



Associate Degree Nursing Program

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS/CRITERIA

Pre-requisite Courses Required: *Must be completed prior to acceptance to the Nursing Program*

- Accuplacer Score of EA 61 or above or documentation of completion of equivalent Math course (MAT 050 or above)
- ENG 121 English Composition I
- PSY 235 Human Growth and Development
- BIO 201 Anatomy and Physiology I
- BIO 202 Anatomy Physiology II
- BIO 204 Microbiology (with lab) (Requires prerequisite of BIO 201 or BIO 111)
- LPN License or proof of competency for students entering into the second year of the program who are not continuing directly from the first year

Note: All BIO prefixed courses must have been completed within 7 years of entry into the nursing program.

Upon Completion of Prerequisite Coursework:

Send an official copy of your transcript(s) to verify required 2.5 GPA to:

Student Services
Lamar Community College
2401 South Main
Lamar, CO 81052

Co-requisite Courses:

- BIO 216 Human Pathophysiology - Requires prerequisites of BIO 201 and BIO 201. Must be taken to prior to entering the second year of the nursing program
- HWE 100 Human Nutrition - Must be taken to prior to entering the second year of the nursing program
- 3 credit hours of Social & Behavioral Sciences or Humanities - must be taken prior to completion of the nursing program
(See LCC catalog at www.lamarcc.edu for a list of acceptable courses)

NOTE: *All of the above prerequisite and co-requisite courses must be completed with a GPA of 2.5 or above. No grade less than "C" is accepted.*

LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES

Licensed Practical Nurses and students who have exited the first year of a nursing program wishing to enter the second year of the program who have not completed NUR 150 Obstetric and Pediatric Nursing or equivalent, must complete NUR 189 Transition from LPN to ADN. Contact Kathy Henderson for more information regarding NUR 189.

NATIONAL LEAGUE OF NURSING PRE-ADMISSION EXAMINATION

Applicants will be required to take the National League of Nursing Pre-admission Examination.

- Scores Required: Composite=50th percentile or higher; Verbal=35th percentile or higher.
- Study Guide: Students may purchase a study guide for the exam at <http://www.jblearning.com/catalog/9780763762711/>.
 - *Review Guide for RN Pre-Entrance Exam, 3rd edition, by The National League of Nursing*
- Students must register for the exam at www.nlnonlinetesting.org. Student is responsible for the cost of testing*. The exam cannot be taken more than once every 30 days or more than three times.

*Price subject to change based on NLN testing service.

APPLICATION PROCESS

College Admission and Nursing Program Application

1. Complete LCC college admissions application online at: www.lamarcc.edu/admission
2. Students who are considering the nursing program will need to log onto <http://www.lamarcc.edu/academics/occupational-programs/nursing/nursing-programs-application/> and complete the nursing program admissions application.
3. Schedule to take the PAX-RN Entrance Exam at: <https://www.nlnonlinetesting.org>

COMPLETE THE APPLICATION PROCESS

Prior to admission into the nursing program, the following components must be submitted to the LCC nursing program office:

4. Submit official transcript(s) documenting completion of prerequisite course requirements and cumulative GPA requirement.
5. Results of PAX-RN Exam
6. If you have not completed MAT 050 (or higher) provide documentation of Accuplacer Score EA 61 or above or SAT/ACT score exempting you from Accuplacer testing.
7. Licensed Practical Nurses applying for entry into the second year of the program must provide a copy of your active, unencumbered practical nursing license. LPN's who did not complete NUR 150 Obstetric and Pediatric Nursing, or equivalent course, as part of the PN program must provide documentation of completion of NUR 189 Transition from LPN to A.D.N. to qualify for entry into the second year of the program.

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The process of admission to the nursing program is a separate process from admission to Lamar Community College.

After Notification of Nursing Program Admission

Prior to participation in nursing courses, students must:

- Complete the Health Questionnaire/Immunization Record (see Appendix A) including:
 - PPD or Chest X-ray (negative) (yearly)
 - Hepatitis B series
 - Varicella immunization
 - Immunization records documenting MMR/Tetanus (within 10 years)
- Provide a copy of current American Heart Association Health Care Provider CPR card (must keep current throughout nursing program)
- Purchase the Criminal Background Check and 10-Panel Drug Screen. Complete at www.healthcarex.com – Package 5*
(Information regarding LCC disqualifying offenses is available at www.lamarcc.edu/nursing)
- Random Urine Drug Screen (results must be negative). A dilute drug screen result is considered a positive result. *Paid for with Package 5 above – administered randomly on campus.

