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SEMESTER AND YEAR OF INTENDED NURSING PROGRAM START \_\_\_\_\_

### WORK RECORD SINCE LPN GRADUATION

FACILITY	POSITION	DATES

**Each LPN to RN Advanced Standing student must complete the following:**

- ✓ Complete a Lake Michigan College Application – [www.lakemichigancollege.edu/apply](http://www.lakemichigancollege.edu/apply)
- ✓ Submit official copies of ALL non-LMC transcripts to the LMC Records Office for official Transfer Credit Evaluation
- ✓ Meet with Director of Nursing to review eligibility and register for Pharmacology II, if required
- ✓ Consult with an academic advisor in person or via email before and/or while completing entrance requirements
- ✓ Submit an Advanced Standing application by **September 12** for a Spring pathway start, or **May 12** for a Fall pathway start
- ✓ Be a graduate of a State-approved LPN program and hold (or be eligible for) an active unencumbered LPN Licensure
- ✓ Submit a reference letter verifying work experience as an LPN for at least 6 months
- ✓ Complete **all** current program entrance requirements and testing (see *Guidelines for Admission*)
- ✓ **English as a Second Language (ESL) applicants only:** complete the TOEFL with an 84 or higher, and speaking subscore of 26 or higher, prior to taking HESI A2
- ✓ **ALL applicants:** Complete the HESI A2 (Reading, Grammar, Vocabulary, and Math) with a score of 75 or higher
- ✓ Hold a minimum overall College GPA of 2.50 minimum

My signature below verifies that I have read and understand the entrance requirements for the LPN to RN pathway, I have met or I am planning to meet with the Director of Nursing, and I have consulted with an Academic Advisor in person or via email before and/or while completing my entrance requirements.

STUDENT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

PRINTED NAME \_\_\_\_\_

**Application must be submitted to:**

Lake Michigan College, Health Sciences Office  
 2755 E Napier Avenue  
 Benton Harbor, MI 49022  
**Email:** [healthsciences@lakemichigancollege.edu](mailto:healthsciences@lakemichigancollege.edu)  
**Fax:** 269-927-8186

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## ADVANCED STANDING GUIDELINES FOR ADMISSION

Application Requirements	Completed or will Complete
<b>Apply to Lake Michigan College.</b> Apply online at <a href="http://www.lakemichigancollege.edu/apply">www.lakemichigancollege.edu/apply</a>	
<b>Submit ALL official transcripts</b> for Transfer Credit Evaluation. Transcripts may take between 8 and 10 weeks to evaluate. May meet with Academic Advisor to determine potential transfer credit while waiting for evaluation to be completed.	
<b>Meet or consult with an Academic Advisor</b> to discuss LPN to RN requirements, set up a plan to complete any outstanding or expired prerequisites	
<b>Submit your LPN to RN Advanced Standing Application</b> to the Health Sciences Office (page 1 of this document).	
Submit a copy of your current LPN Licensure and a reference letter verifying work experience as an LPN (must be from DON or supervisor)	
Meet with the Director of Nursing to discuss eligibility, progress, and to register for Pharmacology II, if required.	

### ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Academic Requirements (complete at LMC or through Transfer Credit)	Completed or Will Complete
<b>TOEFL iBT Test</b> – required for Non-Native English Speaking Students/English as a Second Language Students <b>ONLY</b> <i>***Must be taken <b>before</b> the HESI A2. Minimum overall score of 84 and minimum speaking subscore of 26 required for entry.</i>	
<b>HESI A2 Assessment</b> – score of 75 or higher within two (2) attempts.	
<b>Overall/College GPA</b> – MINIMUM 2.50 GPA required	
<b>Pharmacology II</b> - required if prior Pharm credit is older than 3 years.	
<b>MATH 122 or 123</b> Intermediate Algebra or Quantitative Reasoning	
<b>HEAL 121</b> Calculations for Healthcare Professionals ( <i>"B" or higher grade required.</i> )	
<b>ENGL 101</b> English Composition I <b>and</b> <b>ENGL 102</b> English Composition II	
<b>BIOL 205</b> Human Anatomy ( <i>may require BIOL 110 as a prerequisite</i> )	
<b>BIOL 206</b> Human Physiology ( <i>may require CHEM 104 as a prerequisite</i> )	
<b>PSYC 201</b> Introduction to Psychology	
<b>Fine Arts/Humanities</b> ( <i>may be completed during the third program semester concurrent with Nursing program courses.</i> )	

