



# Nursing Program Admission Information

Associate in Applied Science Degree Nursing



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Dear Prospective Nursing Student:

Thank you for your interest in the Nursing Program at Luzerne County Community College. Your application will receive personal attention by the Admissions Committee.

This packet contains information on the application process for the Nursing Program. Applicants are responsible for assembling and submitting all required application materials by **December 15** to be considered for admission. The application materials you are required to assemble and submit include:

- A general LCCC Application for Admission
- Nursing Declaration Form
- Official high school transcripts or GED
- Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended(if applicable)
- Evidence of the following high school or college level courses: algebra, biology, and chemistry with final grades of "C" or above
- Official scores from the Diagnostic Entrance Test (DET)

Admission to the Nursing Program is highly selective and enrollment is limited to the clinical facilities available. However, many students enroll in the General Studies curriculum to further prepare for admission into the Nursing Program and complete courses that will apply to a degree in the near future.

Applicants will be notified by mail of their admission status for the Nursing Program between January - March of the admission year.

If you have any questions, please contact our Office of Admissions at 1-800-377-5222, ext. 340 or [pjohnson@luzerne.edu](mailto:pjohnson@luzerne.edu). We look forward to working with you as you pursue your educational and career goals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Domzalski".

James R. Domzalski  
Director of Enrollment Management

## Luzerne County Community College Nursing Program

### **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

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 Program offered at LCCC:

- Main Campus – Day - yearly
- Main Campus – Evening – every odd numbered years only
- Kulpmont – every odd numbered years only
- Honesdale - every even numbered years only

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

- Traditional Program- Main Campus – Day, Evening, Honesdale, Kulpmont
- Evening/Weekend Program - Main Campus only, every even numbered years only

The Nursing Program is approved by the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing and is accredited by the National League of Nursing Accrediting Commission, 61 Broadway, New York City, NY 10006, Telephone: (212) 363-5555

### **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS\***

Applicants are responsible for assembling and submitting all required application materials by **December 15** to be considered for admission. The required application materials include:

- **Application for Admission**  
*In order to retain a current application status you must indicate Nursing (**AAS.NUR**) as your intended major. You can complete an online application ([luzerne.edu](http://luzerne.edu)), mail or bring your application to the Admissions Office, Luzerne County Community College, and 1333 South Prospect Street, Nanticoke, PA 18634. **All Nursing applicants are required to complete a separate Declaration of Nursing Form. Nursing applicants who do not complete this form will be automatically placed in the application pool for the Main Campus Nursing – Day Program.***
- **Official high school transcript or GED**  
*High school transcripts remain on file for 2 years. If you are a readmit student and have not attended LCCC in the previous two years you must resubmit your transcripts.*
- **Official transcripts from all colleges and universities you attended**  
*College transcripts remain on file for 2 years. If you are a readmit student and have not attended LCCC in the previous two years you must resubmit your transcripts.*
- **Provide evidence of the following high school or college level courses:** *algebra, biology and chemistry with final grades of "C" or above.*
- **Completion of the Diagnostic Entrance Test (DET)**  
*A minimum passing score on the English and Math sections is required. Students must apply to the LCCC Nursing Program before registering for the DET. DET scores remain valid for a maximum of two years.*
- **A cumulative college GPA of at least a 2.5. A minimum high school GPA "C" without college credits.**
- **Nursing Declaration Form** *indicating for which Nursing Program you are applying.*

*\*Admission to the Nursing Program is limited. Admission to the College and completion of the minimum nursing admission requirements does not guarantee acceptance to the Nursing Program. Nursing admission decisions are determined on a point scale system and procedure. The College reserves the right to select the most qualified candidates.*

### **DIAGNOSTIC ENTRANCE TEST (DET)**

The Diagnostic Entrance Test (DET) developed by the Arnett Development Corporation is an entrance exam for the Nursing Program. The main purpose of this entrance exam is to determine an individual student's knowledge level in a variety of content areas that have proven to be useful in Nursing and Allied Health Programs. The DET is divided into two major areas: English and Math. The exam is conducted in a paper and pencil format at specified exam sites.

