



Baton Rouge Community College
Associate of Science in Nursing Program

LPN to RN ENTRY TRACK INFORMATION PACKET

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**Application, Official Transcript, & Professional
Experience Validation Form**

DEADLINE

January 11, 2010 at 5 pm

Return completed application to:
BATON ROUGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
OFFICE OF ENROLLMENT SERVICES
201 COMMUNITY COLLEGE DRIVE
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70806
PHONE:(225) 216-8700

For additional information please contact:
THE DEPARTMENT OF NURSING AND ALLIED HEALTH
PHONE: (225) 216-8044

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PROGRAM INFORMATION

Graduation from Baton Rouge Community College (BRCC) Associate Degree Nursing Program provides eligibility for students seeking licensure through the Louisiana State Board of Nursing as a Registered Nurse (R.N.). The R.N. is educated as a generalist who delivers health care to individuals, families and groups and has competencies related to the profession of nursing. The R.N. may be employed in a variety of acute, chronic, and community-based health care settings. Registered Nurses function within their legal scope of practice and use professional standards of care in illness care and health promotion activities for clients and families across the life span. The Associate of Science in Nursing Degree provides the graduate with an educational foundation for articulation into the university setting.

All applicants selected for admissions will be required to submit an Application for Approval to Enroll in a Clinical Nursing Course. The Nurse Practice Act of Louisiana requires that students must be approved by the Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN) to practice as student nurses prior to enrolling in a clinical nursing course. The LSBN requires persons who have been arrested, charged with, or convicted of any criminal offense in any state to petition the Louisiana State Board in writing for the right to practice as a student in Louisiana prior to enrolling in a clinical nursing course. The LSBN also requires persons who have any physical or mental impairment which may affect their ability to practice nursing to petition for the right to practice as a student prior to enrolling in a clinical nursing course.

In order to be eligible for admission to the Department of Nursing, the applicant must first be admitted to Baton Rouge Community College (BRCC). The College application is available from the Office of Enrollment Services, or online at <http://www.mybrcc.edu>. The Department of Nursing application and all supporting documents must be received by the designated deadlines. Applicants will not be considered for admittance to the Department of Nursing until all required documents have been submitted and the applicant's file is complete. A copy of the application and all supporting documents should be retained by the applicant since the Department of Nursing will not return the original application or any supporting documents. All correspondences will be sent to the applicant's permanent address. Admission to the Department of Nursing is competitive and will be based on the following criteria: 1) GPA in 16 credit hours of required courses, 2) number of required courses completed with a grade of "C" or higher at BRCC and 3) student's score on the nursing admission test.

It is important to note that simply meeting requirements for admission to the nursing program does not guarantee admission.

APPLICATION PROCESS

STEP 1 BATON ROUGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Pick up an application at the Bienvenue Student Center or apply online.
 2. Pay a \$7.00 application fee ([Bursar's Office](#))
 3. Turn in application form ([Enrollment Services Office](#))
 4. Take the COMPASS Placement Test ([Testing Center](#)) or provide official transcripts showing college level Math and English with minimum grade of "C"
 5. Schedule and attend new student orientation ([Advisement Center](#))
 6. Check on payment options such as financial aid, deferred pay and scholarships ([Financial Aid Office](#))
 7. Seek academic advisement and obtain PIN number for enrollment ([Advisement Center](#))
 8. Schedule classes on the BRCC Website
 9. Print schedule
 10. Pay tuition and fees ([Bursar's Office](#))
 11. Obtain student ID card (Student ID Office)
 12. Register your car and obtain parking decal ([Public Safety Office](#))
 13. Remember, you are not enrolled until tuition and fees have been paid
 14. Print schedule the week before classes begin to be aware of changes that have occurred
- For additional information, please contact the Office of Enrollment Services at 225.216.8700

STEP 2 DEPARTMENT OF NURSING ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Must have completed BRCC admission requirements ([Enrollment Services Office](#))
2. Applicant must have a GPA of 2.8 or higher in the required 16 credit hours of non-nursing courses
3. Applicant must have a grade of "C" or higher in the following 16 credit hours of courses

16 Credit Hours of Required Non-Nursing Courses

<u>Course No.</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
MATH 101 or 110	College Algebra	3
ENGL 101	English Composition I	3
BIOL 230	Human & Anatomy Physiology I	4 (Lec 3; Lab 1)
PSYC 201	Introduction to Psychology	3
	Art or Humanities Elective	<u>3</u>
	TOTAL	16

