

## **NURSING – ADN-RN COMPLETION OPTION FOR LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES 6252** **A Two-Year Option Leading to the A.S. Degree**

Entrance into the ADN-RN Completion Option will permit students to obtain credit for the first-year Associate Degree Nursing Program courses and enter the second year of the program. Graduates of the Associate Degree Nursing Program earn an Associate of Science in Nursing and are eligible to write the State Board examination to earn licensure as a Registered Nurse (RN).

**Indiana Code Section 39.IC 25-23-1-11 requires that any person who applies to the board for a license to practice as a registered nurse must not have (a) been convicted of a crime that has a direct bearing on the person's ability to practice competently; or (b) committed an act that would constitute grounds for a disciplinary sanction under IC 25-1-9. If applicable to you, see the Program Chairperson for further discussion.**

The ADN-RN Completion Option for the Licensed Practical Nurses program is accredited by the Indiana State Board of Nursing and the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC). Information on accreditation status may be obtained by contacting the NLNAC. They may be contacted at the following address: National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC, Inc.), 61 Broadway, 33<sup>rd</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10006 (1-800-669-1656, Extension 153, or [www.nlnac.org](http://www.nlnac.org)).

The curriculum provides a balance between general education and nursing. The nursing faculty provides instruction and guidance in the College Learning Laboratory, hospitals, community mental health centers, community agencies, and other healthcare facilities. Transportation related to clinical experiences is the responsibility of the student. Applicants are accepted into the ADN-RN Completion option only one time annually.

### **Program Outcomes**

At the completion of the Associate Degree Nursing Program, the graduate will:

1. Utilize critical thinking in the implementation of the nursing process to provide safe, evidence-based and culturally competent care to clients in various settings.
2. Effectively communicate by sharing accurate information through various technologies thus promoting multidisciplinary team and client collaboration to provide effective nursing care.
3. Demonstrate caring in order to foster a therapeutic environment.
4. Provide health education for clients to promote adaptation to health changes and achieve optimal levels of wellness.
5. Incorporate legal and ethical guidelines into nursing practice to demonstrate professionalism and adherence to registered nursing practice standards.
6. Communicate a commitment to lifelong learning to maintain professional growth and career mobility.

### **Admission Requirements**

#### ***Basic Requirements***

All applicants must meet the following basic admission requirements.

1. Meet admission requirements of the University.
2. Possess physical and mental health acceptable for performance in the occupation as evidenced by examination by a licensed physician.

**Note:** Admission to the University does not ensure admission to the nursing program. The number of students admitted is limited by the availability of instructional resources and clinical learning sites. In addition to the basic requirements, students must meet standards under 1, 2 and 3 below to be eligible for admission to the Associate Degree Nursing Program. Each applicant is reviewed individually. Any falsification of application information will result in denial of admission or removal from the program.

#### ***Program Admission Requirements***

1. The University's policy for acceptance of other academic credit and degree requirements for graduation must be met. Early completion credit for second year nursing courses will not be approved.
2. Have a cumulative GPA of 2.7 or higher.
3. Hold a valid Practical Nursing License.

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4. Only MATH 101 Intermediate Algebra; LFSC 111/111L Anatomy and Physiology I; LFSC 112/112L Anatomy and Physiology II; and LFSC 210/210L Microbiology taken less than seven years prior to admission to the nursing program will be considered for credit.
  - a) Students seeking credit for MATH 101 Intermediate Algebra that was taken longer than seven years prior to admission to the nursing program may elect to take the University General Education math test and receive a cut score of 63 or higher, or take the CLEP exam.
  - b) Students seeking credit for MATH 101 Intermediate Algebra; LFSC 111/111L Anatomy and Physiology I; LFSC 112/112L Anatomy and Physiology II; or LFSC 210/210L Microbiology that was taken longer than seven years prior to admission to the nursing program may elect to enroll in the course and seek early completion.
  - c) There is no time limit on CHEM 101/101L Organic and Biochemistry.
5. Only Principles of Sociology, General Psychology, Speech and Interpersonal Communication courses taken less than fifteen years prior to admission to the school of nursing will be considered for credit.
6. NURS 171 Transitions must be completed in the academic year immediately preceding entry into the second year nursing courses.

**Note:** Each applicant is reviewed individually. Any falsification of application information will result in denial of admission or removal from the program.

**Once all requirements have been met, the student is advised to submit the completed admissions application to the Vincennes University Admissions Office.**

The Nursing Admissions Committee will review the completed application. If the student meets the admission requirements/standards, then the student will be asked to submit a criminal history report\*, with the fee paid by the student. Full admission into the Associate Degree Nursing Program is contingent upon a satisfactory criminal history report as determined by the Nursing Admissions Committee.

**\*Criminal History Report**

The Associate Degree Nursing program is intended to provide the education necessary for students to become registered nurses. As part of the licensing process, applicants are required to submit information regarding any criminal history to the Indiana State Board of Nursing. Consequently, all applicants meeting academic requirements must release criminal background information to the Vincennes University Nursing Program prior to admission, per Department of Nursing protocol. The background check will be at the applicant's expense.

A prior conviction or prior criminal activity will not automatically bar the applicant from admission to the nursing program. The applicant should provide a detailed explanation of the offenses or convictions, including the location, the convictions, the dates, and the court disposition. The Nursing Admissions Committee will review the case and make a determination regarding admission to the Vincennes University Nursing Program. If the committee denies the applicant's admission into the Nursing Program, the applicant may request in writing an appeal in accordance with the University's Student Grievance Policy.

