

**Department of Outreach Program in Nursing  
Accelerated ASN Program – Metairie Campus-East Jefferson**

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The Associate of Science Degree in Nursing program is approved by the Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN), 5207 Essen Lane, Suite 6, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809, (225) 763-3570, and is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC), 61 Broadway, New York, NY 10006, (212) 363-5555 ext. 153.

Purpose

The purpose of the Associate of Science Degree in Nursing (ASN) 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 Degree in Nursing (ASN) and is eligible to write the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). The Accelerated ASN Program is an intense two semester program designed to provide an avenue into the nursing profession for students who have earned a non-nursing baccalaureate degree.

Objectives

Upon completion of the Association of Sciences Degree in Nursing, the graduate will be able to:

- 1) Collect, analyze, and prioritize relevant physical, developmental, psychosocial, cultural, spiritual, and functional assessment data to provide individualized patient care.
- 2) Utilize the nursing process, critical thinking, evidence-based information, and knowledge from the arts and sciences to support sound clinical decisions.
- 3) Plan and implement nursing care in a safe, compassionate, and culturally sensitive manner that preserves human dignity and promotes growth of individuals and families.
- 4) Communicate effectively through verbal, nonverbal, written, and technological means with individuals, families, and healthcare providers.
- 5) Utilize teaching and learning processes to promote, maintain, and restore health for individuals and families across the healthcare continuum.
- 6) Manage the efficient, effective use of human, physical, financial, and technological resources in providing continuity of care within and across healthcare settings.
- 7) Collaborate with individuals, families, and health care team members in providing comprehensive, individualized patient care.

- 8) Demonstrate accountability in adhering to standards of professional practice within legal and ethical frameworks.
- 9) Participate in activities that promote professional development and personal growth.

### Criteria for Admission

Applicants to the Accelerated ASN program should meet the following admission criteria:

- 1) Be accepted for full admission to OLOL College.
- 2) Be in good academic standing at OLOL College.
- 3) Have completed all the arts and sciences courses required for the accelerated ASN program with a grade of "C" or better. If accepted into the program, all arts and science courses must be completed prior to enrollment in the program.
- 4) Have earned a grade point average of 3.0 or higher on arts and sciences courses in the nursing curriculum.
- 5) Have an earned non-nursing baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution.

### Admission Process

Students are admitted to the Accelerated ASN program once a year in the fall semester. Applicants to the Accelerated ASN program must submit an online application specific to the accelerated ASN program to the Office of Admissions by June 15. For information related to the application, refer to the website at [www.ololcollege.edu](http://www.ololcollege.edu) and click the link to Academic Programs.

### Admissions Decisions

Admission decisions to the Accelerated ASN program are made in a manner consistent with the Board of Trustees policy on admission. Applicants will be considered on a competitive basis. Factors considered in the review of applications include: the five admission criteria listed in this section of the catalog, the ability to meet the Core Performance Standards of the Undergraduate School of Nursing (provided in the catalog), and the Board of Trustees policy on admission.

Applicants to the Accelerated ASN program at the New Orleans Center sites are selected by the Admissions Committee of the Undergraduate School of Nursing for interview with the East Jefferson Hospital. This program was formed through a partnership in conjunction with EJ Hospital whose administration partially subsidizes students' expenses in exchange for signing a contract of employment upon graduating.

Once an invitation for admission to the ASN program is extended to an applicant, the applicant will be required to submit an Application for Approval to Enroll in a Clinical Nursing Course form, submit to a criminal background check, and comply with the Health and Safety requirements of the College. A discussion of each of these requirements follows.

The Nurse Practice Act of Louisiana requires that students must be approved by the Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN) to practice as student nurses prior to enrolling in a clinical nursing course. The LSBN requires persons who have been arrested, charged with, or convicted of any criminal offense in any state to petition the Louisiana State Board in writing for the right to practice as a student in Louisiana prior to enrolling in a nursing course. The LSBN also requires persons who have any addiction or impairment which may affect their ability to practice nursing to petition for the right to practice as a student prior to enrolling in a clinical

nursing course. The *Application for Approval to Enroll in a Clinical Nursing Course* form will be provided to the student during new nursing student orientation.

Students must submit to a criminal background check per LSBN requirements. Information on the procedure for completing the criminal background check will be provided to the student during new nursing student orientation. Final program acceptance may be contingent upon criminal background check results.

Students are required to comply with the Health and Safety Requirements of the College as stipulated in this catalog and as updated by the Office of Health and Safety. Information related to these requirements will be provided to the student during new nursing student orientation. Students are responsible for submitting documentation of compliance with these requirements to the Director of Health and Safety. Students who fail to comply with the Health and Safety Requirements will not be permitted to attend the clinical component of their nursing courses and may be dismissed from the ASN program.

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Total Hours: 72

<b>PRE-REQUISITE COURSES</b>			<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>
ENGL	1310	English Composition I	3
MATH	1315	College Algebra	3
CHEM	1310	Introduction to Chemistry	3
BIOL	2310	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	3
BIOL	2311	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	3
BIOL	2320	Fundamentals of Human Nutrition	3
BIOL	2325	Fundamentals of Microbiology	3
PSYC	1310	Introductory Psychology	3
PSYC	2330	Psychology Across the Lifespan	3
SOCI	1310	Introductory Sociology	3
ELECTIVE		Philosophy, Religious Studies, or Anthropology	<u>3</u>
			<b>33</b>
<b>FALL</b>			
NURS	1110	Transition to Accelerated Nursing Education	1
NURS	1310	Pharmacology	3
NURS	1710	Foundations of Nursing Practice	7
			<b>11</b>
<b>SPRING</b>			
NURS	1715	Adult Health Nursing I	5
NURS	1720	Mental Health Nursing	<u>4</u>
NURS	2710	Adult Health Nursing II	5
NURS	2715	Care of Children and Families	4
NURS	2720	Care of Women and Neonates	4
<b>SUMMER</b>			
NURS	2725	Adult Health Nursing III (Summer)	<u>6</u>
			<b>28</b>

Graduation Requirements

The Associate of Science Degree in Nursing is conferred upon students when the following conditions have been met:

- 1) Completion of seventy-one to seventy-two (71-72) credit hours in the required courses; completion of the nursing courses within five (5) years. Failure to do so will result in the individual having to reapply to the Undergraduate School of Nursing.
- 2) Achievement of a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher on all college work with grades of C or above in all courses leading to the Associate of Science Degree in Nursing.

- 3) Completion of all required standardized achievement examinations.
- 4) Fulfillment of the residency requirement of the College, which is 24 for the associate of science degree.
- 5) Clearance of all indebtedness to the College including the return of all borrowed materials from the Center of Information and Learning.

### Licensure

Upon completion of the program, the graduate is eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). The examination is designed to test knowledge, skills, and abilities essential to the safe and effective practice of nursing at the entry level. Upon successful completion of this examination, the graduate becomes licensed to legally practice as a registered nurse in the State of Louisiana.

Each graduate must apply to the Louisiana State Board of Nursing for Licensure. The Board of Nursing authorizes to take the NCLEX-RN and provides the registration form for NCLEX. The Board of Nursing may deny a student permission to take the NCLEX for reasons including disciplinary action, arrest, or impairment.

Applicants for licensure who have had a disciplinary action, arrest, or impairment must provide documentation of the circumstances of the action, arrest, or impairment to the Louisiana State Board of Nursing. Failure to disclose this information may result in denial of licensure.