

Nursing: LPN Articulation Option

Division of Nursing & Allied Health — Curriculum Code: 2104

Will Earn Upon Program Completion: Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) Degree

Why should I choose this Option?

The LPN Articulation Option of the Nursing program provides an opportunity for Licensed Practical Nurses to gain credit for previous LPN education and license toward completion of the Associate Degree Nursing Program. The nursing program prepares the student for entry-level positions in hospitals and other health care facilities. Upon completion of the program, the student is eligible for the RN-NCLEX exam.

Are there any requirements I must satisfy before I start taking courses in my major?

The student must possess a current LPN/LVN license, a high school diploma or GED, and have the official transcript of the state approved or NLN accredited Practical Nursing Program sent to the Nursing Department. Applicants should enter the college as a general science student with a major in nursing. Completion of all remediation is necessary to proceed to the prerequisite courses. The minimum standards for admission are:

- College-level performance in English, reading and mathematics;
- College GPA of 2.5 or better;
- Completion of CHM 101(or CHM 103), BIO 121, ENG 101, ENG 102, and PSY 101 with a "C" or better. BIO 121 and BIO 122 should have been completed within five years of admission. You can repeat a science course one time only;
- A satisfactory score on the Nursing admission exam;
- A minimum of six months of current full-time medical-surgical clinical experience.
- Current LPN/LVN License

Students must submit a completed applications to the nursing department no later than July 31 when nearing completion of the prerequisites courses.

How does this Option benefit the LPN?

The LPN can test out of Nursing I and segments of Nursing II. Upon successful completion of two courses, LPN Mobility I (NRS 106) and LPN Mobility II (NRS 111), students enter Nursing III and can complete the Nursing Program by successfully completing Nursing III, Nursing IV and Nursing V in the generic track. Upon successful completion of the program, graduates are awarded the Associate in Applied Science degree with a major in Nursing and are eligible to sit for the NCLEX-RN. Upon successful completion of NRS 106 and NRS 111, the LPN will be awarded six credits of Nursing for their LPN education (NRS 999).

How long will it take me to complete this degree?

The LPN Articulation Option runs over a year and a half.

Where should I direct specific questions about this program?

Call the Department at (973) 877-1868/1865.

Upon completion of this program, graduates will be able to:

- ◆ Assess clients utilizing Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs and Erikson's developmental theory as a framework to contribute to the data base;
- ◆ Use critical thinking when applying the nursing process;
- ◆ Formulate nursing diagnoses when potential and/or actual unmet needs cause health alterations;
- ◆ Develop a plan of care for clients in collaboration with other members of the healthcare team which incorporates clinical decision making, short and long term client-centered goals, and appropriate nursing interventions that are based on scientific rationale;
- ◆ Implement caring interventions, complex nursing skills, and current technology in a safe and competent manner;
- ◆ Evaluate the effectiveness of nursing care based upon established outcome criteria and revise care plan as needed;
- ◆ Implement nursing care responsive to the clients' cultural diversity and advocacy needs;
- ◆ Employ appropriate communication skills with clients, peers, and members of the health care team in the health care setting;
- ◆ Implement teaching plans to promote health in clients and their families;
- ◆ Practice nursing within the legal and ethical framework of the nursing profession;
- ◆ Demonstrate a commitment to one's own professional and personal growth; and
- ◆ Manage nursing care for groups of clients within the scope of ADN nursing practice.

Nursing: LPN Articulation Option — A.A.S. Degree Program

(Also see General Science - A.S. Degree Program)

<p>GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS: (20 Credits)</p> <p>Communications (6 credits) ENG 101 College Composition I 3 ENG 102 College Composition II 3</p> <p>Social Science (6 credits) SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology 3 PSY 101 General Psychology I 3</p> <p>Lab Science/Math (5 credits) MTH 116 Medical Mathematics 1 BIO 121 Anatomy & Physiology I 4</p> <p>Humanities (3 credits) Select a History course: HST 101,102, 111, 112, 121, 122, 131, 132, 134, 135, 136, 137, 161, or 162 3</p> <p>MAJOR COURSE REQUIREMENTS: (46 credits)</p> <p>BIO 122 Anatomy and Physiology II 4 CHM 101 College Chemistry I or CHM 103 General Chemistry I 4 BIO 211 Microbiology 4 NRS 106 LPN Mobility I* 2 NRS 111 LPN Mobility II* 6 NRS 233 Nursing III 9 NRS 234 Nursing IV 9 NRS 235 Nursing V (Nursing Seminar) 2 NRS 999 LPN Education 6</p> <p>*Upon successful completion of NRS 106 and NRS 111, the LPN will be awarded six credits of Nursing for the LPN education (NRS 999).</p> <p>Total Credits Required for Degree: 66</p> <p>The minimum passing grade for all courses designated BIO, CHM, MTH or NRS is "C." If you earn a grade below "C," you will need to repeat that course.</p> <p>Note: Consult the N.J. Board of Nursing for specific information on licensure requirements.</p> <p>Note: Students accepted to the program begin with NRS 106 which begins in March.</p>	<p>RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE OF COURSES**</p> <p><u>Prerequisite Courses</u></p> <p>BIO 121 Anatomy and Physiology I 4 BIO 122 Anatomy and Physiology II 4 CHM 101 College Chemistry I or CHM 103 General Chemistry I 4 ENG 101 College Composition I 3 ENG 102 College Composition II 3 PSY 101 General Psychology I 3</p> <p><u>First Semester</u></p> <p>NRS 106 LPN Mobility I* 2 NRS 111 LPN Mobility II * 6 MTH 116 Medical Mathematics 1 BIO 211 Microbiology 4</p> <p><u>Second Semester</u></p> <p>NRS 233 Nursing III 9 SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology 3 NRS 999 LPN Education 6</p> <p><u>Third Semester</u></p> <p>NRS 234 Nursing IV 9 NRS 235 Nursing V (Nursing Seminar) 2 Select a History course: HST 101,102, 111, 112, 121, 122, 131, 132, 134, 135, 136, 137, 161, or 162 3</p> <p>***Note: This Nursing Program is approved by the New Jersey Board of Nursing, 124 Halsey Street, 6th Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07102 (Web address: www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/medical/nursing.htm Tel: (973) 504-6430), and the National League of Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC), Inc., 3343 Peach Tree Road, NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, Georgia, 30326. (Web address: www.nlnac.org; Tel: (404) 973-5000; Fax: 404-975-5020)</p> <p>Note: Students enrolled in the Nursing Program will be required to submit to criminal background checks, health clearance, and CPR certification in connection with their clinical placement at certain health care organizations. All expenses for health clearance, criminal background checks, and CPR certification are the responsibility of the student.</p>
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****NOTE:** This plan assumes the completion of all required developmental courses in reading, writing, and mathematics as well as other pre- and co-requisites for some of the courses, as listed in the Course Descriptions section.