

Professional Nursing, AS Degree- 64 credits

Program Area: Health (Fall 2024)

THE ELECTRONIC PROGRAM APPLICATION AND DATES MAY BE FOUND ON THE LSC WEBSITE.

Program Description

The Professional Nursing program is an Associate of Science Degree Program. The AS Nursing Program prepares students to complete a program of study in professional nursing that utilizes both theory and clinical course work as well as laboratory simulation. Upon completion of this program, graduates are eligible to take the NCLEX-RN (National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses). Graduates of this program may apply to another college or university to pursue a bachelor's degree in nursing after completing their AS degree and becoming a registered nurse.

Program Outcomes

- Adapt to the diverse and evolving roles of the professional nurse.
- Provide safe and effective evidence-based care to clients in all stages of development at any point in the health/illness continuum.
- Utilize clinical judgment to meet the health care needs of diverse populations.
- Collaborate and interact effectively with clients and members of the healthcare team.
- Uphold the ethics and values of the nursing profession while advocating for the client's inherent worth and dignity.
- Evaluate outcomes of care processes to continually improve the quality and safety of healthcare systems.

Pre-Program Courses

Course	Course Title	Credits	Term
BIOL 1005	Introduction to Cell Biology	1	
BIOL 1140	Human Anatomy and Physiology I *	4	
BIOL 1141	Human Anatomy and Physiology II *	4	
ENGL 1106 or ENGL 1109	College Composition I * or College Composition II *	3	
BIOL 1170	Microbiology*	3	

Required Courses

Course	Course Title	Credits	Term
ADN 1415	Nursing Care of the Adult I	3	
ADN 1417	Fundamentals of Nursing Care	4	
ADN 1422	Introduction to Pharmacology	1	
ADN 1450	AD Clinical I	1	
BIOL 2170	Pathophysiology	3	
READ 1102	Critical Reading for Academics***	1	
ADN 1460	AD Clinical II	2	
ADN 1510	Professional Nursing Concepts	1.5	
ADN 1515	Nursing Care of the Adult II	2	
ADN 1520	Pharmacological Interventions	2.5	
ADN 2420	Advanced Nursing Skills	1	
COMM or ENGL	Any 3-credit Goal Area 1 Course**	3	
ADN 2415	Nursing Care of the Adult III	2	
ADN 2431	Behavioral Health Nursing	2	
ADN 2432	Behavioral Health Clinical	1	
ADN 2471	Family Nursing	2	
ADN 2472	Family Nursing Clinical	1	
PSYC or SOC	Any PSYC or SOC course from Goal Areas 5 or 7**	3	
ADN 2481	Advanced Nursing Care	3	
ADN 2483	Advanced Nursing Care Clinical	2	
ADN 2491	Leadership and Management	1	
ADN 2600	Clinical Capstone Experience	1	
MATH	Any Goal Area 4 Math course**	3	
	Any course from Goal Areas 6, 8, 9 or 10 **	3	

Total Credits

64

Courses may require a prerequisite. Refer to the course outline or check with an advisor

*Indicates courses used to calculate program minimum cumulative GPA requirement of 3.0 to enter program.

**Check with an advisor for preferred courses. You must meet 6 MnTC Goal Areas.

***If you have already taken COMM 1601, you do not need to take READ 1102.

Pre-program Requirements

Successful entry into this program requires a specific level of skill in the areas of English, mathematics, and reading. Program entry will depend, in part, on meeting the prerequisites listed below.

English/Reading:

- Eligible for ENGL 1106 - College Composition I, or
- Completion of ENGL/READ 0950/0955 (or equivalent or higher). ENGL/READ 0950/0955 may not be taken concurrently with Semester I coursework.

Mathematics:

- Eligible for MATH 0970 - Intermediate Algebra, or
- Completion of MATH 0950/0955 (or equivalent or higher). MATH 0950/0955 may not be taken concurrently with Semester I coursework.

There are other ways to qualify. Visit [Course Placement](https://lsc.edu/course-placement) (lsc.edu/course-placement) to find out more.

TEAS Exam with a score at or above 58.6% on ATI TEAS required prior to online application deadline.

Admission to the Professional Nursing program is competitive, based on pre-technical GPA requirements and TEAS score.

Qualified applicants should be aware that program class sizes are limited, which may delay acceptance into the program.

You may be required to complete additional (or less) coursework, dependent upon the results of your Computerized Placement Test (CPT), and/or previous coursework completed, or certifications awarded.

General Education courses within the program may be taken prior to entering the program, as long as the specific prerequisites for that course have been met. Please check with your advisor. All courses in the program need to be completed with a grade of "C" or better to progress into the next semester.

NOTE: All of the following are required upon acceptance into the nursing program:

- Current immunizations and current negative Tuberculosis (TB) screening.
- Current certification in American Heart Association: BLS Healthcare Provider or American Red Cross: BLS/CPR for Healthcare Providers is required upon acceptance into the nursing program. ALTH 1430 will satisfy this requirement.
- Proof of current registration as a CNA, Military Medic, Paramedic, EMT, PTA, Radiology Technologist, Respiratory Therapist, Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant, or CMA.
- Background Study approval is required from the State of Minnesota and, in some cases, Wisconsin. A National criminal background study is also required. Review a list of [disqualifying offenses](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/245C.15) (https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/245C.15).

Program Approval/Accreditation

AS Nursing at Lake Superior College is approved by the MN Board of Nursing and is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN). The Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. is located at 3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400, in Atlanta, Georgia 30326. For more information [ACEN's website](http://www.acenursing.org/) (http://www.acenursing.org/).

Program Articulation

For additional information on the most current list of LSC [program articulations](#), [Broad Field Agreements](#), and the College of St. Scholastica.

For more information about the Professional Nursing AS degree including course descriptions, course prerequisites, and potential career opportunities see the [program website](https://degrees.lsc.edu/rn/) (https://degrees.lsc.edu/rn/), or contact the [professional advising team](mailto:advising@lsc.edu) (advising@lsc.edu) at 218-733-7601, or [Kristen Fenlason](mailto:kristen.fenlason@lsc.edu) (kristen.fenlason@lsc.edu) at 218-733-6280 of the Nursing Program.



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