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A.A.S. NURSING PRACTICAL NURSING CERTIFICATE



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DISCLAIMER

Admission to the nursing programs is open to anyone regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, religion, age, sex, marital status, socioeconomic status, handicap, or lifestyle.

The intention of this handbook is to provide prospective applicants, accepted applicants and current nursing students with information and guidance as they begin/continue their nursing education within the nursing programs at LCCC. This handbook serves to be informational and non-binding upon the LCCC Department of Nursing. Provision of the most updated information and policies is a priority; however, each step of the educational process from admission to graduation requires continual faculty and administrative review, and therefore acute policy remediation is intermittently necessary. The Nursing Department reserves the right to change the requirements, regulations, and fee schedules contained in this catalog at any given point in time.

Informational and policy updates that occur are conveyed via college email, Canvas, virtual or live meetings, and/or in writing from the LCCC Department of Nursing.

** Policies are subject to change at the discretion of the faculty. Students will be advised of all new or revised policies. These are shared with students in a timely fashion. Distribution may utilize the LMS (Canvas), email, or verbal communication from faculty and program nurse administrator.*

APPROVAL AND ACCREDITATION

Lehigh Carbon Community College's nursing programs have full approval status by the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing and are fully accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

WELCOME

Welcome to the Lehigh Carbon Community College's Department of Nursing programs! The nursing programs handbook contains policies that pertain to prospective or current students in either the Associate Degree Registered Nursing AAS (ADN) program, or the Practical Nursing Certificate (NURC) program. It serves as a supplement to the Lehigh Carbon Community College Student Handbook; it is the students' inherent responsibility to be familiar with these policies and guidelines.

Nursing is an exciting, challenging, and evolving profession. As such, it is the responsibility of the nursing student to be familiar with the information outlined in this reference. Nursing students will quickly discover that education is a lifelong process within the field. On behalf of the college and department, we extend our very best wishes for success in a prestigious career in nursing.

If you have any questions, please contact the program nurse administrator, Dr. Courtney Pascarella, DNP, RN at cpascarella@lccc.edu.

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PHILOSOPHY

The faculty of the Lehigh Carbon Community College Nursing programs accept the beliefs, mission, and operating principles of the college under which the Nursing programs operate; therefore, the faculty believe the following:

Nursing is an art and a science. As an art, nursing embraces the concept of caring as its central core. As a science, nursing involves the application of nursing theory to clinical practice through the use of the nursing process and therapeutic communication—the practice of nursing changes as the needs of society change. Ethical and legal principles have a strong influence on the practice of nursing.

The Nursing programs are responsible for educating graduates to function in entry-level positions in the health care system. The programs are instrumental in preparing members who contribute to the community for the betterment of society.

MISSION

Lehigh Carbon Community College's nursing programs are committed to the academic preparation of Registered and Practical Nurses who seek licensure through the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, by successful completion of the NCLEX RN or NCLEX PN examination, dependent upon their course of study. The graduates are deemed competent graduate nurses, both academically and clinically, according to the established college and program standards. These nurses will provide safe, quality, evidence-based, patient-centered nursing care in a variety of health care settings.

VISION

To be the recognized leader in preparing the highest quality graduate professional and practical nurses in the greater Lehigh Valley community.

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Email is the faculty's preferred communication method.

Office Hours: The nursing faculty have office hours for student advisement and assistance posted on their office doors.

- Five (5) office hours weekly in fall and spring, please schedule accordingly.
- Two (2) office hours weekly in the summer, please schedule accordingly.
- The nursing faculty is accessible to assist the student as needed by appointment.
- It is the student's responsibility to seek faculty assistance.

COMMUNICATION PLATFORMS

Students will review the LCCC website as well as Learning Management System, and their college email accounts a **minimum of twice daily** throughout the semester.

- Students are responsible for remaining informed.
- Students are required to utilize their LCCC Email account for all correspondence based on the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) laws.

CHAIN OF COMMAND

Students will follow the chain of command when dealing with any issues.

The chain of command in ascending order:

1. Individual/Peer
2. Adjunct faculty (clinical concerns)
3. Full-time faculty (classroom/clinical concerns)
4. Ombudsman
5. Academic/Clinical Coordinator

6. Director of Nursing
7. Dean of the Division of Healthcare
8. Vice President
9. President

NURSING PROGRAMS OUTCOMES

AAS REGISTERED NURSING – (ADN) — END OF PROGRAM STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon completion of the program, the ADN graduate will be able to:

1. Synthesize information from nursing, biological, social, and behavioral sciences into the delivery of nursing care.
2. Promote, maintain, and restore the health integrity of assigned clients by utilizing evidence-based practice, technology, and resources for the achievement of quality patient/client outcomes.
3. Use the nursing process to provide safe, cost-effective, quality care to individuals, families, and communities across the lifespan.
4. Communicate therapeutically to ensure safe, quality care to individuals, families, and communities.
5. Provide inter-professional, evidence-based care that is socially responsible, environmentally sound, and culturally/spiritually sensitive to diverse populations within select health care delivery systems.
6. Demonstrate accountability, advocacy, and professionalism within the framework of legal and ethical standards of the nursing profession.
7. Develop attitudes, values, and personal qualities that reflect a commitment to lifelong learning as a professional nurse and member of the health care team.

PRACTICAL NURSING CERTIFICATE – (NURC/PN) — END OF PROGRAM STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of this program, PN graduate will be able to:

1. Integrate the concepts of person, environment, health, nursing, and basic needs to assist with the assessment, planning, implementation, and evaluation of individuals, families, and groups across the life span.
2. Understand the cultural/spiritual needs of a diverse population within a dynamic health care system.
3. Utilize critical thinking to implement the nursing process as a framework for the delivery of cost-effective, outcome-based nursing care to individuals, families, or groups.
4. Develop the ability to use therapeutic communication and technology to promote, restore, or maintain the health of individuals, families, or groups.
5. Recognize the need for lifelong learning and the active participation in continued professional development.
6. Demonstrate the core competencies of a graduate of practical nursing.
7. Practice within the ethical/legal standards of nursing care developed by the National Federation of Licensed Practical Nurses Inc. and according to the state wherein employed.
8. Assume the roles of caregiver, interdisciplinary team member, manager, and community partner, as well as the responsibilities inherent in the scope of practical nursing as defined by the state wherein employed.
9. Employ the teaching-learning process to promote the optimum health of individuals, families, or groups within a framework of prevention and wellness care.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES DEFINITIONS

Program Completion Rate: The completion rate is the percentage of students who complete the program in 100 percent of the prescribed timeframe. The rate is calculated based on the number of students enrolled in the first nursing course through the completion of the courses required for conferral of certificate or degree.

Graduate Satisfaction: Satisfaction of graduates with a program of study and ability to practice nursing.

NCLEX Pass Rate: Percentage of graduates who pass the NCLEX on the first attempt.

Job Placement Rate: Percentage of graduates seeking employment who find employment within one year of passing the NCLEX exam.

AAS REGISTERED NURSING – (ADN) — PROGRAM OUTCOMES

1. Program Completion Rate: At least 65 percent of the students enrolled on the first day of the first semester in either ADN 150 or ADN 173 will graduate within 100 percent of the time, within two years of enrollment.
2. Graduate Satisfaction: The results of the college-wide Graduating Student Satisfaction Survey will indicate that graduates of the nursing program have an overall program satisfaction average of 80 percent or higher.
3. NCLEX-RN Pass Rate: The NCLEX-RN pass rate on the first attempt will meet or exceed the state minimum of at least 80 percent.
4. Job Placement Rates: Ninety percent (90%) benchmark of respondents seeking employment in nursing will occur within six months of passing the NCLEX-RN examination. Career Development Services collect this data.