Note: Health Questionnaire, and Criminal Background Check must be completed **no sooner than 90 days** prior to entry into the nursing program.

*Prospective nursing students should be aware that the Colorado State Board of Nursing states the following regarding criminal background checks.

“Neither the Nurse Practice Act nor the Nurse Aide Practice Act has any automatic exclusions to licensure based on a criminal background; however, you will need to check with the school of nursing or the nurse aide training program to see if your crime(s) will either prevent you from becoming admitted to their program or disallow you from performing clinical practice as a student. The Board only reviews those individuals who apply for licensure after graduating from a Board-approved nursing/nurse aide program.

All crimes, regardless of whether or not they were/are deferred, must be reviewed by the Board. In determining whether to issue a license, the Board considers the crime itself, any pattern of criminal behavior, when the crime(s) occurred, any rehabilitation since the crime(s), and its relevance to nursing practice. As a regulatory body, the Board's primary mission is to safeguard the life, health, property, and public welfare of the people of this state.”

DISABILITY SERVICES:

It is recognized that in order to maximize opportunities for success, some students must receive benefit from reasonable accommodations in response to documented disabilities. In order to arrange for such accommodations, please provide documentation and request services at least three weeks prior to the time services are needed. For more information, contact Special Populations at 719.336.1533.

LICENSURE:

Students who choose the PN Option are eligible to take the NCLEX- PN Licensure Exam. Students who complete the Associate of Science Degree in Nursing are eligible to take the NCLEX-RN Licensure Exam. **The Board of Nursing in each state regulates licensure. Contact the Board of Nursing in Colorado for eligibility requirements for licensure at www.dora.state.co.us/nursing.**

NURSING BACKGROUND CHECK MODIFICATION

The Colorado Community College System (“CCCS”) and the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education authorize the nursing programs to conduct a background investigation of all student applicants. The clinical sites used in the nursing programs require background checks of all potential interns. The purpose is to maintain a safe and productive educational and clinical environment. New students who refuse to comply with the background investigation will not be allowed to enter a CCCS Nursing Program.

An Applicant will be disqualified from a CCCS nursing program based on the following guidelines:

- Any violent felony convictions of homicide. (No time limit)
- Crimes of violence (assault, sexual offenses, arson, kidnapping, any crime against an at-risk adult or juvenile, etc.) as defined in section 18-1.3-406 C.R.S. in the 10 years immediately preceding the submittal of application.
- Any offense involving unlawful sexual behavior in the 10 years immediately preceding the submittal of application.
- Any crime, the underlying basis of which has been found by the court on the record to include an act of domestic violence, as defined in section 18-6-800.3 C.R.S. in the 7 years immediately preceding the submittal of application.
- Any crime of child abuse, as defined in section 18-6-401 C.R.S. in the 7 years immediately preceding the submittal of application.
- Any crime related to the sale, possession, distribution or transfer of narcotics or controlled substances in the 7 years immediately preceding the submittal of application.
- Any felony theft crimes in the 7 years immediately preceding the submittal of application.
- Any misdemeanor theft crimes in the 5 years immediately preceding the submittal of application.
- Any offense of sexual assault on a client by a psychotherapist, as defined in section 18-3-405.5 C.R.S. in the 7 years immediately preceding the submittal of application.
- Crimes of moral turpitude (prostitution, public lewdness/exposure, etc.) in the 7 years immediately preceding the submittal of application.
- Registered Sex Offenders. (No time limit)
- Any offense in another state, the elements of which are substantially similar to the elements of any of the above offenses.
- More than one (1) D.U.I. in the 7 years immediately preceding the submittal of application.

If the investigation reveals information that could be relevant to the application, the designated individual responsible for background checks may request additional information from the applicant. The offense shall be reviewed on a case by case basis. Students who have successfully completed the terms of a deferred adjudication agreement will not be disqualified.

If any applicant feels the criminal background check is inaccurate, they may appeal the decision and request a review with the specific community college applied at. It is the applicant’s burden to produce substantial evidence that proves the crimes charged are incorrect.