

Associate in Applied Science in Nursing (LPN to RN)

Program Overview

The nursing program at Southwestern Michigan College is committed to providing quality nursing education to students that will benefit clients, employers, and the dynamic and diverse community. Graduates will successfully embody the ability to promote human well-being by exhibiting sound nursing judgment and demonstrating an inquiry in practice during the continual development of their professional identity in a culturally diverse society. Upon successful completion of the three-semester program, the graduate will be eligible to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX).

To Learn More About This Program

Contact the Academic Advising and Resource Center at 269-782-1303 or askanadvisor@swmich.edu.

Degree Requirements

This is a competitive admission program. Potential students will need to submit an application and be accepted into the nursing program. To earn this degree, students must have an overall GPA of 2.0 or higher, complete a minimum of 60 credit hours, and fulfill the course requirements of the program listed below. A student's graduation from an accredited program and active LPN license of less than two years satisfies the courses: NURS 160, 168 and 170. A student's graduation from an accredited program and active LPN license of two years or more satisfies the courses: NURS 160, 168, 170, ENGL 103/103W, MATH 127, BIOL 214, BIOL 215, and PSYC 101. Each prerequisite course and major-specific course must be completed with a grade of C or better (BIOL 214 with a grade of B- or better). Clinical courses require a grade of PC (passing).

Course Offerings

Students pursuing an Associate in Applied Science in Nursing may complete select courses for this program online. Courses within this program may also be offered on-site at our Dowagiac or Niles campus.

Prerequisite Courses

The courses below and BIOL 215 are satisfied with an active LPN license of 2 or more years and graduation from an accredited program.

COMMUNICATIONS

Course ID	Course	Credits
ENGL 103 or ENGL 103W	Freshman English 2 (or with workshop)	3 to 4 credits

MATHEMATICS

Course ID	Course	Credits
MATH 127	College Algebra	4 credits

NATURAL SCIENCE

Course ID	Course	Credits
BIOL 214	Basic Human Anatomy (min grade of B- required)	4 credits

SOCIAL SCIENCE

Course ID	Course	Credits
PSYC 101	General Psychology	3 credits

This prerequisite course must be satisfied by the student regardless of the active length of the LPN license.

NURSING

Course ID	Course	Credits
NURS 167	Principles of Medication Administration	2 credits

Major-Specific Required Courses

Course ID	Course	Credits
EDUC 120	Educational Exploration and Planning	1 credit
BIOL 215	Principles of Human Physiology	4 credits
NURS 178	Pharmacology 1	2 credits
NURS 186	Psychosocial Care in Nursing	2 credits
NURS 187	Psychosocial Care Clinical	3 credits
NURS 194	Care of Adults 1	2 credits
NURS 195	Care of Adults 1 Clinical	3.5 credits
NURS 204	Women's Health Care	2 credits
NURS 205	Women's Health Care Clinical	3 credits
NURS 208	Care of the Child	2 credits
NURS 209	Care of the Child Clinical	3 credits
NURS 212	Nursing Leadership	2 credits
NURS 228	Pharmacology 2	2 credits
NURS 238	Care of Adults 2	2 credits
NURS 239	Care of Adults 2 Clinical	3.5 credits
NURS 248	Care of Adults 3	2 credits
NURS 249	Care of Adults 3 Clinical	3.5 credits

**Total Program Credits: 58.5
(Need 60 credits to graduate)**

Additional Notes About the A.A.S. in Nursing (LPN to RN) Program

- A prerequisite course may be needed prior to enrollment in some courses within this program. Specific prerequisite requirements are listed in the Course Description section in the Course Catalog. A summary of the prerequisites is listed below in the Example Course Sequence.
- This program as outlined does NOT meet MTA requirements. Students would need one additional communications course, one additional science course (non-BIOL), one additional social science course (non-PSYC), and two different humanities courses. If interested in the MTA, students should seek help from an advisor for course selection.
- Proficiency in math and chemistry is required for this program. Therefore, some students may be required to take MATH 114 and CHEM 100 in addition to the courses listed on the previous page.
- A student's graduation from an accredited program and active LPN license of less than 2 years satisfies the courses NURS 160 Nursing Foundation, NURS 168 Nursing Foundations Clinical 1, and NURS 170 Nursing Foundations Clinical 2 (10 total credits), prerequisites for many courses in this program. A student's graduation from an accredited program and active LPN license of 2 or more years additionally satisfies ENGL 103/103W, MATH 127, BIOL 214, BIOL 2015, and PSYC 101.
- Courses taken out of sequence may delay a student's ability to complete the program in a timely manner. Please consult your advisor regularly.
- Each student should submit a graduation application at least one full semester before they plan to graduate.
- This program is subject to change. Students should consult with their advisor for program updates.

