

# Nursing Program - Nursing Career Ladder Pathway++

## Associate in Applied Science

*Minimum of 72 Credits*

This associate degree program is designed to meet the needs of the currently licensed LPN or Oklahoma licensed paramedic who seeks licensure as a registered nurse. College credits earned may apply toward a bachelor's degree should the individual decide to continue studies at a four year college or university. Once all prerequisites have been completed the minimum time period to complete the Nursing Career Ladder Pathway is ten months. Students must be formally accepted into the Nursing Program's Career Ladder Pathway before they can enroll in NUR 1532 Nursing Transition II and subsequent major courses.

The Nursing Career Ladder Pathway recognizes the previous educational experiences of licensed practical nurses and Oklahoma licensed paramedics by providing Advanced Standing credit opportunities. Once Advanced Standing credit requirements are met, the program follows a logical and sequential curriculum to prepare students for entry into practice as a registered nurse. The Program is approved by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing and is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, 61 Broadway-33rd Floor, New York, NY 10006, 800-669-1656, extension 153. Program graduates are eligible to apply for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses. Applicants for Oklahoma licensure must meet all state and federal requirements to hold an Oklahoma license to practice nursing. Applicants with one or more felony convictions cannot apply for licensure for at least 5 years after completion of all sentencing terms, including probation and suspended sentences, unless a presidential or gubernatorial pardon is received. Please check with the Nursing Program for additional information. Applications for the Nursing Career Ladder Pathway, information regarding the application procedure, and the minimum requirements may be obtained from the Office of Recruitment and Admissions. Deadline for applying to the Nursing Career Ladder Pathway is published in the College Academic Calendar. Nursing Transition I, the first course in the Pathway, has open admissions for those who meet prerequisite licensure and course requirements. Applicants who hold a valid LPN license in good standing, practice as a LPN, and graduated from a NLNAC accredited practical nursing program will be exempt from Nursing Transition I. Admission into the Pathway is required before enrollment in Nursing Transition II, which is taught in the August intersession. From the point of entry into Nursing Transition II, the program lasts approximately ten months with completion in May of the following year. Please note that nursing courses require the student to travel to various clinical sites. It is the responsibility of the student to provide his/her own means of transportation to these sites. Advanced Standing credit is awarded to those students who have completed the program, providing the required credit hours needed to earn the Associate of Applied Science Degree. The total fee for Advanced Standing credits at this time is \$70.00 (\$5.00/credit hour). Note that additional tuition and fees are required for all other courses in the program's curriculum.

NOTE: THE CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN APPLIED SCIENCE IN NURSING WILL BE REVISED IN THE 2009-2010 OKLAHOMA CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE CATALOG. ALL INTERESTED STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SEEK ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM AN ADVISOR IN THE OFFICE OF ADVISING AND CAREER SERVICES OR FROM THE NURSING PROGRAM'S WEBSITE, <http://www.occ.edu/Health/Nursing.html>. INFORMATION MAY ALSO BE OBTAINED FROM THE DIVISION OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS OFFICE BY CALLING 405.682.7507.

THE REVISED REQUIREMENTS WILL APPLY TO EACH OF THE THREE PROGRAM PATHWAYS: TRADITIONAL; CAREER LADDER PATHWAY; AND BACCALAUREATE TO ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSE ACCELERATED PATHWAY. THIS CHANGE WILL APPLY TO ALL STUDENTS ACCEPTED INTO THE NURSING PROGRAM IN FALL 2009 AND SUBSEQUENT SEMESTERS.

