



## ARAPAHOE COMMUNITY COLLEGE NURSING PROGRAM AAS NURSING PN-RN (Bridge) PROGRAM

The AAS Nursing, LPN to ADN nursing program option at Arapahoe Community College is a three-semester advanced placement program allowing currently licensed License Practical Nurses career mobility to obtain an Associate of Applied Science in Nursing. Upon successful completion of the LPN to ADN Bridge program, students are eligible to take the NCLEX-RN exam to become a Registered Nurse (RN). There are additional options to obtain your Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) concurrently or immediately following the ADN program. The LPN-ADN Advanced Placement Option (Bridge Program) is a day M-F program comprising 3 credits in the entry semester, 12.5 in the following semester and 9 in the final semester. (Su, F, Sp or F, Sp, F). Clinical rotations may be scheduled on weekends or evenings/nights. Please be aware that the PN-RN Program name will be changing to LPN to ADN Program in the 23-24 Academic Year.

**Application/Admission Process effective for ALL Spring 2023 applications:** Only one application period will be open beginning February 27 through March 12, 2023. Two cohorts of up to 12 students each will be admitted to either a summer or a fall start. You will be asked your start date preference at the time of application: Summer or Fall or Either. If the number of qualified applicants exceeds the cohort size a random selection process will be used to determine admission offers. Preference will be given to applicants with all pre-requisite courses completed prior to application. Conditional acceptance may be extended to applicants with one to two outstanding pre-requisite courses at the time of application. If you have outstanding pre-requisite courses you are encouraged to apply for the Fall 2023 Start, so pre-requisites may be completed in the summer session prior to admission.

**Class start date:** Summer 2023 or Fall 2023

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### See Attached Admission Criteria

Please contact the ACC Nursing Department at 303.797.5939 or by email [nursing@arapahoe.edu](mailto:nursing@arapahoe.edu)

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# Arapahoe Community College

## LPN – ADN Program Admissions Process

### Effective for Summer/Fall 2023 Admissions

Online applications for Fall and Summer 2023 program admission will be accepted from February 27-March 12, 2023. Up to 12 students will be conditionally accepted to begin each of the two LPN-ADN cohorts. If more than 12 students qualify for admission for each cohort, a random selection process will be used to determine which students are selected. Students who are accepted must successfully complete NUR1089 Transition from LPN-ADN which is offered at ACC during the Summer and Fall Semesters. A **mandatory** orientation session will be held in May for Summer semester start and will be held in August for the Fall semester start.

Admission is also dependent upon submitting all required clinical compliance documents and passing a background check and urine drug test. See [Disqualifying Criminal Offenses](#). Please be aware that although possession of marijuana is not a criminal offense in Colorado, it remains a federal offense. As it is not acceptable to our clinical partners or the CO Board of Nursing, testing positive for marijuana or its metabolites will disqualify you from admission to the nursing program. Visit the [ACC AAS Nursing Department Website](#) for general AAS Nursing information, a list of [Disqualifying Criminal Offenses](#), and the [Nursing Student Handbook](#)

### Important to Know:

- Admission into the ACC LPN-ADN Program is an application process. See attached criteria.
- You must have a current, unencumbered Colorado LPN license.
- All LPN work experience should be summarized and submitted with your application.
- If it has been longer than three years since graduation from your PN program, 1000 hours of work experience as an LPN are required prior to application and must be employer verified.
- Unofficial transcripts from all post high school institutions attended, including LPN school must be submitted with your application.
- Applications will be accepted once a year for the following summer and fall admission.
- Any student who has failed two nursing courses within the last two years or is otherwise ineligible to return to any ACC or CCCS nursing program is ineligible to apply.
- Incomplete applications will not be processed, nor will the ACC Nursing Department accept any additional materials after the posted deadline.
- Applicants must meet minimum admission requirements detailed below and apply during the specified application period.
  - Complete the following courses with minimum grade of C and Minimum GPA of 2.5 on the 9 Pre-Requisite Nursing Courses
    - BIO2101 A&P I \*
    - BIO2101 A&P II \*
    - BIO2104 Microbiology with a Lab \*
    - BIO2116 Pathophysiology \*
    - ENG 1021 English Composition I or ENG1022, or ENG1031
    - PSY 2440 Human Growth and Development
    - HPR1010 Dietary Nutrition or HWE 1050 Human Nutrition

- MAT1120 Math for Clinical Calculations or higher MAT course recommend any GT Math course
- Approved GT elective from Social/Behavioral Sciences OR Arts & Humanities

\*Science courses must have been completed within 10 years of entry into the nursing program to be eligible for transfer approval.

