criminal history while enrolled the student will be prohibited from entrance into the Nursing Program or immediate dismissal if currently enrolled. Students are also required to submit a physician-completed Health Form to College Health Services before final acceptance to the Nursing Program. This form must document that the student is in good physical and mental health, free from any communicable disease and is physically and mentally capable of fulfilling all duties as required by the Nursing Program. For more information, regarding background checks and screening refer to the College Catalog, or contact the Nursing Department at 1-800-377-5222, Ext. 7427.

Financial Aid

Financial aid may be available to full-time and part-time students. Financial Aid programs include the Federal Pell Grant, PA State Grant (PHEAA), Federal Direct Loan, Federal College Work Study, and Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG). Students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to determine eligibility. For more information please contact the Financial Aid Office at 1-800-377-5222, ext. 7354 or www.luzerne.edu/financialaid

Tuition

Full-time students who register for 12-18 credit hours will be charged a flat tuition rate, plus course fees. Part-time students who register for 1-11 credit hours will be charged per credit hours tuition, plus course fees. For more information please refer to the tuition and fees chart in the College Catalog or website

Transfer Students

If you attended another college or university, you must submit your official transcripts from all other colleges/universities for course evaluation and transfer of credit. Prerequisite and general education courses can be completed at another college or university. All nursing coursework must be completed at Luzerne County Community College. Credits for Microbiology, Anatomy and Physiology I and II and Developmental Psychology will be accepted in transfer to Nursing only if they are completed within five years of entry. All required science courses must be four credits and have a lab component. Anatomy and Physiology I and II must be completed at the same college for acceptance. Submit your official transcripts from all other colleges/universities to the LCCC Registrar's Office.

General Studies courses that apply to the Nursing Program

In order to be more competitive in the application process, you may find it beneficial to have completed all General Studies courses that apply to the Nursing Program. These courses are not required for admission. However, additional points can be obtained in the nursing admission ranking system for completing these courses.

Course	Course Name	Credits	Date Completed
ENG 101	English Composition	3	
ENG 102 or 104	Advanced Composition: Contemporary Issues <u>or</u> Advanced Composition: Literature	3	
SPE 210	Introduction to Interpersonal Communication	3	
PSY 103	General Psychology	3	
PSY 217	Developmental Psychology	3	
SOC 101	Principles of Sociology	3	
BIO 135	Anatomy & Physiology I*	4	
BIO 136	Anatomy & Physiology II*	4	
BIO 251	General Microbiology	4	
FYE 101	First Year Experience^	1	
Elective	Health and Physical Ed Electives	1	
NUR 220	Pharmacology/Pathophysiology for Health Care Professionals	1	

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^First-time students only.

Nursing Curriculum of Study

Associate in Applied Science Degree (AAS.NUR) 2020-21

FIRST YEAR - Summer one semester:		
<i>Course Code:</i>	<i>Course Name:</i>	<i>Credits:</i>
NUR-100	Introduction to the Nursing Profession	1
		<i>Total: 1</i>
FIRST YEAR - Fall semester:		
<i>Course Code:</i>	<i>Course Name:</i>	<i>Number of Credits:</i>
BIO-135	Anatomy & Physiology I	4
FYE-101	First Year Experience	1
NUR-110	Nursing Concepts I	9
PSY-103	General Psychology	3
SPE-210	Introduction to Interpersonal Communication	3
		<i>Total: 20</i>
FIRST YEAR - Spring semester:		
<i>Course Code:</i>	<i>Course Name:</i>	<i>Number of Credits:</i>
BIO-136	Anatomy & Physiology II	4
ENG-101	English Composition	3
NUR-120	Nursing Concepts II	9
PSY-217	Developmental Psychology	3
		<i>Total: 19</i>
SECOND YEAR – Fall semester:		
<i>Course Code:</i>	<i>Course Name:</i>	<i>Number of Credits:</i>
BIO-251	General Microbiology	4
NUR-220	Pharmacology/Pathophysiology for Health Care Professionals	3
NUR-230	Nursing Concepts III	9
SOC-101	Principles of Sociology	3
		<i>Total: 19</i>
SECOND YEAR – Spring semester:		
<i>Course Code:</i>	<i>Course Name:</i>	<i>Number of Credits:</i>
ENG-102 or ENG-104	Advanced Composition: Contemporary Issues or Advanced Composition: Literature	3
Elective	Health and Physical Ed Electives	1
NUR-240	Nursing Concepts IV	9
NUR-250	Contemporary Concepts in Nursing	1
		<i>Total: 14</i>
Total Credits for Degree:		73

Notes:

- Nursing(NUR) courses must be taken in the sequence listed
- A minimum grade of "C" must be earned in all courses required in the Nursing curriculum in order to receive an A.A.S. Degree in Nursing

PROGRAM YEAR: 2021
Review Date: _____



SCHOOL OF NURSING – SELECTION CRITERIA

Application Name: _____ Student ID: _____

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Admission Selection Process:

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Application Deadline: December 1

The following requirements must be completed to be considered for admission to the Nursing Program.

1. Minimum cumulative high school gpa of C (2.0).
2. Minimum cumulative college gpa of 2.75.
3. Have completed all pre-requisite courses(algebra, biology, and chemistry with a final grade "C" or higher.
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