*\*All courses **unless otherwise noted** must be passed with a "C" or better.*

*\*All science and math courses must be passed within 10 years of program start.*

*\*Pharmacology II registration requires permission from Director of Nursing*

# ADVANCED STANDING GUIDELINES FOR ADMISSION, *CONTINUED*

## CLINICAL COMPLIANCE AND UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

Prior to starting Nursing program classes as a second year student, LPN to RN students **MUST** complete the following clinical compliance items. When starting the program, LPN to RN students will start directly into clinical and lecture Nursing courses and must be fully clinical compliant before starting class. Students must also have their books, uniform, and supplies ready. Details regarding clinical compliance can be obtained from the Health Sciences Office. For specific information about each requirement, see pgs. 5-6.

Requirement	Comments
<b>Register for Nursing Program Classes</b> <i>E-mail will be sent by Health Sciences Office upon completion of all pre-program requirements</i>	
<b>Completion of 10-panel drug screen</b> (urinalysis) through Complio <i>Failure to pass drug screen <b>will</b> result in inability to start program and/or program exit</i>	
<b>Completion of background check</b> through Complio <i>Failure to pass background check <b>may</b> result in inability to start program and/or program exit</i>	
<b>Completion of physical exam</b> (Health Certification form) <i>Copy can be obtained from Health Science Office</i>	
<b>Provide proof of current vaccinations</b> and/or immunity to the following communicable diseases: Hep B, MMR, Varicella, Tdap <i>Documentation of vaccinations must be uploaded to Complio</i>	
<b>Provide proof of current, negative TB test</b> through a two-step skin test or a TSPOT/Quantiferon Gold blood test <i>TB Test <b>MUST</b> be current and must be renewed annually</i>	
<b>Provide proof of current BLS Provider CPR certification</b>	
<b>Purchase uniform</b> through Scrub Depot (see flyer for details) – please allow <i>at least</i> 6 weeks for order to be finished. Students must purchase uniform shoes, watch with a second hand, and stethoscope.	
<b>Purchase books</b> (see Nursing office and Bookstore for specifics)	
<b>Attend the Skills Fair</b> (see Nursing office for more detail)	

*Applicants who do not meet the above criteria should contact the Director of Nursing, Health Sciences Office, or the Health Sciences Academic Advisor for guidance. By signing below, you acknowledge you have reviewed the above requirements.*

STUDENT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT PRINTED NAME \_\_\_\_\_

# ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE – NURSING

## LPN TO RN ADVANCED STANDING ADMISSION

Lake Michigan College and the Health Science Department are pleased that you are interested in the Associate in Applied Science – Nursing program as an LPN to RN Advanced Standing student. The selection process was established to enhance student success in the nursing curriculum and passing scores on the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX-RN). LPN to RN is considered an “advanced standing” pathway. Students must complete ALL program prerequisites and pre-program requirements in order to start the Nursing Program as an LPN to RN student. Students are required to follow the below admission process to establish a timeline for program entry. Students are responsible for checking in with their advisor and/or the health sciences office if they have any questions or if their plan for admission changes.