PRACTICAL NURSING CERTIFICATE – (NURC/PN) — PROGRAM OUTCOMES

1. Program Completion Rate: At least 65 percent of the students enrolled on the first day of the first semester will graduate within 100 percent of the time, within one year of enrollment.
2. Graduate Satisfaction: The results of the college wide Graduating Student Satisfaction Survey, as collected by the college, will indicate that graduates of the nursing program have an overall program satisfaction average of 80 percent or higher.
3. NCLEX-PN Pass Rate: The NCLEX-PN pass rate on the first attempt will meet or exceed the state minimum of at least 80 percent.
4. Job Placement Rates: Ninety percent (90%) benchmark of respondents seeking employment in nursing will occur within six months of passing the NCLEX-PN examination. Career Development Services collect this data.

ACADEMICS

NURSING A.A.S. (ADN) COURSE SEQUENCE

Pre-Nursing Prerequisites (Completed in Health Science A.S. Program)

BIO 163	Anatomy and Physiology I	4 Credits
BIO 164	Anatomy and Physiology II	4 Credits
ENG 105	Research and Composition	3 Credits
MAT 121	Mathematics for Allied Health	3 Credits
PSY 140	Introduction to Psychology	3 Credits

17 Credits

Pre-ADN Semester

SDS 110	Introduction to Associate Degree Nursing	1 Credit
BIO 220	Introduction to Microbiology	4 Credits
ENG 106	Introduction to Literature	3 Credits
PSY 145	Human Growth and Development	3 Credits
SOC 150 or SOC 151	Introduction to Sociology or Modern Social Problems	3 Credits

14 Credits

Nursing A.A.S. Program Sequence

First Semester		
ADN 150	Fundamentals of Nursing	8 Credits
Second Semester		
ADN 160	Medical Surgical Nursing I	7 Credits
Third Semester		
ADN 245	Nursing Leadership	2 Credits
Third or Fourth Semester		
ADN 205	Maternal Newborn Nursing	4 Credits
ADN 215	Pediatric Nursing	4 Credits
Third or Fourth Semester		
ADN 225	Mental Health Nursing	4 Credits
ADN 235	Medical Surgical Nursing II	4 Credits
Fourth Semester		
ADN 255	NCLEX Prep	2 Credits
		Credit Total: 66 Credits

LPN TO ADN COURSE SEQUENCE**Must have an active unencumbered LPN license*****Pre-Nursing Prerequisites (Completed in Health Science A.S. Program)***

BIO 163	Anatomy and Physiology I	4 Credits
BIO 164	Anatomy and Physiology II	4 Credits
ENG 105	Research and Composition	3 Credits
MAT 121	Mathematics for Allied Health	3 Credits
PSY 140	Introduction to Psychology	3 Credits

17 Credits***Pre-ADN Semester***

SDS 111	Introduction to LPN to Associate Degree Nursing	1 Credit
BIO 220	Introduction to Microbiology	4 Credits
ENG 106	Introduction to Literature	3 Credits
PSY 145	Human Growth and Development	3 Credits
SOC 150 or SOC 151	Introduction to Sociology or Modern Social Problems	3 Credits

14 Credits***Nursing A.A.S. Program Sequence LPN to ADN Advanced Placement First Semester***

First Semester		
*Advanced Placement for ADN 150 Fundamentals of Nursing (8 Credits) and ADN 160 Medical Surgical Nursing I (7 Credits)		
ADN 173*	LPN Transition to ADN	5 Credits
Second Semester		
ADN 245	Nursing Leadership	2 Credits
Second or Third Semester		
ADN 205	Maternal Newborn Nursing	4 Credits
ADN 215	Pediatric Nursing	4 Credits
Second or Third Semester		
ADN 225	Mental Health Nursing	4 Credits
ADN 235	Medical Surgical Nursing II	4 Credits

Third Semester		
ADN 255	NCLEX Prep	2 Credits
		Credit Total 66 Credits

Grading Policy:

A.....	93.0-100
A minus.....	90.0-92.9
B plus.....	88.0-89.9
B.....	85.0-87.9
B minus.....	82.0-84.9
C plus.....	78.0-81.9*
C.....	74.0-77.9
C minus.....	70.0-73.9
D.....	65.0-69.9
F.....	0-64.9

***A 78% overall grade average is needed to pass Pre-Nursing & Nursing courses.**

There will be no rounding of any assignments/test grades for SDS and ADN courses. For example, a 77.5 will not be rounded up to a 78%.

For continuation in the ADN program, the student must:

- Maintain an overall minimum GPA of 2.2
- Earn a "C+" (78%) or better grade in all nursing courses required for the Associate Degree in Nursing.
- Earn a "C" or better grade in all required non-nursing courses for the Associate Degree in Nursing.
- Not fail or withdraw from more than **ONE** nursing course to remain in the ADN program. This course must be retaken and passed at LCCC.
- A second failure in or withdrawal from an ADN course will result in the student being dismissed from the program
- A medical withdrawal is not considered a failing grade.
- A student may only repeat a course only **ONCE**.
- Any student that fails a course must meet with the nurse administrator of the program/designee to discuss a required success plan.
- Students who fail or withdraw from two ADN courses must contact an academic Advisor (610-799-1137 or adviseme@lccc.edu) and change their major to Health Sciences.
- Students who fail or withdraw from two Nursing courses may be considered for readmission to the ADN Nursing program by submission of an appeal.

The process to request an appeal and readmission into the ADN program

1. Student must contact an Academic Advisor (610-799-1137 or adviseme@lccc.edu) and change their major to Health Sciences.
2. Student must have a written recommendation from their current faculty.
3. Student must submit their appeal for readmission to the Dean of Health Care Sciences. The appeal request should include a professional appeal letter from the student as well as a **letter of recommendation from the instructor that had issued the final failure or withdrawal**. The student's appeal letter should include:
 - Reasons for the poor academic performance.
 - Plan for addressing academic challenges.
4. All appeals and related documentation must be submitted to the Dean of Health Care Sciences within two weeks of the end the semester in which the failure or withdrawal occurred.

5. Only **ONE** appeal per student will be accepted.
6. The Dean of Health Care Sciences will share the appeal with the Nursing Admissions Committee. After the committee reviews the appeal, the Dean will contact the appealing student with the committee's decision.
7. Student must return to classes within one year of their last nursing class.
8. All decisions of the Nursing Admissions Committee are **FINAL**.
9. All readmitted students are required to meet weekly with the Education Support Specialist.

Upon readmission to the nursing program, the student must fulfill the requirements of the curriculum currently in effect.

NURC/PN COURSE SEQUENCE

Pre-Nursing Prerequisites – Completed in Health Science A.S. program

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	Prereqs
PREREQUISITE COURSES			
BIO 163	Anatomy and Physiology I	4	
PSY 140	Introduction to Psychology	3	
SOC 151	Modern Social Problems	3	
or SOC 150	Introduction to Sociology		
	PREREQUISITE TOTAL	10	
PRE-NURC SEMESTER (Summer)			
SDS 112	Introduction to Practical Nursing	1	BIO 163; PSY 140; SOC 150 or 151
BIO 164	Anatomy and Physiology II	4	BIO 163
PSY 145	Human Growth and Development	3	PSY 140
	SEMESTER TOTAL	8	

Practical Nursing Certificate - Program Sequence

	FIRST SEMESTER (Fall)		
NUR 106	Nursing I	11	SDS 112
	SEMESTER TOTAL	11	
	SECOND SEMESTER (Spring)		
NUR 116	Nursing II	11	NUR 106
	SEMESTER TOTAL	11	
	THIRD SEMESTER (Summer)		
NUR 126	Nursing III	14	NUR 116
	SEMESTER TOTAL	14	
	TOTAL CREDITS	54	

Grading Policy:

A.....	93.0-100
A minus.....	90.0-92.9
B plus.....	88.0-89.9
B.....	85.0-87.9
B minus.....	82.0-84.9
C plus.....	78.0-81.9*
C.....	74.0-77.9
C minus.....	70.0-73.9
D.....	65.0-69.9
F.....	0-64.9

***A 78% overall grade average is needed to pass Pre-Nursing & Nursing courses.**

There will be no rounding of any assignments/test grades for SDS and NUR courses. For example, a 77.5 will not be rounded up to a 78%

For continuation in the PN program, the student must:

- Maintain an overall minimum GPA of 2.2
- Earn a "C+" (78%) or better grade in all required non-nursing courses required for the Practical Nursing Program.
- Earn a "C" or better in all required non-nursing courses for the PN program.

