A Bridge to Success

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.

FEES

Visit www.stlcc.edu/nurse-exp.html for detailed estimated expenses by semester. Please visit www.stlcc.edu/fees for the most current information. Additional fees apply to some courses. Fees are subject to change. 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.
CURRICULUM

LPN Bridge Coursework

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.
• This program is currently in the revision process. See an academic advisor for additional information.

The following courses must be completed prior to admission into the LPN Bridge courses NUR:106 and NUR:107:

- BIO:207 Anatomy and 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 and 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 Description Credit Hours

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*PLEASE NOTE:* The LPN Bridge courses (NUR:106 and NUR:107) may not be repeated. If an LPN Bridge student is unsuccessful in NUR:106 they may proceed through the traditional admission process to be placed on the waiting list for NUR:101.

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Final Two Semesters

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**Total Nursing Program Second Year Credit Hours** 32

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