



## Nursing

### Associate of Science Degree

*Associate Degree requirements must be completed with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 (C) or better.*

#### PROGRAM INFORMATION

Pierce College offers an Associate of Science Degree. The Nursing Program is accredited by the California Board of Registered Nursing (see page 6 for information on accrediting agencies). The graduate is prepared to function as an entry-level nurse. Upon completion of the prescribed curriculum, the graduate is qualified to apply for licensure as a registered nurse in the State of California.

Nursing students receive clinical experience concurrently with classroom instruction. Nursing faculty teach and supervise clinical experiences. Local hospitals and other community health care agencies provide the clinical facilities where students, under supervision, administer direct nursing care to patients. Students must provide their own transportation.

Students must first be admitted into the Nursing Program before they may take nursing courses. Details are available in the Counseling Office (818-719-6440) and the Nursing Department (818-719-6477).

The following programs may be available for qualified individuals seeking career mobility: LVN-to-RN, LVN 30 Unit Option, Transfer and Challenge options, and Foreign Nurse Graduate placement. These programs provide a certificate of completion or an Associate in Arts degree with a major in Nursing. See the Department of Nursing for detailed information.

Portions of completed coursework from this program may be applied toward the attainment of a bachelor's degree in nursing. See a counselor for advice and information on transfer and G.E. certification.

Students must complete all of the following Nursing Program prerequisites prior to entering the program.

The faculty strongly encourages the completion of a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) program to enhance learning experiences.

For further information concerning course planning contact the Counseling Department at (818) 719-6440 or the Nursing Department at (818) 719-6477.

#### PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

*Upon completion of this program, students will:*

- Utilize Marjory Gordon's Functional Health Patterns in client assessment to differentiate dysfunctional from functional health patterns.
- Formulate realistic and scientifically based client care plans using North American Nursing Diagnosis Association (NANDA) nursing diagnoses.

- Provide timely, safe, and effective client centered care to a group of clients while demonstrating the use of logical critical thinking to determine actions.
- Perform continual evaluation of client care interventions and revise plans/care actions as required.
- Consistently demonstrate ethical and professional behavior while performing nursing care.

#### REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION

Students must complete all Nursing Program prerequisites with a grade of "C" or better prior to applying to the program. Also, students must be in good academic standing and not be on academic or progress probation.

Eligibility to be considered for the lottery is based upon state guidelines designed to increase the probability of student success. These guidelines reflect: A cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 for all college coursework taken; an overall grade point average of 2.5 for the Human anatomy, Human Physiology and Microbiology prerequisite courses with no grade less than C for each course and *no more than one repetition of any of these course will be applied to the GPA*; College level, transferable English, minimum of three (3) semester units with a grade no less than a C. A "W" is considered an attempt at taking the course. However, course repetitions that are allowed pursuant to Board Rule 6701.20 – Repetition of Courses in Which A Satisfactory Grade Was Recorded – are exempt from this restriction.

#### NURSING PROGRAM PREREQUISITES (LACCD E-10)

The following list represents courses offered throughout the LACCD. Not all course combinations in Anatomy and Physiology are offered on each campus.

COURSE	MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS	DISTRICT COURSES	UNITS
Chemistry*	5 semester units	Chemistry 51	5
Anatomy	4 semester units with lab	Anatomy 1 <b>AND</b>	4
Physiology	4 semester units with lab	Physiology 1	4
Microbiology	4 or 5 semester units	Microbiology 1 <b>OR</b>	5
		Microbiology 20	4
Math	5 semester units	Math 115 or higher <b>OR</b>	5
		Equivalent assessment score	
General Psychology	3 semester units	Psychology 1	3
Life-Span Psychology	3 semester units	Psychology 41	3
College Reading & Composition	3 semester units	English 101	3

**MAJOR PREP UNIT TOTAL . . . . . 26-27**

*\* Students who can demonstrate that they successfully completed one year of high school Chemistry (with lab) with a grade of C or better are exempt from this prerequisite.*

*BIOLOGY 44 and CHEM 51 or PHYSIOL 1 or 8 are the prerequisites for MICRO 1 or 20 at LAPC. Courses meeting the program prerequisite requirements above may be taken at LAPC or at other institutions. To receive credit, course equivalency must be approved through the LAPC Counseling Department.*

#### MATHEMATICS ADMISSION REQUIREMENT (LACCD E-10):

Math 115 Beginning Algebra or higher (5 units). A higher level Mathematics course may be required for graduation from the Nursing Program. See a Pierce counselor for details.

One course in Mathematics, or appropriate placement level is a prerequisite to the program. This prerequisite must be validated in accordance with the provisions of Title 5, California Code of Regulations, section 55201 and The Los Angeles Community College District Policy on Prerequisites, Corequisites and Advisories. The mathematics course or placement level must be a prerequisite to at least one course in the Nursing Program.

**APPLICATION & SELECTION PROCEDURE**

Please consult the department website for application instructions and earliest filing period at [www.piercecollege.edu/departments/nursing](http://www.piercecollege.edu/departments/nursing).

**MAJOR - REQUIRED COURSES**

SUBJECT & NO.	COURSE	UNITS
NURSING 400	Adult Health Care I . . . . .	5
NURSING 402	Pharmacology . . . . .	1
NURSING 403	Adult Health Care II . . . . .	5
NURSING 404	Maternal and Newborn Health Care . . . . .	4
NURSING 405	Psychiatric Health Care . . . . .	4
NURSING 406	Adult Health Care III . . . . .	5
NURSING 407	Geriatric Health Care . . . . .	3
NURSING 408	Psychosocial Aspects of Health Care . . . . .	1
NURSING 414	Adult Health Care IV . . . . .	5
NURSING 415	Pediatric Health Care . . . . .	4
NURSING 441	History, Trends and Issues of Nursing . . . . .	1
<b>MAJOR - TOTAL UNITS . . . . .</b>		<b>38</b>

**GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIRED COURSES.**

*Students must complete one of the following General Education Plans:*

- PLAN A NOT AVAILABLE WITH THIS MAJOR
- \*PLAN B Pierce Career and Technical GE plan . . . . . 18 units
- PLAN C CSU GE Breadth Certification Plan . . . . . 39 units
- PLAN D IGETC . . . . . 34-39 units

*\*Nursing students who follow Plan B are exempt from AREA E1*

**ADDITIONAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

1. **READING & WRITTEN EXPRESSION AND MATH COMPETENCY:** Students will meet the Reading & Written Expression competency requirement by completing English 101. Students must meet with a Pierce counselor to determine Math competency satisfaction.
2. **COMMUNICATION SKILLS:** One of the following Speech courses must be completed to graduate. The course may also be used to satisfy a general education requirement: COMM 101, 102, 104, 121. Must be completed with a grade of "C" or higher.

**NURSING DEPARTMENT POLICIES**

Specific program policies governing grading, withdrawal, readmission, probation and dismissal are available in the Nursing Student Handbook and from the Department of Nursing.

The California Board of Registered Nursing may deny a license regulated by the Business and Professional Code, Section 480, on such grounds as: being convicted of a crime, acts of dishonesty; fraud or deceit, etc. Applicants who have questions regarding limitations related to licensure should contact the California Board of Registered Nursing ([www.rn.ca.gov](http://www.rn.ca.gov)).

