

Associate of Science in Nursing LPN-to-RN Track

The LPN-to-RN Track of the Associate of Science in Nursing Program consists of courses in liberal arts, science and nursing. The nursing program includes lecture and laboratory periods with relevant clinical practicums provided at health care facilities located in southern Missouri and northern Arkansas.

Qualified licensed practical nurses (LPNs) may receive fifteen hours nursing credit for NUR 100 and NUR 101. Six hours non-nursing credit may be awarded for CFD 155 and ALH 110 (see Entrance Requirements for LPN-to-RN Programs).

The qualified LPN may begin classes in June if IDS 110, CHM 105 Fundamentals of Chemistry and BMS 267 Anatomy and BMS 268 Physiology have been completed. The following class sequence for progression through the LPN-to-RN program will allow completion of the program in one summer and one academic year (fall and spring) following admission. The 72-hour LPN-to-RN program curriculum is as follows:

Year 2: Summer

NUR 190	Nursing Systems for Adult Client: LPN-to-RN	(2)
NUR 201	Nursing Systems for the Promotion of Mental Health	(3)

Year 2: Fall

NUR 202	Pharmacology	(3)
NUR 204	Nursing Systems for the Adult Client II	(9)
ENG 110	Writing I	(3)
PLS 101	American Democracy and Citizenship	(3)

Year 2: Spring

NUR 212	Nursing Systems for the Family	(9)
NUR 220	Current Trends and Issues in Nursing (capstone course)	(2)
BIO 210	Elements of Microbiology	(3)
PSY 121	Introductory Psychology	(3)

**Credit for qualified LPNs admitted to the program for a total of 15 nursing credit hours.

***Credit for CFD 155 and ALH 110 awarded to qualified LPNs.

Based on 2009-10 Catalog

What type of work would I do if I became a registered nurse?

One of the most highly recognized professions in health care, registered nurses fulfill a number of key roles in caring for the sick and injured and helping people stay well. They watch and record symptoms, reactions and the progress of patients, and they assist doctors during treatments and examinations. They dispense medicine to patients according to doctors' orders, and they instruct patients and their families in proper health care. Some RNs also may help patients during convalescence and rehabilitation. They work in hospitals, doctors offices and nursing homes, and some do research work or instruct nursing students. (*Missouri Occupational Information Coordinating Committee*)

What type of degree will I earn at Missouri State University-West Plains?

Students enrolled in the nursing program will obtain a two-year Associate of Science in Nursing degree (ASN). The program consists of courses in liberal arts, science and nursing. The nursing courses include lecture and laboratory periods with relevant clinical practicums provided at health care facilities located in southern Missouri and northern Arkansas. Those who successfully complete the program are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN).

What are my options for continuing on to a four-year degree?

Missouri State University-West Plains has always been responsive to the needs of its patrons. Missouri State University-West Plains and Missouri State University-Springfield have teamed up to offer courses leading to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing on the West Plains campus via various distance learning methods. After completing the Associate of Science in Nursing, students can work full time while they take bachelor's degree courses.

Nurses in the United States

RNs employed in Nursing (2004): 2,421,461
RNs with an associate degree as initial preparation: 1,227,256 (42.2%)
Average RN age: 46.8
Gender: 94.3% Female, 5.7% Male
Average Salary for full-time employment: \$57,784

Employment Settings

Hospital: 56.2%
Nursing Home/Extended Care Facilities: 6.3%
Nursing Education: 2.6%
Public/Community Health: 14.9%
Ambulatory Care: 11.5%
Other: 8.5%

Source: *National Organization for Associate Degree Nursing*

For More Information

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Essential Abilities

The following functional abilities or attributes are essential in order to meet the objectives for the ASN program at Missouri State University-West Plains. With reasonable accommodation, the student must possess:

1. Fine motor skills sufficient to perform skills such as picking up, grasping, and manipulating small objects with hands, and writing with a pen or pencil.
2. Physical mobility and strength sufficient to move about in a nursing unit and participate in client care.
3. Physical stamina sufficient to perform client care for entire length of clinical experience (6-8 hours).
4. Auditory ability sufficient for assessment of client health.
5. Visual acuity sufficient to see objects up to 20 inches away.
6. Reading ability sufficient to understand the written word at a minimum of a tenth-grade level.
7. Arithmetic competence that would allow the student to read and understand columns of writing; to tell time; to use measuring tools; and to add, subtract, multiply, and divide.
8. Emotional stability sufficient to assume responsibility/accountability for actions, to provide client with emotional support, to adapt to environmental stress, and to monitor own emotions.
9. Analytical thinking sufficient to transfer knowledge from one situation to another, to problem solve, to prioritize tasks, and to use long-term and short-term memory.
10. Critical thinking ability sufficient to exercise sound nursing judgment through the sequencing of information and the identification of cause and effect relationships.
11. Interpersonal skills sufficient to establish rapport with clients and co-workers, and to respect the rights of others and the differences in clients.
12. Communication skills sufficient to teach others, to explain procedures, to interact with others, and to convey information in writing.

This list of behavioral examples is not considered to be complete. Cases must be reviewed individually. Please contact the Department of Nursing for further information.

Adapted from: Yocom, C.J. (1996). Validation study: Functional abilities essential for nursing practice.

Entrance Requirements for the LPN-to-RN Track

The following listed application information must be on file in the nursing office no later than March 1 annually. The student will receive written notification of admission status – accepted, alternate or not accepted, by the first week in April. All testing can be arranged through the Student Advisement and Academic Support Center (417-255-7222) located in the Garnett Library.

Candidates must meet the following requirements:

1. Admission to Missouri State University-West Plains with a non-probationary status.
2. Completed application to the LPN-to-RN track of the nursing program.
3. A final official high school transcript or GED certificate (required by the Missouri State Board of Nursing) and official transcripts from all previously attended colleges and universities, including LPN school, must be on file in the nursing office.
4. An ACT score less than 5 years old.
5. A score of 18 or better on the reading portion of ACT, or a C grade or better in RDG 125.
6. Achievement of a minimum ranking score of 55. (See Ranking Score Computation).
7. Mathematics 103 (Intermediate Algebra) eligibility determined by:
 - a. ACT score and previous math classes taken, or
 - b. completed college coursework.
 - c. Students accepted into the program must have MTH 130 eligibility established prior to beginning nursing courses.
8. ENG 110 eligibility as determined by:
 - a. ACT score and a writing sample; or
 - b. Completed college course work.
9. A C grade or better in CHM 105, BMS 267 and BMS 268 or current enrollment.
10. Proof of active, non-disciplined LPN licensure.

Advanced Credit in the ASN Program for Successful LPN Candidates

Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) who are accepted into the LPN-to-RN program may receive credit for NUR 100, NUR 101, CFD 155, and ALH 110. Upon meeting all the prerequisites for those courses and successfully completing NUR 190, the credit will be awarded. However, the credit will not appear on the transcript until the student has completed three weeks of the fall semester following NUR 190.

Admission Eligibility

The ASN Admissions Committee establishes admission eligibility using the Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action statements found in the University Policies section of the catalog. To be considered for admission, the applicant must achieve a minimum ranking score of 55 (See Ranking Score Computation). All applicants will be considered competitively on an annual basis.

