

NURSING — RN Completion (LPN to RN) Associate of Applied Science Degree Program

The RN Completion Associate of Applied Science in Nursing program at Kalamazoo Valley Community College is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

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The Associate of Applied Science in Nursing and LPN to RN Completion programs are approved by the Michigan Board of Nursing. For information about Michigan requirements for eligibility for nurse licensure visit http://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-72600_72603_27529_27542--,00.html.

Upon successful completion of all Nursing coursework, the graduate will receive an Associate of Applied Science degree and will be eligible to sit for the National Council Licensure Exam for the Registered Nurse (NCLEX-RN).

Employment opportunities include acute care hospitals, long term acute care and extended care facilities, clinics, offices, home health and ambulatory care. Graduates may transfer credits toward a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree at many colleges and universities. Academic counselors will assist students with transfer information.

Applications are accepted during the last two weeks of February each year for a start date during the summer semester. The college has implemented ranking criteria for entry into the nursing program.

Students must have all of the prerequisites successfully completed by the end of the first half of the winter semester to be eligible to apply in February.

Visit https://www.kvcc.edu/programs/health_careers/nr2.php for additional information.

Getting Started

1. If you are a:
 - a. New student - first submit a free, general application online to Kalamazoo Valley Community College at kvcc.edu/apply and select "Health Sciences General Studies – Nursing" (NR2) as your program choice.
 - b. Current Valley student - if needed, have your program code updated by contacting an academic counselor. A minimum GPA of 2.0 is required if you've taken courses at Kalamazoo Valley before.
2. Provide the Admissions, Registration & Records Office with all official college transcripts, if applicable. Be sure to verify their arrival and that you are awarded the required credit to meet prerequisites.
3. Schedule an appointment with an academic counselor or advisor by calling 269.488.4040 to develop a course plan. This is a critical step to complete early in your admission process. Kalamazoo Valley counselors must determine equivalency for non-Kalamazoo Valley courses.
4. Complete the following prerequisite requirements by:
 - a. Taking and completing Kalamazoo Valley courses successfully (grades of 2.0 or higher), and/or
 - b. Using transfer credit from other colleges when equivalent to the courses listed below.

Recommended Full-Time Course Sequence for Required Prerequisite Courses:

Semester 1

BIO 215 (Human Anatomy & Physiology II – 4 credits/6 contact hrs)

CHM 115 (Health Careers Chemistry – 4 credits/6 contact hours)

ENG 110 (College Writing I – 3 credits/contact hours)

MATH 100* (Health Careers Math – 1 credit/contact hr)

*NO substitutions for Math 100 credit are acceptable

Total Credit/Contact Hours for Semester 1:

12 credits / 16 contact hours

Semester 2

BIO 130 (Micro & Infectious Disease – 4 credits/6 contact hrs)

PSY 150 (Introductory Psychology – 3 credits/contact hrs)

Total Credit/Contact Hours for Semester 2:

7 credits / 9 contact hrs

Frequently Asked Questions

Applying to the Program

- The online application will be available each year February 15-28 for entrance into the Summer (May) program
- Applications can be completed and submitted online during the appropriate time frames here: https://p2.kvcc.edu/utilities/health_careers/
- Students must have successfully completed all prerequisites with grades of 2.0 or higher by the end of the first half of the winter semester. BIO, CHM and MATH courses must be completed within 7 years of the application deadline.
- Having an unencumbered State of Michigan LPN license and 1200 hours of LPN work experience within the previous 3 years are required to be eligible to apply

Acceptance

- For the summer (May) program, admissions decisions will typically be sent to your Kalamazoo Valley email address by March 31.
- The Michigan Board of Nursing allows us to accept a maximum of 8 students from each application period.
- Kalamazoo Valley's Nursing program does not use a waiting list. Applicants who are not admitted must reapply.

Kalamazoo Valley's Alternate List

- After the top 8 applicants have been determined, the next 3 highest applicants are designated as alternates in case an admitted student declines their seat. It is not uncommon for this to happen.
- Alternates who are not admitted into the program from the alternate list must reapply and will not receive preferential ranking in the next cycle.

Ranking of Applicants

The college implemented a holistic admission system for entry into nursing programs beginning with the Summer 2023 application. The revised admission system was developed to establish a more equitable process so admitted students will have the best chance of success in their health career program.

- Please see "Holistic Admission" for details.