- A maternal/child/pediatrics exam may be administered to assess PN knowledge to guide transition course content. This exam will be administered after admission to the program.
- Clinical compliance requirements include the following. All requirements must be current through the semester:
  - Current American Heart Association BLS for HC Provider
  - Current Health Insurance Coverage
  - Negative PPD TB (Tuberculosis) Skin test - expires 1 year from date of test
  - OR if previous positive PPD or BCG Vaccine, chest Xray – expires 5 years from date of x-ray
  - MMR 2 doses required or positive titer
  - Hepatitis B 3 doses required or positive titer
  - Varicella (chickenpox) 2 doses required or positive titer, History of disease is NOT accepted
  - TDAP Expires 10 years from date of immunization
  - Flu immunization Fall semester – due by **Oct. 1st**
    - Covid-19 Immunization: Follow current CDC recommendations: 2 doses and boosters as recommended. History of disease is NOT accepted. No exemptions are allowed.
- You may be eligible for Dual Enrollment in the ACC RN-BSN Completion Program after successfully completing NUR1089, NUR2006, NUR212, and NUR2011.

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## Additional Notes

Any course that has a prefix of **NUR** cannot be taken until you enter the nursing program.

**If you are not currently enrolled at ACC**, you must [Apply to ACC](#) and complete the online application **before** completing the online PN-RN Program Application. Select **Preadmission Nursing option** as your major. If you are admitted to the PN-RN Program, you must have your non-ACC transcripts evaluated by the Records and Enrollment Service Office. You will be notified by the nursing department to submit transcripts for evaluation of credit if you have taken any of your prerequisite or general education courses at another college or university. You must have an official transcript sent to the Records and Enrollment Services Office directly from each college or university per the instructions on the [ACC Transfer Services](#) web page. **Please do not submit transcripts to the Records and Enrollment Services Office until notified to do so by the Nursing Department.**

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## Nursing Prerequisites and General Education Requirements

### Pre-requisites: All must be completed before application to the AAS PN-RN Option

The following **9** courses must be successfully completed with a grade of “C” or better, and you must have a **cumulative GPA of 2.5** in these **9** courses **before** you can apply to the ACC Nursing Program:

|  |   |                             |
|--|---|-----------------------------|
| <b>BIO 2101</b><br>Prerequisite: BIO111 or co-req may be required. Previous experience in Biology highly recommended. Consult an academic advisor. | Anatomy & Physiology I  | 4 credits                   |
| <b>BIO 2102</b><br>Prerequisite: grade of C or better in BIO 2101 in the last 10 years   | Anatomy & Physiology II   | 4 credits                   |
| <b>HPR 1010 (minimum requirement)</b><br>or<br><b>HWE 1050</b>   | Dietary Nutrition<br>or<br>Human Nutrition  | 1 credit<br>or<br>3 credits |
| <b>BIO 2104*</b><br>Prerequisite: BIO1111 or co-req may be required. Consult an academic advisor   | Microbiology  | 4 credits                   |
| <b>BIO 2116*</b><br>Prerequisite: grade of C or better in BIO 2101 and BIO 2102  | Pathophysiology   | 4 credits                   |
| <b>MAT 1120</b><br><br><b>or higher-level GT MAT course Prerequisite see MAT req below</b>   | Clinical Calculations<br><br>Ex: College Algebra, Math for Lib Arts, Statistics, Calculus | 3 credits                   |
| <b>ENG 1021 OR ENG1022 or ENG1031</b>  | English Composition I or English Composition II or Technical Writing                      | 3 credits                   |
| <b>PSY 2440</b>  | Human Growth & Development  | 3 credits                   |
| <b>GT elective course</b>  | GT Arts & Humanities or<br>GT Social & Behavioral Sciences                                | 3 credits                   |

**IMPORTANT:** Science courses cannot be completed more than 10 years prior to entry into the nursing program. If they are more than 10 years old, you will be required to take them again before entry.

The required math course for the nursing program is **MAT 1120 Math for Clinical Calculations** (3 credits) or a higher-level GT-MAT. Placement testing or co-requisites may be required

## GT Elective Course Guide

### Arts & Humanities and Social & Behavioral Sciences

In **general**, the courses that **many** BSN programs require or will accept as an elective requirement toward the baccalaureate degree in nursing include ANT 1101, PSY 1001, and SOC 1001.

If you are contemplating continuing your education to obtain a BSN, you should contact the school that you plan to attend to ascertain which electives they will accept. **YOU MUST CHOOSE ONE COURSE FROM THE FOLLOWING LIST** of GT (guaranteed transfer) courses to fulfill the elective requirement for the nursing program at ACC. Others may apply.

#### Arts and Humanities

ART 1110, 1111, 1112, 1113  
 FRE 2011, 2012  
 GER 2011, 2012  
 HUM 1003,1015, 1021, 1022, 1023  
 ITA 2011, 2012  
 JPN 2011, 2012  
 LIT 1015, 2001, 2002, 2005, 2011, 2012, 2021, 2022, 2025, 2046,2055,2059, 2068,  
 MUS 1020, 1021, 1022, 1023, 1025  
 PHI 1011, 1012, 1013, 1014,1015, 1016, 2005, 2013,2014, 2018, 2020  
 RUS 2011, 2012  
 SPA 2011, 2012  
 THE 1005, 1008, 2011, 2012,2015

