

Associate Degree Nursing Program 2024-2025

Application Checklist for
Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN to ADN)

Important Contacts

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- Assists with the application and registration process.
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- Maintains all of the nursing program files.
- Schedules students for the HESI A2 Admissions Assessment entrance exam.
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- Oversees all aspects of the nursing programs.
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The Associate Degree nursing program at Lake Land College at the main campus located in Mattoon, Illinois and the Kluthe campus located in Effingham, Illinois is accredited by the: Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)
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The most recent accreditation decision made by the ACEN Board of Commissioners for the Associate Degree nursing program is Continuing Accreditation.

View the public information disclosed by the ACEN regarding this program at <http://www.acenursing.us/accreditedprograms/programSearch.htm>



The Associate Degree Program is approved by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR).

Licensed Practical Nurse to Associate Degree Nurse

Deadline for fall start (campus and Kluthe): February 1 of that year

Deadline for spring start (Kluthe): September 10th of the year prior

- ☐ To apply to Lake Land College, submit a completed Intent to Enroll and select "AAS.ADN.TRK" as the academic program. This will ensure applicants are assigned a nursing academic advisor and will generate a Laker email account. **(Must be completed in order to apply to the nursing program and take the HESI entrance exam.)**

Prospective students are expected to check Laker email accounts on a regular basis for Nursing Department correspondence. Applicants who fail to meet deadlines will forfeit the opportunity to gain admission.

- ☐ To apply to the Associate Degree Nursing program, review program information and complete the online Nursing Program Admission Application on the college website. To access the application, visit the Lake Land College homepage, select '**Admissions**', '**Special Admission Programs**', '**Associate Degree Nurse**', scroll to find the '**Start the application process and view program information**' link, select '**Begin the application process**' link.
- ☐ Receipt of this application will prompt the Nursing Department to start a file and begin email correspondence within 4 weeks. Initial correspondence will include instructions to call or email the Nursing Department at (217) 234-5447 or hcox@lakelandcollege.edu to sign-up for the HESI A2 Admission Assessment exam.
- ☐ The exam is a proctored, online test offered the first Friday of September, October, November, December, and January. Applicants are tested on reading comprehension, grammar, vocabulary & knowledge, and math. Space is limited. 100 students will be assigned for each testing date, the first 80 to pay for the exam will be eligible to test.

To be considered for the Associate Degree Nursing Program, applicants must obtain a minimum cumulative score of 75 on this exam. Obtaining a minimum score **DOES NOT** guarantee acceptance into the program. Scores are valid for 5 years. The most recent score is utilized to calculate admission points.

- ☐ Applicants can take the exam 2 times within a testing cycle (September-January). For those interested in repeating the exam, contact the nursing department. Repeat exams are only offered in November and January.

Study aides are available for purchase online: HESI A2 Study Guide published by Elsevier

- ☐ Approximately 2-4 weeks prior to the exam date, applicants will receive an email with instructions for online registration and payment. The cost is \$50 (subject to change).
- ☐ For applicants with college credit from any other institution, contact that institution to send official transcripts to Lake Land's Admissions & Records Office. Complete an online "[Transcript Evaluation](#)" for AAS.ADN.TRK to ensure all courses required for the nursing program are evaluated. **All transcripts must be received by the February 1st deadline to be considered.**
- ☐ Submit a copy of your current Illinois Practical Nursing license. **You will not be considered unless a copy of your license is on file.**

LPN to ADN students must complete the below co-requisite courses required of first year ADN students with a grade of "C" or better prior to admission. Students enrolled in these courses at time of the admission deadlines will still be considered for admission but acceptance will be contingent upon successful completion. These courses include:

Co-Requisite Courses	Credit Hours
Anatomy and Physiology I—BIO 225	4
*Anatomy and Physiology II—BIO 226	4
Human Development—PSY 279	3
Disease Processes—HED 290 <u>OR</u>	3
**Microbiology—BIO 235	4

* BIO 226 must be completed within 5 years prior to admission. If older than 5 years, repeat or take BIO 061 Health Assessment (1 credit hour) anatomy refresher course.

*BIO 061 only offered Fall and Summer.

** Course recommended for a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing

To meet the requirements of an Associate's Degree, students must also pass the following courses with a "C" or above prior to completion of the nursing program courses:

Courses	Credit Hours
Composition I Pathway—ENG 119 <u>OR</u>	4
Composition I—ENG 120	3
Comp II—ENG 121 <u>OR</u>	3
Intro to Speech Communication—COM 111	3

Accepted students are required to take an 8 week online course the semester prior to starting the Nursing Program Courses.

Course	Credit Hours	Semester offered
Transition to ADN—ADN 051	1	Fall start: course taken in summer. Spring start: course taken Fall Mod-2

Nursing Program Courses: These courses will only be taken once a student is accepted into the program. All courses are sequential. A student cannot progress in the program if unsuccessful in any course.

