

Nursing (Associate of Science)

The Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) is a five semester, 72 credit-hour program which provides students with the knowledge, skills, values, and competencies required to join the nursing profession. Graduates will receive the Associate of Science in Nursing degree and will be eligible to apply to take the *National Council Licensure Exam for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN)*, which must be passed before starting practice as a registered nurse (RN).

A selective admissions process is used to select candidates for enrollment in the program.

Admission Criteria

The following courses are prerequisites for admission to the Nursing program. Students must earn a grade of “C” or better in all of prerequisite courses listed.

Prerequisite Courses		Credit Hours
MATH 1213	College Algebra	3
ENGL 1013	English Composition I	3
BIOL 2213	Anatomy and Physiology I	3
BIOL 2211	Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	1
PSYC 2013	Introduction to Psychology	3
<i>General Education course in Humanities or Fine Arts*</i>		3
Total Prerequisite Hours		16

* A General Education course in Fine Art and a General Education course in Humanities are required for graduation. One must be completed for admission.

In addition, to be eligible for entry into the Nursing program, students must:

- Have a calculated GPA of 2.80 or higher in the 16 credit hours of prerequisite courses only.
- Achieve a score of 75 or better on each section of the nursing admission exam, with a composite score of 75 or higher.

It is important to note that admission to the Nursing program is competitive: *meeting the minimum requirements listed here does not guarantee admission.*

Application Process

The application for admission to the ASN Program is available on the BRCC website once a year during the spring semester. Deadlines and detailed instructions for completing the admission application and scheduling the admission exam are included in the application packet.

Students admitted to the nursing program will receive additional instructions regarding program requirements that include but are not limited to: submission of personal health history, a physical examination, a TB skin test, various immunizations/vaccinations, a urine drug screen, and CPR certification. A positive urine drug screen or any attempt to tamper with a specimen may disqualify an applicant and/or result in dismissal from the nursing program. Costs for all requirements are borne by the student.

Criminal Background Check

The Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN) requires all applicants to complete an *Application for Approval to Enroll in a Clinical Nursing Course* form and an authorization form for a criminal background check. Applicants who have been charged with, pled guilty or *nolo contendere* to, been convicted of, or committed a criminal offense that involves a crime of violence or distribution of drugs may be denied the right to practice nursing as a student in Louisiana.

Program Outcomes. Upon successful completion of the program, the graduate will be able to:

1. Apply the nursing process in managing the holistic needs of the patient.
2. Use critical-thinking as the foundation for clinical decision-making.
3. Communicate effectively with individuals, families, and the healthcare team.
4. Develop safe caring nursing interventions with respect to the patient's cultural values.
5. Integrate teaching and learning processes to promote and maintain health, reduce risk, and facilitate informed decision-making.
6. Collaborate with the patient, family, community, and health care team to promote client goals and outcomes.
7. Manage resources in an effective and efficient manner to provide safe quality care.
8. Demonstrate professional behaviors and adherence to ethical, legal, and regulatory frameworks and standards of professional practice.

PROGRAM OF STUDY

First Semester		Credit Hours
BIOL 2213	Anatomy and Physiology I	3
BIOL 2211 ¹	Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	1
PSYC 2013	Introduction to Psychology	3
ENGL 1013	English Composition I	3
MATH 1213	College Algebra	3
<i>General Education Elective*, Humanities or Fine Arts course²</i>		3
		16
Second Semester		Credit Hours
BIOL 2223	Anatomy and Physiology II	3
BIOL 2221	Anatomy and Physiology II Lab	1
PSYC 2113	Psychology of Development	3
ENGL 1023	English Composition II	3
NURS 1106	Nursing Fundamentals	6
		16
Third Semester		Credit Hours
NURS 2106	Adult Nursing I	6
NURS 2124	Mental Health Nursing	4
BIOL 2103	General Microbiology	3
BIOL 2101	General Microbiology Lab	1
		14
Fourth Semester		Credit Hours
NURS 2206	Adult Nursing II	6

NURS 2226	Maternal Child Nursing	6
		12
Fifth Semester		Credit Hours
NURS 2307	Adult Nursing III	7
NURS 2401	Senior Capstone	1
MATH 1303	Elementary Statistics	3
<i>General Education Elective*, Humanities or Fine Arts course²</i>		3
		13
Total Program Hours		72

¹ Students who do not meet the ACT criteria for BIOL 2211 and BIOL 2213 must complete BIOL 1033 and BIOL 1031 as a pre-requisite.

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² General Education Humanities and Fine Arts courses must be selected from the list of approved courses (General Education Requirements).

LPN to RN Entry Track

The Department of Nursing offers an option for licensed practical nurses (LPNs) to receive credit for previously acquired knowledge and skills. Advanced standing is acquired through a similar admissions process as that described above, along with validation of current practical nurse licensure in the State of Louisiana and the use of challenge exams. LPNs should contact the Department of Nursing at (225) 216-8044 and attend one of the scheduled information sessions for specific admission and curricular requirements.

For more information, contact the Division of Nursing and Allied Health at (225) 216-8044.