

NURSING: LVN to RN

Career Ladder Program

LONG BEACH CITY COLLEGE

Curriculum Guide for Academic Year of 2009-2010

Certificate of Achievement and/or Associate in Arts or Science

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PROGRAM INFORMATION

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, 61 Broadway, 33rd Floor, New York, NY, 10006, (212) 363-5555 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.

DEPARTMENTAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

SEQUENTIAL PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATION TO BOTH PROGRAMS

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 or computer proficiency to meet current graduation requirements. 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 2.0 or higher for all courses. A grade point average of 2.5 or higher is required in all science courses for application. Proper documentation must be submitted with application to the School of Health and Science.
6. Proof of U.S. high school graduation or equivalency must be submitted with application to the School of Health and Science.
7. An official copy of transcripts from other colleges attended must be included with the application to the School of Health and Science.
8. Complete the application form for the APLVN-RN Program during the open application period. Forms are available in the "C" Building at the School of Health and Science. Provide proof of having completed steps 1-7. Bring completed application form with a self-addressed, stamped, 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, including a self-addressed, stamped, legal size envelope. IF ANY PART OF THE APPLICATION IS INCOMPLETE ALL MATERIALS WILL BE RETURNED TO YOU.
9. Qualified applicants will be selected for provisional admission based on the date of successful completion of ADN 20A, the challenge exam, and a minimum score of 67 on the TEAS examination (effective Spring, 2009). It is your responsibility to notify STAFF if you need special accommodations prior to testing.

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

ASSOCIATE DEGREE OF NURSING PROGRAM

LVN to RN Career Ladder Degree Program

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates of the LVN to RN Career Ladder 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.

A suggested fulltime sample sequence of courses for the program is listed below. All ADN courses are sequential.

PREREQUISITES COURSES FOR THE PROGRAM

			UNITS	In	Completed
				Progress	Grade
1. Complete the following courses with a "C" or better:					
* ANAT 1	Human Anatomy	4			
* PHYSI 1	Human Physiology	5			
* BIO 2	General Microbiology	5			
* PSYCH 1	Intro to Psychology	3			
†# * ENGL 105 OR 1	Fund of Writing OR Reading and Composition	3-4			
Subtotal Units		20-21			

RECOMMENDED but not required:

ADN 286	Nursing Applications of Pharmacology	3		
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- 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		
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- 3. Hold a current license to practice as a Vocational Nurse in California.**
4. Entrance is not guaranteed. Entrance is determined by space availability.

TOTAL PREREQUISITE UNITS	36-37		
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ACCEPTANCE INTO THE PROGRAM

- You must submit evidence of physical and emotional fitness. A health evaluation form will be provided at an advisement session.
- 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 throughout the program.
- Non-citizen students must show a valid Resident Alien Card or international student visa (F1 Visa).
- Strong command of the English language, both verbal and written, is essential for successful completion of the program.

REQUIRED COURSES

First Semester

†	ADN 20A ±	Transition to Second Level Nursing (F, SP)	1		
<i>(Student must be prepared to enter the program within one year after successful completion of ADN 20A.)</i>					
	ADN 610	Nursing Skills Refresher Laboratory	0		
*	SOCIO 1	Intro to Sociology	3		
Subtotal Units			4		

± (Recommended but not required ADN 202AD, Nursing Skills Adjunct Lab)

Second Semester

			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		
*	SP 10, 20, or 30	General Education Requirement	3		
†	ADN 31A	Trends in Nursing A (F, SP)	1		
	ADN 610	Nursing Skills Refresher Laboratory	0		
Subtotal Units			15		

Third Semester

* A course from the Humanities General Education Requirement List	3		
† 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		
Subtotal Units	15		
TOTAL UNITS	34		

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).

* In general, "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. This course is an exception to the "double rule" rule; it may be double-counted.

ESL 34 class can be substituted to fulfill this requirement

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.

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.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

For **ASSOCIATE DEGREE:**

NOTE: Effective Fall 2009, Title 5, section 55063 (a) (2) requires that students must complete each course counted toward the major or area of emphasis with a grade of "C" or better or "P" if the course is taken on a "Pass/No Pass" basis.

In addition to the requirements for this Program, 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 percent (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). Submit a completed application for the degree to the Office of Admissions and Records during the final semester of course work.

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

(30 unit option)

PREREQUISITES

LVN to RN Certificate Program (30 Unit Option)

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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 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.

A suggested fulltime sample sequence of course for the program is listed on the following page of this guide.

1. Complete the following course with a grade of "C" or better.

		UNITS	In Progress	Completed Grade
* PHYSI 1	Human Physiology	5		
* BIO 2	General Microbiology	5		
Subtotal 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.

TOTAL PREREQUISITE UNITS	10		
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RECOMMENDED but not required:

	ADN 286	Nursing Applications of Pharmacology	3		
*	ANAT 1	Human Anatomy	4		
	SOCIO 1	Introduction to Sociology	3		
	PSYCH 1	Introduction to Psychology	3		
	SP 10, 20, 30	Speech Classes	3		

REQUIRED COURSES

First Semester

†	ADN 20A ±	Transition to Second Level Nursing (F, SP)	1		
	ADN 610	Nursing Skills Refresher Laboratory	0		

(± Recommended but not required ADN 202AD, Nursing Skills Adjunct Lab)

Subtotal Units			1		
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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		
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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		
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TOTAL UNITS (10 PREREQUISITES + 20 REQUIRED CERTIFICATE COURSES)			30		
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† This course has a prerequisite; prerequisite courses must be completed with at least a "C" or "P" grade (see catalog or schedule of classes).

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

For CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT:

Complete the required units with a minimum grade of "C" or better in each course. Submit a completed application for the certificate to the Office of Admissions and Records during the final semester of course work.

This is not an educational plan, as course offerings and student schedules and circumstances vary. 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, please call LAC (562)938-4561 or PCC (562)938-3920.