

# BACHELOR OF SCIENCE PROGRAM IN NURSING

Generic and Accelerated

**LEHMAN COLLEGE**  
*The City University of New York*  
**DEPARTMENT OF NURSING**

The upper division nursing program, which leads to a B.S. degree, is designed to prepare students for a career as a professional nurse and provide a foundation for graduate study in nursing. The program fulfills the requirements of the New York State Education Department, is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), and entitles its graduates to take the National Council Licensing Examination (NCLEX) for licensure as a registered professional nurse.

The program is a 75-credit major of the total 120 credits required for graduation. Independent study courses and honors projects are available to qualified students.

The bachelor's program is designed to be completed in four academic years. **The Department requires that prior to applying to the Nursing Program, students complete their general education and prerequisite courses.** Students planning to enter nursing must declare their major by the time they have earned 60 credits, and seek advisement regarding the nursing program in the Department of Nursing. Faculty advising hours will be posted during the semester. Nursing is offered as a full-time program during the day. The Department of Nursing also offers an accelerated program for students who have a bachelor's degree in another field. The pre-requisites are and the admission processes is the same as that for the generic students. ***Application to the Accelerated Program MUST be submitted by March 15<sup>th</sup>.*** The program is designed to be completed in 15 months.

Students planning to enroll in NUR courses in the Fall semester of the Junior year must complete a separate nursing application to the Department of Nursing by **March 15<sup>th</sup> of the previous Spring semester**. Applications are available on the Department's web page. Applications will be available only between January 1<sup>st</sup> and the March 15<sup>th</sup> deadline each year. **Transfer students must submit official transcripts from all previous schools attended.** Transfer or second-degree students should also submit a copy of the evaluation of transfer credits from the Transfer Credit Evaluation office.

The clinical laboratory sections of the nursing courses are conducted in the diverse and culturally rich clinical facilities in the Bronx, Westchester, Manhattan and other surrounding communities.

Graduates of the program will have gained the knowledge and experience to function independently as well as collaboratively with other members of the healthcare team. Graduates will have sharpened their skills in critical thinking and have the ability to provide competent and compassionate care to assist individuals and families in achieving maximum levels of health.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMISSION OF THE NURSING APPLICATION

### A. To Be Considered For Entrance To The Nursing Program\*

#### 1. Admission to Lehman College.

Applicants will not be considered for admission to the nursing program unless they have been admitted to Lehman College. It is highly recommended that you verify Lehman College's admission requirements and deadlines with the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, Shuster Hall, Room 161. You are responsible to follow-up on the status of your application for admission to the college to ensure you are admitted on time.

#### 2. Completion of College Requirements

- a. General Education Requirements
- b. Declaration of major
- c. Evaluation of transfer credits
- d. If you are unsure of the college requirements then you should schedule a meeting with Academic Advising early in your college experience to verify any required Assessment or Placement exams.

#### 3. Completion of Pre-requisite Courses

Pre-requisites must be completed by the end of the Spring semester (May), except for accelerated applicants, to be considered for Fall (September) admission to the Nursing Program (**there is no January admission**).

#### 4. Meet with a Nursing Advisor

You are encouraged to speak with a nursing advisor before applying to the Nursing Program if you have questions or need further clarification about the program and requirements. Advising hours are posted in the Nursing Department and change every semester. Check with the Department for the current schedule.

#### 5. Proof of Legal Status - The City University of New York has instituted the following requirement: all CUNY nursing departments will require applicants for admission into nursing programs to provide documentation in one of the following categories:

- a. *U.S. Citizenship;*
- b. *Permanent Residency;*
- c. *International student with F1 Status; or*
- d. *Granted Asylum, Refugee Status, Temporary Protected Status, Withholding of Removal, or Deferred Action Status by the U.S. government.*

**There will be no exceptions to this policy.**

#### 6. Minimum Grade Point

A minimum grade of **C (73) or better** is required in each of the pre-requisite science courses, and a **MINIMUM CUMULATIVE INDEX OF 2.75 or greater** in these courses, or their equivalents, is required to submit an application for admission to the generic program.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Although courses can be repeated in accordance with college policy, for consideration in determining admission to the Nursing Program the first grade earned will be used to determine eligibility.

