

School of Nursing

SCHOOL OF NURSING ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN NURSING 72 Credit Hours

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The Nursing Program educates individuals to become registered nurses at the associate degree level. It is designed to provide the foundation for further preparation in nursing and life long learning. The program prepares a nurse generalist for beginning professional practice to function in the roles of provider of care and manager of care within the health care profession. It incorporates knowledge derived from the liberal arts, biological sciences, physical sciences and behavioral sciences. Individuals will be prepared to practice in a variety of settings, and encouraged to continue personal and professional growth. The program emphasizes excellent teaching with a commitment to student-faculty interaction. Individual talents, background experiences, perspectives and insights are recognized and appreciated by faculty. Graduates are eligible to write to the National Council Licensure Exam for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) to receive licensure as a registered nurse.

Program Objectives:

At the completion of the Associate of Science in Nursing Program at Southern University at Shreveport, students should be able to:

1. Formulate plans of care for individuals that are consistent with the realities, experiences, and values held by diverse populations.
2. Provide therapeutic interventions developed through collaborative partnerships with clients and members of the healthcare team utilizing the nursing process.
3. Manage complex health care problems and health care resources utilizing principles from leadership theory and Kings General System's Framework.
4. Utilize critical thinking and problem solving skills to meet the challenges of contemporary and future needs of individuals in a rapidly changing society.
5. Provide education to a client base in response to society's health care needs, thereby supporting client's growth and development in the wellness-illness continuum.
6. Be individually responsible and accountable for their own nursing practice.
7. Demonstrate respect for self and others.
8. Advance nursing as a profession by participation in professional organizations, community involvement, and political awareness and action.
9. Demonstrate respect for self and others.
10. Effectively exchange ideas, thoughts, feelings and knowledge through written, verbal, and interpersonal skills.

Approval and Accreditation

The Louisiana State Board of Nursing granted initial approval in October 2004 for the Associate of Science in Nursing Program. The National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission awarded the program "Candidate Status" in September 2006.

Institutional Affiliations

Willis-Knighton Health System
Veteran's Administration Medical Center
Christus Schumpert Health System
LSU Health Sciences Center
Life Care Hospital
Booker T. Washington Nursing Home

Minden Medical Center
Promise Specialty Hospital
Brentwood Hospital
Shreveport Manor Guest Care
Springlake Retirement Village
Pilgrim Manor Guest Care

Admission Requirements

Students will be admitted to the Nursing Program in the spring semester. Students seeking admission must submit an application to the first required nursing clinical course, Nursing 125. Licensed Practical Nurses will be admitted during the fall semester and must submit an application to Nursing 130.

Eligibility:

1. Be unconditionally admitted to Southern University at Shreveport
2. Submit a completed application to the Nursing Program by the deadline date
3. Declared Pre-Nursing as a major
4. Completed at least 12 course credit hours at Southern University at Shreveport
5. Completed all pre-requisite courses
6. Obtained a grade of "C" or above in all non-nursing pre-requisite and non nursing required courses
7. Have an overall grade point average of 2.5 or above
8. Completed the National League for Nursing Pre Admission Examination RN and achieved a composite score of 120 or better.
9. Not enrolled in another school or university in the semester in which application is made
10. Completed Louisiana State Board of Nursing Application to Enroll in a Clinical Nursing Course
11. Submitted a completed health form
12. Verification of CPR certification

Criteria for selection:

If the number of eligible students applying to the nursing program exceeds the number of available positions in the course, students with the highest overall grade point average will be selected. If there is more than one student qualifying for the last position (identical GPA's) the student scoring higher on the NLN Pre-Admission Exam will be selected. If GPA's and NLN Pre-Admission Exam scores are identical, then the person having completed more hours at SUSLA will be selected. A total of forty (40) students will be admitted for the spring semester. No wait list will be maintained.

Other criteria:

1. Persons who have previously been enrolled in a nursing program at another school or university and were not successful, were dismissed from the program or were not in good standing at the last enrollment are not eligible to apply until three (3) years after the semester of the last enrollment in the program.