### All LPN to RN Advanced Standing Applicants Must:

1. Submit a Lake Michigan College application at ([www.lakemichigancollege.edu/apply](http://www.lakemichigancollege.edu/apply))
2. Submit a completed Lake Michigan College LPN to RN application form (page 1 of this document). This application must be directly submitted to the Health Sciences Office either in person, via fax, via US Post, or via e-mail.
3. Meet with the Lake Michigan College Director of Nursing.
4. Meet or consult with an Academic Advisor to determine progress or set up a plan to complete any outstanding prerequisites.
5. Be a high school graduate or successfully complete the GED test.
6. Be a graduate from a State Approved LPN program.
7. Hold or be eligible for a LPN Licensure and submit a copy of licensure with application.
8. Submit a reference letter verifying work experience as an LPN totaling at least 6 months before program start. The letter must be signed by an immediate supervisor or the Director of Nursing. This letter must be submitted with application.
9. Forward to the Lake Michigan College Records Department ALL official transcripts from colleges previously attended. It is your responsibility to confirm that your transcripts are on file. (Please allow 8-10 weeks for transcripts to be processed. All official transcripts **MUST** be received in order to determine. Failure to have all transcripts submitted on time to LMC may result in an incomplete LPN to RN Advanced Standing application).
10. If previously completed Pharmacology coursework is older than 3 years, complete Pharmacology II.
11. If previously completed Pharmacology/Med Math coursework is older than 3 years, complete HEAL 121 Calculations for Healthcare Professionals, or test out in the Testing Center. Review material is available in the testing center.
12. Complete the HESI A2 Exam with a score of 75 or higher within two (2) attempts maximum. The exam can be taken at the LMC Assessment Center. Previous scores from the HESI A2 exam taken at LMC are valid for 5 years, after which students must re-take the HESI. ESL/Non-native English Speaking Students **MUST** take the TOEFL iBT Test prior to taking the HESI A2. Minimum TOEFL iBT test scores are 84 overall, and a speaking subscore of 26.
13. Meet the Technical Standards for Admission to the Health Science Department and the Technical Standards and Functions required for the LPN to RN pathway.
14. Be 18 years of age or older when they begin the Nursing Program.

The nursing program is designed to prepare the student for employment in the field of nursing; positions are located within hospitals, medical clinics, private practices, and other medical institutions. Upon successful completion of the nursing program, students are eligible to take the NCLEX exam. Satisfactory completion of the NCLEX exam allows the nurse to use the initials RN (Registered Nurse).

Applicants meeting the above criteria (Advanced Standing Guidelines for Admission) will be granted credit for first-semester and second-semester Nursing classes through a Prior Experiential Learning (PEL) Credit. **The cost of the PEL is \$50 PER CLASS (expect to pay approximately \$250 - \$300 dollars).**

## Admission Requirements and Checklist for the LPN to RN Program - DETAIL

1. Students must have completed all prerequisite and pre-program coursework with a final grade of “C” or higher in each course, **except** for HEAL 121 which requires a “B” minimum grade. Advanced Standing students must complete ALL courses required of a new Nursing student prior to starting the program. All science and math courses **MUST** be completed within 10 years of program start. If a course expires while a student is completing other pre-program requirements, it is the students’ responsibility to follow up with an advisor to discuss options for completion.

### **The following prerequisite courses are required prior to starting the Nursing program:**

- BIOL 205 – Human Anatomy (*requires BIOL 110 or 101 as a prerequisite*)
- BIOL 206 – Human Physiology (*may require CHEM 104 as a prerequisite*)
- ENGL 101 **and** 102 – English Composition I and II
- MATH 122 **or** MATH 123 – Intermediate Algebra or Quantitative Reasoning
- HEAL 121 – Calculations for Healthcare Professionals (*requires MATH 122/123 as a prerequisite*) **THIS CLASS REQUIRES A “B” MINIMUM GRADE!**
- Nursing Pharmacology II (if prior pharmacology experience is older than 3 years)
- PSYC 201 – Introduction to Psychology
- Humanities/Fine Arts – *May be taken concurrently with Nursing program classes in the third program semester.* Applicable courses include: three (3) credits in any 100-level course or higher in one of the following disciplines: Art, Foreign Language (or Honors 122, 195, 196), Humanities, Music, Philosophy (or Honors 171, 175), Drama, Any 200-level English course (or Honors 204, 208, 256, 258).

While in the program, all Nursing (NURS) courses must be completed with a minimum percentage grade of 78% to be considered passing. There is a limit of **two** (2) class failures allowed during the Nursing Program. This applies to all Nursing courses, **including Pharmacology II** for LPN to RN Advanced Standing students.

2. A minimum GPA of 2.50 is required for Nursing program admission as an LPN to RN Advanced Standing student. If the number of LPN to RN seats in the program is limited, Advanced Standing students with the highest overall GPA will be selected for admission. *Admission is not guaranteed.*
3. All clinical sites will be arranged and confirmed by the Health Sciences Office prior to students receiving acceptance notifications. The clinical site is a third-party entity into which students are placed for practical experience. LMC cannot guarantee that a clinical site will always be available. Arrangement for such a site depends upon the college’s ability to enter into formal agreement with a proposed site. Students should not rely upon the availability of a clinical site in a particular geographical location. All nursing clinical practicum courses are subject to special scheduling dates which may not follow traditional college semester calendars.

