

## FAQs for Allied Health Website (Nursing)

### **I want to become a nurse, what do I do first?**

- Complete LDCC admissions application first.
- Speak to an Admissions Representative to get started. Meet minimum requirements such as presenting proof of high school education or its equivalent (as defined by the US DOE) and proof of US citizenship or a permanent resident card (aka green card).
- Receive your letter of acceptance.
- Schedule an advisement appointment with faculty advisor /program contact to determine sequence of courses.
- Register in courses suggested and/or approved by faculty advisor.
- Complete your initial enrollment with payment of tuition and student fees.

### **How do I apply for the LPN, LPN to RN Bridge, or ASN program?**

First you must complete LDCC Admission application. Complete the online Program application (LPN, LPN-RN, or ASN) - visit our online portal to apply. Make an appointment via email with **program contact**, to be advised.

### **I'm not sure; (if my grades are satisfactory) or (I have never had any college courses) to enter program?**

Make an appointment via email with **program contact**, to be advised. They will provide answers and options for you.

### **What the difference between Licensed Practical Nurse and Registered Nurse?**

Practical nursing refers to licensed practical nurses (LPNs) who provide hands-on nursing care, working under the direction of healthcare workers such as registered nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants and physicians. This can include monitoring patients' health, administering basic care, reporting patient concerns, and updating health records. Many LPNs work in assisted living or residential services rather than in hospitals.

Professional nursing, on the other hand, refers to registered nurses who typically have a greater variety of job opportunities in the work environment. RNs often supervise others and count on their critical thinking skills to perform assessments and make judgments about patient care. RNs are more likely to work in hospitals in a variety of roles.

### **I am a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN), how can I become a Registered Nurse (RN) at LDCC?**

The LPN – RN Track application must include successful completion of required thirteen (13) pre-requisite courses as listed on audit sheet; two copies of license verification obtained from the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurses Examiners; and a letter from an employer as verification that one year of work experience has been completed.

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## **What is the LPN to RN Bridge Program?**

Licensed Practical (LPN) can advance their nursing careers by becoming a Registered Nurse (RN). LPN to RN Bridge Program gives you an opportunity to expand of your scope of practice, higher salary potential, and greater career prospects in the future.

## **Are there any prerequisites for the LPN program?**

Unlike many other nursing schools, there is no prerequisite coursework and there are no wait lists at many campuses for qualified applicants. You only need to apply, and you can begin your LPN classes.

## **Is the LPN program online?**

No. The program is largely hands-on and campus-based—where you'll get career-focused training through onsite clinicals.

## **Is the ASN program online?**

No. The program is largely hands-on and campus-based—where you'll get career-focused training through onsite clinicals.

## **How long does it take to finish the LPN program?**

You can earn your diploma in as few as 18 months, and after you pass the NCLEX-PN®, you're set to begin working as an LPN.

## **How long does it take to finish the ASN program?**

You can earn your Associate of Science Degree in Nursing in, 4 semesters and after you pass the NCLEX-RN®, you're set to begin working as an RN.

## **What does an LPN do? / Where can they work?**

A Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) provides hands-on nursing care, working under the direction of healthcare workers such as registered nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants and physicians. This can include monitoring patients' health, administering basic care, reporting patients' concerns, and updating health records.

As an LPN, you can work in hospitals, long-term care facilities, assisted living centers, in-home healthcare, clinics, outpatient/ambulatory care centers, rehabilitation centers, and more.

## **When is the professional program application deadline?**

ASN – Applications for professional portion of ASN program are reviewed every Fall for the upcoming Spring semester program start. ASN students should submit a completed application no later than August 15 - September 15.

LPN to RN Bridge program - applications should be completed and submitted by March 1 – April 1.

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### **What classes will I take? How many credit hours?**

The LDCC LPN curriculum consists of 58 credit hours of required curriculum courses.

The LDCC ASN curriculum consists of 37 credit hours of required co-curriculum courses and 33 credit hours of nursing program courses.

Class/course information can be found in the LDCC Course Catalog online.

### **What is the cost of the program?**

Contact Admission and Financial Aid regarding cost of classes. Check with Financial Aid department, you may qualify for financial assistance towards your education.

### **Do I qualify for financial aid?**

Contact Financial Aid department, they can assist you regarding qualifications. Some students are eligible for financial aid. A FASFA form will need to be completed for our financial aid counselors to put together a financial aid award.

### **Can I work while I am in the nursing program?**

The average number of contact hours per semester is 12 to 15. In addition to the time spent in theory and clinical courses, it is strongly recommended that students spend an additional 2 hours per contact hour each week reading, studying, researching, and practicing clinical skills in order to safely care for patients. This would add up to another 30 to 36 hours in addition to the clinical and class time, so you could compare the effort invested into the nursing program to be equivalent to that needed to maintain a full-time job. We recommend that students do not work while enrolled in the program. However, if students absolutely must work, they should plan on working no more than 12 hours per week.

### **Can I apply for the LPN and ASN at the same time?**

You cannot apply for the LPN program if you currently applied for the ADN-RN program.

### **Currently enrolled in another program, but want to transfer...what do I do?**

All students who wish to transfer from an external institution must meet all admission requirements at Louisiana Delta Community College. Credit-bearing coursework from a college or university accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education may be eligible for transfer credit at Louisiana Delta Community College.

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