NURSING, ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (273P, 273)

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The Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) program assists Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) in ASN Program completion by offering online didactic delivery, challenge exams, credit for prior learning, and various options for clinical hours. While didactic courses are offered online, students are required to complete clinical hours on campus or in local area clinical facilities. The ASN Program prepares the graduate as a generalist to give nursing care in a variety of health care settings and provides the knowledge base for career mobility. ASN Program graduates are eligible to write the NCLEX exam to become a registered nurse.

Admission Requirements for Associate of Science in Nursing:

Applicants seeking admission to the ASN Program:

1. Submit the nursing program application by the designated deadline.
2. Submit application for admission to Western Kentucky University if not already enrolled.
3. Submit current LPN license.
4. Take the required admission assessment test.
5. Participate in an admission interview process if requested.
6. Applicants with less than 10 earned university credit hours must submit ACT examination results.
7. Applicants with 10 or more earned university credit hours must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 or greater or a minimum grade point average of 2.75 calculated using only the ASN program's required non-nursing courses.
8. Applicants who have completed college course/degrees at institutions other than WKU must submit a copy of his/her transcript to the ASN program with application as well as request an official transcript be sent to the WKU Office of Admissions, Potter Hall, Room 117, 270.745.2551 in order to receive transfer credit for required courses.

Upon admission to the ASN Program, and after successful completion of NUR 150, PSY 220 / PSYS 220, and BIOL 131, the licensed practical nurse will be awarded eight hours academic credit for NUR 104, NUR 105, and NUR 106.

LPNs may receive credit on the basis of departmental examinations for NUR 165 and NUR 215. LPNs must contact the ASN Program office for examination details. Additionally, LPNs may receive credit for prior learning for NUR 156, NUR 166, and NUR 216 after successful completion of each clinical course's didactic component.

Program Requirements (61 hours)

The ASN Program consists of coursework in nursing, supportive sciences and general education courses. The degree requires a minimum of 61 semester hours including 42 semesters hours in Nursing courses plus 19 hours of other courses which include: BIOL 131, BIOL 207, PSY 220/PSYS 220, ENG 100, a 3 hour Quantitative Reasoning course, and one 3 hour Arts and Humanities (AH) course. A minimum grade of "C" is required in all NUR prefix courses, BIOL 131 and BIOL 207.

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
NUR 104	Calculations for Nursing	1
NUR 105	Fundamentals of Nursing	6
NUR 106	Fundamentals of Nursing Clinical	1
NUR 150	LPN to RN Transition	1
NUR 155	Medical-Surgical Nursing I	6
NUR 156	Medical-Surgical Nursing I Clinical	2
NUR 157	Medical-Surgical Nursing I Skills Lab	1
NUR 165	Mental Health Nursing	3
NUR 166	Mental Health Nursing Clinical	1
NUR 208	Medical-Surgical Nursing II	5
NUR 209	Medical-Surgical Nursing IIClinical	3
NUR 215	Maternal-Newborn Nursing	2
NUR 216	Maternal-Newborn Nursing Clinical	1
NUR 254	Pediatric Nursing	2
NUR 255	Medical Surgical Nursing III	3
NUR 257	Nursing Seminar & Practicum	4
Additional Courses		
BIOL 131	Human Anatomy and Physiology	4
BIOL 207	General Microbiology	3
PSY/PSYS 220	Introduction to Lifespan Developmental Psychology	3
ENG 100	Introduction to College Writing	3
Select a Quantitative Reasoning course		3
Select an Arts and Humanities (AH) course		3
Total Hours		**61**