

NURSING

Associate of Applied Science in Nursing Degree (AASN) Practical Nursing Certificate



The Associate of Applied Science in Nursing Degree

qualifies the graduate to sit for the National Council Licensing Examination in Nursing at the RN level. When the graduate successfully passes the examination, the nursing graduate can be licensed as a Registered Nurse. RN's are employed in a variety of settings including hospitals, clinics, surgical centers, nursing homes, rehabilitation facilities, community and public health agencies, the military, insurance companies, resorts, and even cruise ships. Some traveling nurses work for companies staffing health care facilities. Many RN's go on to universities and colleges to earn bachelor's (BSN) and master's (NP or MSN) degrees.

73 Credits

While earning the AASN Degree, most students earn a Practical Nursing Certificate:

The laddered Associate Degree Nursing Program consists of Level I (Practical Nursing Program) and Level II (returning students and current LPN's). Upon successful completion of Level I, a Practical Nursing Certificate is awarded and graduates are eligible for LPN licensure. There are no electives in the program. Please check the prerequisites for admission to Level I.

39 Credits

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The Outlook

Nationwide, a shortage of nurses is expected to rise from 150,000 today to as many as 800,000 by 2020, according to government estimates. The fastest growing segment of the population is the elderly, a source of many patients. Many veteran nurses are reaching retirement age themselves, adding to the need for replacement by younger nurses. By 2020, many nurses will retire without replacements, leaving about 400,000 fewer nurses to care for an aging U.S. population who are frequent users of the health care system.

Nursing shortages and the demand for services have meant better wages for nurses. Pay has risen in recent years for registered nurses who have graduated from two year programs. Graduates who pass their nursing boards start at \$45,000 to \$50,000 a year, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Associate of Applied Science in Nursing

Requirements:

English Composition.....	3 Credits
Natural Science.....	8 Credits
Nursing.....	53 Credits
Physical Education Activity.....	2 Credits
Social Science.....	4 Credits
Allied Health.....	3 Credits
Total.....	73 Credits

Level I Course Sequence for Practical Nurse Certificate (39 Credits)

Spring Semester (7 1/2 weeks)

NSH Physical Education (activity).....	1 Credit
NUR 104 Fundamentals of Nursing*.....	5 Credits
NUR 109 Pharmacology I*.....	2 Credits
NSA 212 Pathophysiology*.....	4 Credits

Fall Semester

ALH 103 Nutrition*.....	3 Credits
NUR 111 Medical/Surgical Nursing*.....	7 Credits
NUR 119 Pharmacology II*.....	2 Credits
NUR 131 Pediatric Nursing*.....	3 Credits

Winter Semester

NUR 112 Medical/Surgical Nursing*.....	7 Credits
NUR 129 Pharmacology III*.....	2 Credits
NUR 130 Maternity Nursing*.....	3 Credits

*Course has a prerequisite

NOTE: Prerequisites required prior to admission to Level I

Level II Course Sequence for Associate Degree in Applied Science in Nursing

Spring Semester

NSA 211 Human Anatomy & Physiology II*.....	4 Credits
NUR 220 Nursing Role Transition*.....	3 Credits
SSP 101 Psychology*.....	4 Credits

Fall Semester

NSB 230 Microbiology*.....	4 Credits
NUR 213 Complex Parent-Child Nursing*.....	4 Credits
NUR 215 Complex Medical/Surgical Nursing*.....	4 Credits

Winter Semester

COM 122 English Composition*.....	3 Credits
NSH Physical Education (activity).....	1 Credit
NUR 201 Health Care Ethics*.....	2 Credits
NUR 214 Community Mental Health Nursing*.....	4 Credits
NUR 216 Leadership in Nursing*.....	3 Credits
NUR 217 Community Health Nursing*.....	2 Credits

*Course has a prerequisite



Students practice in realistic nursing laboratories.



Students receive instruction in real-world surroundings.

2.5 or better in nursing courses now a requirement

Before enrolling in nursing (NUR) courses, students must be accepted into the nursing program by the Director of Nursing. Students accepted into the program must receive a grade of 2.5 or better in each required course taken in the nursing curriculum if they are to progress. Those receiving final grades of less than 2.5 in a course will be allowed to progress by repeating the course involved and achieving at least a 2.5 final grade in the repeated course. Students who receive final grades of less than 2.5 more than once during their nursing education will not be readmitted to the program. Any student who leaves the program for any reason is not guaranteed readmission. Students seeking readmission should do so within a year. This degree requires that the nursing (NUR) courses be taken during the semester they are listed under. Nursing program applicants may use the prior admission to meet prerequisites and/or take non-nursing courses which are part of the nursing curriculum.

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This publication is intended to provide a general overview of the nursing program at Glen Oaks. For current specific requirements, consult with a Glen Oaks Community College academic counselor.

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Prerequisites for Nursing Program

Completion with a grade of 2.5 (C+) or better each credit the following courses:

- high school chemistry (2 semesters/1 credit) or the equivalent, i.e., NSC 130 Chemistry** for Level I and II within 5 years. [Take algebra prior to take chemistry].
- high school biology (2 semesters/1 credit) or its equivalent, i.e., NSB 120 Biology
- ALH 218 Medical Terminology
- COM 121 English Composition* for Level I and II.
- NSB 121 General Biology I* ** for Level I and II.
- NSA 210 Anatomy and Physiology I* for Level I and II.
- NSA 211 Anatomy and Physiology II* for Level I and II.
- SSP 210 Human Growth & Development* ** for Level I and II.