Proof of Healthcare License or Non-Credit Training for Points

If you are interested in potentially earning admission points for healthcare experience, please be sure to submit all supporting documentation with your application. (Applicants can only receive points in one of these categories). Examples of supporting documentation include: a copy of your current healthcare license or credential, a copy of your transcript or diploma for degree(s) received, or a letter from your employer specifically detailing skills acquired through on-the-job training, current job tasks, etc. for PCA/CNA (non-credit) training.

- » Please note that personal essays or letters of recommendation from employers, family, friends, colleagues cannot be factored into the admission score whatsoever

Associate or Bachelor Degree Points

- Students must have a current license/credential in a healthcare occupation that requires an Associate or Bachelor Degree to obtain the license/credential. Examples include: licensed respiratory therapist, dental hygienist, paramedic, registered dietician, etc.

Nursing Information Workshops

- We highly recommend that you attend one of our Nursing Information Workshops. These are free and open to all prospective students.
- Please see the "Nursing Information Workshops" schedule for details.

After Acceptance

- You will have received an acceptance packet full of important information. Please read this packet thoroughly and pay attention to all deadlines.
- Several items will be due prior to the start of class. Examples include, but are not limited to: current American Heart Association "BLS Provider" level CPR certification, specific immunization and health physical documentation, and payment for the Live Scan criminal background check and drug screen.
 - » Please note that the Live Scan criminal background check and drug screen will both be done ON CAMPUS after you have been accepted into the program. Further details will be given at that time. The corresponding forms in the application packet must be filled out and signed at the time of application as acknowledgment that these items will be successfully completed if accepted.

Working While Enrolled

- We strongly recommend that students work as few hours as possible for the most successful outcome. This is considered a full-time program and is rigorous and time consuming.

Nursing Class Schedule

- The nursing program has implemented a block schedule system to help students consolidate the days required for class. Schedules will vary by semester.

RN Completion Program Outline

This program is not available on a part-time basis.

Semester 1

NURS 195	LPN to RN Bridge	(Theory/Lab)	3 credits/ 7 contact hours
NURS 167	Nursing Pharmacotherapeutics I	(Theory)	2 credits/ 2.5 contact hours
			TOTAL: 5 credits/9.5 contact hours

Semester 2

NURS 222	Obstetrical Nursing	(Theory)	2 credits/2 contact hours
NURS 224	Integrated Obstetrical Nursing	(Lab/Clinic)	1.5 credits/4.5 contact hours
NURS 236	Pediatric Nursing	(Theory)	2 credits/2 contact hours
NURS 237	Integrated Pediatric Nursing	(Lab/Clinic)	1.5 credits/4.5 contact hours
NURS 245	Adult Nursing II	(Theory)	3 credits/3 contact hours
NURS 247	Integrated Adult Nursing	(Lab/Clinic)	3 credits/9 contact hours
			TOTAL: 13 credits/25 contact hours

Semester 3

NURS 248	Adult Nursing III	(Theory)	3 credits/3 contact hours
NURS 249	Management of Adult Nursing	(Lab/Clinic)	3 credits/9 contact hours
NURS 252	Psychosocial Nursing II	(Theory)	2 credits/2 contact hours
NURS 253	Integrated Psychosocial Nursing	(Lab/Clinic)	1.5 credits/4.5 contact hours
NURS 267	Nursing Pharmacotherapeutics II	(Lab/Clinic)	1 credit/1.5 contact hour
NURS 270	Clinical Decision Making	(Theory)	1 credits/1 contact hours
			TOTAL: 11.5 credits/21 contact hours

GRAND TOTAL: 48.5 credits/79.5 contact hours

(Grand total includes prerequisite courses)

Nursing Applicant Checklist

Steps for Eligibility

- 1. New Student: General application to Kalamazoo Valley (www.kvcc.edu/apply) with program selection of "Health Sciences General Studies – Nursing RN Completion" (NR2).
- 2. Current Valley Student: Program code changed to "Health Sciences General Studies – Nursing RN Completion" (NR2), if needed.
 - a. I have a minimum GPA of 2.0 if I've taken courses here before.
- 3. Transferring credit toward a degree at Kalamazoo Valley: forward official, unopened college transcripts for evaluation to Degree Auditor, Kalamazoo Valley Community College, PO Box 4070, Kalamazoo, MI 49003-4070. Verify their arrival at the Admissions, Registration & Records Office.
- 4. Verify that all of my transfer courses meet the prerequisites like I've planned. (Note: Math 100 can not be substituted with any higher level Math courses).
- 5. Schedule appointment with an academic counselor or advisor 269.488.4040.