- Not fail or withdraw from more than **ONE** nursing course and remain in the NURC/PN program. This course must be retaken and passed at LCCC.
- Students that fail a first semester nursing course and wish to retake it the following year, must contact the nursing program no later than February 1st of the following year to declare their intent to return.
- A second failure in or withdrawal from an NURC/PN course will result in the student being dismissed from the program.
- A medical withdrawal is not considered a failing grade.
- Any student that fails a course must meet with the nurse administrator of the program/designee to discuss a required success plan.
- Students who fail or withdraw from two NUR courses must contact an Academic Advisor (610-799-1137 or adviseme@lccc.edu) and change their major to Health Sciences.
- Students who fail or withdraw from two NUR courses may be considered for readmission to the NUR program by submission of an appeal.

The process to request an appeal and readmission into the PN program

1. Student must contact an Academic Advisor (610-799-1137 or adviseme@lccc.edu) and change their major to Health Science.
2. Student must have a written recommendation from their current faculty.
3. Student must submit their appeal for readmission to the Dean of Health Care Sciences. The appeal request should include a professional appeal letter from the student as well as a **letter of recommendation from the instructor that had issued the final failure or withdrawal**. The student's appeal letter should include:
 - a. Reasons for the poor academic performance.
 - b. Plan for addressing academic challenges.
4. All appeals and related documentation must be submitted to the Dean of Health Care Sciences within two weeks of the end the semester in which the failure or withdrawal occurred.
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8. All decisions of the Nursing Admissions Committee are **FINAL**.
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Upon readmission to the nursing program, the student must fulfill the requirements of the curriculum currently in effect.

NURSING POLICIES

ADMISSIONS

Admissions to the LCCC Nursing Programs are open to all qualified applicants regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, religion, age, gender, marital status, socioeconomic status, disability, or orientation.

Directions to apply for ADMISSION to LCCC for all Students.

- Go to www.lccc.edu and submit an application to Lehigh Carbon Community College
 - Click on the "Apply Now" button
 - Select Major: Health Care Science / Pre-Nursing
- Acceptances to LCCC
 - An acceptance email will be received with 48 hours
 - The email will include your L# (Student ID) and your portal information
 - Please save and write down your usernames and passwords for these accounts. They will be used from here forward.

NOTE: Per LCCC policy, all communication with the Nursing Department will be carried out **ONLY** via the LCCC email and LCCC Portal.

All applicants must possess a high school (HS) diploma, GED (or be in the process of completing), or equivalent.

1. Apply to Lehigh Carbon Community College <https://www.lccc.edu/> "APPLY NOW."
2. Submit an official high school transcript to be eligible for admission; it must reflect the minimum Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing Requirements (PA-SBON) or obtain the college equivalent with a grade of "C" or better. Consult Advising: adviseme@lccc.edu
 - 4 units of English
 - 3 units of Social Studies
 - 2 units of Mathematics (including one Algebra)
 - 2 units of Science with a related laboratory
3. Submit official transcripts from all post-secondary schools attended to registrar@mymail.lccc.edu
4. Complete the restricted program application online according to the specific deadlines.
 - October 1 for SDS in Spring (Nursing program start in Summer)
 - February 1 for SDS in Summer (Nursing program start in Fall)
 - June 1 for SDS in Fall (Nursing program start in Spring)

Located on the lccc.edu home page under academics, click on the program of choice and then find the "apply now" button, which is the restricted application.

https://bannerweb1.lccc.edu:8443/myssb/bwskalog.P_DisChoicesStu

5. All applicants, except for the LPN to RN and advanced placement applicants, must take the TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills) test (<https://www.atitesting.com>). The test cannot be older than two years and is suggested to be taken at LCCC. The test can be taken at the most three times per year. The costs associated with the test is the responsibility of the applicant.
 - ADN minimum comprehensive TEAS score required is 60%
 - NUR minimum comprehensive TEAS score required is 55%
 - LPN to ADN TEAS test is not required
6. Eligibility for admission to the respective nursing program is based on a point system according to the following requirements:
 - Meets all high school requirements
 - TEAS overall composite score
 - Grades for all required courses for each respective program

- Points for Pre/Co-requisites are awarded as follows: All BIO courses have a 7-year expiration.

BIO, MAT & SDS

A = 5 points

B = 4 points

C = 3 points

ENG, PSY & SOC

A = 3 points

B = 2 points

C = 1 point

7. All applications are reviewed by an admissions committee that consists of faculty of the healthcare sciences division, academic advising, and members of the LCCC management team.
8. Acceptance to the program is contingent on:
 - Drug test results
 - **If a student results in a positive drug screen, their offer will be rescinded and the student will be permitted to re-apply in the future.**
 - Criminal background results
 - Child Abuse background results
 - Fingerprint results
9. Acceptance, waitlist, and denial notification will be sent via the college email and by US post mail.
10. Applicants are held accountable to all deadline dates outlined in the notification letters.

PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT FOR NURSING CREDITS

1. Before the formal assessment process begins, the student must apply for admission to Lehigh Carbon Community College and submit an official high school transcript and all previous college transcripts.
2. The student must meet with an advisor to ensure that all program prerequisites are completed. An advising meeting can be scheduled by email: adviseme@lccc.edu.
3. It is the student's responsibility to be able to demonstrate college-level competencies. Including but not limited to:
 - Providing syllabi associated with all classes under consideration.
 - Submission of a brief resume.
 - Demonstration that their level of learning/ training/work experience matches the curriculum content and course objectives.
4. Transferring nursing classes from another accredited nursing program must meet the following criteria:
 - Must be within two years.
 - A grade of a "C+" or "78 percent equivalent" is required in order to meet LCCC standards.
5. No more than 18 credits will be awarded through Prior Learning Assessment.
6. No award of advanced placement becomes official until the student completes more than three credits at LCCC, with a grade of "C" or better or a "C+" or better in ADN nursing courses. The student will demonstrate competency in the course competencies through a challenge examination.
 - A grade of 78 percent or higher is required.
 - Clinical skills testing may be required.
7. Students are required to take a minimum of 15 credits at the Lehigh Carbon Community College to be eligible for graduation.
 - Prior learning assessment does not count towards that 15-credit minimum.
8. The cohort (campus and shift) a student is offered placement within will be contingent on seat availability and current enrollment.
9. Students that successfully complete advanced placement testing for a first semester nursing course (ADN 150 or NUR 106) will be eligible to begin the program with the second semester course (ADN 160 or NUR 116). The student is responsible for the non-refundable testing fee.
10. Questions concerning Prior Learning should be addressed to Scott Aquila, saquila@lccc.edu, located in the Academic Services Office, Main Campus, Schnecksville, PA.

CLINICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PROGRAM ADMISSION

Legal affiliation contracts are maintained between LCCC and the companies through which students complete clinical experiences. Within these contracts, the companies define specific requirements which students participating in clinical experience at their facilities are obligated to complete and provide as requested. These requirements are subject to change by the clinical facility/organization. Students that fail to complete, comply or maintain these requirements will not be permitted to participate in clinical experience, and due to this, failure in their respective nursing course(s). All clinical requirements must be active/current throughout enrollment in the LCCC program.

CLEARANCES

FBI FINGERPRINTING

Admission to the program is contingent on a review of FBI Fingerprint findings at the discretion of the Healthcare Sciences Dean and Program Nurse Administrator/Designee. Fingerprint results must be completed and uploaded into CastleBranch by the deadline established in the SDS Course.