Transfers into the Level II program must have completed these and submit a current Practical Nurse license. Non nursing curriculum course (can be taken ahead of time)

- ALH 103 Nutrition ** (3 credit with diet therapy approach)
- PE Activity courses (Level I and II) 1 credit in each level. One must be complete.
- NSA 212 Pathophysiology
- NSB 121 Gen. Biology is a prerequisite for NSB 230 Microbiology.

Minimal score of achievement at the 40th percentile on the pre-entrance examination.

Passing grade of 2.5 (C+) in high school algebra (2 semesters=equivalent 1 credit) or its equivalent; for example NSM 100 Introductory Algebra at GOCC and placement into NSM 104 Intermediate Algebra or higher on Accuplacer evaluation.

*Has prerequisite

** Required for advanced standing students (Licensed Practical Nurse).

Acceptance into Level I of the nursing program is based upon: 1) Successful completion of the pre-requisites for the program (see above). 2) Being ranked into the top 40 (limited number of seats LPN-40 set by Michigan Board of Nursing. Ranking based on the numerical total of the score on the pre-entrance test and the GPA of the prerequisite courses for Level I. The pre-admission exam (TEAS-Test of Essential Academic Skills) for Level I costs \$50. The test is comprised of four sections: English, Reading, Mathematics and Science and takes about four hours to complete. The GOCC Bookstore has a study manual for the test or go to www.atitesting.com. 3) All health requirements, including medical clearance, background check, drug screening requirements, etc. must be met by due dates established.

Entrance ranking score formula consists of:

TEAS test score = 75% GPA of Prerequisites = 25%

Level II Admission

All students seeking admission to Level II after successful completion of the second semester of Level I must first submit to the Director of Nursing a formal typed letter indicating desire for admission, submit a completed nursing application to the Nursing Office, and obtain achieve a required minimum score of 75 on the National League for Nursing ACE-I PN to RN exam.

Take and pass the NCLEX-PN exam upon completion of Level I and submit a copy of license when received. This must be completed in the 1st semester of Level II.

Submit a transcript from other institutions of higher education you may have attended during the past year. A criminal background check and drug screen will be required. Acceptance into the Glen Oaks Nursing Program is conditional on a negative criminal background investigation and a negative drug plus alcohol screening.

Applicants are ranked to determine selection. Enrollment for Level II is limited to 30 seats. Applicants are ranked for admission. The GPA from Level I and score on the pre-admission exam are totaled for a numerical rating. When equally ranked applicants exceed available seats, the following criteria in descending order is used to determine admission: a) In-district applicants b) Date nursing application was received c) Date Glen Oaks admission application was received.

Acceptance to Level II is conditional until documentation supports meeting these health guidelines: a) Pass a physical exam b) a record of current immunizations per immunization policy c) current CPR for the health care provider card from AHA. CPR and immunizations must be kept current for duration of program. All the above must be submitted no less than 6 weeks prior to entering the program.

In addition, current Licensed Practical Nurses must have employer send confirmation of 540 hours of employment as an LPN within the last year from your employer. (People who do not meet the employment requirements may meet with the Director of Nursing to discuss options). They must also submit a copy of current LPN license.

Level II requires a nutrition course equivalent to our ALH 103. Beginning in 2012, must complete NSA 210, 211 and 212 or equivalent. Medical Terminology is recommended, but not required at this time. Have completed a nursing pharmacology course with a 2.5 or 80% or higher. Graduates from a program with integrated pharmacology course may take or challenge NUR 109 and NUR 119 and 129 by passing a comprehensive examination with a minimum score of 80%. This test can be challenged one time. The student is responsible for the cost of the exam. Tuition for class must be paid if the student is to receive GOCC credit toward a degree if the challenge exam is passed. Complete SSP 210 Human Growth and Development or its equivalent (if not part of your original LPN program). Finally, meet prerequisites for non-nursing courses required for Level II prior to semester in which that course is required in nursing curriculum sequence, for instance: Biology 121 is a prerequisite to Microbiology.

Once again, acceptance into Level II is conditional on a negative criminal background investigation and a negative drug plus alcohol screen.

Career Resources

Glen Oaks Counseling Services
and Nursing/Allied Health Office
Student Services Department
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Michigan's Web-based Education
Development Plan
www.mi-edp.org

Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational
Outlook Handbook
www.bls.gov/oco

Michigan Occupational Information Service
- MOIS
www.mois.org

American Nurses Association
www.nursingworld.org

Michigan Nurses Association (MNA)
www.minurses.org

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The laddered nursing education program at Glen Oaks Community College has graduated over 1200 nurses since 1967. Don Fisher (above) is a former fireman who returned to the classroom. He earned his AASN in 2002 and is a Staff RN.

Nurses assess patient health problems and needs, develop and implement nursing care plans, and maintain medical records. They administer nursing care to ill, injured, convalescent or disabled patients. They may advise patients on health maintenance and disease prevention or provide case management. Licensing or registration is required to serve as a nurse. More advanced practice nursing is performed by RNs who have specialized formal, post-basic education and who function in highly autonomous and specialized roles. This might be nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, certified nurse midwives, and certified registered nurse anesthetists.

STUDENT SUPPORT

- Personalized educational and career planning
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