2. Students who were dismissed for academic reasons from the School of Nursing, Southern University at Shreveport, are not eligible to re-apply until two (2) years or 4 regular semesters (spring/fall) after the semester of the last enrollment in the Nursing Program.
3. Persons applying to enter the Nursing Program who have been arrested, charged with, convicted of, pled guilty or nolo contendere to or been sentenced for any criminal offense in any state or foreign country, must contact the Department Chair for guidance in obtaining Louisiana State Board of Nursing approval to enter the clinical practice area.
4. Persons applying to the Nursing Program who currently have or have held licensure in any other discipline and were subject to disciplinary action must contact the Department Chair in obtaining guidance in seeking approval from the Louisiana State Board of Nursing to enter the clinical practice area.

Transfer Students:

In accordance with University policy, students who have been enrolled at another institution must report official transcripts from each college or university previously attended. The Registrar of Southern University at Shreveport will evaluate all previous work done by student at other institutions. Transfer credit may be given for those courses taken at accredited institutions provided that the courses fall within the scope of approved curriculums. Acceptability of non-equivalent courses is subject to the approval of the Department Chair.

Transfer students requesting admission into the nursing program must meet application deadlines and admission criteria.

1. Transfer students requesting to challenge nursing courses at Southern University at Shreveport must have successfully completed equivalent nursing courses from other schools or universities within the last three years. Students will only be permitted to challenge lower level courses.
2. Students who have been placed on probation or dismissed for academic or professional reason from another institution are not eligible for admission to the nursing program until after three (3) years from the last enrollment in the former nursing program and may not challenge nursing courses.

Articulation:

The School of Nursing is in compliance with a state mandate articulation model that recognizes the education and training of Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurses. LPN's/LVN's will be able to advance their education with minimal duplication of knowledge and skills while maintaining the integrity of the educational process and the autonomy of practical/vocational nursing programs.

The licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse articulating into the Associate of Science in Nursing Program will be awarded fourteen (14) credit hours in the professional component of the nursing curriculum upon successful completion of the transition course. Transfer of non-nursing courses will be according to the policy of the University.

Applicants are required to submit an application to Nursing 130, Transition to Professional Nursing in the fall semester and complete the National League for Nursing Acceleration Challenge Exam (ACE) I – PN to RN (Foundations to Nursing). The exam “assesses fundamental skills needed to meet physiological and psychosocial needs of clients who are in stable condition.”

For entry into the LPN-RN track, applicants must:

1. Be unconditionally admitted to Southern University at Shreveport
2. Be a graduate of an approved LPN/LVN program
3. Declare nursing as a major
4. Successfully complete at least 12 hours at Southern University at Shreveport
5. Have a valid, unencumbered license to practice as an LPN in the State of Louisiana
6. Successfully complete the Nursing Acceleration Challenge Exam (ACE) I – PN to RN
7. Successfully complete with a grade of “C” or better the following courses:
 - Chemistry 129
 - English 110
 - English 111

Math 124
Math 200
Biology 200
Biology 220
Biology 222
Psych 250

8. Have an overall GPA of 2.5 or above
9. Submit an application by the deadline date with the following attached:
 - Verification of current State of Louisiana License to Practice as an LPN
 - Verification of IV certification
 - Verification of CPR certification
 - Current health record

Criteria for selection into the Accelerated LPN to RN Track

If the number of eligible students applying to the LPN to RN accelerated track of the nursing program exceeds the number of available positions in the course, students with the highest overall grade point average will be selected. If there is more than one student qualifying for the last position (identical GPA's) the student scoring higher on the ACE I PN to RN Exam will be selected. If GPA's and ACE I – PN to RN scores are identical, then the person having completed more hours at SUSLA will be selected. A total of (10) students will be admitted to the accelerated LPN to RN track for the fall semester. No wait list will be maintained.

Criteria for selection in subsequent nursing courses when an interruption occurs:

The number of students in each nursing clinical course may vary according to the resources available to the Nursing Program. If progression in a clinical nursing course is interrupted for any reason, the student must apply to re-enroll into the course(s) where the interruption occurred.