If a student's Fingerprint results include a prior event, the student must meet with the Program Nurse Administrator/Designee prior to or during enrollment in the SDS Course

The student is responsible for the associated fees.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE BACKGROUND (e-Patch)

The PA State Police Background Check fee is included in the CastleBranch package. The background check must be completed and uploaded into CastleBranch by the deadline established during SDS Course.

If a student's background check includes a prior event, the student must meet with the Program Nurse Administrator/Designee prior to or during enrollment in the SDS Course.

The fee is included in the student's CastleBranch account purchase.

CHILD ABUSE BACKGROUND

Child Abuse Clearance is required for program admission. Child Abuse Clearance must be completed and uploaded into CastleBranch by the deadline established in the SDS Course.

Any findings noted on the child abuse background will prohibit admission to the nursing programs.

The student is responsible for the associated fees.

MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS

Items listed below may incur additional costs to the student. All items are required for program admission and must be completed and uploaded in CastleBranch by the deadline established in the SDS Course.

VACCINATIONS AND TITERS

Documented vaccination or laboratory evidence of immunity is required by a positive (+) Antibody Titer for:

1. Measles (Rubeola)---2 vaccinations or positive titer—no time limitation
2. Mumps—2 vaccinations or positive titer—no time limitation
3. Rubella (German Measles)—2 vaccinations or positive titer—no time limitation
4. Varicella (Chicken Pox)—2 vaccinations or positive titer—no time limitation
5. Hepatitis B
 - Documentation of at least two vaccines is required to be eligible to start the program.
 - The completion of the series and follow up Hepatitis B Surface Antibody titer are required within the first year of the program.
 - Positive Hepatitis B Surface Antibody titer is the only acceptable documentation.
 - If the student is considered a non-converter, documentation stating such as well as proof of numerous Hepatitis B vaccination series is required in writing by the practitioner

6. Tetanus—1 active vaccination—within a 10-year time period

TUBERCULOSIS (TB)

- QuantiFERON Gold that is less than one year is acceptable for the duration of their nursing education, except for:
 - Experiencing TB symptoms
 - Exposed or diagnosed with TB
- Students with previously documented positive QuantiFERON Gold will need a current chest x-ray (within six months) to confirm no active disease.
 - An annual chest x-ray will be required while in the nursing programs at LCCC.

INFLUENZA VACCINATION

Yearly influenza vaccination during the annual flu season (September through April) is required for program participation.

- Proof of Influenza vaccination documentation must be uploaded into CastleBranch according to annual deadline.
- Students who do not receive the flu vaccine will not be permitted to attend clinical and will fail the course.
- Medical exemptions to the flu vaccine must be discussed and reviewed with the Program Nurse Administrator/Designee prior to the beginning of the applicable semester. Approved exemptions may hinder the student's clinical placement.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

A complete physical examination must be completed by a licensed practitioner and declared "fit for duty" according to the established deadlines of the program. Physical examinations must be dated within one year of admission to the program. This includes documentation of "fit for duty," as per nursing program requirements. **If student experiences any health changes while enrolled in the program, the student must report them to the Program Nurse Administrator /Designee.** Students with restrictions or limitations will not be permitted to attend clinical until written notification of medical clearance is received as per nursing program requirements.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS FOR NURSING STUDENTS

- Physical and mental proficiency and energy to fulfill job description.
- Adequate vision (with correction if necessary).
- Hearing (with assistive device if necessary).
- Ability to clearly articulate and understand the English language.
- Ability to follow directives with attention to detail.
- Sense of touch for physical assessments.
- Manual dexterity (of all limbs to operate equipment, syringes and switches).
- Strength to push, pull or lift at least 50 lbs.
- Ability to lift, carry, push, pull, stoop, and bend, depending on assigned unit.
- Ability to squat and crouch.
- Ability to kneel, crawl, and climb.
- Ability to reach above shoulder level.
- Ability to stand and walk for long periods of time.
- Ability to organize, and effectively manage time to meet deadlines.
- Ability to perform neat, accurate work.
- Ability to respond to increasing pressure, emergencies and workloads.
- Ability to set priorities.
- Ability to apply health care/clinical agency policies and procedures.

- Ability to wear personal protective equipment (PPE) for extended period of time as required by client care needs.
- Ability to communicate with acute and chronically ill patients and their significant others.
- Ability to document completely and legibly, using acceptable, professional terminology.
- Ability to use a computer system, including but not limited to, electronic health records (EHR).
- Ability to deal with varied working days and hours, changing shifts.
- Analytical thinking abilities to perform deductive and inductive reasoning for nursing decisions.
- Visual acuity sufficient to read calibrated equipment (e.g., manual sphygmomanometer).
- Sensory ability to identify and distinguish odors.
- Adequate tactile senses to feel vibration, assess temperature, and moisture.

The above list of ability requirements was compiled in accordance with clinical facilities used in the nursing programs and is not inclusive and may differ according to institutional policies.

DRUG SCREEN

All students are required to have a drug screen completed according to the instructions in CastleBranch. The Drug Screen cost is included in the CastleBranch package.

If a student has a positive drug test for a substance included in the drug screen, the offer to the current class will be rescinded. The student will be permitted to re-apply for consideration for program admission in the future.

If a student tests positive and is under the direct care of a physician/practitioner:

- A licensed physician must have prescribed the medication.
- The substance is used at the dosage prescribed or authorized.
- The physician/practitioner must provide documentation supporting the fact that the student can safely perform their student nurse duties.
 - This document is required to be uploaded to CastleBranch.
- **Students that test positive for marijuana, regardless of a prescription or medical card, will not be permitted to participate in the nursing program.**
 - If a student tests positive for marijuana, the offer to the current class will be rescinded. The student will be permitted to re-apply for consideration for program admission in the future.

The nursing program reserves the right to request a random drug screen if an assessment of behaviors associated with impairment are identified and documented.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE

Students are required to have active health care insurance throughout their enrollment in the LCCC nursing programs.

The student is responsible for the associated fees.

MALPRACTICE INSURANCE COVERAGE

Students are required to carry malpractice insurance specifically indicating student nurse coverage. This is not equivalent to any such insurance one may carry as a licensed provider. This is required throughout enrollment in the LCCC program.

CPR

Students are required to have BLS/CPR for healthcare providers, which includes adult, child, and infant CPR with AED certification. It is the student's responsibility to keep CPR certification up to date while in the nursing programs at LCCC. **Education must include a hands-on and a didactic component; online certifications will not be accepted.** If a student's CPR expires, he/she is not be permitted to clinical and a clinical make-up will be required. The certification must be supported by American Heart Association or Red Cross.

DISCLOSURE OF INJURY/EXPOSURE/ILLNESS

If a student for any reason would suffer an injury that would impair any of the Essential Functions listed above, he or she must inform the primary course instructor within 24 hours to ensure safety for class or clinical. A medical clearance note indicating the student has **No Restrictions** to return to class and clinical is required to return. The note must be given to the Director of Nursing and the Clinical Coordinator. If the faculty feels it is necessary to discuss further with the Director of Nursing or Designee permission will be granted from the student to share this information.

DISCLOSURE OF CRIMINAL ARREST

If a student is arrested for a criminal act he or she must inform the Dean of Student Development, and the Director of Nursing within 24 hours of the event.

POLICY FOR THE PROTECTION OF PREGNANT AND/OR BREASTFEEDING STUDENTS

Any student who is pregnant is responsible for notifying the Program Nurse Administrator/Designee in writing when the pregnancy is confirmed. Clearance from the OB/GYN health care provider stating the student is physically able to complete the course requirements and perform all Essential Functions with **NO RESTRICTIONS** is required. The Program Nurse Administrator/Designee must be notified in writing if there are any problems/changes in health status during the pregnancy, as well as clearance from the OB/GYN healthcare provider with **NO Restrictions** post-birth to return to class and clinical.