**Requirements for All Associate Degree Nursing Students Admitted to the Program**

Once students are admitted to the program and before beginning any nursing courses, students admitted to the program are responsible for completing the following requirements:

1. Students must possess current certification in Basic Life Support (American Red Cross, CPR Professional Rescue or American Heart Association Healthcare Provider level).
2. Students must complete and have on file with the University Health Service Office a current medical/physical form, immunization records form, and the Hepatitis B vaccination form. Students must possess current immunizations and annual TB (PPD) test, and provide verification of Hepatitis B inoculation or refusal thereof.
3. A fee for liability insurance will be charged through the University Bursar's Office.
4. Any costs for necessary health care will be the responsibility of the student. Therefore, students are strongly urged to maintain health insurance coverage.
5. Additional criminal history documents and/or screenings may be required based on the changing policies of the clinical agencies.

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## Standards for Progression and Graduation

Upon completion of NURS 171 Transitions (5 credit hours) with a C or better, the student will receive advanced placement credit for NURS 170 (11 credit hours) in Associate Degree Nursing. (There is no tuition fee for these 11 credits.)

Students must successfully complete (grades of C or better) all 19 general education hours from the first level Associate Degree Nursing curriculum (CHEM 101/101L, LFSC 111/111L, LFSC 112/112L, ENGL 102 and MATH 101) prior to beginning the second level ADN courses (NURS 200 and NURS 230).

The 16 total credits for NURS 171/170 plus the 19 general education hours, totaling 35 credit hours equals to the first year of the standard Associate Degree Nursing 6250 program curriculum plan.

Once admitted to the Associate Degree Nursing Program, students will adhere to the same standards as all Associate Degree Nursing students. Please refer to these standards for information on progression and graduation requirements.

## Readmission Standards

Readmission standards apply to any student who has enrolled in and attended a nursing course, dropped the nursing course, and/or has not met the *Standards for Progression and Graduation* as listed above.

1. Students may be readmitted to the nursing program limited to one time.
2. Applications for readmission must be obtained from and returned to the Health Science and Human Performance Division Office, Attention: Associate Degree Nursing by the deadline established by the program.
3. Students seeking to reenter the program at the point in which they withdrew, must reenter the program within one year. Otherwise, the student may apply for readmission to begin the program in its entirety.
4. Qualified applicants will be readmitted on a space-available basis.
5. Each application is reviewed individually by the Nursing Department Admissions Committee.
6. Students who believe they have extenuating circumstances to these readmission standards, may write a letter to the Nursing Department Admissions Committee to explain their situation, following the University Grievance Policy.

	Credit Hours	
<b>Major Program Requirements</b>	<b>41</b>	
LFSC 112 Anatomy and Physiology II.....	2	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Recommended Sequence of Courses</b></p> <p>(This sequence assumes any necessary developmental requirements have been met.)</p> <hr/> <p><b>Pre-Admission <sup>1</sup></b></p> <p>CHEM 101 .....3            CHEM 101L.....1            ENGL 101 .....3            ENGL 102 .....3            LFSC 111 .....2            LFSC 111L.....1            LFSC 112 .....2            LFSC 112L.....1            MATH 101 .....3            Total Hours: 19</p> <hr/> <p><b>Entry Level</b></p> <p>NURS 170 .....11            NURS 171 .....5            Total Hours: 16</p>
LFSC 112L Anatomy and Physiology Laboratory II .....	1	
LFSC 210 Microbiology .....	2	
LFSC 210L Microbiology Laboratory.....	2	
NURS 170 LPN Experiential Credit .....	11	
NURS 171 Transitions .....	5	
NURS 200 Medical-Surgical Nursing II.....	4	
NURS 230 Pediatric Nursing .....	4	
NURS 240 Psychosocial Nursing .....	4	
NURS 250 Medical-Surgical Nursing III.....	4	
NURS 260 Issues and Trends .....	2	
<b>General Education Requirements</b>		
<i>See pages 64 to 74 in this catalog for a complete description of the general education and assessment requirements.</i>		
<b>Basic Skills Core</b>	<b>9</b>	
ENGL 101 English Composition I.....	3	
MATH 101 Intermediate Algebra (or higher mathematics) .....	3	
SPCH 143 Speech -or-		
SPCH 148 Interpersonal Communication .....	3	
<p><i>The Reading and Speaking Intensive requirements may be met by NURS 260.</i></p> <p><i>The Writing Intensive requirement may be met by NURS 260 or SPCH 148.</i></p> <p><i>The Mathematics Intensive requirement may be met by a subsequent mathematics course or by passing a mathematics assessment examination.</i></p>		

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<sup>1</sup> See A.D. Nursing Standards for Progression and Graduation for exceptions to recommended course sequence.

<b><i>Liberal Education Core</i></b>	<b>21</b>
CHEM 101 Elementary Organic Chemistry and Biochemistry .....	3
CHEM 101L Elementary Organic Chemistry and Biochemistry Laboratory....	1
ENGL 102 English Composition II.....	3
LFSC 111 Anatomy and Physiology I .....	2
LFSC 111L Anatomy and Physiology Laboratory I.....	1
PFWL 100 Lifetime Fitness/Wellness .....	2
PSYC 142 General Psychology .....	3
SOCL 151 Principles of Sociology.....	3
Humanities Elective – Common Core List.....	3

*The Computer Skills requirement is met by Computers Across the Curriculum.* **71**

<b>Semester III</b>	
LFSC 210 .....	2
LFSC 210L .....	2
NURS 200 .....	4
NURS 230 .....	4
PSYC 142 .....	3
SPCH 143/148(W).....	3
Total Hours: 18	
<b>Semester IV</b>	
NURS 240 .....	4
NURS 250 .....	4
NURS 260(R/W/S).....	2
PFWL 100 .....	2
SOCL 151 .....	3
Humanities Elec .....	3
Total Hours: 18	