1. Course placement will be dependent upon resources available. If the number of students applying to re-enroll in a nursing clinical course exceeds the position available, overall grade point average will be used as the criteria for selection. Highest overall GPA's will be selected until all available positions are filled.
2. If the interruption is for more than two consecutive regular semesters (spring/fall), the student will be responsible for meeting the requirements of the current curriculum.
3. If the interruption is for more than 2 years (4 regular semesters: spring/fall), the student will be required to repeat all courses in the professional component of the nursing major. The student must re-apply to the Nursing Program and complete all admission/eligibility requirements. Students will be considered with all other applicants.

Progression in the Nursing Program

To progress in the Nursing Program, students must:

1. Maintain a Southern University at Shreveport overall grade point average of 2.0 or higher
2. Earn a grade of "C" or better in each required course in the professional component of the nursing curriculum
3. Achieve a satisfactory evaluation in the clinical area of each required course in the professional component of the nursing curriculum. Unsatisfactory performance in the clinical area will result in a course grade of "D or F", even though the student may have earned a grade of "C" or better in the didactic component of the course
4. Earn a grade of "C" or higher in each course in the nursing curriculum. If a grade of "D" or below is earned in any non-nursing required course, the student may progress, provided that the course is not a pre-requisite to a course in the professional component of the nursing curriculum. However, the course must be repeated.
5. Completed annual health form
6. Show evidence of current CPR certification before the start of class

7. Satisfactory complete a standardized exam in each required Nursing course. Unsatisfactory performance on the exam will result in a course grade of 'D' or 'F' even though the student may have successfully completed the didactic and clinical components of the course.

Grading Scale used in the Department of Nursing

100 – 93	A
92 – 85	B
84 – 77	C
76 – 65	D
64 – below	F

Probation:

A student may be placed on probation when failing to comply with the academic and professional conduct standards of the School of Nursing. A violation has occurred when:

1. A lack of professional compatibility is demonstrated when the standards described in the Louisiana Nurse Practice Act and the American Nurses Association Code of Ethics are not met
2. Earning a *first* grade of "D", "F", or "W" in any required clinical nursing course
3. There is a criminal arrest or charge in any state or foreign country

Suspension:

A student who is arrested, charged with, convicted of, pled guilty or nolo contendere to a criminal offense in any state or foreign country will be immediately suspended from all clinical nursing courses. Suspension will remain in effect until the Louisiana State Board of Nursing grants approval to continue in clinical nursing courses.

Dismissal:

1. A student found guilty by the Southern University Disciplinary Committee of any of the following will be dismissed from the Department of Nursing and may be subject to University sanctions:
 - A. Academic cheating
 - B. Plagiarism
 - C. Unauthorized possession of examinations
 - D. Falsification of patient or agency records
 - E. Falsification of Southern University documents
 - F. Illegal possession, sale, use or distribution of drugs
 - G. Illegal possession of weapons
 - H. Theft
 - I. Any other activity that is incompatible with professional behavior as delineated by The Louisiana Nurse Practice Act, The American Nurses Association Code of Ethics, or Southern University
2. A student will be dismissed from the School of Nursing when:
 - A. Earning a grade of "W", "D", or "F" in a required clinical nursing course after enrolling for the **second** time
 - B. Earning two grades of "D", or "F" in the nursing curriculum
 - C. Withdrawing from a clinical nursing course after having previously withdrawn from two other clinical nursing courses. Only two withdrawals are permitted in the professional component of the nursing curriculum. A student withdrawing for a third time will be dismissed from the Nursing Program. This policy applies only to courses following the Basic Principles of Nursing course. Students earning a *first* "W", "D", or "F" in Basic Principals of Nursing will be dismissed from the Nursing Program. Students are eligible to apply to the Nursing Program at the next regular semester in

which applications are accepted. Students will be considered with all other applicants and must meet eligibility criteria.

- D. Continuing to demonstrate a lack of professional compatibility while on probation
- E. Being denied approval by the Louisiana State Board of Nursing to continue
- F. Failing to declare criminal charges, arrests or convictions that occur while matriculating in the program
- G. Deemed ineligible to continue by the Louisiana State Board of Nursing

Exceptions:

Students have the right to request an exception to any of the School of Nursing policies. Letters of exception are submitted to the School of Nursing Academic and Professional Standards Committee. After consideration, the Committee submits its recommendation to the Nursing Faculty Organization for a final decision.

