

Professional Nursing, AS Degree - 64 credits

Program Area: Health (Fall 2025)

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 theory, clinical coursework, and laboratory simulation. Upon completing this program, graduates are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). Graduates of this program may apply to another college or university to pursue a bachelor's degree in nursing after completing the AS degree and becoming a registered nurse.

Program Outcomes

- Integrate culturally sensitive practices by demonstrating cultural humility, respect, and inclusive practices.
- Implement clinical judgment by assessing client conditions and synthesizing complex data to provide safe, effective, client-centered care.
- Employ information literacy skills to enhance client care and professional practice.
- Collaborate with clients, support system, and the healthcare team to improve client health outcomes.
- Operate within the scope of practice and regulatory framework for the professional nurse.

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	
ADN 1460	AD Clinical II	1.5	
ADN 1510	Professional Nursing Concepts	1	
ADN 1515	Nursing Care of the Adult II	2.5	
ADN 1520	Pharmacological Interventions	3	
ADN 2420	Advanced Nursing Skills	1.5	
COMM or ENGL	Any 3-credit Goal Area 1 Course**	3	
ADN 2415	Lifespan Care: A Simulation Journey	2.5	
ADN 2431	Behavioral Health Nursing	2	
ADN 2432	Behavioral Health Clinical	1	
ADN 2471	Family Nursing	2.5	
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 Transition to Practice	1.5	
MATH	Any Goal Area 4 MATH course**	3	
	Any course(s) from Goal Areas 6, 8, 9, or 10 **	3	

Total Credits

64

ADN courses must be passed at "B" or higher.

*Courses used to calculate the pre-program GPA requirement of 3.0.

BIOL 1170 must be taken prior to acceptance to the program.

If the student's grade is higher in BIOL 2170 than BIOL 1170, that grade can be substituted for pre-program GPA calculation. Note: BIOL 2170 is NOT a prerequisite.

**Check with an advisor for preferred courses. You must meet six (6) MnTC Goal Areas. Courses may require a prerequisite.

Pre-program Requirements

Depending on the result of your Computerized Placement Test (CPT) and/or previous coursework completed or certifications awarded, you may be required to complete additional (or less) coursework.

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

English/Reading:

- Completion of ENGL 1106 - College Composition I

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.

General Education courses within the program may be taken before entering the program if the specific prerequisites for that course have been met. Please check with your advisor. All general education courses in the program need to be completed with a grade of "C" or better.

Admission to the Professional Nursing program is competitive, based on pre-technical GPA requirements and TEAS score. Please review the [Nursing Admission Policy](https://www.lsc.edu/policies-procedures/10_admissions-process-for-nursing-students/) (https://www.lsc.edu/policies-procedures/10_admissions-process-for-nursing-students/)

TEAS Exam: A score at or above 58.6% on ATI TEAS is required prior to the online application deadline.

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

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. ALTH 1430 will satisfy this requirement.
- Evidence of recent and previous healthcare experience. Please review the [Nursing Admission Policy](#) for more information and approved experiences.
- 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, please visit the most current list of LSC [program articulations](#), [Broad Field Agreements](#), and Bemidji State University, Minnesota State University-Moorhead, 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://www.lsc.edu/degrees/professional-nursing-as/) (<https://www.lsc.edu/degrees/professional-nursing-as/>), 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 Director of the Nursing Program.



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