Students must be able to participate with no physical restrictions for clinical fieldwork, for the safety of both the pregnant student and patients. Students must be able to meet all course requirements and objectives to attain a passing grade.

Any student who requires lactation breaks (breastfeeding) who must 'breast pump' during their class or clinical shall inform the instructor of the need and estimated time away as soon as possible. An agreeable plan will be established to ensure patient safety.

See LCCC Student Handbook or LCCC Policies & Regulations Manual relating to Pregnant Students.

ALLERGY POLICY

Allergies can result in potentially dangerous health problems for sensitive individuals. Any student with a known sensitivity or allergy must provide documentation to the Program Nurse Administrator/Designee so

that appropriate accommodations can be facilitated which may include the student purchasing supplies based on their needs.

ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY

Use of cell phones, smart watches, tablets or any means of electronic communication is **PROHIBITED** on the clinical unit or during active class times, unless directed by instructor. Students may have cell phones with them during clinical time to use them **ONLY** in emergency situations. Unjustified cell phone use observed by the clinical instructor will result in dismissal from the clinical unit and equate to a missed clinical shift.

GENERAL INFORMATION

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

The nursing curriculum is both challenging and rewarding; outside employment while in the program may be difficult to balance.

- The student must set priorities for program success.
- It is the student's responsibility to accommodate their class schedule.
- Outside responsibilities such as employment are not considered acceptable excuses for a student's inability to meet curriculum requirements.
- The student may not wear the student uniform for outside employment.

NURSING PROGRAM EXPECTATIONS

PROFESSIONAL BEHAVIORAL AND CONDUCT EXPECTATIONS

Students must adhere to a standard of behavior and conduct consistent with the high standards of the healing and scientific profession. All students must:

1. Respect the right of fellow students to pursue their studies in a professional environment conducive to study.
2. Maintain professional interpersonal relationships by demonstrating civility and respect for each other.
3. Uphold the highest standard of academic honesty and integrity.
4. Show respect for diversity, which exists among students, faculty, and patients regarding disability, social background, age, gender, religious beliefs, race, sexual orientation, and disease process.
5. Fulfill their responsibilities to their peers and patients in group work, including clinical experiences and community-based assignments.
6. Adhere to all of the policies of LCCC, including those prohibiting discrimination or harassment. The student shall refer to the LCCC Code of Conduct and the LCCC Student Handbook.
<https://www.lccc.edu/student-experience/lccc-code-of-student-conduct>
7. Comply with all guidelines and requirements outlined in the ADN/NURC-PN Student Handbook.
8. Refrain from harmful, inappropriate, and /or unprofessional social media.
9. Maintain essential functions for nursing students throughout program enrollment.

REQUIRED SKILLS AND ABILITIES

The applicant must demonstrate the physical and mental health necessary to meet the requirements of the nursing programs.

1. Must be able to speak and understand the English language and communicate understandably.
2. Must be able to read and write the English language in an understandable manner.
3. Must be able to move, walk, sit, and stand intermittently for extended periods, in the clinical and classroom setting.
4. Must be able to bend and lift 50 pounds.
5. Must be able to see and hear or use prosthetics that will enable these senses to function adequately to meet the program requirements.
6. Must be in good general health and demonstrate emotional stability.
7. Must be able to cope with emotional and mental stress.
8. Must possess or be able to learn the manual dexterity required to care out the functions necessary to meet the objectives of the program.

CLASS AND CLINICAL ATTENDANCE

Attendance and engagement in course-related learning experiences is a student responsibility critical to successful course completion. Absences undermine the ability to meet course objectives and course content to successfully pass the course. There is **NO** make-up time built into the nursing programs as make-up. Failure to meet class or clinical objectives will result in course failure.

CLASSROOM ATTENDANCE

Classroom attendance is necessary to promote the theoretical component of the curriculum and to enrich and expand the application of the clinical nursing process. Students are expected to attend all classroom activities. If absences, lateness, or early departures from class occur, it is the student's responsibility to notify the course instructor of the absence **prior to** class start time. It is the student's responsibility to obtain information that was discussed in class.

Students are expected to be ready for class at the scheduled time class starts. A student is considered late if the student walks into the classroom after the designated class start time. Attendance is taken at the beginning of every class and tracked by the course instructor. Students will receive verbal counseling for the first two late events. A Student Alert and/or A3 will be completed and filed on the third and future late events. The Student Alert will remain in the student file until program completion.

Students who will be absent from class due to observance of a religious holiday must inform the course and clinical instructor at least one week in advance.

Documented military time or jury duty do not count as class absences. Notification to the course instructor and clinical instructor must occur at least 2 weeks prior to the date of the duty.

Any student who develops any type of physical injury (car accident, hospital admission, etc.) must obtain a healthcare provider's note stating that the student is cleared to return to clinical and class with **NO** restrictions. This note must be sent to the course instructor, clinical coordinator and Program Nurse Administrator/Designee **prior to** the student returning to class or clinical. Absences, lateness, and early departures may affect progression in the nursing program.

Other specific class requirements are outlined in the respective semester's Course Syllabus.

CLINICAL ATTENDANCE

Scheduled clinical time, clinical assignments, laboratory, and simulation shifts are all considered to be clinical time. Clinical attendance is mandatory for the student to consistently demonstrate the ability to meet the course objectives. Students must report to clinical experiences physically and mentally fit, remain actively engaged and maintain professionalism throughout the experience. Clinical attendance is reported by the clinical instructor and tracked by the course instructor, Clinical Coordinator and Program Nurse Administrator/Designee.

- Students will report to their assigned clinical locations adhering to the Dress Code Policy.
- Assigned Saturday clinical shifts are 12-hours and count as two clinical shifts.
- Clinical times will be established at the beginning of the clinical experience.
 - Arriving after the established start time is considered a lateness and equates to a missed clinical shift.
- Failure to arrive at a clinical experience prepared for the shift will result in dismissal for the shift and equates to a missed clinical shift.
- If a student develops an illness/injury during the clinical shift, the student will be sent home. Determination of if this event is or is not a missed clinical shift will be decided by the Clinical Coordinator.
 - Any student who develops any type of physical injury (car accident, hospital admission, etc.) must obtain a healthcare provider's note stating that the student is cleared to return to clinical and class with **NO restrictions**.

- This note must be sent to the course instructor, clinical coordinator and Program Nurse Administrator/Designee **prior to** the student returning to class or clinical. Permission must be granted by the Clinical Coordinator or Program Nurse Administrator/Designee for clinical attendance.
- The student must personally notify the course and clinical instructor at least one hour before the start of the clinical shift if the student will be absent for the shift.
 - Absences occurring without personal student notification to the course and clinical instructor will be designated as a **“No Call, No Show” shift equating to two missed clinical shifts.**
- Students who will be absent from a clinical shift due to observance of a religious holiday must inform the course and clinical instructor at least one week in advance. The absence will equate to a missed clinical shift.
- Documented military time or jury duty do not count as missed clinical shifts. Notification to the course instructor and clinical instructor must occur at least 2 weeks prior to the date of the duty.
- Clinical absences jeopardize the student’s ability to meet clinical outcomes.
 - Inability to meet clinical and course objectives due to missed clinical shifts will result in course failure.
- Students will be allowed to miss 1 clinical day per semester for each clinical day associated with the course.
 - ADN 150 = 1 missed clinical shift
 - ADN 160 = 2 missed clinical shifts
 - ADN 173 = 1 missed clinical shift
 - ADN 205 = 1 missed clinical shift
 - ADN 215 = 1 missed clinical shift
 - ADN 225 = 1 missed clinical shift
 - ADN 235 = 1 missed clinical shift
 - NUR 106 = 2 missed clinical shifts
 - NUR 116 = 2 missed clinical shifts
 - NUR 126 = 2 missed clinical shift
- Attendance at all Labs (AND 150, NUR 106 and NUR 116) is expected. One missed lab per semester may be made up.
- A meeting with the Program Nurse Administrator/Designee will be required after the last permitted clinical absence. If the meeting does not occur by the outlined deadline, the student will not be cleared for clinical, accrue another missed clinical shift and fail clinical and fail the course.
- The student will fail the course at the time they exceed the acceptable, outlined missed clinical and/or lab time.