Degree Requirements:

Students must complete all of the requirements pertaining to the Associate of Science in Nursing Program and to University requirements for graduation outlined in this catalog.

Associate of Science in Nursing
Program Progression
72 Credit Hours

FIRST SEMESTER				SECOND SEMESTER			
	No.	Course	Cr.		No.	Course	Cr.
CHEM	129	Gen. Chem. Lecture	3	NURS	125	Basic Prin. of Nsg	6
ENGL	110	Freshman English I	3	MATH	200	Finite Mathematics	3
MATH	124	College Algebra	3	BIOL	222	Human Anat. & Phys. Lec. & Lab II	4
BIOL	220	Human Anat. & Phys. Lec. & Lab I	4	ENGL	111	Freshman English II	
	3						
BIOL	200	Microbiology Lec. & Lab	4				
TOTAL			17	TOTAL			16

THIRD SEMESTER			
	No.	Course	Cr.
NURS	140	Con. & Proc of Nsg I (7 ½ week course)	4
NURS	160	Psych Mental Health (7 ½ week course)	4
NURS	210	Prin. of Pharmacology	3
PSYC	250	Developmental Psychology	3
TOTAL			14

FOURTH SEMESTER				FIFTH SEMESTER			
	No.	Course	Cr.		No.	Course	
Cr.							
NURS	225	Nsg. Care Childbearing Family (7 ½ week course)	4	NURS	240	Con & Proc of Nsg II (7 ½ week course)	
5							
NURS	220	Nsg. Care of Child (7 ½ week course)	4	NURS	260	Con & Proc of Nsg III (7 ½ week course)	
4							
		Speech Elective	3			Humanities Elective	
3							
NURS	230	Trends/Issues in Nurs.	2				
TOTAL			13	TOTAL			
12							

***The following courses are taught in 7 ½ week sessions:**

NURS 140	Concepts & Processes of Nursing I
NURS 160	Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing
NURS 220	Nursing Care of the Child
NURS 225	Nursing Care of the Childbearing Family
NURS 240	Concepts & Processes of Nursing II
NURS 260	Concepts & Processes of Nursing III

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Program Progression
Accelerated LPN – RN Tract
74 credit hours
(14 by credit awarded)

PRE-NURSING

Chemistry	129	3 credit hours	General Chemistry
English	110	3 credit hours	Freshman English I
English	111	3 credit hours	Freshman English II
Math	124	3 credit hours	College Algebra
Math	200	3 credit hours	Finite Math
Biol	200	4 credit hours	Microbiology Lec/Lab
Biol	220	4 credit hours	Human Anat & Physio I Lec/Lab
Biol	222	4 credit hours	Human Anat & Physio II Lec/Lab
Psyc	250	3 credit hours	Developmental Psychology
		30	

FALL SEMESTER

	No.	Course	Cr.
	NURS 131	Trans to Prof Nsg	2
	NURS 210	Principles of Pharmacology	3
TOTAL			5

FIRST SEMESTER

	No.	Course	Cr.
	NURS 225	Nsg Care Child/Fam	4
	NURS 220	Nsg Care of Child	4
		Speech Elective	3
	NURS 230	Issues & Trends in Nursing	2
TOTAL			13

SECOND SEMESTER

	No.	Course	Cr.
	NURS 240	Con & Proc of Nsg II	5
	NURS 260	Con & Proc of Nsg III	4
		Humanities Elective	3
TOTAL			12

***Students successfully completing Nursing 130: Transition to Professional Nursing will be awarded fourteen (14) hours of credit for Nursing 125: Basic Principles of Nursing (6), Nursing 140: Concepts and Processes of Nursing I (4) and Nursing 160: Psychological Mental Health Nursing (4)**

General Education hours	36
<u>Nursing</u>	<u>38 (24 by enrollment; 14 by credit awarded)</u>
Total	74