

L. A. Harbor College Nursing Program Information and Prerequisites

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Completion of application for admission to Los Angeles Harbor College and placement testing (if applicable).
2. Graduation from a U.S. accredited high school, GED, or completion of AA or higher degree from a U.S. accredited college or university.
3. Cumulative 2.5 or higher college GPA on all work from U.S. accredited colleges or universities.
4. **Completion of *Anatomy 1, Physiology 1, Microbiology 1 or 20*, with grade of "C" or better (**not** "C-") and an overall **2.5 GPA in these courses.** *English 101, Psychology 1 and 41* must also be completed with a grade of "C" or better (**not** "C-") prior to admission. (Note: U.S. High School or U.S. college chemistry with a lab and "C" or better (**not** "C-") is a prerequisite for Microbiology and Physiology. Harbor's Chemistry 65 has a Math 123C pre-or co-requisite.) Currently, those students with work in progress may be considered as alternates for admission.**
5. No more than one repeated course in science program prerequisites (*Anatomy, Physiology and Microbiology*). **Strongly recommended:** no more than 10 units of repeated coursework total.
6. Pass college math competency exam OR complete intermediate algebra (Math 123C) or higher math course with a grade of "C" or better (**not** "C-").
7. Transcripts (high school and college). Students are required to attach official sealed transcript(s) to their Nursing application. LAHC transcripts may be unofficial. Official transcripts must also be mailed directly from the other colleges to Admissions (No hand carried transcripts accepted in Admissions). (Foreign students must have official sealed transcripts and sealed evaluation stating U.S. equivalency attached to application)
8. Students that meet or exceed the minimum program requirements for entrance into the nursing program will be invited to take the TEAS test prior to admission.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Must have "C" or better (**not** "C-") in all coursework listed below. The Health Education requirement is waived for R.N. students. All foreign coursework will receive the equivalent grade of "C" for each course given such credit.

LVN students who are applying for the RN program are required to enroll in Nursing 311, 321, and 329A & B the semester prior to RN program admission.

Program Prerequisites

One college Chemistry course with lab or one year of H.S. Chemistry ("C", not "C-" or higher for **both** semesters)

Anatomy 1

Physiology 1

Microbiology 20 or 1

English 101

Psychology 1

Psychology 41

Graduation requirements

Speech 121 or 101

Sociology 1 or Anthropology 102

U.S. History or Government (See G.E. Plan "B" Section B in catalog)

Humanities course (See G.E. Plan "B" Section C in the catalog) Spanish is recommended)

Physical Education course (Minimum one semester unit in PE 98-690. Adapted P.E. recommended)

Strongly Recommended Courses

Nursing 301 A, B, C

Nursing 302 (Math of Drugs and Solutions)

Nursing 364 (Pharmacology)

Biology 33 (Medical Terminology)

Tips for Success in the Nursing Program

- Enroll and successfully complete Nursing 301 A, B, and C, 302 and 364 prior to entering the nursing program.
- Utilize www.learningexpresslibrary.com for review of English, Math, Sciences, nursing tests, etc.
- Make an appointment with a counselor early to review requirements and develop an educational plan; especially if you have coursework from another college or university. (310) 233-4230
- Make sure members of your support system (family, significant other, friends, etc.) understand of your need to be totally committed to the program from your first day as a nursing student until your graduation.
- Remember that all of your prerequisites are not only for entrance into the program but are designed to build your knowledge-base and lay the foundation to be successful in the program. We know your goal is to become a skilled and knowledgeable RN.
- A book on critical thinking will help you apply your prerequisite course knowledge to the concepts in the Nursing curriculum.
- Aim to complete all the program prerequisites and co requisites before applying to the program. You may apply with courses in progress, but your chances of being accepted are significantly reduced especially if your GPA is low.
- If you work over 20 hours per week your chances of success are greatly reduced. Approximately 24-36 hours per week of studying outside of class and clinic hours is should be expected in order to be successful.
- Three reentries into the nursing program are allowed, but reentering the program after failing the first semester is virtually impossible. Readmission is neither automatic nor guaranteed.
- If you need to raise your GPA in the sciences, you are limited to one repeated science course only.
- Each semester in the program there is a drugs/ solutions math test required, with three chances to pass at 95% or higher within a short time frame. If you fail three times, you must withdraw from that semester. Taking Nursing 302 and 364 will help you pass the test each semester.
- Reading ability is very important for Nursing. For assistance in improving reading comprehension and speed visit the LAHC Literacy center.
- If you have any social security number problems, get them taken care of before graduation and board exam.
- Before preparing for Nursing, contact the Board of Registered Nursing to see if any past legal problems will prevent licensure.
- All of the tips above and the prerequisites listed on the other side of this paper make up your training regimen for the nursing program. If you put little or no effort into your training, you are setting yourself up for failure. If you put time, effort, and consistency into your training you will be in the best shape for when you enter the program.

Please visit our website for more information and our application.

<http://www.lahc.edu/classes/nursing/index.html>

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