## 7. Pre-Nursing Exam

Applicants must take a standardized Admission Assessment Exam, HESI A2. An Admission Assessment Exam Review book is available in the bookstore.

\* **NOTE:** Students who have been dropped from another nursing program are not eligible for admission to the nursing program at Lehman College. Students enrolled in another nursing program cannot transfer directly into Lehman's nursing program. You must follow the Generic application procedures and must take all nursing courses required to complete the Generic nursing major.

## B. Submitting the Nursing Application

- **The Annual Application Period for the Nursing Program is January 1<sup>st</sup> through March 15<sup>th</sup>**

**This is a Self-Managed Application Procedure. You will submit, in person, your nursing application complete with all required documents and official transcripts attached and by March 15<sup>th</sup>.**

Educational institutions that require the official transcript to be mailed may send it directly to the Nursing Department by March 15<sup>th</sup>. Transcripts for prerequisites completed in the Spring semester must be received in the Nursing Department by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

- **Required Documents That You Must Submit To Apply to the Nursing Program**

**1. Completed Nursing Application (signed and dated).**

**2. Official Transcripts** from each educational institution you have attended after high school. (These are in addition to the transcripts submitted to Lehman College, CUNY, Admissions.)

**3. Transcript Evaluation Form** (Transfer Evaluation Office, Shuster Hall, Rm. 152)

**4. General Education Requirements** (Academic Advisement Office, Shuster Hall, Rm. 280). (Not needed if you are a second degree student or received an Associate degree from a CUNY Community College).

**5. Proof of Legal Status**

**6. Pre-Nursing Exam Scores**

- **All applicants will be notified by mail** during the month of June as to their status and acceptance into the nursing program for classes starting in the Fall.
- *Eligible accelerated applicants will be notified by the end of April for classes starting in the first summer session*

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**Accelerated (Generic) Nursing Program  
New! Effective Immediately**

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Accelerated Generic Nursing Program to commence the first summer session of 2019

**Now 15 months!**

**Application Deadline: January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 to March 15<sup>th</sup> 2019**

Prospective students with a bachelor's degree in another field can apply to the **15-month Accelerated nursing program**. Applicants must successfully complete all the following nursing prerequisite courses **before spring 2019** and take the HESI- A2 pre-admission exam prior to the submission of an application: general chemistry (with lab), organic chemistry (with Lab), anatomy and physiology (I and II), microbiology, and human growth and development. A grade of **C (73) or better** is required in each of the science courses. If a required prerequisite science course is repeated, the first grade earned will be considered.

***Applicants are encouraged to apply by the application deadline noted above. No applications will be accepted for the accelerated program after the deadline.***

To be eligible for the Generic Accelerated Nursing Program, you must have a 4-year Bachelor's Degree (any discipline) and meet the admission requirements for the Nursing Department.

Applicants will follow the Generic Nursing path, conditions, and application procedures as described in the Department of Nursing's "**Bachelor of Science Program in Nursing – Generic**" brochure/handout (aka Generic brochure/handout). **PLEASE SEE\* sections A and B of the Generic brochure/handout and read it carefully before contacting the Nursing Department with questions.**

Applicants for the accelerated component of the Generic Nursing Program must meet all of the same eligibility requirements outlined in the Generic brochure/handout: prerequisite courses, testing, legal status, and any other college and department requirements and deadlines in order to submit a Generic Nursing Application.

Generic Nursing is a full-time program. Accelerated nursing courses will be held every semester: Fall, Winter, Spring, and both Summer sessions. If accepted into the Accelerated Program-Generic, this program must be completed in one (1) year.

