

SCHOOL OF NURSING
ACCELERATED ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN NURSING PROGRAM

History and Overview

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. In 2003, Our Lady of the Lake College began offering the Accelerated Associate of Science in Nursing Program. Today this program is offered at four locations - Baton Rouge, New Orleans at Tulane University Hospital and Clinic, Marrero at West Jefferson Medical Center and Metairie at East Jefferson General Hospital. The Accelerated ASN program is an intense ten month program created to provide an avenue into the nursing profession for students who have previously earned a non-nursing baccalaureate degree.

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 accelerated Associate of Science in Nursing program must complete an application specific to accelerated ASN program and its particular location. Application deadlines are as follows:

January 15	Tulane
March 15	Baton Rouge East Jefferson
August 15	West Jefferson

Length of Program

The Accelerated Associate of Science in Nursing Program curriculum consists of 72 credit hours. The 39 credit hours in nursing are designed to be completed in ten months, during which the student is enrolled full-time.

Application Procedures

Visit www.ololcollege.edu or contact the Office of Admissions at 225-768-1700.

Tuition

See the published Tuition and 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.

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.

Graduation Rate/NCLEX-RN Pass Rate/Employment Outlook

The Accelerated ASN program at Our Lady of the Lake College has an average graduation rate of 70%. The pass rate on the NCLEX-RN averages 95%. 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 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.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).

Admission Requirements

Applicants to accelerated ASN programs should meet the following admission criteria:

1. Be accepted for full admission status to OLOL College
2. Be in good academic standing at OLOL College

3. Have completed the following courses with a grade of "C" or better: ENGL 1310; MATH 1315; BIOL 2310; CHEM 1310 or CHEM 1315; PSYC 1310; BIOL 2311; BIOL 2320; BIOL 2325; PSYC 2330; SOCI 1310; ANTH, PHIL, or RELS elective
4. Have earned a grade point average of 3.0 or higher on arts and sciences courses in the ASN curriculum
5. Be in good academic standing from any previously admitted nursing program(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

Curriculum Plan

All of the arts and sciences courses listed in the curriculum plan **must** be taken prior to admission to the accelerated ASN program.

Accelerated ASN Curriculum Plan
Effective Fall 2008

COURSES		PREREQUISITE COURSES	CREDIT HOURS
ENGL	1310	English Composition	3
MATH	1315	College Algebra	3
CHEM	1310	Introduction to Chemistry	3
BIOL	2310	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	3
BIOL	2311	Human Anatomy and 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>
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NURS	1110	Transition to Accelerated Nursing	1
NURS	1310	Pharmacology	3
NURS	1710	Foundation of Nursing Practice	7
NURS	1715	Adult Health Nursing I	5
NURS	1720	Mental Health Nursing	4
NURS	2710	Adult Health Nursing II	5
NURS	2715	Care of Children and Families	4
NURS	2720	Care of Women and Neonates	4
NURS	2725	Adult Health Nursing III	<u>6</u>
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Degree Requirements:	Arts and Sciences Courses:	33 credit hours
	Nursing Courses:	<u>39 credit hours</u>
	TOTALS =	72 credit hours

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OUR LADY OF THE LAKE COLLEGE will make reasonable special services and accommodations for students with learning, emotional or physical disabilities. Students wishing to self-identify may complete a Special Needs Assessment form, which is available from the office of the Dean of Student Services.