CLINICAL EXPECTATIONS

Assigned time at a clinical facility, simulation experiences, and laboratory time all count as clinical time and follow the Clinical Expectations.

CLINICAL GUIDELINES

- Times and days of clinical are subject to change.
- Clinical start and end times can vary from the times outlined in the published schedule.
- Clinical experiences may be assigned within the limits of 0630 and 2230.
- Clinical days, hours, and shifts and sites are subject to alterations based on the needs of the clinical site, ‘guest speaker’ availability, the necessity for testing, or for any reason that may be required best to meet the needs of the student learning outcomes. (Example: day shift clinical orientation days may need to be required for the afternoon shift due to availability of clinical orientation guest speakers)

- Routinely, Saturday clinicals will be scheduled on the second and fourth Saturday of the month. Other Saturdays may be scheduled throughout the semester. There may be simulation days scheduled on Saturdays other than the second and fourth Saturdays.
- The nursing department reserves the right to alter clinical assignments, days and times to best meet the Student Learning Outcomes. It is the students' responsibility to be available during those times. In the second year of the ADN program when taking either 205, 215, 225, or 235, students may be scheduled on either of the days even if only taking one of the two classes.
- For the afternoon cohorts, clinical is an afternoon and a twelve-hour Saturday.
- Students may not combine day shift and afternoon shift classes and clinicals.
- When students are accepted into the program they will remain in their accepted cohort throughout their time in the LCCC nursing program.
- A 30-minute lunch break will be given during the clinical shift. All students must remain at the clinical site.
- Nursing courses incorporate the skills laboratories and simulation laboratories to increase the knowledge base and practice skills. Nursing laboratories are located at the Schnecksville, Allentown, and Tamaqua locations. **Students may be assigned to any of these laboratories on any given day based on need and availability.**

CLINICAL DRESS CODE

- The student must wear the LCCC uniform with black scrub pants or a scrub skirt. No jeans or yoga pants are permitted.
- An unadorned solid maroon scrub jacket is permitted.
- Mostly black or white duty shoes or sneakers. They must be clean and tied. Open clogs of any kind or canvas shoes are NOT permitted.
- Black or white socks are required.
- Undergarments must not be visible at any time.
- Uniforms must appropriately fit at all times including when sitting and bending over.
- The uniform, shoes, and socks must be clean and in good condition.
- Clinical college photo ID must be visible at all times. If a student arrives at clinical without an appropriate identification, they will be sent home and accrue a missed clinical shift.
- Students are permitted to wear long-sleeve plain (unadorned) T-shirts under their uniforms (White, Maroon or Black ONLY).
- Hair should be short or pulled back and contained to be off the face and collar. No large barrettes or hair ornaments are permitted. Hair should be of a natural color. Unacceptable colors may include but not limited to: purple, pink, green, orange, or blue.
- Facial hair must be clean, trimmed, kempt, and not extend under the jawline.
- Head coverings are NOT permitted unless serving cultural or religious purposes. If worn, they must be clean, solid black, maroon, or white in color.
- Rings other than a wedding band are not permitted.
- No other jewelry except a watch with a second hand is permitted.
- One small post-type earring may be worn per ear lobe. The earring cannot dangle lower than the bottom of the earlobe.
- Visible body piercings are prohibited. Clear spacers may be worn if necessary. Piercings must be removed or covered.
- Visible tattoos must be covered. If a sleeve is worn to cover them, it must be white, maroon, or black.
- Cosmetics of natural color can be worn in moderation.

- Perfume, aftershave, or cologne should not be worn.
- Appropriate hygiene and use of deodorant are required.
- Nails **CANNOT** be visible above the finger-tips to ensure safe care to patients.
- Artificial nails, nail polish, nail art, and nail glitter may **NOT** be worn.
- The Dress Code is in effect in all class testing, clinical, simulation, laboratory, and virtual settings unless otherwise directed by the nursing faculty.
- A student found to be out of compliance with the Dress Code policy will be sent home from clinical and accrue a missed clinical shift.
- A student must have a watch with sweep second hand. Smart watch use is prohibited.

FAMILY RELATIONS CLINICAL POLICY

For this policy, the term immediate family applies to individuals who are related by blood, marriage, or adoption, and is defined to include the following relatives of a student: his/her spouse, fiancée, grandfather, grandmother, grandson, granddaughter, father, mother, step-father, step-mother, son, daughter, first cousin, father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, and spouses of the student's immediate family. Immediate family also includes a person who is in a close relationship with the student. The Nursing program reserves the right to refuse the appointment of students related by blood, marriage, or adoption to the same clinical rotation or assignment. Assigning relatives to the same clinical unit has the potential for creating an adverse impact on supervision, safety, security, morale, and/or may involve a potential conflict of interest. The student must notify the clinical instructor if they are assigned to a family member.

It is the student's responsibility to notify their instructor whenever a professional conflict of interest arises regarding their clinical placement. Examples include, but are not limited to, situations where a family member are employed and working on the same floor as the clinical assignment or a family member is a patient on the same floor as the clinical assignment.

RISK FOR HEALTH CARE STUDENTS DURING CLINICAL

When performing essential functions, depending upon the assigned area, potential risks include but are not limited to:

- Confined small space
- Cuts and punctures
- Slippery surfaces
- Radiation
- Extreme heat/cold
- Extreme and/or constant noise
- Exposure to biological hazards
- Burns
- Electrical, chemical hazards
- Assault/battery
- Operating machinery
- Infectious diseases

CLINICAL STUDENT ASSIGNMENT TO CLIENTS WITH COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

The student may be assigned to clients with communicable diseases. The clinical instructor will make assignments and supervise the student based on the student's knowledge and competency for protecting themselves and others. It is the student's responsibility to notify the appropriate faculty of any health issues that may impact their ability to care for clients and or protect themselves. The student will take precautions to protect them self from communicable diseases at all times, by practicing appropriate universal precautions, utilization of personal protective equipment, and abiding by all clinical site infection control policies.

MEDICATION MATH SAFETY EXAMINATIONS/DOSAGE CALCULATION EXAMINATIONS

The student is required to pass dosage calculation/medication math safety examinations at the start of second, third and fourth semesters before administering any medication for the ADN program and during second and third semester for the PN program. The LPN-RN program student will be required to pass dosage calculation/medication safety examinations during the first, second and third semester. The score of the first examination attempt will be counted as examination grade. The student is permitted to retake the examination two times only. Remediation is required prior to each examination retake. If the student scores an 80% or below, a formal meeting with the course instructor must occur prior to the next testing time. **If the student is unsuccessful after the second examination retake, the student will fail the course.**

ADN Program Required Passing Score:

- Second semester: 92%
- Third semester: 92%
- Fourth semester: 92%

LPN-RN Program Required Passing Score:

- First semester: 92%
- Second semester: 92%
- Third semester: 92%

PN Program Required Passing Score:

- Second semester NUR 116: 92%
- Third semester NUR 126: 92%

PROGRAM COMPLETION

APPLICATION FOR GRADUATION

- All students must apply for graduation for Education Verification of Requirements.
Oct. 1: Deadline to apply for December graduation
Feb. 1: Deadline to apply for May graduation
Feb. 1: Deadline to apply for August graduation, if participating in the Commencement Ceremony
June 1: Deadline to apply for August graduation, if NOT participating in the Commencement Ceremony
- This must be completed before the Nursing Education Verification can be sent to the State Board of Nursing. If the application is not completed, the Verification is not done until the next graduation date.

