

WHERE DO I GO FROM HERE?

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... to becoming a Registered Nurse!

HERE ARE THE ANSWERS TO YOUR FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Since I am a first time student who is interested in the Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) Program at Louisiana Delta Community College (LDCC), where do I begin?

The **first** thing that students must do is **apply to the college**.

- Students may visit the LDCC website at www.ladelta.edu and apply to the college online.
- Students may also visit the LDCC Monroe Campus at 7500 Millhaven Rd. Monroe, Louisiana 71203 to complete the admission process in person and have questions answered by an individual in the Knight Center.

2. What should I do next?

Students will need to follow all of the Admission requirements for the college. This will include things such as:

- completing and submitting the admissions application and other requirements.
- declaring your major as Associate of General Studies (AGS), Applied Science, Health Science (pre-nursing).
- registering and taking the Accu Placer test or submitting your formerly taken official standardized college readiness entrance exam (example ACT) results to assist placement in the correct classes.
- obtaining your LoLa/Banner ID (your personal access number) and LDCC picture ID in the Library.
- receiving assistance in signing in to your Banner account and email for the first time.
- requesting official (straight from your high school or other college, unopened) transcripts be submitted to LDCC.
- submitting your immunization records to LDCC.

3. What do I need to do after applying to LDCC?

Students will need to follow the RN Audit(s) (Curriculum Plan) at the end of the FAQs or visit the website again:

- Hover over "Academics"
- Click the "School of Health Sciences, Natural Sciences and Math"
- Click "Registered Nursing"

- Scroll to the bottom and click “RN Audit Trad (Curriculum Plan)” (or if a LPN and desire that option, “RN Audit LPN-RN”) to download &/or print the document to follow when planning and registering for non-nursing courses that must be taken in preparation for nursing.
- Students may be directed to see an Advisor.
 - Students should either refer to the Nursing Office (Room 204) or notice the advising schedules posted in the alcoves of the Nursing Department (rooms 204-223).
- After being advised, students should visit the website again and:
 - Click “Students” at the top of the homepage.
 - Click “Schedule of Classes.”
 - Place the course that is desired in the search area.
 - Choose a course that fits well into the schedule desired.
 - Write down the CRN of the chosen section, and the times and days of the course.
 - Login to LoLa/Banner and register as directed, using the CRN written.

4. Why should my major be AGS if I am planning to take the pre-nursing courses to apply to the ASN Program?

Students should apply to LDCC as majoring in an Associate of General Studies (AGS), Applied Science, Health Science (pre-nursing). Once accepted into the ASN program, the major is changed to the ASN major.

5. How do I know what courses that I need to take to become an associate degree nurse?

Students need to follow the RN Audit(s)/Curriculum Plan(s) (in this document or on the LDCC website).

- Keep the RN Audit/Curriculum Plan up-to-date and as your record to have signed when visiting an advisor.
- The courses that are listed in the “Pre-nursing Semester” are the courses that **must** be complete prior to applying to the nursing program.

6. I only have one more class to take to be through with the required prerequisites. Can I go ahead and apply for the nursing program and take that course once I am accepted?

No. The five (5) prerequisite courses must be complete prior to application to the program. However, if students are enrolled in any of the required prerequisite course(s) in the summer semester of which they are applying, they may still apply to the program as long as they pass with at least a “C” in the course(s) by August. Also, if students are already a LPN and applying for the LPN to RN Transition, they may be completing the final prerequisites during the semester of application.

7. I took some of the non-nursing courses nearly 10 years ago from another university. How recent do the courses have to be?

Sciences (BIOL 210, 211, 221, 222, 223, & 224) must have been taken within the last five years. If *sciences are greater than five years, one may apply for a waiver through the ASN Program Director*. No more than three (3) attempts of science course(s), within three (3) years, from any institution are allowed. However, with provision of documentation for extenuating circumstances, the applicant may apply for a waiver through the ASN Program Director.

Examples of documented extenuating circumstances are:

- Personal serious illness requiring hospitalization.
- The student’s child with serious illness requiring hospitalization.
- Death of an immediate family member.
- Military deployment.

All other non-nursing courses (English, Math, Psychology, Arts and Humanities Electives) with grades of at least a “C” will be accepted at LDCC, however, the student should have advisor sign off on transfer credits.

8. Do I get credits transferred from my practical nursing courses?

No, practical nursing credits cannot be transferred. The PN and ASN programs have different curriculums and requirements by their different state boards and accrediting agencies.

9. Can I transfer my nursing course credits from another university/college?

No, the state of Louisiana does not have a standardized nursing curriculum and all universities/colleges have different courses and descriptions, therefore no nursing course credits may be transferred to the LDCC ASN Program.

10. What else do I do in order to apply to be in the ASN Program?

Getting into the ASN Program is very competitive.