#### Social and Behavioral Sciences

ANT 1001, 1003,1005, 1006, 107, 2001, 2115, 2125, 2150, 2315  
 COM 1250, 1300, 2220, 2300  
 ECO 1001, 2001, 2002, 2011, 2012  
 ETH 2000, 2015  
 GEO 1005, 1006, 1011, 1012, 1060, 2009  
 HIS 1110, 1120, 1210, 1220, 1310, 1320, 202, 2005, 2105,2110,2015, 2120,2125 2130, 2135, 2140, 2145, 2200, 2300,2510  
 JOU 1005  
 POS 1050, 1011, 1025, 2005, 215, 2020, 2025  
 PSY 1001, 1002,2105, 2221, 2333, 2440, 2441, 2552  
 SOC 1001, 1002, 2005,2007, 2015, 2016, 2018, 2020, 2031,2033, 2037  
 WST 2000, 2100, 2200, 2300

### GPA Calculator or use an [online GPA calculator](#)

| Course              | Credits      | Enter Grade Point   | Column 3 equals<br>Credits x Grade Pts |
|---------------------|--------------|---------------------|--|
|                     |              | Column 1<br>Grade   |  |
|                     |              | A, B, C             | A = 4, B = 3, C = 2                    |
|                     |              | Column 1 x Column 2 |  |
| BIO 2101            | 4            |                     |  |
| BIO2102             | 4            |                     |  |
| BIO2104             | 4            |                     |  |
| BIO2116             | 4            |                     |  |
| <b>HPR1010</b>      | <b>1</b>     |                     |  |
| OR                  |              |                     |  |
| <b>HWE1050</b>      | <b>3</b>     |                     |  |
| <b>MAT103 or eq</b> | <b>3</b>     |                     |  |
| <b>Elective</b>     | <b>3</b>     |                     |  |
| <b>ENG 1021</b>     | <b>3</b>     |                     |  |
| <b>PSY 2440</b>     | <b>3</b>     |                     |  |
|                     | <b>29-31</b> |                     |  |
|                     |              | Total Column 1 =    | Total Column 3 =                       |

Divide Total of Column 3 by Total of Column 1 = Cumulative GPA  
 Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 to apply

**Arapahoe Community College**  
**AAS Nursing LPN-ADN (Bridge Program) Curriculum**  
**For LPNs currently licensed in Colorado**

| PREREQUISITES   | COURSE CREDITS |
|---|----------------|
| ENG 1021 English Composition I (or ENG1022 or ENG1031)    | 3              |
| PSY 2440 Human Growth & Dev                               | 3              |
| BIO 2101* Anatomy & Physiology I w/lab                    | 4              |
| BIO 2102* Anatomy & Physiology II w/lab                   | 4              |
| BIO 2104* Microbiology w/lab                              | 4              |
| BIO 2116* Pathophysiology                                 | 4              |
| HPR 1010 Dietary Nutrition (or HWE1050 Human Nutrition) 3 | 1 (or 3)       |
| MAT1120 Clin Calculations or higher-level GT Math         | 3              |
| GT Humanities or Social Behavioral Science                | 3              |
| <b>Total Prerequisites</b>                                | <b>29-31</b>   |

| Summer Semester                | Course Credits | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester Bridge (3 <sup>rd</sup> Semester NUR Courses) | Course Credits |
|--------------------------------|----------------|--|----------------|
| NUR 1089<br>LPN-ADN Transition | <b>3</b>       | NUR 2006<br>Advanced Concepts of<br>Medical-Surgical Nursing           | 6.5            |
|                                |                | NUR 2012<br>Pharmacology II  | 2              |
|                                |                | NUR 2011<br>Psychiatric Mental Health<br>Nursing                       | 4              |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>3</b>       | <b>Total</b>   | <b>12.5</b>    |

| BLOCK TRANSFER   | Course Credits | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Semester Bridge (4 <sup>th</sup> Semester NUR Courses) | Course Credits |
|--|----------------|--|----------------|
| After successful completion of 3 <sup>rd</sup> NUR Semester Courses  |                |  |                |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> year Nursing Course Credit<br>posted to transcript as credit for<br>prior learning for LPN License<br>NUR1009 (6) Fundamentals<br>NUR1012 (2) Basic Pharm<br>NUR1006 (7) Med Surg Concepts<br>NUR1050 (6) Mat/Child Health | 21             | NUR 2106<br>Advanced Concepts of<br>Medical-Surgical Nursing II        | 5              |
|  |                | NUR 2030<br>Transition to Professional<br>Nursing                      | 4              |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>21</b>      | <b>Total</b>   | <b>9</b>       |
| <b>Prerequisites</b>   |                |  | <b>29</b>      |
| <b>Required NUR Courses</b>  |                |  | <b>24.5</b>    |
| <b>Block transfer for LPN (1<sup>st</sup> year NUR courses) - PLA for LPN Licensure</b>  |                |  | <b>21</b>      |
| <b>Total Credits Required for AAS (including LPN block transfer)</b>   |                |  | <b>74.5</b>    |

\*Must be within 10 years of admission

\*\*Elective: GT Arts & Humanities or Social & Behavioral Sciences (3 credits)