COLLEGE POLICIES

ACADEMIC HONESTY

LCCC expects that work produced by students will represent their personal effort. Academic dishonesty includes but should not be limited to:

1. Cheating on tests and exams
2. Plagiarism
3. False statements designed to earn a student a right to make up missed work

All offenses are reported to the Associate Dean of Student Development where a record is made and retained. The faculty member involved will normally decide how to handle each case of dishonesty, unless the penalty exceeds failing the course or affects something other than grades. Students are encouraged to read the [LCCC Academic Honesty Policy](#).

Instructors may require student essays to be submitted to Turnitin to be reviewed against multiple sources to detect plagiarism and the use of Artificial Intelligence (A.I.). All essays submitted are included in Turnitin's database for future comparison and detection of plagiarism. Turnitin does not use these essays for any other purpose.

ASK, ADVISE, ASSIST (A3)

The Ask, Advise, Assist (A3) alert process helps faculty and staff members be proactive, supportive, and involved in student success and retention through early detection and intervention. A3 alerts are submitted so that students who demonstrate signs of struggling in their efforts to succeed can receive timely support. These signs may include the student:

- Being late, absent, or non-participatory
- Showing changes in academic performance or demeanor
- Missing assignments or earning low grades
- Expressing concerns about personal issues

Whenever possible, the faculty or staff member will inform the student that an A3 alert will be or has been submitted. The alert will be shared with the student's Advisor and a Success Coach who will reach out by emailing, calling, or texting to help guide the student to support services.

BOOKSTORE/COURSE MATERIALS

All the required course materials for your classes are being delivered through [LCCC Textbooks+](#). Your LCCC student account will be charged automatically, and you will not need to make a separate purchase, unless you require additional school supplies for your classes such as calculators, protective eyewear or yoga mats.

Methods that books may be delivered to you:

- Digital eBooks accessed through Kortext. You will receive an email directly from Kortext no-reply@kortext.com with a link to access your account. Please follow directions in the email to access your virtual library.
- Digital Access Platforms: You will access these materials directly in your course in Canvas. These digital platforms include Cengage Mindtap, Cengage Webassign, McGraw Hill Connect, and MacMillan Achieve.
- Digital Access Platforms + Kortext: You will receive an email directly from Kortext (no-reply@kortext.com), with a link to access your account. Please follow directions in the email to access your virtual library. Once you sign into Kortext for the first time, your virtual library will list your books or codes if needed. The codes provided to you will be required for your digital access platform (VHL Central, Pearson Revel, and Pearson MyLab). Your professor will have a link to your platform, and you will be prompted to enter the access code you received from Kortext.
- Physical (print) books/materials: You will receive an email confirming your books/materials are ready for pickup. Upon receipt of the email, please bring your student ID to the online order pickup area at the LCCC Campus Bookstore to pick up your print course books/materials. Note: If you drop this course on or before the last day of the 100% add/drop date, when you return your physical books/materials to the

campus store, your account will be refunded if returned undamaged. Failure to return the books/materials from dropped classes within seven days of the add/drop date will result in the course fee remaining on your LCCC student account.

Note: All email communications will be sent to your LCCC email address.

If you wish to opt-out of this digital LCCC Textbook+ program, please follow the steps below.

1. Go to [Opt-Out Portal](#)
2. Sign in or create an account using your student email account.
3. Select Opt-Out to opt-out of the entire program. You will have an opportunity to opt back in if you choose to do so.
4. You can also opt-out from the student-specific link provided in the email from noreply@follett.com.

Special Note: The Opt-Out Portal will open a few weeks prior to the start of the semester, and students should review the [Opt-Out Dates](#).

Important: If you opt-out, you will no longer have access to your materials and will need to purchase materials on your own. If you have physical (print) materials that you have already picked up from the LCCC campus bookstore, please return the physical material(s) before opting-out. You must drop out prior to the drop dates of the 100% refund per semester.

If you have any questions about LCCC Textbooks+ or the charge to your student account, please contact the campus store at bookstore@lccc.edu. Include your student L#, along with any other relevant information.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Students who have trouble meeting basic needs like food, housing, and transportation can access [college and community resources](#). Resources may also be available through the [Keystone Education Yields Success \(KEYS\)](#) program for students who are currently Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients.

COUNSELING

At the [LCCC Counseling Center](#), licensed counselors help students navigate the challenges of student life and connect to community resources. Free, confidential counseling is available to all students. To schedule an appointment or review resources, please access the number and link.

Phone: 610-799-1895

Email: counselingcenter@lccc.edu

COURSE EVALUATIONS

All students are encouraged to complete course evaluations, if requested. Information about evaluations will be sent near the end of the semester.

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES

Disability Support Services (DSS)

Students with disabilities (substantial limitations of one or more life activities for greater than six months) can contact [LCCC's Disability Support Services \(DSS\)](#) office to receive accommodations.

Location: Science Hall (SH) 150

Phone: 610-799-1156

Email: dss@lccc.edu

To foster an accessible and equitable learning environment, this course supports the use of approved assistive technologies for synchronized notetaking and audio recording. Please note that authorized audio recording may occur in the classroom as part of DSS approved accommodation only. Recording classes, discussions, faculty, or other students is not allowed unless it has been approved as an official accommodation. These tools are

provided to support diverse learning strategies, such as real-time “tagging” of key concepts and post lecture review. *The instructor reserves the right to pause all recording and note taking during sensitive, non-assessed discussions to protect student privacy.* By participating in this course, students acknowledge that audio recording may occur as formal accommodation; however, these recordings are strictly for personal study and may not be distributed.

Learning Specialist

A Learning Specialist can assist with organizing your time, study skills, and note-taking. If you are interested in those services, you can [schedule with ESS](#). Services are available on Schnecksville, Allentown, and Morgan locations.

Location: Science Hall (SH) 150

Phone: 610-799-1156

Temporary Impairments

Students with [temporary impairments](#) (injuries, illnesses, or medical conditions related to pregnancy for six months or less) that impact academic activities can also receive accommodations. Please complete a Request for Assistance Due to Temporary Impairment at dss@lccc.edu and submit documentation of the impairment written by a medical provider. The accommodation received will be determined on a case-by-case basis based on documentation and evaluation of what is necessary and reasonable. Submit documentation as early as possible so assistance can be provided promptly. Students are also encouraged to share emergency medical information and any building evacuation assistance needs with instructors.

Email: dss@lccc.edu

Tutoring

Free [tutoring](#) in many subjects is available in person, remotely, and online for all LCCC students. Tutoring information is available through the myLCCC portal under Tutoring in Student Resources. We have face-to-face tutoring, remote, and online tutoring.

No appointments are necessary for face-to-face tutoring, and students are encouraged to [access tutoring schedules](#) or [reserve a remote tutor](#). This can also be accessed in the LCCC Portal by clicking on *Student Resources* and then *Tutoring*. If you want to work with someone on weekends or after hours, choose the NetTutor option in your Canvas course shell. Students are encouraged to view the [NetTutor video](#) to help navigate that program. All of these services are free.

GPA CALCULATION

Each final grade used in the calculation of the GPA is assigned a quality point value. The numeric value of the grade (A = 4.0, A- = 3.7, B+ = 3.3, B = 3.0, B- = 2.7, C+ = 2.3, C = 2.0, C- = 1.7, D = 1.0, F = 0.0) is multiplied by the number of credits for the course to obtain the quality points earned in that course. The sum of the quality points of the courses taken is used to calculate an average. The equation is as follows: Total Quality Points ÷ Total Credits = GPA.

ICARE NETWORK AND SUCCESS COACHES

New students are assigned to an iCare team that personally assists with the enrollment process and connects students to support services. Among the many members of the iCare team are the Student Success Coaches. A Success Coach will be assigned to a student who receives an A3 Alert from a faculty member, but students can [request a Success Coach](#) to help them succeed in their courses.

LIBRARY

The knowledgeable librarians at the [Rothrock Library](#) support the research needs of LCCC students. Materials can be accessed on campus and online. Students can also use the [Ask a Librarian](#) to access services.