- Keep your GPA as high as possible (close to 4.0).
- A pre-entrance exam termed TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills) must be taken in the LDCC Testing Center.
- It is advisable to get a study guide, and study it routinely prior to taking the TEAS exam.
- The TEAS Study Guide may be purchased by visiting www.atitesting.com.
- After having studied and feeling “ready,” register in the Knight Center to take TEAS by scheduling a date and time, and paying the applicable fee with the Bursar. Please see the TEAS policy below.

A score of 60 must be obtained on TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills). The highest TEAS score is used in the admission rubric. Scores are good for 3 years. There may be 3 attempts in a 3 year period. Once 3 attempts have been made, the applicant is eligible to retake TEAS after a period of 1 year from the last attempt.

11. Can I take the TEAS exam at another school?

Yes, but this is not the recommendation.

- No transcripts are accepted hand-delivered. If TEAS is taken elsewhere, students will need to again visit www.atitesting.com.
- Go to the Online Store, click Discover Transcript, pay \$27.00 and have the transcript sent to the ASN Program, cynthiacox@ladelta.edu.

12. Is there a waiting list for the ASN Program?

There is no waiting list – if not accepted, students must apply during the next application period.

- In the meantime, if all non-nursing courses have been taken and grades are felt satisfactory, there are other healthcare programs available to obtain a certificate while pursuing the ASN Program acceptance.
- Visit the website and follow the directions to navigate to other health programs.

13. When will the application and selection processes occur for the ASN Program?

- Application for the Traditional Program Option begins during the summer semester and ends in September.
- Application for the LPN to RN Program Option begins in the spring semester and ends at the beginning of the summer semester.
- The Selection Committee meets approximately one month after the end of the application periods, and letters and/or emails are sent to all applicants.

14. What scores do I need for meeting the admission criteria for the ASN Program?

Students must complete all prerequisites with grades of C or better.

The **minimum** scores needed are:

- **overall cumulative** GPA of **2.5** or better.
- **overall prerequisites** GPA of **2.7** or better.
- **overall composite TEAS** score of **60** or better.

15. If I have C's in some of the non-nursing courses, should I repeat any to improve my chances of getting in when I apply?

- Courses should not be taken more than three (3) times from any institution.
- If a student experienced extenuating circumstances, feels strongly that they will make better grades by repeating, and if they have the time and money to do so, this may be a good idea.

16. If I have a criminal background (misdemeanor/felony), can I still apply to the program?

- Yes, such an individual is welcome to apply.
- However, the Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN) requires a criminal background check on all applicants, and the LSBN itself (***not LDCC***) will determine whether or not a student may enroll in the nursing clinical courses within the ASN program.
- **Clinical affiliates have the right to refuse students' access to their facilities if they have a criminal history, even with LSBN approval.



LOUISIANA DELTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Associate of Science in Nursing
ASN TRADITIONAL OPTION – RN AUDIT (CURRICULUM PLAN)

Name:	LDCC ID:
Email:	Phone No:

Students who place in any 095 developmental course OR two or more developmental courses are required to take FRST 100 (1 credit hour)

Developmental Course(s) if necessary	Semester & Year	Institution (If not Delta)	Transfer/Substitution Course and Approval	Hours	Grade
Dev Ed Course:					
Dev Ed Course:					
FRST 100:					

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Examples of documented extenuating circumstances are:

- Personal serious illness requiring hospitalization.
- The student's child with serious illness requiring hospitalization.
- Death of an immediate family member.
- Military deployment.

The applicant must have completed the required prerequisite courses achieving a "C" or higher. In the event that all seats are not filled with qualified applicants, students completing prerequisites after the application period will be considered for acceptance.

A score of 60 must be obtained on TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills). The highest TEAS score is used in the admission rubric. Scores are good for 3 years. There may be 3 attempts. After 3 attempts, the applicant is eligible to retake TEAS after a period of 3 years from the last attempt.