Course #	Course Name	Credits	Type	Prerequisites
<i>Suggested Freshman 1st Semester</i>				
CHEM 1123	** (C) PRINCIPLES OF CHEMISTRY	3	Support	(R) (W), MATH 0123 or adequate Math Placement Test Score, either within the last year.
CHEM 1131	** (C) PRINCIPLES OF LABORATORY CHEMISTRY	1	Support	Prerequisite or Corequisite: (R) (W), CHEM 1123
BIO 1314	** (C) HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY I	4	Support	(R) (W) (M), An adequate biology placement test score or BIO 0123 or a college-level biological science class
BIO 1023	** (C) INTRODUCTORY NUTRITION	3	Support	(R) (W) (M)
ENGL 1113	** (C) ENGLISH COMPOSITION I	3	Gen Ed	(R) (W), Adequate reading and writing assessment scores or LS 0033 College Writing II, either taken within the last year, with strong encouragement for immediate continuation.
PSY 1113	** (C) INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY	3	Gen Ed	(R)
<i>Suggested Freshman 2nd Semester</i>				
BIO 1414	** (C) HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY II	4	Support	(R) (W) (M), BIO 1314
NUR 1512	** (C) NURSING TRANSITION I (if required)	2	Major	(R) (W) (M), APPM 1313 OR MATH 1513, BIO 1023, BIO 1314; a. Meet basic requirements for admission to the Nursing Career Ladder Pathway; b. LPN or Oklahoma Licensed Paramedic.
<i>Suggested Freshman Summer Semester</i>				
ENGL 1213	** (C) ENGLISH COMPOSITION II	3	Gen Ed	(R) (W), ENGL 1113 English Composition I taken within the last year, with strong encouragement for immediate continuation.
NUR 1532	(C) NURSING TRANSITION II	2	Major	(R) (W) (M), APPM 1313 or MATH 1513, BIO 1023, BIO 1314, BIO 1414, PSY 1113, ENGL 1113, ENGL 1213, NUR 1512 (unless exempt).
<i>Suggested Sophomore 1st Semester</i>				
NUR 2539	+ (C) NURSING PROCESS III	9	Major	Prerequisites for Career Ladder Pathway are: NUR 1512 (if required), NUR 1532, APPM 1313 or MATH 1513, BIO 1023, BIO 1314, BIO 1414, PSY 1113, ENGL 1113, ENGL 1213. Corequisites: PSY 2403, BIO 1514.
PSY 2403	(C) DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY	3	Gen Ed	(R) (W), PSY 1113
BIO 1514	(C) MICROBIOLOGY OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE	4	Support	(R) (W) (M), BIO 1314
<i>Suggested Sophomore 2nd Semester</i>				
NUR 2549	+ (C) NURSING PROCESS IV	9	Major	NUR 1512 (if required), NUR 1532, NUR 2539, APPM 1313 or MATH 1513, BIO 1023, BIO 1314, BIO 1414, BIO 1514, PSY 1113, PSY 2403, ENGL 1113, ENGL 1213. Corequisites: POLSC 1113, HIST 1483 or HIST 1493.
POLSC 1113	AMERICAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	3	Gen Ed	(R) (W)
HIST 1483	U.S. HISTORY TO THE CIVIL WAR --OR--		Gen Ed	(R) (W)
HIST 1493	U.S. HISTORY SINCE THE CIVIL WAR	3	Gen Ed	(R) (W)

Major Courses: (36 credit hours) Nursing: NUR 1512 (unless exempt); NUR 1532; +NUR 2539; +NUR 2549; Advanced Standing: NUR 1519 and NUR 1529  
General Education Courses: (18 credit hours) \*\*English: ENGL 1113; English: \*\* ENGL 1213; History: HIST 1483 or HIST 1493; Political Science: POLSC 1113; Psychology: \*\* PSY 1113, PSY 2403  
Life Skills Courses: (3 credit hours) \*\*Biology: BIO 1023

Support Courses: \* (15 credit hours) Biological Science: \*\* BIO 1314; \*\* BIO 1414; Biological Science: BIO 1514; \*\*Mathematics: APPM 1313 or MATH 1513;

Notes: This technical/occupational program is designed to prepare students to enter the job force following completion. See Technical/Occupational Programs in the general information section of the catalog.  
\* Acceptance into program requires minimum score of 74% on NLN Acceleration Challenge Exams I for LPNs who graduated from non-NLNAC accredited schools and licensed paramedics OR graduation from NLNAC accredited Practical Nursing program for LPNs.

\*\* Must be completed prior to NUR 1532.

(C) A grade of "C" must be achieved in all courses required for this degree with the exception of POLS 1113 and HIST 1483 or HIST 1493 (a grade of "D" is minimum).

+ These nursing courses have pre- and corequisites which are listed with Course Descriptions in this Catalog. These courses also have clinical components that require purchase of liability insurance, immunizations and health records, a clinical uniform, and extensive background checks.

++ Special Admissions Procedures Required: Background Checks: Due to clinical agency requirements, the Division of Health Professions requires an Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation (OSBI) background check with both a criminal history search and a sex offender search. A more extensive nationwide Investigative Background Report (IBR) is also required. The student is responsible for payment for both reports.

Clinical agency representative(s) review the reports, without access to identifying information, that have criminal history. The facility alone can accept or deny clinical access to a student. If a student is denied access to clinical sites he/she will be unable to successfully complete the course or the program. Any break in continuous enrolment will require additional OSBI checks and Investigative Background Reports.

Drug Testing: Drug testing is required for all students in the Division of Health Professions. Each student must have a random drug test prior to the first clinical assignment. The fee will be paid with the tuition and other fees for the semester in the program where actual clinical assignments begin. Random drug tests will be done on a predetermined date. Any break in continuous employment will require an additional random test.

Graduates of the nursing program must also meet the requirements of the Oklahoma Board of Nursing for licensure, which include but are not limited to criminal history search and passing the licensure exam.