Example Course Sequence

The following is a sample of a semester-by-semester approach to completing this program.

FIRST SEMESTER

Courses	Credits	Prerequisites (Minimum Grade of C Required)
EDUC 120 Educational Exploration and Planning	1 credit	ENGL 115, ENGL 103W, ENGL 103, ENGL 104, or English test score (Level 2 or higher); concurrent enrollment in ENGL 115 allowed
ENGL 103 or ENGL 103W Freshman English 2 (or with workshop)	3 to 4 credits	ENGL 103W: English test score (Level 2 or higher) ENGL 103: ENGL 115 or English test score (Level 3); concurrent enrollment in ENGL 115 allowed
BIOL 214 Basic Human Anatomy	4 credits	BIOL 101, BIOL 110, BIOL 202, BISC 111, or one year of high school biology with minimum grade of B taken within the last 5 years, or Challenge test score
MATH 127 College Algebra	4 credits	MATH 114 (minimum grade of B-), Math test score (Level 3 or higher), or concurrent enrollment in MATH 127C
PSYC 101 General Psychology	3 credits	ENGL 115, ENGL 103W, ENGL 103, ENGL 104, or English test score (Level 2 or higher); concurrent enrollment in ENGL 115 allowed
NURS 167 Principles of Medication Administration	2 credits	MATH 127; Permission of the Dean

SECOND SEMESTER

Courses	Credits	Prerequisites (Minimum Grade of C Required)
BIOL 215 Principles of Human Physiology	4 credits	BIOL 214; CHEM 100, or one year of high school chemistry with minimum grade of B taken within the last 5 years, or Challenge test score
NURS 178 Pharmacology 1	2 credits	BIOL 215; NURS 160; NURS 167; NURS 168; NURS 170
NURS 186 Psychosocial Care in Nursing	2 credits	BIOL 215; NURS 160; NURS 167; NURS 168; NURS 170
NURS 187 Psychosocial Care Clinical	3 credits	BIOL 215; NURS 160; NURS 167; NURS 168; NURS 170; NURS 186 (concurrent enrollment allowed)
NURS 194 Care of Adults 1	2 credits	BIOL 215; NURS 160; NURS 167; NURS 168; NURS 170
NURS 195 Care of Adults 1 Clinical	3.5 credits	BIOL 215; NURS 160; NURS 167; NURS 168; NURS 170; NURS 194 (concurrent enrollment allowed)

THIRD SEMESTER

Courses	Credits	Prerequisites (Minimum Grade of C Required)
NURS 204 Women's Health Care	2 credits	NURS 178; NURS 186; NURS 187; NURS 194; NURS 195; NURS 228 (concurrent enrollment allowed)
NURS 205 Women's Health Care Clinical	3 credits	NURS 178; NURS 186; NURS 187; NURS 194; NURS 195; NURS 204 (concurrent enrollment allowed); NURS 228 (concurrent enrollment allowed)
NURS 228 Pharmacology 2	2 credits	NURS 178; NURS 186; NURS 187; NURS 194; NURS 195
NURS 238 Care of Adults 2	2 credits	NURS 178; NURS 186; NURS 187; NURS 194; NURS 195; NURS 228 (concurrent enrollment allowed)
NURS 239 Care of Adults 2 Clinical	3.5 credits	NURS 178; NURS 186; NURS 187; NURS 194; NURS 195; NURS 228 (concurrent enrollment allowed); NURS 238 (concurrent enrollment allowed)

FOURTH SEMESTER

Courses	Credits	Prerequisites (Minimum Grade of C Required)
NURS 208 Care of the Child	2 credits	NURS 204; NURS 205; NURS 228; NURS 238; NURS 239; NURS 212 (concurrent enrollment allowed)
NURS 209 Care of the Child Clinical	3 credits	NURS 204; NURS 205; NURS 228; NURS 238; NURS 239; NURS 212 (concurrent enrollment allowed); NURS 208 (concurrent enrollment allowed)
NURS 212 Nursing Leadership	2 credits	NURS 204; NURS 205; NURS 228; NURS 238; NURS 239
NURS 248 Care of Adults 3	2 credits	NURS 204; NURS 205; NURS 228; NURS 238; NURS 239; NURS 212 (concurrent enrollment allowed)
NURS 249 Care of Adults 3 Clinical	3.5 credits	NURS 204; NURS 205; NURS 228; NURS 238; NURS 239; NURS 212 (concurrent enrollment allowed); NURS 248 (concurrent enrollment allowed)