

# SCHOOL OF NURSING

## TRADITIONAL ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN NURSING DEGREE PROGRAM

### **History**

The School of Nursing originated as a diploma program at Our Lady of the Lake Hospital in 1923. In 1990, Our Lady of the Lake College was established based on the recommendation of the nursing faculty. The diploma program was transitioned to an Associate of Science in Nursing Degree Program. The first class was admitted in 1990.

### **Purpose**

The purpose of the Associate of Science in Nursing Program of Our Lady of the Lake College is to prepare associate degree nurses who have the necessary skills and competencies to meet the health care needs of God's people with compassion, understanding, respect and dignity. The ASN program provides an avenue for socialization into the profession of nursing, fosters a commitment for learning, and promotes continued intellectual growth. The graduate of this nursing program receives an Associate of Science in Nursing degree and is eligible to write the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN).

### **Enrollment**

Applicants to the traditional Associate of Science in Nursing program must complete an application specific to the traditional ASN program. Applications are due on or before August 15 for the January class and on or before January 15 for the August class. A class of 100 students is admitted twice a year.

### **Length of Program**

The Associate of Science in Nursing program consists of 71-72 total credit hours of which 33-34 hours are arts and sciences and 38 hours are nursing courses. Once accepted into the ASN program, students must enroll full-time for the remaining four semesters of nursing.

### **Application Procedures**

Visit [www.ololcollege.edu](http://www.ololcollege.edu) or contact the Office of Admissions at 225-768-1700.

### **Tuition**

See the published Tuition & Fee Schedule in the application packet or on our Web site.

### **Financial Assistance**

Our Lady of the Lake College has financial aid counselors available to assist students with the financial aid process. All students are encouraged to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form available at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

### **Transferability**

Refer to the current college catalog regarding transferability of arts and sciences courses taken at other regionally accredited colleges and universities. Further information regarding transfer of credit can be obtained at the Office of Admissions. Nursing students currently or previously enrolled in other nursing programs who desire admission by transfer of credit should consult the current college catalog for additional information.

### **Graduation Rate/NCLEX-RN Pass Rate/Employment Outlook**

The ASN program at Our Lady of the Lake College has an average graduation rate of 80%. The pass rate on the NCLEX-RN averages 90%. The average pass rate in the U.S. on the NCLEX-RN in 2007 was 85.5%. The potential for employment is excellent. Registered nurses are employed in large numbers at inpatient settings such as hospitals and clinics. Outpatient employment settings include physician's offices, surgical centers, industry, schools, home health agencies, and hospice care. In many work settings, nurses may be required to work evenings, nights, weekends, and holidays because patients require care 24 hours a day.

### **Accreditation**

Our Lady of the Lake College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award associate, baccalaureate, and master's degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Our Lady of the Lake College. The School of Nursing is fully approved by the Louisiana State Board of Nursing (17373 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70810, (225) 755-7500, [www.lsbns.state.la.us](http://www.lsbns.state.la.us)) and holds accreditation from the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (61 Broadway, New York, NY 10006, (800) 669-1656, [www.nlnac.org](http://www.nlnac.org)).

**Admission Requirements**

It is recommended that all applicants to the traditional ASN program meet the following minimum admission requirements:

- 1) Be accepted for full admission status to OLOL College.
- 2) Be in good academic standing at OLOL College.
- 3) Have completed 6 credit hours at OLOL College.
- 4) Have completed the following foundation courses with a grade of C or better: ACSM 1110, ENGL 1310, MATH 1315, BIOL 2310, CHEM 1310 or CHEM 1315, and PSYC 1310.
- 5) Have earned a grade point average of 2.75 or higher on arts and sciences courses in the ASN curriculum.
- 6) Have earned a grade of C or better in the arts and sciences courses in the ASN curriculum.
- 7) Be in good academic standing from any previously admitted nursing programs(s). A letter of good standing should be submitted in support of the application and mailed to the Office of Admissions at the time of application.
- 8) Have completed the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) with a composite score of 67% or higher.

**Curriculum Plan**

All of the arts and sciences courses listed in the curriculum plan may be taken prior to admission to the traditional ASN program. Some of the arts and sciences courses have pre- or co- requisite requirements (see current catalog for specific requirements). Students interested in enrolling in these courses are advised to have a strong high school background in English, algebra, biology, chemistry, and physics. Foundation arts and sciences course requirements for semester I must be completed prior to admission to the traditional ASN program.

Traditional ASN Curriculum Plan  
Effective Fall 2008

COURSES			CREDIT
HOURS			
<b><u>SEMESTER I – Foundation Courses</u></b>			
ACSM	1110	Academic Seminar	1
ENGL	1310	English Composition	3
MATH	1315	College Algebra	3
BIOL	2310	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	3
PSYC	1310	Introductory Psychology	3
CHEM	1310	Introduction to Chemistry or	
CHEM	1315	Fundamentals of Chemistry I	<u>3</u>
			<b>16</b>
<b><u>SEMESTER II</u></b>			
BIOL	2311	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	3
BIOL	2320	Fundamentals of Human Nutrition	3
NURS	1310	Pharmacology in Nursing	3
NURS	1710	Foundations of Nursing Practice	<u>7</u>
			<b>16</b>
<b><u>SEMESTER III</u></b>			
PSYC	2330	Psychology Across the Life Span	3
BIOL	2325	Fundamentals of Microbiology	3
NURS	1715	Adult Health I	5
NURS	1720	Mental Health Nursing	<u>4</u>
			<b>15</b>
<b><u>SEMESTER IV</u></b>			
SOCI	1310	Introductory Sociology	3
NURS	2710	Adult Health II	5
NURS	2715	Care of Children and Families	<u>4</u>
			<b>12</b>
<b><u>SEMESTER V</u></b>			
	Elective	Philosophy/Anthropology/Theology	3
NURS	2720	Care of Women and Neonates	4
NURS	2725	Adult Health III	<u>6</u>
			<b>13</b>

**Degree Requirements:**

Arts and Sciences Courses:	33-34 credit hours
Nursing Courses:	<u>38 credit hours</u>
TOTALS =	71-72 credit hours