Nursing Courses	Credit Hours	Semester of Nursing Program
Nursing III—ADN 076	10	Semester 3
Pharmacology II—ADN 074	2	Semester 3
Nursing IV—ADN 078	10	Semester 4
Pharmacology III—ADN 075	2	Semester 4
Senior Seminar—ADN 060	1	Semester 4—Mod I

In accordance with College policy, a minimum of 15 program credits must be obtained at Lake Land in order to be eligible to graduate.

The Allied Health Program guidelines and expectations align with the College's Pandemic Safety Response Guidelines. If the College updates the guidelines, the Allied Health Programs will follow the new guidelines. If clinical partners impose guidelines that are more restrictive, such as a vaccination mandate, the Allied Health Programs will follow the clinical partner's guidelines. If a student refuses to comply with the clinical site's protocols, he/she will fail to meet clinical objectives and will therefore fail the course.

ON the application deadline date, a review of files will begin to evaluate students for admissions. Admission scores are calculated utilizing the following rubric:

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ADN Admissions Rubric for LPN to ADN Students

Verification of completed or actively enrolled in co-requisite courses	<input type="checkbox"/> Verified
Verification of LPN license	Check to verify copy of license <input type="checkbox"/> Copy on file
Admission Application-Associate Degree in Nursing	1 point per 6 month period. 0 to 4 points possible
HESI A2 Admission Assessment Exam score (minimum score of 75 required to be considered for admission).	Score _____ X2 = Max 200 points possible
Aggregated GPA for completed co-requisite courses (GPA's below 2.0 will not be accepted)	2 to 4 points possible
Co-requisite points Points earned based on grades for courses completed	A=4 pts; B=3 pts; C=2 pt; D or F not accepted 0 to 32 points possible
	TOTAL

Essential Functions: Students applying to the Nursing Programs at Lake Land College must be able to meet the technical requirements of the program and not pose a risk to the well-being of patients, other students, staff or themselves. Students applying to the program will need, at a minimum, to be capable of performing all Essential Functions required of the nurse. The student will need to maintain and demonstrate these abilities through the duration of the program. A list of Essential Qualifications can be found online on the Lake Land College Allied Health Webpage.

Admission based on criminal history: After tentative acceptance and prior to official admission to the Lake Land College Nursing Programs, applicants are required to submit to a background check ordered through the programs' official vendor. When considering whether criminal history issues prevent admission, the programs refer to the guidelines of ILCS 2105/2105-165 the Health Care Worker Self-Referral Act, and Illinois Nurse Practice Act Rules Section 1300.100 Refusal to Issue a License Based on Criminal History Record. If an applicant has a criminal history, he/she should contact the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.

Cost Estimate for LPN to ADN Program Course Completion*

Semester	Semester Hours	Tuition and Fees** \$142.67 per Semester Hour	Course Fees**	TOTAL
ADN 051 (Transition to ADN)	1	\$142.67		\$142.67
Co-requisites	20-22	\$2853.40-\$3138.74		\$2853.40-\$3138.74
Semester 1	12	\$1712.04	\$725	\$2437.04
Semester 2	13	\$1854.71	\$725	\$2579.71
Uniform, watch, stethoscope & shoes***		\$250		\$250
Supply kit (from LLC Bookstore)		\$250		\$250
Textbooks and Support Products (from LLC Bookstore)		\$300		\$300
Compliance Tracker: includes monitoring of program requirements, background check, and drug screen.		\$200		\$200
ESTIMATED TOTAL COSTS				\$9,012.82-\$9,298.15

*Tuition and fees for in-district students. Tuition and fees are subject to change.

**Co-requisite courses may have additional fees.

***Prices may vary.

Frequently Asked Questions

How can I improve my chances of gaining admission into the ADN program?

- **Prepare** for the HESI A2 Admission Assessment Exam. The score is the biggest contributor to admission points.
- **Obtain good grades** in co-requisite courses, to increase the admissions score.

Is there a waiting list?

- No—The ADN program is a selective program with an objective, competitive admissions process. Each year, applicants are accepted based on a point system.

How often are students admitted?

- LPN to ADN students are admitted in Fall and Spring semesters.

Are there weekend or evening nursing classes?

- Some clinicals are conducted in the evenings, weekends are not utilized at this time.

Can I apply if I am out of the Lake Land College district?

- The Public Community College Act (110 ILCS 805/3-17) requires that all in-district applicants be considered first. Out-of-district students will be considered using the same admissions rubric only after all eligible in-district students have been considered.

What do I do if I am not accepted into the program?

- The nursing department will send you information on how to reapply for the program.

Where is the ADN program offered?

- The ADN program is offered on the main campus and at the Effingham Kluthe Center in the Fall and at the Effingham Kluthe Center in the spring. Accepted students can register for their preferred site on a first come, first serve basis.

How often will I be in school?

- Students can expect to attend class 3 days a week. The day off varies depending on the clinical assignments. Most clinical assignments require students to BEGIN as early as 6 a.m.
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Where are clinicals located?

- Students will have the opportunity to do clinicals in more than one local hospital/clinic/nursing home. So, students have multiple experiences upon graduation.