

Nursing

Associate of Science Degree (A300) Advanced Standing

Required Courses

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An A.S. degree requires a minimum of 30 credits selected from at least six of the ten goal areas of the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC).

Successful completion of a Practical Nursing Program.... 8 cr

BIOL 2447* Fundamentals of Microbiology (Goals 3,8) **OR**

BIOL 2457* Microbiology (Goal 3) 4 cr

BIOL 2467* Anatomy & Physiology I (Goal 3) 4 cr

BIOL 2468* Anatomy & Physiology II (Goal 3) 4 cr

CHEM 1407**Life Science Chemistry (Goal 3) 4 cr

ENGL 1410* Composition I (Goal 1) **OR**

ENGL 1420* Honors Composition I (Goal 1) 4 cr

ENGL 1411* Composition II (Goal 1) **OR**

ENGL 1421* Honors Composition II (Goals 1,9) 4 cr

NURS 1547 Professional Nursing Role Transition..... 4 cr

NURS 2540* Professional Nursing Concepts II 6 cr

NURS 2541* Professional Nursing Practicum II 3 cr

NURS 2542* Advanced Skills for the Professional Nurse 1 cr

NURS 2545* Professional Nursing Concepts III 6 cr

NURS 2546* Professional Nursing Practicum III 3 cr

NURS 2547* Professional Nursing Leadership 2 cr

PHIL 2420 Ethics (Goals 6,9) **OR**

PHIL 2421* Honors Ethics (Goals 6,9) **OR**

PHIL 2422 Medical Ethics (Goals 6,9) 3 cr

PSYC 2421 General Psychology (Goals 2,5) **OR**

PSYC 2423* Honors General Psychology (Goals 2,5) **OR**

PSYC 2431***Human Development (Goal 5) 3-4 cr

**Denotes Prerequisites*

***CHEM 1410, 1414, 1424 or 1425, 2472 or 2473 may be substituted for CHEM 1407.*

****If taking PSYC 2431, one additional MnTC credit is required.*

GRADUATION REQUIREMENT - 64 CREDITS

Description

The Advance Standing Associates Degree (AD) Nursing Program at Central Lakes College is designed to educate and prepare qualified Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses. The program is two semesters long.

Outcomes

By completing this program, students will achieve the following learning outcomes:

- **Client Centered Care (NLN Human Flourishing)** - The Associate Degree Nursing graduate advocates for individual clients in providing compassionate and culturally competent care through therapeutic communication and holistic assessments based on respect for clients' preferences, values, and needs.
- **Nursing Judgment** - The Associate Degree Nursing graduate applies the nursing process, evidence-based decision making, and prioritization to develop a plan of care that ensures safe, quality treatment and health promotion for clients, families, and the community.
- **Professional Identity** - The Associate Degree Nursing graduate practices professional nursing in an ethical and legal manner, including case management of clients, which demonstrates leadership, teamwork, delegation, collaboration, and life-long learning.
- **Quality Improvement (NLN Spirit of Inquiry)** - The Associate Degree Nursing graduate contributes to continuous quality improvement by developing policies and procedures that incorporate evidence-based practice while effectively using resources and technology to achieve optimal client outcomes.

Pre-Program Requirements

- Prerequisite courses (35 credits) must be completed prior to acceptance into the program. BIOL 2457 and BIOL 2468 may be taken concurrently with required courses. See an advisor for further information.
- This program has a special application process that includes a CLC application to the college and application to the program. The program application can be found on the Nursing Admission web pages.
- Students who wish to start in the fall semester must apply by June 1. Students who wish to start in the spring semester, must apply by October 1. Students will be notified after these dates if they were selected for admission (see below for admission criteria). CLC will continue to review and accept student up until the start of the semester if space is available in the program.
- 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 study 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 study will not be permitted to participate in clinical experiences, thereby rendering the individual ineligible to progress in the AD Nursing Program.
- Drug testing may be required.
- Immunization documentation is required.