1. Ranking Score Computation
 - a. To be considered for admission an applicant must achieve a minimum score of 55 using the following formula: GPA (Grade Point Average) multiplied by ACT (American College Test composite score) equals Ranking Score. The four-point scale in which an A=4 and F=0 will be used to compute the GPA. The cumulative grade point must equal a minimum of 2.0 (a C letter grade).
 - b. College GPA will be used to compute the Ranking Score for candidates having 12 or more college credit hours. The ASN Admissions Committee may choose to consider only the most recent 12-24 hours of college credit to calculate the GPA.
 - c. High School GPA will be used to compute the Ranking Score for candidates having less than 12 college credit hours. Scores from the GED will be converted to a four-point scale by dividing the GED by 90.
2. Students seeking admission who have completed support courses within the nursing curriculum will have a competitive edge.
 - a. Support courses within the nursing curriculum may be repeated only one time. Nursing students who fail any two nursing courses (including failing one course twice) are ineligible for readmission.
 - b. If selected, admission is contingent upon meeting the grade criteria of C or better for past and current enrollment in nursing curriculum support classes.
3. Past academic history and known academic integrity may be used by the committee to determine if an applicant will be admitted into the nursing program.
4. The committee may waive the required ACT score for students who have completed a previous bachelor's degree with a grade point average of 3.0 or better from a regionally accredited U.S. college or university. The applicant will be ranked immediately below the highest ranked student with an equivalent grade point average (GPA).
5. RSMo 660.317 prohibits a hospital, or provider, from knowingly allowing those who have been convicted of, pled guilty to, or nolo contendere in this state or any other state or who have been found guilty of a crime, which if committed in Missouri would be a Class A or B felony violation, to give care to clients in their agency. As defined by state law, these are violations of Chapter RSMo 565 (domestic violence/violence against a person), RSMo 566 (sex offenses) or TSMo 569 (robbery, arson, burglary or related offenses), or any violation of subsection 3 of section 198.070 RSMo (abuse and neglect), or section 568.020 RSMo (incest). RSMo 660.315 requires an inquiry whether a person is listed on Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services disqualification list. In addition to these records, an online search will be conducted to determine if a student is on other government sanction lists. These online searches include office of Inspector General (OIG) and the General Services Administration (GSA). As a requirement of the Missouri State University-West Plains Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) Program application process in response to RSMo 660.317b and 660.315, applicants to the program will be required to consent to release of their criminal history record (RSMo 43.450) solely for the purpose of determining the applicant's ability to enter patient care areas in order to fulfill the requirements of the ASN program.
6. Offers of acceptance to the Associate of Science in Nursing Program are made as conditional offers. The conditions include satisfactory completion of pre-nursing courses, a satisfactory background check, and a negative drug and/or controlled substance test. An applicant or current nursing student who refuses to authorize and pay for testing or who tests positive for drugs, alcohol, or controlled substances will not receive a final offer of admission, or will not be allowed to continue in the nursing program.

Student Progression

In order to progress in the nursing program:

1. A grade of C or better is required in all nursing courses to receive credit toward graduation. All clinical components not receiving a grade must be evaluated as passing/met.
2. The student must meet all nursing course prerequisites to progress in the nursing program.
3. A grade of C or better is required in all support courses within the program - chemistry, anatomy, physiology, microbiology, psychology, interdisciplinary studies, political science, English and nutrition. Support courses may be repeated only one time.
4. The nursing courses may not be taken on a Pass/Not Pass basis.
5. CLEP credit is available for some support courses (see catalog).

Readmission

Students who interrupt their education for a semester or more must follow University readmission policies. In addition, students seeking readmission to the nursing program will be considered as new applicants, and the decision on their readmission will be made by the ASN Admissions Committee based upon eligibility for readmission and available space. Nursing students who fail any two nursing courses (including failing one course twice) are ineligible for readmission. Students who withdraw past the no drop date (see academic calendar) may repeat the course one time only if readmitted. Support classes within the nursing curriculum may be repeated only one time if applying for readmission. A student who is readmitted to the nursing program will be required to repeat the criminal background checks and drug testing if the student has been out of the program for more than 12 months.