4. Applicants must have completed and have a grade of "C" or higher in BIOL 231 (Human Anatomy & Physiology II) and PSYC 202 (Developmental Psychology) prior to enrolling in nursing courses.
5. Pay for nursing admission exam ([Bursar's Office](#)). **The fee is nonrefundable.**
6. Submit copy of nursing admission exam receipt and sign up for exam (Nursing Coordinator).
7. Take and pass nursing admission exam ([Testing Center](#)) with a cumulative score of 75 or above.
 - a. **NOTE:** The nursing admission exam score remains active for 2 (two) years, and may be taken a maximum of 2 (two) times.
8. Submit completed and signed Nursing Application Checklist (Enrollment Services Office) by deadline indicated.
9. **Late applications will not be accepted.**

Additional Requirements for LPN-RN Entry Track:

1. Student must meet all admission requirements listed above.
2. Must be a graduate of an approved LPN Program.
3. Must hold an unencumbered license as a practical nurse in the State of Louisiana.
4. The LPN applicant **MUST** have at least 3000 hours in a direct patient care setting within the last two years.
5. Professional Experience Validation Form (Included in Application Packet) **MUST BE** completed and submitted by the deadline.
6. Students must successfully pass both a Nursing Fundamentals Challenge Exam and an Adult Nursing I Challenge Exam.
7. LPN applicants who pass both Nursing Fundamentals Challenge Examination and Adult Nursing I Challenge Examination are eligible, but not guaranteed admission, for matriculation into NURS 212: Mental Health Nursing in summer 2010.
8. If a student passes both Challenge Examinations but does not gain admission into the LPN-RN Entry Track, he/she will be given an option to be included in the applicant pool for the generic nursing program.

STEP 3 SELECTION NOTIFICATION

1. All applicant's will be notified of admission status (Admitted or Denied).
2. Students admitted to the nursing program will receive an acceptance letter and additional information regarding the following requirements:
 - a) Health History, Physical Examination, TB Skin Test and Immunizations
 - Can be completed at Mid City Urgent Care Occupational Health Clinic or by primary care provider.
 - Cost will be incurred by student.
 - All completed Health History and Physical Examination records must be submitted to the Nursing Department office by the date indicated in acceptance letter.
 - b) CPR
 - All students accepted into the nursing program will be required to have, and maintain current CPR certification prior to the beginning of clinical classes.
 - This certification must be American Heart Association CPR for Health Care Providers.
 - Online courses will not be accepted.
 - c) Drug Screen
 - **MUST** be completed at Mid City Urgent Care Occupational Health Clinic.
 - Cost will be incurred by the student.
 - Students who test positive on the drug screen, or any attempt to tamper with a specimen, may subject the applicant to disqualification of their application and / or dismissal from the nursing program.
 - d) Criminal Background Check and Fingerprint Cards
 - The Louisiana State Board of Nursing requires all applicants to submit to a criminal background check prior to enrollment in a clinical nursing course.
 - Cost will be incurred by the student.
 - Certain criminal activity, as evident by criminal background check, may disqualify student from admission to clinical courses as determined by the Louisiana State Board of Nursing.
3. Students who accept the offer for admission must attend a MANDATORY pre-admission nursing orientation session, date and time to be announced.

RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION CHECKLIST TO:

BRCC Office of Enrollment Services
 201 Community College Drive
 Baton Rouge, LA. 70806
 (225) 216-8700



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LPN - RN ENTRY TRACK APPLICATION CHECKLIST

