

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 LPN-RN Transition program was developed at Our Lady of the Lake College in 1995 and the first class was admitted in 1996.

Purpose

The purpose of the LPN-RN Transition Program is to provide the opportunity for students with previously acquired nursing knowledge and skills as an LPN to achieve an Associate of Science in Nursing degree and to write the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN).

Enrollment

Applicants to the LPN-RN Transition Program must complete an application specific to the program. Interested students should meet with the LPN-RN Transition Program Coordinator to discuss their readiness for the program. Applications are due on or before August 15 for the January class and on or before January 15 for the August class.

Length of Program

Once admitted into the LPN-RN Transition Program, the student will enroll in NURS 1725: LPN-RN Role Transition, a seven-credit course. Once the transition student successfully completes the transition course, NURS 1725, with a grade of "C" or better, the student progresses to the second year of the traditional ASN Program. Credit is granted for the following 1000 level courses in nursing at the time of graduation: NURS 1715: Adult Health Nursing I (five credit hours) and NURS 1720: Mental Health Nursing (4 credit hours). If the student does not pass NURS 1725 with a grade of "C" or better he/she cannot repeat the course, but can apply for admission to the traditional Associate of Science in Nursing Program.

Application Procedure

Visit 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.

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 may be obtained in the Office of Admissions.

Graduation Rate/NCLEX-RN Pass Rate/Employment Outlook

The LPN-RN Transition program at Our Lady of the Lake College has an average graduation rate of 95%. The pass rate on the NCLEX-RN averages 90%. 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 masters 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,

Admission Requirements

Applicants to the LPN-RN Transition Program should meet the following criteria for admission:

1. Current LPN licensure at the time of application and admission
2. Acceptance for full admission status to OLOL College
3. Good academic standing at OLOL College
4. Have completed six credit hours at OLOL College (these 6 hours may not include NURS 1310)
5. Have earned a grade point average of 2.75 or higher on arts and science courses in the nursing curriculum
6. Successful completion of the following required arts and science courses with a grade of "C" or better: - Academic Seminar (ACSM 1110)
 - English I (ENGL 1310)
 - College Algebra (MATH 1315)
 - Human Anatomy and Physiology I (BIOL 2310)
 - Human Anatomy and Physiology II (BIOL 2311)
 - Fundamentals of Human Nutrition (BIOL 2320)
 - Fundamentals of Microbiology (BIOL 2325)
 - Introduction to Chemistry (CHEM 1310) or Fundamentals of Chemistry I (CHEM 1315)

- Introductory Psychology (PSYC 1310)
 - Psychology Across the Life Span (PSYC 2330)
7. Successful completion of Pharmacology in Nursing (NURS 1310). This course can only be taken after completion of six credit hours of arts and science courses at OLOL College and with permission of the LPN-RN Transition Program director. LPN-RN Transition students may opt to take a Pharmacology Challenge Exam in lieu of NURS 1310. Permission to take this examination must be obtained from the LPN-RN Transition Program director. Students who enroll in NURS 1310 and are not successful (a grade of "C" or better) may not take the Pharmacology Challenge Exam.

Curriculum Plan

LPN-RN Transition Program Curriculum Plan
Effective Fall 2008

| COURSES HOURS | | | CREDIT |
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| | | <u>PREREQUISITE COURSES</u> | |
| ACSM | 1110 | Academic Seminar | 1 |
| ENGL | 1310 | English Composition | 3 |
| MATH | 1315 | College Algebra | 3 |
| CHEM | 1310 | Introduction to Chemistry or | 3 |
| CHEM | 1315 | Fundamentals of Chemistry I | 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 |
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| NURS | 1310 | <u>Prior to admission/after completion of prerequisite courses</u> Pharmacology in Nursing or successful completion of the Pharmacology challenge exam | 3 |
| | | <u>SEMESTER I</u> | |
| NURS | 1725 | LPN – RN Role Transition | 7 |
| | | <u>SEMESTER II</u> | |
| SOCI | 1310 | Introductory Sociology | 3 |
| NURS | 2710 | Adult Health II | 5 |
| NURS | 2715 | Care of Children and Families | 4 |
| | | | 12 |
| | | <u>SEMESTER III</u> | |
| Elective | | Philosophy/Anthropology/Theology | 3 |
| NURS | 2720 | Care of Women and Neonates | 4 |
| NURS | 2725 | Adult Health III | 6 |
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*ACSM 1110 may be waived. See the college catalog for the policy.

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| Degree Requirements: | Arts and sciences courses: | 33-34 credit hours |
| | Nursing courses: | <u>38 credit hours</u> |
| | | 71-72 credit hours |

Our Lady of the Lake College assures equal opportunity for all qualified persons without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age disability, marital status in the admission to, participation in, or employment of its program and activities.

Our Lady of the Lake College will make reasonable special services and accommodations for students with learning or physical disabilities. Students desiring to self-identify may complete a Special Needs Assessment form available from any office at the college.