All applicants are required to take the DET and have official scores submitted directly to the LCCC Admissions Office prior to the application deadline.

*Nursing candidates must apply to the LCCC Nursing Program before being eligible to register for the DET.*

### **DET Results**

A copy of your DET scores will be mailed to you and the LCCC Department of Nursing. DET scores remain valid for two years. If the DET is taken at a testing site other than LCCC, you must submit your scores to the LCCC Department of Nursing.

At the time this information packet was printed, the minimum passing scores are: English = 63 Math = 60

### **Retesting**

Candidates may retest once per year.

### **Preparing for the DET**

Because the DET is an important factor in the admission selection process, preparation for success in the exam is recommended.

- The *DET Study Guide* is available for purchase in the LCCC Bookstore. You may obtain more information about the study guide by calling 1-800-377-5222, Ext. 7434, or through the Bookstore.
- The Office of Student Support Services offers a *DET Prep Course*. For more information about the DET Prep Course contact 1-800-377-5222, Ext. 7771.

### **Registration**

DET registration information can be found online at the Admissions website at [www.luzerne.edu](http://www.luzerne.edu) or the Admissions Office.

### **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS: UPON ADMISSION INTO THE NURSING PROGRAM**

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 refer to the College Catalog, or contact the Nursing Department at 1-800-377-5222, Ext. 7427.

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### **GENERAL STUDIES COURSES APPLIED TO THE NURSING CURRICULUM**

In order to be more competitive in the application process, you may find it beneficial to have completed General Studies courses that apply to the Nursing Program. Nursing courses (NUR) may be started only after offered admission to the Nursing Program. The following General Studies courses may be started *prior* to admission into the Nursing Program:

<b><u>COURSES</u></b>	<b><u>CREDITS</u></b>
• English I (ENG 101)	3
• English II (ENG 102)	3
• General Psychology (PSY 103)	3
• Health & Physical Education (HPE)	1
• First Year Experience 101* (FYE 101)	1
• Developmental Psychology♦ (PSY 217)	3
• Principles of Sociology (SOC 215)	3
• Anatomy and Physiology I + Lab♦ (BIO 135)	4
• Anatomy and Physiology II + Lab♦(BIO 136)	4
• General Microbiology + Lab♦ (BIO 251)	4

*\*First-time students only.*

*♦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.*

### **TUITION COSTS**

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 hour tuition, plus any course fees. For more information, please refer to the *tuition and fees chart* in the College Catalog or website.

*Please note:* All tuition and fee charges are subject to change without notice.

### **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. 389 or [www.luzerne.edu](http://www.luzerne.edu).

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**A.A.S Associate Degree Nursing**

<b>Summer Session I</b>			<b>Credits</b>
NUR	124	Introduction to Issues in Nursing	1
<b>Total Credits</b>			<b>1</b>

<b>Summer Session II</b>			<b>Credits</b>
NUR	125	Transition into A.D. Nursing <i>NUR 125 is required prerequisite for advanced placement and transfer students prior to NUR 102</i>	1
<b>Total Credits</b>			<b>1</b>

**FIRST YEAR**

<b>First Semester</b>			<b>Credits</b>
NUR	101	Intro. to Nursing in the Health Care Setting	9
<u>BIO</u>	<u>135</u>	<u>Anatomy and Physiology I</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>PSY</u>	<u>103</u>	<u>General Psychology</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>^ENG</u>	<u>101</u>	<u>English Composition</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>*FYE</u>	<u>101</u>	<u>First Year Experience</u>	<u>1</u>
<b>Total Credits</b>			<b>19-20</b>

