



Nursing Program

Admission Information & Requirements

2020 - 2021

General Information

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 Programs offered at LCCC:

- Main Campus – Day - yearly
- Main Campus – Evening – every odd numbered years only
- Shamokin– every odd numbered years only

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

- Traditional Day Program- Main Campus
- Evening/Weekend Program - Main Campus only, every even numbered years
- Northumberland Center-Shamokin, every odd numbered years

The Nursing program is approved by the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing and is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326. Telephone (404) 975-5000.

Goals

The program provides the student the opportunity to:

- Obtain the necessary competency and ability to practice in an entry-level nursing position.
- Gain the knowledge to successfully pass the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, NCLEX-RN examination.

Admission

All applicants must meet the admission requirements of the Nursing Department. Admission into the Nursing Program is competitive and limited to the number clinical facilities available. Admission to the College and meeting the minimum nursing admission requirements does not guarantee acceptance to the Nursing Program. Nursing admission decisions are determined on a point scale system and process. Acceptance to the Nursing program is conditional until all clearances and background checks have been verified LCCC Health Sciences Department. The College reserves the right to exercise discretion to select the most qualified candidates.

The Nursing application deadline is December 1. It is the applicant's responsibility to assemble and submit all required application materials by the nursing application deadline to be considered for admission.

Admission Requirements

Complete the Application for Admission

- Complete the general college application for admission. Indicate AAS.NUR as your intended major.

Submit Official Transcripts

- Submit your official high school transcripts or GED. If you previously attended LCCC and did not enroll within the previous two years you will need to resubmit your high school transcripts.
- Submit official copy of all previously attended college/university transcripts. Student-issued or unofficial copies of transcripts will not be accepted for transfer evaluation credit. Submit college/university transcripts to the Registrar Office.

Complete pre-requisite courses

- Applicants must provide evidence of final grade “C” or higher in high school or college level algebra, biology and chemistry courses.

Take the Nursing Pre-Admission Exam

- The TEAS exam must be completed before the nursing application deadline.
- Test results are valid for two years
- Students must register and pay online for a test. Go to www.atitesting.com and create an account and obtain specific information on dates, times, registration, and preparation.
- Applicants may only take the exam once in each testing session
- The exam includes main components, Reading, Mathematics, and Science, and English
- The TEAS exam is administered at the LCCC Health Sciences Center.

Cumulative GPA

- A minimum cumulative 2.75 college GPA on a 4.0 scale. High school students without college credits must have a minimum cumulative 2.0 (“C”) high school GPA.

Nursing Declaration Form

- Nursing applicants will complete the Nursing Declaration Form during their Nursing Pre-Admission Exam

College Math 101 or higher

- Complete college level course MAT 101 or higher with a minimum final grade “C” before enrollment into the Nursing 110 course.

TEAS Exam

The ATI TEAS, or Test of Essential Academic Skills, is designed specifically to assess a student's preparedness entering the health science fields. Questions are designed to test the basic academic skills you will need to perform in class in the areas of: Reading, Math, Science, and English and Language Usage. There are a variety of TEAS study materials to prepare for the test. For more information on TEAS study materials, visit www.atitesting.com

Criminal Background Checks & Screenings

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

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. 7354 or

www.luzerne.edu/financialaid

Tuition

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

General Studies Courses that apply 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:

Course	Course Name	Cr.			
ENG 101	English Composition	3	SOC 101	Principles of Sociology	3
ENG 102	Advanced Composition:	3	BIO 135	Anatomy & Physiology I*	4
or 104	Contemporary Issues or Advanced		BIO 136	Anatomy & Physiology II*	4
	Composition: Literature		BIO 251	General Microbiology	4
SPE 210	Introduction to Interpersonal	3	FYE 101	First Year Experience^	1
	Communication		Elective	Health and Physical Ed Electives	1
PSY 103	General Psychology	3	NUR 220	Pharmacology/Pathophysiology for	1
				Health Care Professionals	

**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.*

^First-time students only.

Nursing Curriculum of Study - Associate in Applied Science Degree (AAS.NUR) 2020-21

First year - Summer one semester:		
Course Code:	Course Name:	Number of Credits:
NUR-100	Introduction to the Nursing Profession	1
		<i>Total: 1</i>
First year - Fall semester:		
Course Code:	Course Name:	Number of Credits:
BIO-135	Anatomy & Physiology I	4
FYE-101	First Year Experience	1
NUR-110	Nursing Concepts I	9
PSY-103	General Psychology	3
SPE-210	Introduction to Interpersonal Communication	3
		<i>Total: 20</i>
First year - Spring semester:		
Course Code:	Course Name:	Number of Credits:
BIO-136	Anatomy & Physiology II	4
ENG-101	English Composition	3
NUR-120	Nursing Concepts II	9
PSY-217	Developmental Psychology	3
		<i>Total: 19</i>
Second year – Fall semester:		
Course Code:	Course Name:	Number of Credits:
BIO-251	General Microbiology	4
NUR-220	Pharmacology/Pathophysiology for Health Care Professionals	3
NUR-230	Nursing Concepts III	9
SOC-101	Principles of Sociology	3
		<i>Total: 19</i>
Second year – Spring semester:		
Course Code:	Course Name:	Number of Credits:
ENG-102 or ENG-104	Advanced Composition: Contemporary Issues or Advanced Composition: Literature	3
Elective	Health and Physical Ed Electives	1
NUR-240	Nursing Concepts IV	9
NUR-250	Contemporary Concepts in Nursing	1
		<i>Total: 14</i>
Total Credits for Degree:		73

Notes:

- Nursing(NUR) courses must be taken in the sequence listed
- A minimum grade of “C” must be earned in all courses required in the Nursing curriculum in order to receive an A.A.S. Degree in Nursing

