Equivalent Course Credit Completed Within the United States

Coursework taken at another accredited US institution may fulfill a prerequisite or prerequisites. All coursework must be verified by providing an official transcript and, if possible, a course description (generally found in the college catalog) from any college outside of the Los Angeles Community College District. The student will be required to meet with a Counselor to complete an Evaluation of Credit. In some cases, the Counselor will consult with a Department Chairperson who will make the final determination to accept or deny course equivalency.

Studies Completed at a Foreign Institution

Coursework taken at a foreign institution may fulfill a prerequisite course but only after having the foreign transcript evaluated. The approved evaluation agencies are those used by the Los Angeles Community College District Personnel Office and are:

- Academic and Professional International Evaluations, Inc.
- American Education Research Corporation
- Educational Credential Evaluations, Inc.
- Educational Records Evaluation Service
- Institute for International Credentials Evaluations at California State University, Fresno
- International Education Research Foundation, Inc.; Credentials Evaluation Service
- World Education Services; Application for Evaluation of Foreign Educational Credentials

(A list, “Accredited Agencies for Foreign Transcript Evaluation,” with complete contact information, is available in the Nursing and Counseling Offices.)

Students will be directed to a Counselor who will review the evaluated foreign transcript. The Counselor will prepare documentation recommending equivalent credit. In some cases the Counselor will consult with a Department Chairperson who will make the final determination to accept or deny course equivalency.

A District-wide policy is pending on acceptance of coursework taken at foreign universities. The existing procedure does not allow coursework or subject matter equivalency for fulfillment of Plan B, English Composition, Oral Communication, or for American Institutions. In addition course equivalency is not granted by the Nursing Department for the following Nursing Prerequisites: Psychology 1 and 41.

Evaluation and Notification

Students will be notified by mail of their application status.

Note: If a student has a prior record of conviction of a serious offense, the student is urged to contact the Board of Registered Nursing before applying to the Nursing Program.

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Sacramento, CA 95834-1924
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www.rn.ca.gov

Los Angeles Southwest College
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www.lasc.edu/Nursing
THE REGISTERED NURSING PROGRAM

The Registered Nursing Program at Los Angeles Southwest College provides a basic curriculum in Nursing education that satisfies requirements for the Associate Degree in Science with a major in Nursing. Successful completion of the two-year program prepares the graduate to function as an entry-level nurse, and take the National Council Licensing Examination (NCLEX-RN) leading to licensure as a Registered Nurse.

Students seeking admission to the Nursing Program are encouraged to see a Counselor on a walk-in basis or by appointment. Students may also seek advisement on a walk-in basis or by appointment in the Nursing Department Office for answers to questions beyond those issues covered in this brochure and/or answerable by a Counselor.

Prior to admission to the required Nursing courses, candidates must take the Department’s tests to demonstrate speed, proficiency and comprehension in reading and proficiency in math computation. Self-paced, open-entry and open-exit assistance is available to assist students in achieving the required skill levels prior to enrolling in the first Nursing courses. Information regarding testing date, time and location is mailed to eligible candidates.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Graduation from a U.S. high school or its equivalent is required. Acceptable equivalents are the G.E.D. test, the California High School Proficiency Examination or an evaluated foreign transcript. A degree from a college or university in the United States may also meet this requirement. Official transcripts are required.

Candidates must have achieved a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 for all college coursework taken. In addition, a grade of “C” is required in all Nursing Prerequisite courses as of Fall 2006.

NURSING PREREQUISITES

1A. Biology 20, Human Anatomy & Physiology OR 8 units
1B. Anatomy 1, Introduction to Human Anatomy AND 4 units
1C. Physiology 1, Introductory Physiology 4 units
2. Microbiology 1, Introductory Microbiology 5 units
3. English 101, College Reading and Composition I 3 units
4. Psychology 1, General Psychology 3 units
5. Psychology 41, Life Span Psychology: From Infancy to Old Age 3 units
6. Sociology 1, Introduction to Sociology 3 units
7. Speech 101, Oral Communication I 3 units
8A. Math 115, Elementary Algebra or higher OR 5 units
8B. Math Competency Course OR
8C. Math Competency Test
9. Chemistry 51, Fundamentals of Chemistry I or higher 5 units

OTHER GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

One course in each of the two following categories must be completed sometime during the course of study in order to earn the Associate in Science in Nursing degree.

OTHER GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS, continued

One course from American Institutions:
History 11, 12, 41, 42, 43 or Political Science 1

One course from Humanities:
American Sign Language 1, 2, 3; Art 101, 102, 103, 104, 201, 300, 501; English 102 (thru Summer 05), 127, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 211, 212, 213, 218, 234, 239; French 1, 2, 3, 4; Humanities 1, 2, 6, 31, 54; Japanese 1; Music 101, 111; Philosophy 1; Spanish 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 101; Theater 100, 110, 130, 233, 240, 270, 271, 300

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applications to the Nursing Program are available in the Nursing Department Office.

Submit completed applications to the Nursing Department Office. (Applications are accepted between January 15 and March 31 for the Fall semesters and between July 15 and September 30 for the Spring semesters.)

Applications must include:

- Completed Nursing Prerequisites Sheet prepared by a Counselor. (All prerequisites must be completed at the time of application. The cumulative 2.5 GPA will also be verified on the Prerequisites Sheet.)
- Proof of completion of all Nursing Prerequisites with a “C” or higher. (Submit official transcripts from all colleges and universities, including Los Angeles Southwest College, at which the required prerequisite courses were taken. Transcripts must be submitted to Admissions and Nursing.)
- Proof of graduation from a US high school or its equivalent. (Submit one of the following: 1) an official transcript of completed studies from a U.S. high school, college or university or 2) an evaluated foreign transcript or 3) an official verification of passing the G.E.D. or California Proficiency Examination.

Approximately four to six weeks after each application deadline, candidates will be notified of their application status.

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