Accreditation

The Associate of Science in Nursing Program is fully approved by the Missouri State Board of Nursing, PO Box 656, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0656, Phone (573) 751-0681, pr.mo.gov/nursing.asp and accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC), 61 Broadway, New York, NY 10006, Phone: (212) 363-5555, ext. 153, www.nlnac.org/

State Board Examination for R.N. Licensure

Students who meet educational and other standards for application for a license to practice as a registered nurse (Sect.335.046.1 RSMo) may apply to take the NCLEX-RN examination for RN licensure (4CSR 200-4.020 Missouri Code of State Regulations). There is a fee for the examination and license. Successful completion of the nursing program does not guarantee licensure. Applicants may be denied licensure in Missouri for one or any combination of causes stated in the Missouri Nursing Practice Act Sect. 335.066, 2 (1-15) RSMo. A copy of the Missouri Nursing Practice Act Sect. 335.066, 2 (1-15) RSMo is available upon request or may be found at the Missouri State Board of Nursing Web site. pr.mo.gov/nursing.asp

Application for LPN-to-RN Degree Track Associate of Science in Nursing Degree

Full Legal Name _____ Last First M.I.	Preferred First Name _____
Social Security Number _____	Former Name(s) _____
Permanent Mailing Address _____ Number Street City County State Zip	Birthday _____ Month Day Year
E-mail address _____	Phone (_____) _____ - _____
Previous Colleges or Universities Attended _____	High School Dual Credit ? _____
Previously Enrolled at Missouri State-West Plains? Yes No	Currently Enrolled at Missouri State-West Plains? Yes No
Applied for Missouri State-West Plains Admission? Yes No	High School Graduate? Yes No GED? Yes No
Name of LPN School _____	Date _____ Date _____
Name of High School _____	Graduation Date _____
	Expected Semester/Year of Enrollment in Nursing Program at Missouri State-West Plains? _____

Missouri State University is a community of people with respect for diversity. The University emphasizes the dignity and equality common to all persons and adheres to a strict nondiscrimination policy regarding the treatment of individual faculty, staff, and students. In accord with federal law and applicable Missouri statutes, the University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, age, disability, or veteran status in employment or in any program or activity offered or sponsored by the University. In addition, the University does not discriminate on any basis (including, but not limited to, political affiliation and sexual orientation) not related to the applicable educational requirements for students or the applicable job requirements for employees. This policy shall not be interpreted in a manner as to violate the legal rights of religious organizations or military organizations associated with the Armed Forces of the United States of America. The University maintains a grievance procedure incorporating due process available to any person who believes he or she has been discriminated against. Missouri State University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer. Inquiries concerning the grievance procedure, Affirmative Action Plan, or compliance with federal and state laws and guidelines should be addressed to Brenda Malkowski, Affirmative Action Liaison, Missouri State University-West Plains, 128 Garfield Ave., West Plains, MO 65775, 417-255-7966.

Program Costs (All costs are approximate and subject to change without notice.)

ITEM	COST
Nurse Equipment (Scissors \$5.00, Stethoscope \$75.00, Forceps \$4.00, Penlight \$2.25, EKG Caliper \$5.50 Optional)	91.75
Uniforms (2) (\$100.00-150.00)	150.00
Lab Coat	35.00
Watch	25.00
Shoes	60.00
Eye Goggles/Glasses	7.00
Individual Earphones for Computer Use (Optional)	15.00
Lab Fee (anatomy, physiology, microbiology, chemistry)	80.00
Textbooks (Required books)	1400.00
Hepatitis B Vaccination (3 injections) plus Titer	111.00
Travel, Lodging for Clinicals (Year 2 - 1000.00)	1,000.00
Graduation Cap and Gown	26.00
Graduation Fee (6th semester)	55.00
Graduation Announcements (10) (Optional)	13.50
Criminal Background Check fee (5th Semester - November)	52.20
State Board Fee (5th semester - November)	45.00
NCLEX Fee (6th semester - March)	200.00
NSNA Membership Dues (Optional)	70.00
CPR Class (Varies)	60.00
Nursing Pin (Optional)	50.00
Course Fees (NUR 190 – \$60.00; NUR 212 – \$75.00; NUR 220 - 35.00)	260.00
Tuition (28 credit hours at \$130 per credit hour for nursing courses; 26 credit hours at \$102 per credit hour for support courses, doesn't include fees, refer to catalog)	6,292.00
Total Estimated Cost	\$10,098.45

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