<b>Second Semester</b>			<b>Credits</b>
NUR	102	Nursing Within the Life Cycle	9
<u>BIO</u>	<u>136</u>	<u>Anatomy and Physiology II</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>PSY</u>	<u>217</u>	<u>Developmental Psychology</u>	<u>3</u>
<b>Total Credits</b>			<b>16</b>

**SECOND YEAR**

<b>First Semester</b>			<b>Credits</b>
NUR	203	Nursing Care of Clients with Acute and Chronic Health Problems	9
<u>BIO</u>	<u>251</u>	<u>General Microbiology</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>SOC</u>	<u>215</u>	<u>Principles of Sociology</u>	<u>3</u>
<b>Total Credits</b>			<b>16</b>

<b>Second Semester</b>			<b>Credits</b>
NUR	204	Nursing Care of Clients with Complex Health Problems	9
NUR	224	Nursing in Society	1
<u>ENG</u>	<u>102</u>	<u>Advanced Composition</u>	<u>3</u>
NUR		Nursing Elective(NUR 130, 220, or 221)	3
<u>HPE</u>		<u>Health &amp; Physical Education Elective or EMS 207 - CPR</u>	<u>1</u>
<b>Total Credits</b>			<b>17</b>

**TOTAL CREDITS: 69-70**

*\*Required for first time students only.*

*^All courses are based on assessment test scores. Students may be required to take developmental courses.*

*Underlined courses are General Studies Courses will be applied for credit to the A.A.S. Nursing Degree.*

*All science courses must have a minimum final grade of "C" or above.*

*Luzerne County Community College reserves the right to change the information, content and curriculum without prior notice. Program of Study/LCCC approved 2010-2011.*



## **NURSING DECLARATION FORM**

### **Instructions:**

Students must first apply to the Nursing Program at Luzerne County Community College. After applying to the Nursing Program, you must complete and submit this Declaration Form to the Admissions Office.

### **Application Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ SS# \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last, First, M.I.)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street Address) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

Phone: Home:( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Work or Cell:( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

### **DECLARATION OF NURSING PROGRAM:** *(select program to which you are applying)*

*Nursing applicants who do not declare a Nursing Program will be automatically placed in the application pool for the Main Campus Nursing – Day Program.*

#### **MAIN CAMPUS PROGRAMS:**

- Day Program 2013
- Day Program 2014
- Evening Program 2013

#### **OFF-CAMPUS PROGRAMS:**

- Honesdale 2014
- Kulpmont 2013

#### **LPN –RN PROGRAMS:\***

- LPN-RN Traditional Program 2013
- LPN-RN Evening/Weekend Program -2014

*\*LPN-RN applicants require a separate application for Admission. The LPN-RN application form is available online at [luzerne.edu](http://luzerne.edu)*

*I have reviewed the application procedures, nursing prerequisites and admission requirements to the Nursing Program. I understand that I am responsible for assembling and submitting all required application materials to be considered for admission.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
APPLICANT SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

### **Return completed application to:**

Luzerne County Community College  
Office of Admissions  
1333 South Prospect Street  
Nanticoke, PA 18634-3899

***LCCC NURSING APPLICATION CHECKLIST***

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*Please be sure that you have completed every step below. It is your responsibility to check your file for completeness. Nursing Application files can be checked through the Admissions Office. Application materials must be submitted by December 15.*

- I have submitted an **Application for Admission** to Luzerne County Community College indicating ***NURSING (AAS.NUR)*** as my curriculum code.
- My **official high school transcripts** or **GED** have been received by the LCCC Admissions Office.
- My **official transcripts** from all colleges and universities attended have been received by the LCCC Registrar's Office.
- I have successfully completed the following high school or college level courses: **algebra, biology, and chemistry with a final grade of "C" or above.**
- I have completed and submitted the ***NURSING DECLARATION FORM*** indicating for which Nursing Program I am applying.
- I have successfully completed the **Diagnostic Entrance Test (DET)**. My DET scores are on file in the LCCC Admissions Office.

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