

NURSING – LPN Bridge Coursework



Nursing is an art and an applied science that is practiced in a variety of acute and long-term care settings. Nurses assist groups and individuals in the promotion and maintenance of health, restoration to health, adaptation to long-term illness, and provision for comfort when return to health is no longer possible. The complex and multifaceted nature of nursing requires that the nurse apply concepts from social, physical, and biological sciences and nursing theory.

Persons considering a career in nursing should have an interest in the health sciences and in working closely with people. In addition, they should be able to meet the academic demands of a program that requires a commitment of time, energy and motivation to learn.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) Bridge coursework is designed to meet the requirements of any LPN who is interested in pursuing an Associate Degree in Nursing. LPN Bridge coursework is offered in the spring semester on one of our three campuses on a rotating basis.

This program prepares LPNs for a smooth transition into the last two semesters of the Associate Degree in Nursing program. Areas of emphasis include: assessment, communication, medication administration and care of the medical/surgical/maternal-newborn client.

The LPN Bridge coursework is designed to "bridge" or cover the content from the first year Associate Degree in Nursing program that LPNs do not study. While LPNs do study some of the same content as students in the Nursing degree program, LPN students must take two bridge courses, NUR:106 and NUR:107; they then enter the third semester and finish the degree program along with the other nursing students.

Admission to the program is contingent on meeting the established minimum criteria as defined in the Nursing Program Handbook, available at www.stlcc.edu/Programs/Nursing. Applicants are required to complete a health history, an immunization record, criminal background check and drug screening. Applicants selected for the program are

required to take a physical examination. *Note: An individual who has been convicted of a felony may not be licensed to practice as a registered nurse in the state of Missouri. Program completion does not guarantee eligibility to take the licensure exam.*

OPPORTUNITIES IN THIS FIELD

Registered nurses may find employment in a wide range of industries. Employment is expected to rapidly increase in ambulatory care centers, nursing homes, physician's offices and outpatient care centers. RNs may practice in other specialty areas including corporations, schools, private duty, public health and more. Hospital employment is expected to grow more slowly.

JOB OUTLOOK

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, overall job opportunities for RNs are expected to continue to be excellent. Employment of RNs is expected to grow much faster than average. Individual salaries vary by geographic location, the nurse's education and experience, and the type and size of the employer.

TUITION

Visit www.stlcc.edu/nurse-exp.html for detailed estimated expenses by semester. These estimates include maintenance fees (tuition) of \$88 per credit hour. Costs are highest during the first semester for textbooks, uniforms, equipment, background checks and screenings.

ACCREDITATION

The Associate in Applied Science degree in Nursing has full accreditation from the following organizations:

- National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC), 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326. Phone 404-975-5000; fax 404-975-5020.
- Missouri State Board of Nursing (Full approval)
- North Central Association of Colleges and Schools
- Missouri Department of Education

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You may take general education classes toward this degree at any of our campuses or education centers.



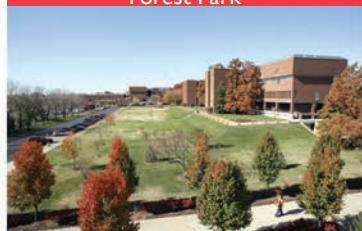
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GETTING STARTED AT STLCC

1) Apply for Admission

Online, by mail/fax or in person at any campus.

2) Apply for Financial Aid

Apply for grants, scholarships, loans or work-study.

3) Complete Assessment

You may need to complete an assessment for placement in the proper level courses.

4) Get Advised

Meet with an advisor or career counselor. Attend a College Registration/Enrollment Workshop (CREW).

5) Get Connected

Access your MySTLCC ID and set up a secure password. Activate your student e-mail and log in to Banner Self-Service.

6) Register for Classes

Online, in person or via mail/fax.

7) Pay for Classes

Payment plan option is available.

8) Prepare for Class

Purchase books, attend New Student Success Orientation and get your STLCC OneCard student photo ID.

Visit www.stlcc.edu/Get_Started for details and important links.

Non-discrimination Statement

St. Louis Community College is committed to non-discrimination and equal opportunities in its admissions, educational programs, activities and employment regardless of race, color, creed, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry, age, disability, genetic information or status as a disabled or Vietnam-era veteran and shall take action necessary to ensure non-discrimination.

Accommodations Statement

St. Louis Community College is committed to providing access and reasonable accommodations for individuals with disabilities. If you have accommodation needs, please call the Access office at the campus where you are registering at least six weeks prior to the start of class to request accommodations. Documentation of disability may be required.

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CURRICULUM

LPN Bridge Coursework Admission Prerequisites (*Must be satisfied prior to applying to the program*)

- Meet all program admission prerequisites for the Nursing program (See program sheet for NURSING Associate in Applied Science Degree).
- Possess a current undisciplined LPN license.
- Have one year clinical experience within five years of entering the Bridge coursework. For LPNs who have graduated within the past 12 months (1 year), the clinical requirement will be waived.
- Provide a letter of reference from a recent employer.
- Meet all college and program admission criteria.
- Satisfactory completion of the Dosage Calculation Test.
- Maintain current American Heart Association Healthcare Provider CPR certification.
- The following courses must be completed prior to admission into the LPN Bridge courses
NUR:106 and NUR:107:
 - BIO:207 Anatomy & Physiology I
 - ENG:101 College Composition I
 - PSY:205 Human Growth and Development
 - PSY:200 General Psychology
 - PE:XXX Physical Education
- Students are strongly encouraged to complete BIO:208, Anatomy & Physiology II, prior to the start of the LPN Bridge coursework, but they may be taken concurrently.
- Prior to the start of the third semester of nursing, students must complete BIO:203, Microbiology.

Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours
LPN Bridge Coursework		
___ NUR:106	Bridge Course I	1
___ NUR:107	Bridge Course II	4
	Total Credits	5

See www.stlcc.edu/programs/nursing for more information on all non-nursing core courses.

Nursing Program Associate in Applied Science Degree

Final Two Semesters		AAS
Third Semester		Credit Hours
___ NUR:201	Nursing of Adults and Children II	9
___ NUR:203	Contemporary Nursing	1
___ ENG:1XX	College Composition II or English Literature or Report Writing	3
___ PE:XXX	Physical Education Requirement	1
___ SOC:101	Introduction to Sociology	3
	Total Credits	17
Fourth Semester		
___ NUR:204	Management Skills in Nursing	3
___ NUR:205	Nursing of Adults & Children III	8
___ PE:XXX	Physical Education Requirement	1
___ HST:XXX	Missouri History Requirement	3
	Total Credits	15
Total Nursing Program		
Second Year Credit Hours		32

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