Pre-Nursing Semester (AGS with Health Science Concentration)	Semester & Year	Institution (If not Delta)	Transfer/Substitution Course and Approval	Hours	Grade	Quality Points
BIOL 221-Anat & Phys I (Lecture)*/**				3		
BIOL 223-Anat & Phys I (Lab) */**				1		
ENGL 101-Composition I *				3		
MATH 110-College Algebra *				3		
PSYC 201-Intro *				3		
NURS 100-Intro to Nursing*				2		
				15		Subtotal Hours: 15
Nursing Level I	Semester & Year	Institution (If not Delta)	Transfer/Substitution Course and Approval	Hours	Grade	Quality Points
BIOL 222-Anat & Phys II Lecture**				3		
BIOL 224-Anat & Phys II Lab**				1		
ENGL 102-Composition II				3		
NURS 112-Basics in Nursing				6		
HSCI 115-Pharmacology				3		
				16		Subtotal Hours: 29
Nursing Level II	Semester & Year	Institution (If not Delta)	Transfer/Substitution Course and Approval	Hours	Grade	Quality Points
BIOL 210-Microbiology Lecture **				3		
BIOL 211-Microbiology Lab **				1		
MATH 210-Intro to Statistics				3		
NURS 122-Nursing of the Adult I				8		
				15		Subtotal Hours: 44
Nursing Level III	Semester & Year	Institution (If not Delta)	Transfer/Substitution Course and Approval	Hours	Grade	Quality Points
Humanities Requirement				3		
NURS 219-Parent/Child Nursing				6		
NURS 221-Mental Health Nursing				3		
				12		Subtotal Hours: 56
Nursing Level IV	Semester & Year	Institution (If not Delta)	Transfer/Substitution Course and Approval	Hours	Grade	Quality Points
Fine Arts Requirement				3		
NURS 232-Nursing of the Adult II				8		
NURS 233-Trends, Issues, & Management				1		
Total credits for Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) degree: 70 Hours				12		Total Hours: 70

Signature of Advisor or Program Director: _____ **Date:** _____

Comments: _____



LOUISIANA DELTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Associate of Science in Nursing
LPN TO RN PROGRAM OPTION – RN AUDIT (CURRICULUM PLAN)

Name:	LDCC ID:
Email:	Phone No:

***Students who place in any 095 developmental course OR two or more developmental courses are required to take FRST 100 (1 credit hour)**

Developmental Course(s) if necessary	Semester & Year	Institution (If not Delta)	Transfer/Substitution Course and Approval	Hours	Grade
Dev Ed Course:					
Dev Ed Course:					
FRST 100					

***Required for application to the ASN Program. **Sciences (BIOL 210, 211, 221, 222, 223, 224) must have been taken within the last five years. If sciences are greater than five years, one may apply for a waiver through the ASN Program Director. No more than three (3) attempts of science course(s), within three (3) years, from any institution are allowed. However, with provision of documentation for extenuating circumstances, the applicant may apply for a waiver through the ASN Program Director.**

- Examples of documented extenuating circumstances are:**
- Personal serious illness requiring hospitalization.
 - The student's child with serious illness requiring hospitalization.
 - Death of an immediate family member.
 - Military deployment.

The applicant must, at a minimum, be completing the required non-nursing, prerequisite courses during the semester of application, achieving a "C" or higher. A score of 60 must be obtained on TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills). The highest TEAS score is used in the admission rubric. Scores are good for 3 years. There may be 3 attempts. After 3 attempts, the applicant is eligible to retake TEAS after a period of 3 years from the last attempt.

Pre-Nursing Semester (AGS with Health Science Concentration)	Semester & Year	Institution (If not Delta)	Transfer/Substitution Course and Approval	Hours	Grade	Quality Points
ENGL 101-Composition I *				3		
ENGL 102-Composition II*				3		
MATH 110-College Algebra *				3		
MATH 210-Intro to Statistics*				3		
PSYC 201-Intro *				3		
BIOL 221-Anat & Phys I Lecture*/**				3		
BIOL 223-Anat & Phys I Lab */**				1		
BIOL 210-Microbiology Lecture**				3		
BIOL 211-Microbiology Lab **				1		
BIOL 222-Anat & Phys II Lecture **				3		
BIOL 224-Anat & Phys II Lab **				1		
HSCI 115-Pharmacology*				3		
NURS 100-Intro to Nursing*				2		
				32	Subtotal Hours: 32	

LPN-RN Program Option students must complete NURS 132. When 132 is successfully completed, articulation credit is given for NURS 112 & 122.	Semester & Year	Institution (If not Delta)	Transfer/Substitution Course and Approval	Hours	Grade	Quality Points
NURS 132-LPN to RN Transition				14		
				14	Subtotal Hours: 44	

★NURS 132 is a total of 6 credits; however, with successful completion of 132, 14 credits will appear on the student's transcript — 6 credits for NURS 112 and 8 credits for NURS 122.

Nursing Level III	Semester & Year	Institution (If not Delta)	Transfer/Substitution Course and Approval	Hours	Grade	Quality Points
Humanities Requirement				3		
NURS 219-Parent/Child Nursing				6		
NURS 221-Mental Health Nursing				3		
				12	Subtotal Hours: 56	

Nursing Level IV	Semester & Year	Institution (If not Delta)	Transfer/Substitution Course and Approval	Hours	Grade	Quality Points
Fine Arts Requirement				3		
NURS 232-Nursing of the Adult II				8		
NURS 233-Trends, Issues, & Management				1		
				12	Total Hours: 70	

Total credits for Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) degree: 70 Hours

Signature of Advisor or Program Director: _____ **Date:** _____

Comments: _____