Program Selection Criteria:

- Students must have 5 of the 8 required general education courses completed for initial consideration. If students have not yet completed 5 of the general education courses, they are encouraged to take additional general education courses in the upcoming semester to meet the criteria.
- Students must have a grade point average (GPA) of 2.75 in their completed general education courses for initial consideration. Completion of all 8 general education courses will not be required for consideration, but the GPA **MUST** be at least a 2.75 or higher.
- It will be the responsibility of the student to ensure all non-Minnesota State transcripts are on file for evaluation. For example, University of MN, UND, NDSU, etc.
- It will be the responsibility of the student to provide documentation of current Practical Nursing Licensure in the state of Minnesota. Students unable to provide documentation prior to the start of the first semester will need to reapply for a future semester.
- If we have more applicants that we can accommodate in the semester start, priority will be given to students with documented experience as a Licensed Practical Nurse.

Some courses may require students to meet College Placement Levels in reading, writing, and/or math. See an advisor for more information.

For insurance purposes, clinical courses may require students be 18 years old.

Graduation Requirements

In addition to the program requirements, students must meet the following conditions in order to graduate:

- College Cumulative GPA Requirement: cumulative grade point average (GPA) of credits attempted and completed at CLC must be at least 2.0;
- Residency Requirement: students must complete 25% of their credits at Central Lakes College;
- Students must achieve a grade of B- or better in all Nursing (NURS) courses;
- Students must achieve a grade of C or better and a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher in the following courses: BIOL 2447 **OR** BIOL 2457, BIOL 2467, BIOL 2468, CHEM 1407, ENGL 1410 **OR** ENGL 1420, ENGL 1411 **OR** ENGL 1421, PHIL 2420 **OR** PHIL 2421 **OR** PHIL 2422, and PSYC 2421 **OR** PSYC 2423 **OR** PSYC 2431.
- Students must complete 31 MN Transfer Credits (MNTC) to graduate. Students taking the MNTC courses for less credits than those offered at CLC will be required to take additional MNTC courses to meet the 31-credit requirement.

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Career & Transfer

Registered Nurses (RNs) make up the largest number of health care professionals in the United States. Currently there are 2.6 million RN jobs in the nation with an expected job growth rate of 22%, accounting for a more rapid growth rate than the national average for all other professions. RNs work to promote health, prevent disease, and help clients cope with illness. They are advocates and health educators for clients, families, and communities. When providing direct client care they assess and record symptoms, responses, and progress of clients; assist physicians during examinations, treatments, and surgeries; administer medications; and assist in convalescence and rehabilitation. RNs develop and manage nursing care plans and must possess critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

Broader career opportunities are available for RNs with a Bachelor's or Master's Degree in Nursing. Contact an advisor for assistance with transfer information for baccalaureate nursing programs at other colleges. Admission requirements and course equivalencies may vary.

This program has articulation agreements with Bemidji State University, Metro State University, Minnesota State University - Mankato, Minnesota State University - Moorhead, Southwest Minnesota State University, St. Cloud State University, and Winona State University.

Accreditation

Central Lakes College Associate Degree in Nursing Program holds continuing accreditation from the National League for Nursing Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation (NLN CNEA), located at 2600 Virginia Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20037. 202-909-2487.

Academic Plan

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Semester One First Year (14 credits)

+BIOL 2468* Anatomy & Physiology II (Goal 3).....4 cr
NURS 2540* Professional Nursing Concepts II.....6 cr
NURS 2541* Professional Nursing Practicum II.....3 cr
NURS 2542* Advanced Skills for the Professional
Nurse1 cr

Semester Two First Year (15 credits)

+BIOL 2447* Fundamentals of Microbiology (Goals 3,8) **OR**
+BIOL 2457* Microbiology (Goal 3).....4 cr
NURS 2545* Professional Nursing Concepts III.....6 cr
NURS 2546* Professional Nursing Practicum III.....3 cr
NURS 2547* Professional Nursing Leadership2 cr

+BIOL 2457 and BIOL 2468 may be taken concurrently with required courses; however, applications are considered more competitive when completed prior to admission.