

Central Lakes College Nursing

Program Application Information and Evaluation Criteria for Associate Degree Nursing Applicants

Academic Year 2010-11

The Associate Degree (AD) Nursing Program is designed to prepare Licensed Practical Nurses to make application to take the National Council Licensure Examination for registered nurse practice. Proof of active unrestricted Minnesota LPN license is necessary. Students currently enrolled in a practical nursing program may apply to the AD Nursing Program prior to their practical nursing graduation. If accepted into the AD Nursing Program, the student must become licensed in practical nursing as of August 1st. Applicants are directed to the Minnesota Board of Nursing for specific information regarding LPN licensure.

Completion of all science courses is required prior to formal acceptance (those courses with a prefix of BIOL or CHEM listed below) into the AD Nursing Program. Completion of all required liberal arts courses is highly recommended. A minimum grade of “C” is required in each of the required courses (liberal arts and sciences) for the AD Nursing Program, **with a minimum GPA of 2.75 in required liberal arts and science courses.** A grade of “C minus” or less is not acceptable. Students must apply each year that they are seeking acceptance to the AD Nursing Program. Admission to nursing programs continues to be highly competitive and in strong demand.

Legal Limitations: Applicants should be aware that there are legal limitations both on the acquisition and retention of the registered nurse license. Licensing requirements are the exclusive responsibility of the Minnesota Board of Nursing, and students must satisfy those requirements independently of satisfaction of the requirements of the college graduation. Students are responsible to contact the Minnesota Board of Nursing if they have questions regarding their eligibility. (612-617-2294)

Criminal Background Study An essential component of the nursing program is student participation in clinical experiences where they care for patients and residents at health care facilities. Central Lakes College contracts with local health care facilities to provide these experiences. Any person who has direct contact with patients and residents at health care facilities licensed by the Minnesota Department of Health must have a criminal background check completed. Results of the study are to be on file in the Department of Nursing before students begin their clinical experiences. **Any student who does not pass the criminal background check will not be permitted to participate in clinical experiences, thereby rendering the individual ineligible to progress in the nursing program and qualify for a degree in nursing.** Students should direct questions and appeals to the Minnesota Department of Human Services, Licensing Division, 444 Lafayette Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55155-3842. Phone: (651) 296-3971. Web address: www.dhs.state.mn.us

Requirements: Associate in Science Nursing: A mobility program for Licensed Practical Nurses

LIBERAL ARTS / SCIENCE CREDITS (29 or 31)

ENGL 1410	Composition I	4 cr.
CHEM 1405	Life Science Chemistry	3 cr.
BIOL 2401	Nutrition	2 cr.
PHIL 2420	Ethics	3 cr.
PSYC 2421	General Psychology I	4 cr.
PSYC 2431	Human Development.....	3 cr.
BIOL 2457	Microbiology (with lab)	4 cr.
BIOL 1404 & 1405	Human Biology (with Lab).....	6 cr.
OR	<i>(The Human Biology sequence must have been started prior to Fall, 2007)</i>	
BIOL 2467 & 2468	Anatomy and Physiology I & II....	8 cr.

Nursing Credits (33)

Nursing credits awarded upon acceptance into AD Nursing Program for PN Program	10 cr
NURS 2501, 2502: <i>Adaptation to Health & Illness through the Lifespan I & II</i>	12 cr
NURS 2500 <i>Professional Concepts and Issues in Nursing</i>	2 cr
NURS 2513, 2514: <i>Nursing Practicum I & II</i>	7 cr
NURS 2520 <i>LPN to RN: Role Transition</i>	1 cr
NURS 2522 <i>Dosage Calculations (summer session prior to start of fall classes)</i>	1 cr
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Time Table

April 1, 2010	Final Application deadline for Associate Degree Nursing Program beginning Fall, 2010. *Official transcripts are required in order to be considered for admission to the nursing program; however, students who are enrolled in courses in Spring, 2010 and for whom official transcripts are not yet available from their academic institution may submit an unofficial record of letter grade by *May 19, 2010 . An official transcript must be received by June 4, 2010 or the accepted student will lose their seat in class.
*May 19, 2010	Unofficial transcripts or record of grade due for students currently enrolled in required courses.
May 21, 2010	Admissions Department will notify accepted applicants with confirmation information via postal mail. (Confirmations will be mailed by this date.) Please do not call for this information. Confirmation will not be given out by any other route than postal mail.
June 4, 2010	Deadline for receipt of official transcript for students still taking Spring, 2010 courses that are unable to obtain official transcripts by the May 19 th deadline.
June 4, 2010	Deadline for confirmation of acceptance to be submitted to Admissions Department. <i>Failure to submit confirmation of acceptance by deadline will result in the student's loss of place in program.</i> Students placed on the alternate list for AD Nursing Program must also submit letter of confirmation that he/she wishes to remain on the alternate list and intends to enroll in summer session NURS 2522 Dosage Calculations. <i>Failure to submit confirmation of acceptance on alternate list by deadline will result in the student's loss of place on the alternate list.</i>
June 11, 2010	Mandatory Orientation for accepted and alternate list students. Site: Brainerd or Staples Campus. <i>Failure to attend mandatory orientation will result in student's loss of position in program.</i>
June – July 2010	Accepted nursing program students must register, attend, and successfully complete the CLC summer session class NURS 2522 Dosage Calculations (1 cr). This is a required course in the CLC Associate Degree Nursing Program. It is not a course that is accepted in transfer. <i>Failure to complete NURS 2522 with a grade of "C" or better will result in the student's loss of position in the program.</i>
July 30, 2010	Deadline for submission to the directed nursing faculty or completion of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of current Basic Cardiac Life Support certification • Completed and accepted State of Minnesota Background Study • Current LPN licensure in State of Minnesota with expiration date (unrestricted) • Completed immunization record • 4 signed Nursing Program Handbook forms (Drug and Alcohol testing policy, Authorization for Release of Student Information, Simulation Contract and Confirmation understanding of handbook contents).
August, 2010	Start of academic year 2010-2011
May, 2011	Graduation

