



## **Associate Degree Nursing Program**

### **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS/CRITERIA**

For more information call: Mary Lou Myers, Assistant at 719.336.1594 or Sandy Summers, Director at 719.336.

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

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

- Accuplacer Score of EA 61 or above or documentation of completion (C or above) of equivalent
- Math course. (MAT 090 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 or permission of instructor)
- LPN License (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:**

- Apply for admission to the nursing program at [www.lamarcc.edu/nursing](http://www.lamarcc.edu/nursing)
- Send an official copy of your transcript(s) to verify required 2.5 GPA to:  
Mary Lou Myers  
Lamar Community College  
2401 South Main  
Lamar, CO 81052

#### **Co-requisite Courses:**

- BIO 216 Human Pathophysiology (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](http://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 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 Sandy Summers for more information regarding NUR 189.

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

- *NLN PAX-RN Preadmission Examination scores required: Composite 50<sup>th</sup> percentile or higher; Verbal 35<sup>th</sup> percentile or higher. (These scores are listed under “All”) Students who achieve between the 30<sup>th</sup> and 34<sup>th</sup> percentile on the verbal percentile and achieve the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile or higher on the Composite percentile will be offered admission with the condition that they will be required to complete remediation (faculty study sessions) during the nursing program. Students may purchase a study guide for the exam at [www.jbpub.com](http://www.jbpub.com). Students must register for the exam at [www.nln.org](http://www.nln.org). Cost of the exam is \$45.00. The exam cannot be taken more than every three months or more than three times.*

*A GPA of 2.5 or higher is required on all prerequisite course work.*

## APPLICATION PROCESS

### *College Admission and Nursing Program Application*

- Complete LCC college admissions application online at [www.lamarcc.edu](http://www.lamarcc.edu) or in the Admissions Office on campus.
  - Students who have not completed prerequisite courses complete “Nursing Inquiry” online at [www.lamarcc.edu/nursing](http://www.lamarcc.edu/nursing)
  - Students who have completed prerequisite coursework, log onto [www.lamarcc.edu/nursing](http://www.lamarcc.edu/nursing) and complete the nursing program admissions application.
  - Schedule to take the PAX-RN Entrance Exam (may be taken before you have completed prerequisite coursework). Schedule at [www.nln.org](http://www.nln.org)
- Prior to admission into the nursing program, the following components must be submitted to the LCC nursing program office:**
- Submit official transcript(s) documenting completion of prerequisite course requirements and cumulative GPA requirement.
  - Results of PAX-RN Exam
  - If you have not completed MAT 090 (or higher) provide documentation of Accuplacer Score EA 61 or above or SAT/ACT score exempting you from Accuplacer testing.
  - 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.

### **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)
- Complete the Criminal Background Check and FBI Fingerprint Check and 10-Panel Drug Screen. Complete at [www.healthcareex.com](http://www.healthcareex.com) – Package 2\*  
(Information regarding LCC disqualifying offenses is available at [www.cccs.edu/nursing/prerequisites.html](http://www.cccs.edu/nursing/prerequisites.html))
- Random Urine Drug Screen (results must be negative). A dilute drug screen result is considered a positive result. **Paid for with Package 2 above – administered randomly on campus.**
- Ensure personal daily access to a computer and Internet for emails, assignments, and communications
- Own a Personal Digital Assist (PDA) with required program downloads

\*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](http://www.dora.state.co.us/nursing).**

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