INDICATE STATUS		BRCC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS	
<input type="checkbox"/> Standard <input type="checkbox"/> Provisional		1. BRCC Admission Status (Enrollment Services).	
INDICATE STATUS		BRCC APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS	
		Applicant <u>must</u> have a GPA of 2.8 or higher in the required 16 credit hours of courses	
		Applicant <u>must</u> have a grade of "C" or higher in the following 23 credit hours of courses	
<input type="checkbox"/> Complete	2. MATH 101 or 110	College Algebra (3 credit hours)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Complete	3. ENGL 101	English Composition I (3 credit hours)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Complete	4. BIOL 230	Human & Anatomy Physiology I (3 cr lec; 1 cr lab hours)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Complete	5. BIOL 231*	Human & Anatomy Physiology II (4 crlec; 1 cr lab hours)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Complete	6. PSYC 201	Introduction to Psychology (3 credit hours)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Complete	7. PSYC 202*	Developmental Psychology (3 credit hours)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Complete	8. ART / HUMN	Art or Humanities Elective (3 credit hours)	
		_____ (Indicate CRN Number, Course name and semesters completed)	
		*Additional courses required for application to LPN to RN Entry Track	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input type="checkbox"/> No		9. Submit transcript (Transfer students only)	
		List name(s) of school(s) attended: _____ _____ _____ _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input type="checkbox"/> No		10. Have you previously taken the nursing admission exam at BRCC	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input type="checkbox"/> No		11. If you answered Yes to question #10, would you like that score to be used for this admission cycle.	
		If you answered No to question #10 proceed to question #12.	
		12. Pay for nursing admission exam. (Bursar's Office).	
PERSONAL INFORMATION			
Last Name		First Name	Middle Name
Mailing Address		City / State	Zip Code
Home Phone Number ()		Cell Phone Number ()	
E-Mail Address		Banner # (B#)	
INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING			
Are you an LPN <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		LPN License Number	
Are you applying for the LPN to RN track <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Are you a licensed / certified allied health care provider <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Please list type of licensed / certified allied health care Provider	
Do you have additional post-secondary degrees <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Please list additional degrees earned	
I would like to apply for admission to the nursing program. I understand that any attempt on my part to falsify or exclude information is cause for disqualification of my application and / or dismissal from the nursing program. I hereby certify that all information presented is true to the best of my knowledge.			
Student Signature _____		Date _____	
Received by _____		Date _____	



**Baton Rouge Community College
Department of Nursing
Professional Experience Validation Form**

Applicant's Name		
Last Name	First Name	M.I.

Relevant Professional Experience List most recent work experience first

<p style="text-align: center;">Dates of Employment</p> <p>Employed From:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> _____ _____ Month Year </p> <p>Employed To:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> _____ _____ Month Year </p>	<p>Name of Employer:</p> <hr/> <p>Address (street, city, state, zip):</p>
<p>Employment Status:</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Full Time <input type="checkbox"/> Part Time </p> <p>If part time, hours per week: _____</p>	<p>Supervisor Name and Title:</p> <hr/> <p>Position Title:</p>
<p>Describe in detail your position responsibilities: (If you need more space, submit it on an extra sheet)</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Dates of Employment</p> <p>Employed From:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> _____ _____ Month Year </p> <p>Employed To:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> _____ _____ Month Year </p>	<p>Name of Employer:</p> <hr/> <p>Address (street, city, state, zip):</p>
<p>Employment Status:</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Full Time <input type="checkbox"/> Part Time </p> <p>If part time, hours per week: _____</p>	<p>Supervisor Name and Title:</p> <hr/> <p>Position Title:</p>
<p>Describe in detail your position responsibilities: (If you need more space, submit it on an extra sheet)</p>	

ADMISSION EXAM FOR LPN-RN STUDENTS:

Nursing Admission Exam Schedule		
Dates	Times	
2/2/2010	8:30 am – 11:30 am	12:30 pm – 3:30 pm
2/3/2010	8:30 am – 11:30 am	12:30 pm – 3:30 pm

NURSING CHALLENGE EXAMS FOR LPN-RN AFTER PASSING ADMISSION EXAM

Nursing Fundamentals Exam Schedule	
Dates	Times
2/10/2010	8:30 am – 10:30 am
2/10/2010	12:30 pm – 2:30pm

Adult Nursing I Exam Schedule	
Dates	Times
2/24/2010	8:30 am – 10:30 am
2/24/2010	12:30 pm – 2:30pm



BATON ROUGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DEPARTMENT OF NURSING Frequently Asked Questions

1. What are prerequisites?

Prerequisites are courses that *must* be completed *before* another course can be taken. For example, PSYC 202 has a prerequisite of PSYC 201...you must complete PSYC 201 prior to taking PSYC 202.

2. What prerequisite courses are required for nursing?

Five prerequisite courses are required to apply for admission to the nursing program:

- ENGL 101 English Composition I
- MATH 101 **OR** MATH 110 College Algebra
- PSYC 201 Introduction to Psychology
- BIOL 230 Anatomy and Physiology I (Lecture & Lab)
- ART or HUMN Art or Humanities course

3. Does the Art or Humanities course have to be chosen from the General Education requirements in the BRCC Catalogue?

Yes, the catalog is available online at www.brcc.cc.la.us/catalog/.

4. What grade must I have in my prerequisite courses?

Nursing program applicants must have a grade of "C" or higher in each of the prerequisite courses.