While LMC uses its best efforts to negotiate clinical sites, even after they become available they can become unavailable for reasons beyond the control of LMC, and in that event, LMC has no liability. No one at LMC has authority to modify the conditions and information outlined in this application other than in writing signed by the Dean of Health Sciences.

4. Prior to starting Nursing program classes, LPN to RN Advanced Standing students must complete the Health Certification Form (physical), their background check and drug screen, proof of immunizations, a TB test, and obtain Professional Level CPR certification. Basic Life Support (BLS) Provider through American Heart Association **or** CPR for Professional Rescuer through Red Cross are acceptable levels of CPR for the Nursing program. CPR certification **MUST** be maintained and current while in the Nursing program. Fully online courses are **NOT** accepted.

5. All LPN to RN students must successfully complete a drug screen and criminal background check, as required by the agreements LMC has with clinical sites, **PRIOR** to starting Nursing program classes. These checks must have been completed no longer than six months prior to the beginning of this first clinical rotation. The cost for the drug screen and criminal background check is the responsibility of the student and facilitated through a vendor designated by LMC. The completed reports (with no active exclusions reported) must be received by the LMC Health Sciences Office prior to any nursing student beginning Nursing program classes.

LMC **does not** provide criminal background checks, drug screens, health physicals, and/or any required vaccinations. Costs associated with completing these requirements are the responsibility of the student.

6. Students are responsible for the costs of their uniform, shoes, stethoscope, and watch with a second hand. Students are encouraged to order their uniform at least 6 weeks in advance to make sure they are clinical ready when starting the Nursing program.
7. LPN to RN students are required to attend the Nursing Skills Fair held prior to each semester. This allows them to brush up on skills and assessment prior to starting class and clinical.

*Admission process is nondiscriminatory in regards to age, color, height, weight, creed, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, national origin, political affiliation, race, religion, or gender identity or expression.*



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## Technical Standards for Admission Health Science Department

The Health Science Department faculty has specified the following non-academic criteria which applicants generally are expected to meet in order to participate in the Health Sciences programs and professional practice. These technical standards are necessary and essential and have been developed to provide for the health and safety of the patients receiving care from the Health Sciences Department students.

**OBSERVATION** – The applicant must be able to participate in all demonstrations, laboratory exercises, and clinical practicum and to assess and comprehend the condition of all patients assigned for examination and treatment.

**COMMUNICATION** – The applicant must be able to communicate with patients and members of the healthcare team with accuracy, clarity, and efficiency within rapidly changing healthcare settings. The applicant must also be able to give and / or receive verbal directions about or to a patient or members of the healthcare team within rapidly changing health care settings. The applicant must be able to gather data from written documents, oral presentations, and observation of patients within a variety of settings.

**PSYCHOMOTOR** –The applicant must have motor functions sufficient to provide safe nursing care activities, grasp large or small objects, and manipulate a variety of objects. The applicant must have sufficient hearing ability to identify and differentiate a variety of sounds (i.e.; lung sounds, heart sounds, and monitor alarms). The applicant must have sufficient visual ability to identify measurements on syringes and to detect changes in a patient’s skin or health status.

**INTELLECTUAL/ CONCEPTUAL, INTEGRATIVE, AND QUANTITATIVE ABILITIES** – The applicant must be able to measure, calculate, reason analyze, evaluate, and synthesize information and observations. Problem solving, the critical skill demanded of health science practitioners, requires all of these cognitive abilities.

**BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL ATTRIBUTES** – The applicant must possess the emotional health required for full utilization of intellectual abilities to safely provide care to patients. The applicant must be free of behaviors or evidence indicating addiction, abuse, or dependence on alcohol or other drugs that have the potential to impair judgment. Applicants must be able to tolerate physical and mental workloads, function effectively under stress, adapt to changing environments and conditions, display flexibility and function in the face of uncertainties inherent in the clinical setting and with patients. Compassion, integrity and concern for others, interest and motivation are personal qualities each applicant should possess.





