



Nursing—Associate Degree

Program No: 10-543-1

Associate Degree in Applied Science
Degree Completion Time: Four Terms

In general, an academic year consists of two terms; however, degree completion time may vary based on student scheduling needs and class availability.

2013-2014

Catalog No.	Class Title	Credit(s)
Presemester		
10806186	Introduction to Biochemistry*	3.00
Term 1		
10543101	Nursing Fundamentals	2.00
10543102	Nursing Skills	3.00
10543103	Nursing Pharmacology	2.00
10543104	Nsg: Intro Clinical Practice	2.00
10801195	Written Communication	3.00
10806177	General Anatomy and Physiology	4.00
10809188	Developmental Psychology	3.00
Total		19.00
Term 2		
10543105	Nursing Health Alterations	3.00
10543106	Nursing Health Promotion	3.00
10543107	Nsg: Clin Care Across Lifespan	2.00
10543108	Nsg: Intro Clinical Care Mgt	2.00
10801196	Oral/Interpersonal Communication	3.00
10806179	Advanced Anatomy and Physiology	4.00
Total		17.00
Term 3		
10543109	Nsg: Complex Health Alterat 1	3.00
10543110	Nsg: Mental Health Comm Con	2.00
10543111	Nsg: Intermed Clin Practice	3.00
10543112	Nursing Advanced Skills	1.00
10806197	Microbiology	4.00
10809198	Introduction to Psychology	3.00
10999992	Elective	2.00
Total		18.00
Term 4		
10543113	Nsg: Complex Health Alterat 2	3.00
10543114	Nsg: Mgt & Profess Concepts	2.00
10543115	Nsg: Adv Clinical Practice	3.00
10543116	Nursing Clinical Transition	2.00
10809172	Introduction to Diversity Studies	3.00
	OR10809196 Introduction to Sociology	
10999999	Elective*	3.00
Total		16.00
Program Total		70.0

NOTE: *Term 4 elective credits will be met by completion of 10806186 Introduction to Biochemistry .

Recommended Support/Elective Courses:

10543124	Virtual Clinical for 2nd Semester Nursing	1.00
10543125	Virtual Clinical for 3rd Semester Nursing	1.00
31543300	Learning Strategies for Nursing	1.00

Note: Catalog numbers assigned to "elective" classes are for administrative use only. Consult with program counselor regarding your elective selection.

Program start dates vary; check with your counselor for details.

Curriculum and program acceptance requirements are subject to change.

About the Career

If you're ill or injured, it's comforting to know you're in the care of highly skilled, well-educated healthcare professionals. At the core of that healthcare team are registered nurses whose mission is to assess and care for the ill and injured as well as to maintain health and prevent illness of individuals across the lifespan. If you work well under pressure; like math, science, communications, and problem solving; are independent; and have a strong desire to work with and help people—success may be yours as a registered nurse.

Careers

Upon successful completion of the program, graduates are prepared to write the NCLEX-RN exam and, upon passing that exam, may be employed as registered nurses at:

- Clinics
- Community-Based Healthcare Agencies
- Hospitals
- Nursing Homes
- Workplace-Based Healthcare

Admissions Steps

- Submit Application and \$30 Processing Fee
- Complete an Assessment for Placement (Accuplacer or ACT and Health Occupations Entrance Assessment—HESI)
- Submit Official Transcripts (High School and Other Colleges)
- Complete Background Check and \$16 Processing Fee
- Complete Health Requirements
- Complete Chemistry Requirement
- Meet with Program Advisor
- Complete Functional Ability Statement of Understanding Form
- Complete Nursing Program Handbook Form

Program Outcomes

- Implement one's role as a nurse in ways that reflect integrity, responsibility, ethical practices, and an evolving professional identity as a nurse committed to evidence-based practice, caring, advocacy, and quality care.
- Demonstrate appropriate written, verbal, and nonverbal communication in a variety of clinical contexts.
- Integrate social, mathematical, and physical sciences, pharmacology, and pathophysiology in clinical decision making.
- Provide patient-centered care by utilizing the nursing process across diverse populations and health care settings.
- Minimize risk of harm to patients, providers, and self through safe individual performance and participation in system effectiveness.
- Lead the multidisciplinary health care team to provide effective patient care throughout the lifespan.
- Use information and technology to communicate, manage data, mitigate error, and support decision making.

Other Program Expectations

You'll need to:

- Have CPR professional certification (one- and two-person, adult, child and infant AED) required prior to starting clinicals.
- CNA competency must be met within 6 months of beginning nursing clinical.
- Talk, see, and hear.
- Stand, twist and bend.
- Lift up to 50 pounds up to 8 times per 4-to 8-hour clinical period.
- Tolerate environment containing products made with latex.
- See counselor for complete requirements.
- Science GPA.

Approximate Costs

- \$132 per credit (resident)
- \$198 per credit (out-of-state resident)
- Other fees vary by program (books, supplies, materials, tools, uniforms, health-related exams, etc.)

Special Program Accreditation

LTC's Nursing—Associate Degree program is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accreditation Commission, 3343 Peachtree Road N.E., Suite 850, Atlanta, Georgia 30326.

Special Note

Students need to complete the first year of the program courses within two years. Students continuing on to the second year or entering as LPNs need to complete the second-year courses within two years. At the end of the first year of classes, successful students are eligible to take the NCLEX-PN for licensed practical nursing licensure. LPNs may be eligible for advanced standing in the program.

Functional Abilities

Functional abilities are the basic duties that a student must be able to perform with or without reasonable accommodations. At the postsecondary level, students must meet these requirements, and they cannot be modified.

Entrance Assessment Scores

Accuplacer	ACT
Arithmetic - 79	Mathematics - 18
Reading - 95	Reading - 21
Sentence Skills - 103	English - 21