**\*SEE: Generic BS Program in Nursing (PDF)**

Nursing webpage: <http://www.lehman.edu/academics/health-human-services-nursing/nursing/>

## **75-Credit Major in Nursing, B.S.**

The distribution of courses and credits to be earned by all majors in the generic track are as follows:

### **In Sciences (Prior to admission)**

CHE 114	Essentials of General Chemistry	3 Credits
CHE 115	Essentials of General Chemistry	1.5 Credits, lab
CHE 120	Essentials of Organic Chemistry	3 Credits
CHE 121	Essentials of Organic Chemistry	1.5 Credits, lab
BIO 181	Anatomy and Physiology I	4 Credits
BIO 182	Anatomy and Physiology II	4 Credits
BIO 230	Microbiology	4 Credits

### **6 In Foundation Courses (Department permission required)**

HIN 268	Human Growth and Development	3 Credits, 3 hours (Prior to admission)
HIN 269	Analysis and Action for Community Health	3 Credits, 3 hours.

### **48 In Nursing Courses (Department permission required)**

NUR 300	Nursing as a Human Science	3 Credits
NUR 301	Therapeutic Intervention I	6 Credits
NUR 302	Ways of Knowing	3 Credits
NUR 303	Therapeutic Intervention II	6 Credits
NUR 304	Therapeutic Intervention III	3 Credits
NUR 330	Pharmacologic Basis of Nursing Practice	3 Credits
NUR 344	Altered Health States	3 Credits
NUR 405	Therapeutic Intervention IV	6 Credits
NUR 406	Clinical Decision Making	3 Credits
NUR 408	Trends & Issues in Nursing and Health Care	3 Credits
NUR 409	Therapeutic Intervention V	6 Credits
NUR 410	Professional Nursing Management	3 Credits

## **COURSES IN NURSING**

**HIN 268: Growth and Development.** 3 hours, 3 credits. Physical, cognitive, social and emotional aspects of human development from conception through late adulthood. PREREQ: Thirty college credits.

**HIN 269: Analysis and Action for Community Health.** 3 hours, 3 credits. Health needs of families in the context of their community. Introduction to epidemiological method and the principles of epidemiological investigation as tools for analyzing health needs. Issues of prevention, environmental health, special risk families, planned change, the concept of health teams and the roles of health workers in the community. PREREQ: Thirty college credits.

**NUR 300: Nursing as a Human Science.** 3 credits: 3 hours lecture. Historical, philosophical & theoretical foundations of nursing and selected

topics relating to the intersubjective nature of professional nursing and its moral, ethical and legal dimensions. PREREQ: Admission to the nursing major

**NUR 301: Therapeutic Nursing Intervention I: Introduction to professional nursing practice.** 6 credits: 3 hours lecture, 12 hours clinical laboratory. Emphasis on therapeutic communication, health assessment and data analysis. PREREQ: Admission to the nursing program. COREQ: NUR 300 and NUR 344. PRE or COREQ: HIN 269.

**NUR 302: Ways of Knowing in Nursing.** 3 credits: 3 hours lecture. Methods of research and inquiry in nursing and their implications for clinical practice. PREREQ: NUR 300

**NUR 303: Therapeutic Intervention II: Adult Health Nursing.** 6 credits: 3

hours lecture, 12 hours clinical laboratory. Clinical focus on nursing care of adults with acute and chronic illnesses. PREREQ: NUR 300, NUR 301, NUR 344, HIN 269. COREQ: NUR 304, NUR 330.

**NUR 304: Therapeutic Intervention III: Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing.** 3 credits: 2 hours lecture, 4 hours clinical laboratory. Clinical focus on nursing care of adults with acute and chronic psychiatric and mental health conditions. PREREQ: NUR 300, NUR 301, NUR 344, HIN 269. COREQ: NUR 303, NUR 330

**NUR 330: Pharmacologic Basis of Nursing Practice.** 3 credits: 3 hours lecture. General pharmacological principles as they relate to nursing practice and healthcare. PREREQ: COREQ: NUR 303, NUR 304

**NUR 344: Altered Health States.** 3 credits: 3 hours. The relationship of normal body functioning to the physiological changes that occur as a result of illness. Epidemiological, preventive and pathological aspects of disease. COREQ: NUR 300, NUR 301

**NUR 405: Therapeutic Intervention IV: Childbearing and childrearing families.** 6 credits: 3 hrs lecture. 12 hours clinical laboratory. Relation of nursing care to positive health experiences and outcomes in childbearing and childrearing families. PREREQ: NUR 303, NUR 304, NUR 330. COREQ: NUR 302, NUR 406.

