

NURSING: LVN TO RN

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

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 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 2.5 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 62 on the TEAS 5.0 examination (effective Spring 2011). It is your responsibility to notify STAFF if you need special accommodations **prior** to testing.

Acceptance into the Program

1. You must submit evidence of physical and emotional fitness. A health evaluation form will be provided at an advisement session.
2. 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.
3. Non-citizen students must show a valid Resident Alien Card or international student visa (F1 Visa).
4. Strong command of the English language, both verbal and written, is essential for successful completion of the program.

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 286	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
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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		
*	SOCIO 1	Intro to Sociology	3		
Subtotal Units			4		

Second Semester

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

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Third Semester

			UNITS		
*	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 245A	Advance Medical/Surgical Nursing	2.5		
	ADN 245AL	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		

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

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

A.A.	Nursing: LVN to RN Major	71.5	units
	General Education/A.A.	25	units
	<u>Electives/Other courses:</u>	0	units
	TOTAL:	96.5	units

A.S.	Nursing: LVN to RN Major	71.5	units
	General Education/A.A.	19	units
	<u>Electives/Other courses:</u>	0	units
	TOTAL:	90.5	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".

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 (30 Unit Option)

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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REQUIRED COURSES

First Semester

	UNITS	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**, the following courses are recommended, **BUT ARE NOT REQUIRED** to earn either.

Recommended but not required courses :

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 OR 30	Speech Class	3

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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, 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.

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 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 life long learning of our students.

Outcomes:

- Synthesize the theories and principles that encompasses 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).

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

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