

Bachelor of Science Program in Nursing Generic

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 students complete their general education and prerequisite courses in the first two years of study. All college requirements must be completed before admission to the nursing program.** All students, except those who have already earned a bachelor's degree, must take and pass the CUNY Proficiency Exam (CPE). Transfer students should check with the College Writing Office (CA 339) regarding appropriate examinations and placement. 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. There is no evening nursing or accelerated program.

Students planning to enroll in NUR courses in the Fall semester of the Junior year must complete an application to the Department of Nursing by **March 15 of the previous Spring semester**. Students may pick up applications from the Department of Nursing office (T3-201) during office hours. Applications will be available only between January 1st and the March 15th 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 Admissions 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 by March 15th

Applicants will not be considered for admission to the nursing program unless they have been admitted to Lehman College by March 15th. If you submit a nursing application and it is determined that you were not admitted to Lehman College by the March 15 deadline, your application will be discarded. It is highly recommended that you verify Lehman College's admission requirements and deadlines with the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, Shuster Hall, Room 161, and apply early in the Fall semester. 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. Passing Grade on the CUNY Proficiency Exam (CPE)
- c. Declaration of major
- 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 other required Assessment or Placement exams.

3. Completion of Pre-requisite Courses

Pre-requisites must be completed by the end of the Spring semester (May) to be considered for Fall (September) admission to Nursing Program (**there is no longer a January admission**). Current Lehman College students may request that the Registrar's Office send a transcript of foreign transferred credits earned to the Nursing Department.

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. Completion of 60 college credits by the end of the Spring semester that you apply to the Nursing Program.

6. Proof of Legal Status - The City University of New York has instituted the following requirement:

Beginning in the Fall 2009 semester, 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.

7. 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. **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.**

8. Pre-Nursing Exam

Applicants must take or have taken the National League For Nursing (NLN) Pre-Admission Examination for RN Programs (PAX-RN). The department will schedule exams for students applying to Lehman's nursing program during Winter Recess and early Spring semester—the dates and times will be posted in the Nursing Department. There is a non-refundable fee to sit for this exam. You may also schedule to take this exam directly with the National League for Nursing—contact them at 800-669-9656 for information about the exam, other test locations, and the currency of this exam if you have already taken it. PAX-RN exam results will be accepted if taken within the 18 months before the March 15th nursing application deadline. Exam results must be received in the Department of Nursing by May 1st.

***PLEASE NOTE:** Students who have been dropped from another nursing program for poor scholarship, or for other reasons, are not eligible for admission to the nursing program at Lehman College unless the student has subsequently passed the NCLEX Exam and has become a Registered Nurse (RN). 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 1st through March 15th**
- **This is a Self-Managed Application Procedure. You will submit your nursing application complete with all required documents and official transcripts attached by March 15th or post-marked by March 15th.** Educational institutions that require the official transcript to be mailed may send it directly to the Nursing Department by March 15th. Transcripts for prerequisites completed in the Spring semester must be received in the Nursing Department by June 1st. If submitting your application package by mail, it is recommended that you use some method of proof of delivery confirmation—the Nursing Department is not responsible for late or lost mail.
- **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. **PAX-RN Exam Scores:** if exam was taken at a location other than Lehman College, have the National League For Nursing send an official copy directly to the Nursing Department
- 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.

• **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:

21 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: Basic Concepts of Probability and Statistics. This course fulfills the core requirement for Quantitative Reasoning. 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.

TIME LIMIT TO COMPLETE NURSING PROGRAM

In addition to the College requirement for completion of the baccalaureate degree, the following time limit applies: 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. Approximately three weeks after admission, the Office of Transfer Evaluations will notify you that your transfer evaluation is complete and 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/>

Contact Information

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Other Campus Contacts

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Lehman's Homepage: <http://www.lehman.cuny.edu>

Office of Undergraduate Admissions, Shuster Hall, Room 161
Obtain an application for admission to Lehman College
Phone: 718-960-8713/8706
Web: <http://www.lehman.cuny.edu/provost/admissions>

Office of Academic Advisement, Shuster Hall, Room 280
Phone: 718-960-8104/8106
Web: <http://www.lehman.edu/provost/enrollmentmgmt/advising/index.html>

Financial Aid Office, Shuster Hall, Room 136
Phone: 718-960-8545
Web: <http://www.lehman.edu/vpstud/finaid/>

Transfer Credit Evaluations, Shuster Hall, Room 152
Web: http://www.lehman.edu/provost/admissions/undergraduate_c.html

National League For Nursing

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Customer Service and Testing Phone #: 800-732-8656
Website: <http://www.nln.org> Email: CustomerHelp@nln.org

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<https://www.nlnonlinetesting.org/pax/>