**NUR 406: Clinical Decision Making.** 3 credits: 3 hours lecture. The processes of clinical judgment and decision making. Examination of the interaction between diagnostic and therapeutic reasoning within the context of ethical reasoning. PREREQ: NUR 303, NUR 304. COREQ: NUR 405.

**NUR 408: Trends & Issues in Nursing & Health Care.** 3 credits: 3 hours lecture. Identification and exploration of trends and issues with opportunity to

debate and to defend a position on issues. PREREQ: NUR 406.

**NUR 409: Therapeutic Intervention V: Nursing Synthesis.** 6 credits: 3 hours lecture. 12 hrs clinical laboratory. Synthesis of knowledge and skills required to effectively support clients, families and groups along a trajectory from diagnosis through end of life. Population based care as it relates to disaster preparedness and targeted nursing response. PREREQ: NUR 405, NUR 406. COREQ: NUR 410.

**NUR 410: Professional Nursing Management.** 3 credits: 3 hours lecture. Professional role of the nurse in the health care system. Emphasis on leadership and management theory as related to nursing administration, organizational design and governance. COREQ: NUR 409.

**NUR 489: Honors Project.** One semester, 3 credits (maximum 6 credits). Independent study or investigation, under faculty direction. A written report is required. PREREQ: Satisfactory completion of 24 credits in NUR or related fields and departmental

permission; cumulative college index of 3.2 and an index of 3.5 in Nursing.

### **COURSES OF INTEREST**

**NUR (SOC) 240: Death, Dying, and Bereavement.** 3 hours, 3 credits. Sociological, psychological, and health care perspectives and ethical issues surrounding the processes of dying and bereavement. Topics include the history of attitudes toward death, the new medical technology, the ways individuals confront their own death and that of others, dying in institutions, death and the child, and suicide.

**NUR 350: Topics in Nursing.** 3 credits, 3 hours (maximum 6 credits). PREREQ: 45 credits in nursing and permission of the Chair.

**NUR 385: Independent Study in Nursing.** One semester, 1-3 credits. (Limited to Juniors and Seniors in nursing) Independent study on a specific topic or clinical area of interest, under the supervision of a faculty member in the Department of Nursing. PREREQ: Instructor's permission.

## **DEPARTMENT GRADING POLICY**

A minimum grade of C (73%) is required for a student to progress in the undergraduate nursing program. A student who does not achieve a grade of C or better in a nursing course or in the foundation courses may repeat the course only once.

Students may repeat only one NUR or HIN course, regardless of the reason for non-completion.

## **RECOMMENDED COURSES**

It is recommended that students planning graduate study take MAT 132: Introduction to Statistics. This course fulfills the college math requirement. In fulfillment of the language requirement, it is recommended that a level of proficiency in speaking Spanish equivalent to completion of SPA 207 (or an equivalent proficiency in speaking some other appropriate foreign language) be achieved by those who expect to work in the metropolitan New York area. American Sign Language can be taken to fulfill the foreign language requirement.

## **TIME LIMIT TO COMPLETE NURSING PROGRAM**

Students admitted to the nursing program must complete the baccalaureate in nursing within five years. Students who do not meet this time requirement may reapply to have the currency of their nursing courses reevaluated. Students may be required to demonstrate current knowledge as evidenced by recent or present practice, portfolio, certification, or validation by examination.

## **EVALUATION OF TRANSFER CREDITS**

Once admitted as a transfer student, you will receive an evaluation of transfer credits before your first registration at Lehman College. The Office of Transfer Credit Evaluations will notify you when your transfer evaluation is complete or request that you come in to discuss your credit evaluation. For more information about CUNY transfer policies, course equivalencies, CUNY permit information visit: **CUNY Transfer Information and Program Planning System (TIPPS)** at <http://tipps.cuny.edu/>

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