Phone: 610-799-1150

Email: rothrock@lccc.edu

MICROSOFT OFFICE

Using an LCCC email address, students can obtain free access to Microsoft Office 365 Education, including Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and more. Click on MS Office 365 under Technology Resources in the Student Resources section of the myLCCC portal. Click on the Academic Software List for instructions about how to obtain other software. More information about [technology resources](#) is available in the [Canvas Student Orientation course](#).

OMBUDSMAN

Most problems or concerns that students encounter in the classroom or in receiving college services, can be resolved by simply taking the time to speak with the instructor, department staff, or director, so that **should always be the first step**. If satisfactory resolution is not reached, the College offers a service to assist students. Confidentially email or speak to [the Ombudsman](#) by telephone, Monday through Friday from 8:30am – 5pm.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Please report any concerning or threatening behavior to [Public Safety](#). Please play the public [safety video](#) ([Spanish safety video](#)) about reacting to an active shooter. Be advised that the video contains a graphic enactment that some may find troubling. If after watching the video and experiencing discomfort, please contact the [Counseling Center](#).

LCCC is a smoke free/tobacco free/vape free campus.

TECHNOLOGY

Students are expected to use computers or other devices throughout their courses. Computers are available at LCCC. Issues with technology do not excuse late work. Please be prepared to make alternate arrangements for access to technology if any issues arise.

TECHNOLOGY HELP

Students can access the [IT Helpdesk using the myLCCC portal](#). Also, the [Student Technology Helpdesk](#) is a service provided by student workers to help peers with technology issues. The helpdesk can be reached by phone, email, or walk-in assistance on the main campus in the Rothrock Library upper level service desk.

TIME MANAGEMENT

Students should plan to devote at least three hours each week to “study time” for every hour of class time. Study time could mean preparing for class, reading, completing homework, writing essays, or studying for quizzes and exams. For example, a three-credit course that meets three hours per week will require approximately nine hours of study time each week in addition to class time. For online courses, students should expect to spend three hours of study time per week per credit (for example, nine hours of study time each week for a three-credit course). Courses that are shorter than 14 weeks will require even more study time weekly due to the condensed format.

TITLE IX: DISCRIMINATION AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT/MISCONDUCT

LCCC is committed to creating a safe and open learning environment for all students. Students who have experienced discrimination based on gender or who have experienced sexual misconduct, including sexual assault, harassment, a hostile environment, sexual violence, dating or domestic violence, or stalking, should know that help is available. LCCC strongly encourages all members of the community to take action, seek support, and report incidents of discrimination or sexual misconduct to the Director of Human Resources/Title IX/Equity Coordinator. Please be aware that under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, faculty and staff members are required to disclose information about such misconduct to the Title IX Coordinator. Students are encouraged to read the [LCCC Code of Student Conduct](#).

Location: Office of Human Resources

Phone: 610-799-1107

VETERAN SERVICES

Veterans can access [veteran resources](#), including access to a learning specialist, a community lounge, workshops, and more.

WEATHER ALERTS

Students are encouraged to look for [LCCC Weather Alerts](#) during inclement weather.

WITHDRAWAL POLICY

Withdrawing from courses can [negatively impact a student's financial aid](#). Students should contact [LCCC's Office of Financial Aid](#) prior to submitting the Withdrawal Request Form.

It's important to understand how withdrawing from a course can negatively impact financial aid.

A form must be submitted online to withdraw from a course, and [deadlines](#) vary depending on the start date and length of the course. Withdrawal requests are handled by Records and Registration. Students can complete the [Withdrawal Request Form online](#). Should they have any questions, or need assistance accessing the form, please direct students to contact Records and Registration directly. Students can also request a [Medical Withdrawal](#).

****A student who *stops* attending class during the semester, but who does not complete the official withdrawal process, may receive an assigned grade of W *only* at the discretion of the instructor.**

Location: Student Services Center (SSC) 122 Phone: 610-799-1171

Registration: registrar@mymail.lccc.edu Financial Aid: finaid@mymail.lccc.edu

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APPENDIX A:ATI STUDENT AGREEMENT



ATI AGREEMENT

Assessment Technologies Institute (ATI) is an Assessment-Driven program designed to support mastery of essential nursing content, increase competency and critical thinking in nursing practice, and to improve nursing NCLEX pass rates. These tools are utilized throughout the nursing programs at Lehigh Carbon Community College (LCCC).

Comprehensive Online/In Class Program:

- Modules within the Learn tab
- Practice Examinations in all major content areas
- Proctored Examinations in all major content areas
- Comprehensive Predictor
- Capstone
- Live Review
- Virtual ATI

Guidelines:

- ATI activities count as part of each course's grades.
- Remediation is required.
- To have the Nursing Education Verification sent to the State Board of Nursing the following MUST be achieved:
 - 90% probability to pass NCLEX must be obtained on the Comprehensive Predictor and 6 out of 9 Modules in VATI, including Fundamentals, Med Surg, Pharmacology, and 2 additional modules.
 - OR
 - If less than 90% probability of passing the NCLEX is achieved, a total of 8 modules will need to be achieved; this includes NCLEX Strategies, Fundamentals, Pharmacology, Adult Medical Surgical, Maternal Newborn, Pediatric Nursing, Mental Health, and Leadership. Additional fees may be required if this is not completed within the Virtual ATI timeframe.
- Fees are included in the tuition for the nursing programs during attendance in the Nursing Program Courses.

☐ **I have read, understand and agree to the above information.**

Place your full name in the signature box.

Name (*print*) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

APPENDIX B: PROFESSIONAL EXPECTATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**PROFESSIONAL EXPECTATION ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

The role of a student nurse is physically, emotionally, and cognitively challenging. Please keep in mind that you have the support of your faculty members, health care team, and all resources of Lehigh Carbon Community College (LCCC).

LCCC nursing students will:

1. Display a professional attitude at all times.
2. Demonstrate a respectful means of communication personally and electronically with peers, faculty, and administration at all times.
3. Develop a clear understanding of the nursing handbook including, but not limited to, policies, procedures, and expectations.
4. Understand that LCCC is a “No Bullying Environment.” There is zero tolerance for bullying of any kind.
5. Take responsibility for their own academic and clinical goals. Grades earned are that of the student. Discrepancies must be handled according to policy.
6. The expectation of all nursing students is that they will consistently be punctual. Missed clinical and lab days must be made-up.
7. Understand that there is no rounding of any nursing grades.
8. Maintain Academic Integrity at all times in accordance with the Nursing and LCCC Student Handbooks.
 - There will be zero tolerance for unkempt uniforms, artificial fingernails, excessive nail length, facial piercings, exposed tattoos, and perfume or cologne.
 - Hair must be neat and off the collar, facial hair is groomed.
 - Please see Dress Code Policy for complete details.

☐ I agree to the above expectations.

Place your full name in the Signature box.

Student Printed Name

Date

Student Signature

Dr. Courtney Pascarella, RN, DNP

Signature of Program Nurse Administrator



APPENDIX C: STUDENT NURSE AGREEMENT

Student Nurse Agreement

Name _____ L# _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

I understand that I am accepted into the LCCC nursing program and I will be responsible for:

1. Caring for clients of all ages, ethnic, socioeconomic and medical backgrounds.
2. Transportation and travel to various clinical sites, some 50 miles in distance from main campus, Schnecksville, Pa.
3. Devoting 6-8 hours per day to my education outside of class.
4. Scheduling time off from work on clinical days/evenings, on-campus days and the night before clinical will be required.
5. Maintaining required current immunizations, Health Care Provider CPR, health insurance, and malpractice insurance is required throughout your attendance in the nursing program.
6. Understanding clinical attendance, requirements and expectations is my responsibility.
7. Adhering to the ATI agreement is required.
8. Providing documentation of Flu vaccination by November 1st yearly.
9. Adjusting schedules/shifts for ATI Testing, Live Review and VATI assignments.

☐ **I have read, understand and agree to the above information.**

Place your full name in the Signature box.

Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____