**Technical Standards and Functions Required for Successful  
Completion of Degree Program in Nursing**

<b>Standards</b>	<b>Functions (List is NOT all-inclusive)</b>
Vision sufficient to accurately observe patients at a distance and close at hand.	Note changes in a patient’s skin color, or facial expression.
Vision sufficient to be able to read documents, computer screens, and equipment markings.	Read electronic records, charts, textbooks. Note measurements on syringes of various sizes, IV bags, medications.
Speech sufficient to be understood by others; ability to understand the communication of others within rapidly changing health settings.	Communicating with patients and other health care professionals.
Hearing sufficient to differentiate various body sounds, alarms, and equipment results.	Hear and differentiate lung, heart, bowel sounds, blood pressure, and Doppler.
Physical condition sufficient to perform general and emergency patient care-	CPR, pressure to control bleeding, walking and standing for extended periods of time.
Sufficient fine motor coordination to perform tasks related to diagnostic maneuvers.	Ability to palpate and auscultate, manipulate syringes, insert IVs.
Sufficient muscle strength, lower back and knee stability to handle patients in a safe manner.	Lifting and transferring of patients, physically assisting patients.
Sufficient psychological stability and emotional health to use intellectual abilities, exercise good judgment, complete responsibilities relating to the care of patients, and develop effective relationships with patients.	Function effectively in stressful clinical situations, adapt to changing environments, demonstrate compassion and integrity, provide care without evidence of behaviors of addiction or abuse of drugs or alcohol.

**Note**

You need to be able to perform each of these tasks with or without accommodation. If an accommodation is necessary because of a disability it is your responsibility to provide documentation and to request accommodation. The college will endeavor to satisfy requests for reasonable accommodations; however, it is not guaranteed.

# ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE - NURSING

Prerequisites to Program Admittance and Course Sequence

*Please note that the NURS course sequence below is tentative pending curriculum changes for Fall 2020. Course names and numbers are subject to change.*

	<u>Credit Hours</u>	<u>Contact Hours</u>
BIOL 110 (or BIOL 101 or comparable prerequisite for BIOL 205)	4	5
<b><u>Prerequisite Ranking Courses</u></b>		
CHEM 104 Fundamentals of General, Organic, & Biochemistry	4	6
BIOL 205 Human Anatomy	4	5
MATH 122 or MATH 123	4	4
<b><u>Prior to Start of Program</u></b>		
BIOL 206 Human Physiology	4	6
HEAL 121 Calculations for Healthcare Professionals ( <b>B MINIMUM</b> )	1	1
ENGL 101 English Composition I	3	3
<b><u>Level 1 - First Semester</u></b>		
PSYC 201 Introduction to Psychology	3	3
NURS 180 Nursing Fundamentals	6	10
NURS 131 Pharmacology I	2	2
<b>Semester Total:</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>15</b>
<b><u>Level 2 - Second Semester</u></b>		
ENGL 102 English Composition II	3	3
NURS 182 Community Mental Health Nursing (7 weeks)	3	6
NURS 181 Medical-Surgical Nursing 1 (7 weeks)	5	10
NURS 136 Pharmacology II	2	2
<b>Semester Total:</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>21</b>
<b><u>Level 3 - Third Semester</u></b>		
<b><i>This is where most LPN to RN students start the Nursing program. All requirements listed above (or program-approved substitutions), including PSYC 201, and ENGL 102, must be completed before program start.</i></b>		
Humanities/Fine Arts Course**	3	3
NURS 291 Medical-Surgical Nursing 2 (7 weeks)	4	8
NURS 292 Maternal & Child Nursing (7 weeks)	5	9
NURS 290 Advanced Health Assessment	1	1
<b>Semester Total:</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>22</b>
<b><u>Level 4 - Fourth Semester</u></b>		
NURS 293 Medical-Surgical Nursing 3 (7 weeks)	4	8
NURS 294 Medical-Surgical Nursing 4 (7 weeks)	5	10
NURS 288/289 Current Issues in Nursing	1	1
<b>Semester Total:</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>PROGRAM TOTAL:</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>106</b>

**\*\*Humanities/Fine Arts Course:** Any 100-level course or higher in one of the following disciplines: Art, Foreign Language (or Honors 122, 195, 196), Humanities, Music, Philosophy (or Honors 171, 175), Drama, Any 200-level English course (or Honors 204, 208, 256, 258).

**Suggested Support Courses for BSN Transfer:** Medical Terminology HEAL 103; PSYC 203 Human Development; BIOL 210 Microbiology; MATH 216 Statistics; HEAL 113 Nutrition and Diet Therapy.