Nursing Application Requirements

- 1. ALL prerequisite courses successfully completed, or will be by the end of the first half of the Winter semester for the February application.
- 2. 1200 hours of work experience as LPN within the previous 3 years.
- 3. Apply online at https://p2.kvcc.edu/utilities/health_careers/ during the appropriate application period.
- 4. Supporting documentation has been uploaded with my application for points in category healthcare experience and for the work experience as LPN.

Other Requirements

- 1. An acceptable Live Scan fingerprinting (criminal background check) will be required at a later date. Further information regarding the on-campus Live Scan will be given to you upon acceptance into the program.
- 2. A negative drug screen will be required each year. Further information regarding the on-campus drug screening will be given to you upon acceptance into the program.
- 3. Immunization/health form/clinical compliance items will be due upon acceptance. For details please see "Immunization & Physical Requirements".

Prerequisite GPA Calculator Worksheet

PREREQUISITE COURSE	A	B	C
	Credit Hours or GPA Hours	Numeric Grade Example 4.0	Quality Points (A x B = C)
BIO 215 Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4		
CHM 115 Health Careers Chemistry	4		
ENG 110 College Writing I	3		
BIO 130 Micro & Infectious Diseases	4		
MATH 100 Health Careers Math	1		
PSY 150 Introductory Psychology	3		
TOTALS			

Prerequisite GPA =
$$\frac{\text{Total from Column C (Total Quality Points)}}{\text{Total from Column A (Total Credit Hours)}}$$

Prerequisite GPA = _____ =

Note: This worksheet is for student's use only and does not need to be submitted with the application.

Kalamazoo Valley Community College
RN Completion Program
APPROXIMATE COST OF NURSING EDUCATION: FALL 2023/WINTER 2024

	<u>In District</u>	<u>Out of District</u>	<u>Out of State</u>	<u>International</u>
Tuition Rates (per contact hour)	\$124.00	\$214.00	\$285.00	\$323.00
Student fees/semester	\$163.00	\$163.00	\$163.00	\$163.00
Prerequisites				
Tuition (25 contact hours)	\$3,100.00	\$5,350.00	\$7,125.00	\$8,075.00
Student fees (2 semesters)	\$326.00	\$326.00	\$326.00	\$326.00
Books (approximate)	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$800.00
	\$4,226.00	\$6,476.00	\$8,251.00	\$9,201.00
Semester 1 (Bridge) Courses				
Tuition (9.5 contact hours)	\$1,178.00	\$2,033.00	\$2,707.50	\$3,068.50
Student fee	\$163.00	\$163.00	\$163.00	\$163.00
HESI Assessment	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Books (approximate)	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$800.00
Uniform (approximate)	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Clinical Compliance (approximate)	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
	\$3,041.00	\$3,896.00	\$4,570.50	\$4,931.50
Semester 2 Courses				
Tuition (25 contact hours)	\$3,100.00	\$5,350.00	\$7,125.00	\$8,075.00
Student fee	\$163.00	\$163.00	\$163.00	\$163.00
HESI Assessment	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Books (approximate)	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$700.00
Clinical Compliance (approximate)	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
	\$4,188.00	\$6,438.00	\$8,213.00	\$9,163.00
Semester 3 Courses				
Tuition (21 contact hours)	\$2,604.00	\$4,494.00	\$5,985.00	\$6,783.00
Student fee	\$163.00	\$163.00	\$163.00	\$163.00
HESI Assessment	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Licensing	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00
	\$3,517.00	\$5,407.00	\$6,898.00	\$7,696.00
Program Totals				
Prerequisites	\$4,226.00	\$6,476.00	\$8,251.00	\$9,201.00
Semester 1	\$3,041.00	\$3,896.00	\$4,570.50	\$4,931.50
Semester 2	\$4,188.00	\$6,438.00	\$8,213.00	\$9,163.00
Semester 3	\$3,517.00	\$5,407.00	\$6,898.00	\$7,696.00
GRAND TOTAL:	\$14,972.00	\$22,217.00	\$27,932.50	\$30,991.50