5. When can I apply to the nursing program?

BRCC accepts applications in the spring of each year. We are currently accepting applications for the Fall 2010 semester.

It is important for applicants to attend an informational / advising session.

The deadline for turning in your application is March 2, 2010. You must take the entrance exam by March 18, 2010.

6. What does "selective admissions" mean?

Baton Rouge Community College's (BRCC) Department of Nursing seeks highly qualified students. Applicants with higher GPAs in the prerequisite courses, a higher score on the admission test, and who take their pre-requisite courses at BRCC will be ranked higher in the applicant pool. *Keep in mind that a student who meets the minimum requirements must compete against a student who exceeds the minimum requirements.* However, no student is guaranteed admission.

7. How will my GPA be calculated?

Only the above prerequisite courses are used to calculate each applicant's composite GPA. *Since admission is competitive, the higher the composite GPA, the better the chance of admission.*

8. Is there an admissions test? Is there a study guide?

The nursing admission test is a standardized aptitude test that is computer-based and administered on BRCC's campus. A minimum composite score of 75 is required. A study guide for the test is available. The nursing admission exam score remains active for 2 (two) years, and may be taken a maximum of 2 (two) times.

9. How many applicants will be selected for admission?

Several factors will determine the actual number of students admitted:

- availability of faculty
- availability of clinical sites
- availability of classroom and lab space
- Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN) regulations.

10. Do you have a waiting list?

No, we do not have a waiting list. Applicants who are not admitted must maintain their eligibility and reapply to the nursing program during the next application cycle.

11. Can I go to school part-time?

It is *possible* to attend part-time...however, it is strongly discouraged. We highly recommend that our students follow the established curriculum plan.

12. How long is the program?

Five (5) academic semesters if attending full time.

13. Will there be a separate program for Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs)?

The LPN-RN Program is available at BRCC. A LPN may obtain credit by passing an examination for select courses.

14. Will transfer credit be accepted?

Credit may be accepted for non-nursing courses transferred from an accredited college or university...for details, check with BRCC's Enrollment Office. Transfer credit will *not* be granted for any nursing courses.

15. How can I set up an appointment for advisement?

Group advising sessions are held at least twice a week in Cypress Rm 118. Call (225) 216-8044 for a schedule of when these sessions will be offered or visit the nursing website.

16. What is the difference between the ASN and BSN?

There are three major educational paths to registered nursing: A Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing (BSN), an Associate of Science degree in Nursing (ASN), and a diploma. BSN programs, offered by colleges and universities, take about 4 years to complete. Diploma programs, administered in hospitals, take about 3 years to complete. ASN programs, offered by community and junior colleges, takes 2 to 2 ½ years to complete. Students completing any of these three educational programs will be eligible to take the national licensure examination for registered nurses (NCLEX-RN). Licensed graduates qualify for entry-level positions as staff nurses.

17. What time will courses be offered?

The prerequisite courses and general education courses in the nursing curriculum may be offered during the day, evening, or weekend. Nursing courses will be offered at designated times (to be determined) and must be taken in sequence.

18. Does BRCC offer childcare?

Not at the present time.

19. Which hospitals will students go to for clinical learning experiences?

Every nursing course has a *clinical* component, in which students go into an actual healthcare setting to implement and master skills learned in the classroom. The nursing program's clinical components are not restricted to any one facility; they may be at any area hospital or clinical agency.

20. Can I continue to work during nursing school?

It is strongly recommended that students keep work to a minimum during the academic semester. The program is very demanding. It is important for students to obtain enough rest so they will be able to care for their patients and complete all of the course work.

21. Are student loans available? Will financial aid apply?

BRCC offers student loans. For more information, contact Financial Aid at (225) 216-8005.

22. Why do I have to submit to a criminal background check?

The Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN) requires that all students seeking to enroll in a clinical nursing course undergo a criminal background check. The Louisiana State Board of Nursing will notify the student and school administrator if the student has been approved to enroll in clinical nursing courses. A student will be removed from clinicals if approval from the LSBN is not obtained. More information can be found at www.lsbns.state.la.us.

23. Do you provide transportation to the clinical sites?

No. Reliable transportation to and from clinical is the student's responsibility.

24. Will the nursing program be accredited?

BRCC has received Candidacy Status for accreditation from the National League for Nursing Accreditation Committee (NLNAC). We are in the process of completing their requirements. An on-site survey visit will be conducted during the 2010-2011 academic year.