

# NURSING, LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE TO REGISTERED NURSE (AAS)

**Catalog Effective Term:** Fall 2024

**Program Code:** APNURL

**Credential:** Associate in Applied Science

This Licensed Practical Nursing to Registered Nurse (LPN to RN) program prepares students for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nursing (NCLEX-RN). Credit earned in the nursing program may transfer to a bachelor's degree (BSN) completion program. Learning opportunities are in the classroom, simulation lab, clinical setting, and community. Students will be prepared to succeed in a dynamic healthcare environment.

## Applying for Admission to the Program

A formal application and acceptance to the program is required. Application packets may be downloaded from WCC's Student Welcome Center, Health and Second Tier Program, information page: <http://www.wccnet.edu/start-now/degree/2nd-tier/>. Completed and signed applications must be submitted to the Health and Second Tier Admissions Office in the Student Welcome Center, located on the second floor of the Student Center Building during the dates indicated on the application.

## Requirement After Acceptance

Upon acceptance, students must purchase an account from a college-designated vendor to obtain a criminal background check and to track their health records. The criminal background check and health records must be submitted to the designated vendor. Specific information regarding the college-designated vendor, health records, and deadline dates will be included in the program acceptance letter and/or provided at the mandatory orientation session.

## Program Admission Requirements

WCC uses a competitive admission process for high demand programs in health care. WCC offers this LPN to RN program option every Spring/Summer semester for LPNs who have successfully completed the admission requirements for this program and prerequisites for NUR 134 Nursing: LPN to RN Transition Course. Please see the application packet for the number of seats available each term. There are multiple requirements that must be completed prior to submitting an application for admission. Students with two WCC NUR course failures or withdrawals in failing status are not eligible to apply to this program. Applicants are required to meet all admission criteria and will be ranked based on a point system. The best qualified applicants will be selected for admission to the program. Student residency will be a weighted factor in the process. Details regarding WCC's Admission to High Demand Programs policy including priority levels are on WCC's Board of Trustees page: <http://www.wccnet.edu/trustees/policies/2005/>. Details regarding WCC's point scales that are used to calculate points are on WCC's Student Welcome Center, Health and Second Tier Program, information page: <http://www.wccnet.edu/start-now/degree/2nd-tier/>.

Prerequisite and program requirements along with WCC's point system and scales are reviewed annually and subject to change. Students are

expected to meet the prerequisite and program requirements of the catalog term for the semester in which they first begin the program.

Requirements for application are:

1. Admission to WCC.
2. All applicants are required to have a mandatory meeting with an advisor prior to applying to the program.
3. Verification of current, unrestricted LPN License.
4. Employment Verification Form showing at least 2,080 hours of employment within the last 2 years as a Licensed Practical Nurse or Licensed Vocational Nurse.
5. Program prerequisite courses:
  - a. MTH 160 Basic Statistics or MTH 176 College Algebra or a math course numbered 176 or higher, with a minimum grade of C/2.0.
  - b. BIO 111 Anatomy and Physiology - Normal Structure and Function with a minimum grade of B-/2.7.
  - c. COM 101 Fundamentals of Speaking, COM 102 Interpersonal Communication or COM 200 Family Communication with a minimum grade of C/2.0.
  - d. ENG 111 Composition I with a minimum grade C/2.0.
6. Pass the current version of the Test of Essential Academic Skills, ATI-TEAS <https://www.wccnet.edu/start-now/degree/2nd-tier/teas.php> (<http://www.wccnet.edu/start-now/degree/2nd-tier/teas.php>), by achieving the following minimum scores: \*
  - Math proficiency - 60 percent or higher Reading proficiency - 70 percent or higher
  - English and Language Usage proficiency - 60 percent or higher Science proficiency - 45 percent or higher
7. Technical Standards. WCC reserves the right to request, before or during the program, that students successfully demonstrate the specific physical and cognitive abilities related to the Nursing program.
8. Residency verification.

\* If repeated TEAS test attempts are needed to meet required scores, the highest subject score from each attempt will be applied towards admission requirements. Students will be allowed a maximum of three (3) attempts within five (5) years to take the TEAS and achieve the minimum scores required.

## After Acceptance

1. Students are required to submit health records, undergo drug screening and complete a full background check paid to an outside vendor selected by the College.
2. Students must request up to fourteen (14) WCC prior learning credits and pay associated fees for their current LPN license/experience as needed to reach a minimum 60 credit hours. Nursing faculty will work with students to determine the correct number of hours.
3. Students should be aware that the Michigan Board of Nursing may deny a license to an applicant who has been convicted of a crime or is addicted to drugs or alcohol.

## Continuing Eligibility Requirements

- Program courses are sequential and complemented with appropriate support courses.
- All Registered Nursing (NUR) courses must be completed with a minimum grade of C+/2.3 and all support courses to the program

must be completed with a minimum grade of C/2.0 unless otherwise specified.

- Students are required to adhere to rules of the American Nursing Association (ANA) Nursing Code of Ethics.
- Additional criminal background checks may be conducted at any time during the program. Students may be required to have drug testing as well as additional criminal background checks and/or fingerprinting prior to the start of a clinical sequence as requested by specific clinical facilities. Any student found to have a positive drug screen for drugs prohibited by State of Michigan or Federal law (including marijuana) or controlled substances will be dismissed from the program. Failure to receive an acceptable criminal background/ fingerprinting at any time, will result in dismissal from the program. Any cost, if indicated, for these checks is the responsibility of the student.
- Students in the Nursing (LPN to RN) program will be required to purchase special uniforms and supplies throughout the duration of the program.
- Students are required to submit health records annually while in the program.
- Students who are dismissed from the program may not be eligible to reapply to the program.

**Third Semester**

NUR 288	Nursing Concepts IV	8
<b>Credits</b>		<b>8</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>60</b>

**Minimum Credits Required for the Program: 60**

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Major/Area Requirements</b>		
Program Prerequisite Courses:		
BIO 111	Anatomy and Physiology - Normal Structure and Function	5
ENG 111	Composition I	4
MTH 160	Basic Statistics (or any Math Level 4 or higher course)	4
Select one of the following:		3
COM 101	Fundamentals of Speaking	
COM 102	Interpersonal Communication	
COM 200	Family Communication	
<b>Requirements: LPN unrestricted license and experiential learning</b>		<b>14</b>
Upon acceptance, students must formally request WCC credits for prior learning and pay any associated fees to WCC as needed, up to a maximum of 14 credits, to reach minimum 60 credits.		
<b>Credits</b>		<b>30</b>
<b>First Semester</b>		
BIO 212	Pathophysiology: Alterations in Structure and Function	4
NUR 134	Nursing: LPN to RN Transition Course	3
PSY 206	Life Span Developmental Psychology	4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>11</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
NUR 138	Nursing Concepts III	8
PHL 244	Ethical and Legal Issues in Health Care	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>11</b>