

# SCHOOL OF NURSING RN-BSN 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. The RN-BSN Program was initiated in 1997 to provide the opportunity for diploma and ASN-prepared nurses to complete a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. The program admitted its first class in January 1998.

## Purpose

The purpose of the Our Lady of the Lake College RN-BSN Program is to provide registered nurses with a broad educational foundation and the opportunity to obtain the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. This program of study prepares the student for professional leadership roles, career enhancement, and graduate study in nursing. It expands upon the knowledge and skills necessary for the registered nurse to practice in a rapidly changing health care environment. The program is flexible and student oriented. It is designed for diploma and ASN-prepared nurses who wish to further their education on a part-time or full-time basis while continuing employment. The RN-BSN Program reflects the values and philosophy of the Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady.

## Enrollment

Applicants to the RN-BSN program must complete an application specific to the program.

## Length of Program

The RN-BSN program consists of 121-122 total credit hours. The Associate of Science in Nursing courses total 71-72 credit hours; and the RN-BSN courses total an additional 50 credit hours in both nursing and the arts and sciences. A full-time student can complete the required nursing courses in two semesters. Students must complete the program within seven years.

## Application Procedure

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. Registered nurses who have completed an associate degree nursing program at a regionally accredited institution or a diploma nursing program at a National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) accredited institution will be given transfer credit for nursing courses. This credit is awarded upon completion of the graduating semester.

## Employment Outlook

BSN nurses are recruited for a variety of health care settings. The potential for career advancement is significantly enhanced with completion of this degree.

## 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 status 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.lsnb.state.la.us](http://www.lsnb.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

Applicants must meet the following minimum requirements:

1. Completion of a diploma or associate degree in nursing program
2. Current registered nurse licensure (Applicants who have not yet obtained RN licensure may be accepted on a provisional basis for one semester.)
3. Transfer credit for courses from other accredited institutions and credit-by-examination will be accepted according to OLOL College policy

**Curriculum Plan**

Associate degree level arts and sciences courses must be completed prior to enrolling in RN-BSN nursing courses.

RN-BSN Curriculum Plan  
Effective Fall 2008

<b>COURSES FOR THE ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN NURSING DEGREE</b>					
ARTS and SCIENCES COURSES		Credit Hours	NURSING COURSES	Credit Hours	
ASCM 1110	Academic Seminar	1	NURS 1310	Pharmacology in Nursing	3
ENGL 1310	English Composition	3	NURS 1710	Foundations of Nursing Practice	7
MATH 1315	College Algebra	3	NURS 1715	Adult Health I	5
CHEM 1310	Introduction to Chemistry	3	NURS 1720	Mental Health Nursing	4
BIOL 2310	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	3			
BIOL 2311	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	3	NURS 2710	Adult Health Nursing II	5
BIOL 2320	Fundamentals of Human Nutrition	3	NURS 2715	Care of Children and Families	4
BIOL 2325	Fundamentals of Microbiology	3	NURS 2720	Care of Women and Neonates	4
PSYC 1310	Introductory Psychology	3	NURS 2725	Adult Health Nursing III	6
PSYC 2330	Psychology Across the Life Span	3			
SOCI 1310	Introductory Sociology	3			
ELECTIVE	Philosophy/Anthropology/Theology	3			

<b>COURSES FOR THE RN-BSN PROGRAM</b>					
ARTS and SCIENCES COURSES		Credit Hours	NURSING COURSES	Credit Hours	
ENGL 1311	English Composition	3	NURS 3310	Research in Nursing	3
ENGL or	English (2000 level or above) or		NURS 3315	Pathophysiology	3
SPCH 1310	Fundamentals of Speech	3	NURS 3320	Health Assessment	3
MATH 2315	General Statistics	3	NURS 3325	Leadership Principles in Nursing	3
CSCI 1310	Introduction to Computers	3			
HIST	History )	3	NURS 4710	Community Nursing	5
RELS	Religion (3000 level or above)	3	NURS 4315	Nursing in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century	3
PHIL/MATH	Philosophy or Math (2000 level or above)	3		<b>Choose one of the following</b>	
Elective	Arts and Sciences	3	NURS 4310	Gerontology	3
Elective	3000 level or above	3	<b>NURS 4320</b>	Mental Health and Film	3
			NURS 4110	Independent Study*	1
			NURS 4210	Independent Study*	2
				*Requires permission of the program director.	

**Degree Requirements:**

**Associate of Science in Nursing Courses:**

Arts and Sciences = 33-34 credit hours  
Nursing = 38 credit hours

**RN-BSN Courses:**

Arts and Sciences = 27 credit hours  
Nursing = 23 credit hours

**Total required for Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree = 121-122 credit hours**

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