

**DEPARTMENT OF NURSING**  
**RN TO BS CURRICULUM INFORMATION & PATTERN**  
**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE PROGRAM IN NURSING**  
**REGISTERED NURSES (Licensed in New York State)**

The upper division nursing program, which leads to a B.S. degree, is designed to prepare for professional nursing practice and provide a foundation for graduate study in nursing. The program fulfills the requirements of the New York State Education Department, and is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

The program is a 37.5-credit major of the total 120 credits required for graduation. Independent study courses and honors projects are available to qualified students.

The program is designed for completion in 2 academic years of full-time study. The Department recommends that students complete their distribution and prerequisite courses prior to admission to the nursing program. CHE 114, 115, and HIN 268 (or their equivalents) must be completed prior to registration for any NUR courses.

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 health 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.

RN applicants to the Lehman College baccalaureate nursing program must first apply for admission to the College and, after acceptance, apply to the Department of Nursing for admission by completing pages 5-6 of this document, the **APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION – BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM IN NURSING REGISTERED NURSE SEQUENCE**.

Graduates of Associate Degree programs should follow directions for transfer students when applying to the college.

Graduates of hospital (diploma) schools of nursing who have not earned previous college credits should follow directions for new applicants to the college. Graduates of diploma nursing programs are encouraged to take the Excelsior College (formerly Regents College) exams to earn advanced standing credits in Adult Nursing, Maternal and Child Nursing and Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing to earn advance standing credits.

It is recommended that all RN students seek advisement in the Office of Academic Advisement, Shuster Hall, Room 280, in addition to advisement in the nursing department. Registered nurses may pursue either full-time or part-time study.

## **PREREQUISITES**

1. Current Licensure in New York State.
2. Sixty (60) college credits with a grade point average of 2.5 or greater; or the associate degree in nursing from the City University of New York.
3. Official transcript(s) from all schools attended which also exhibits evidence of a college course in chemistry, or chemistry taken in a state approved nursing program (or its foreign equivalent), or successful completion of the following courses at Lehman College:

CHE 114: Essentials of General Chemistry: 3 Credits

CHE 115: Essentials of General Chemistry Lab: 1.5 Credits

4. Foundation Course\*

HIN 268: Human Growth and Development: 3 Credits (or equivalent course which covers growth and development through the life span.)

### **NUR Courses for Registered Nurses:**

The distribution of courses and credits to be earned by all R.N. majors is as follows:

#### **In Foundation:**

HIN 269: Analysis & Action for Community Health: 3 Credits

#### **In Nursing Courses:**

NUR 300	Nursing as a Human Science:	3 Credits
NUR 302	Ways of Knowing in Nursing:	3 Credits
NUR 400	Professional Nursing Practice:	6 Credits
NUR 406	Clinical Decision Making:	3 Credits
NUR 408	Trends & Issues in Nursing & Health Care:	3 Credits
NUR 409	Therapeutic Intervention IV:	6 Credits
NUR 410	Professional Nursing Management:	3 Credits

\*Some students may qualify to earn credits for the Human Growth and Development course through validation examination. Students must seek advisement in the Department of Nursing for this process.

**Advising, Course Permission, Registration:** All nursing courses require permission from a Nursing Advisor before you can register. The advising schedule changes every semester. Log into CUNYfirst to view course availability. Check the *Walk-in Nursing Advising Schedule* (See **Additional Information** below for web link (or click on the Advising box at the Nursing homepage) or call the Nursing Department for the current schedule.

## **COURSE DESCRIPTIONS: RN TO BS PROGRAM**

**HIN 268: Human Growth and Development.** 3 hours, 3 credits. Physical, cognitive, social, and emotional aspects of human development across the life span. 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 hours, 3 credits. Historical and theoretical foundations of nursing and selected topics relating to the intersubjective nature of professional nursing. PREREQ: Admission to the nursing major.

**NUR 302: Ways of Knowing in Nursing.** 3 hours, 3 credits. Methods of research and inquiry in nursing and their implications for clinical practice. PREREQ or COREQ: NUR 300.

**NUR 400: Professional Nursing Practice.** 3 hours lecture, 9 hours clinical laboratory; 6 credits. Health assessment and therapeutic intervention through communication theory and skills, interprofessional collaboration and professional role development. PREREQ or COREQ: HIN 269, NUR 300, NUR 302.

**NUR 406: Clinical Decision Making.** 3 hours, 3 credits. 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 or NUR 400.

**NUR 408: Trends & Issues in Nursing & Health Care.** 3 hours, 3 credits. Identification and exploration of trends and issues with opportunity to debate and to defend a position on issues. PREREQ: NUR 405 or NUR 406 or permission.

**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 hours, 3 credits. 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 and/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 healthcare 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 hours, 3 credits (maximum 6 credits). PREREQ: 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.

## **INFORMATION FOR REGISTERED NURSES**

Diploma graduates or those registered nursing not receiving nursing credits from their school of nursing may take the Excelsior college (Formerly Regents College) exams for college credits

<b><u>These exams are:</u></b>	Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing	8 Credits
	Adult Nursing	8 Credits
	Maternal and Child Nursing	8 Credits

You may reach Excelsior College at 518.464.8500 or [www.excelsior.edu](http://www.excelsior.edu)

### **Please forward your official transcripts to:**

Undergraduate Director  
Department of Nursing  
Lehman College/CUNY  
250 Bedford Park Blvd West  
T3 Room 201  
Bronx, New York 10468

### **Additional Information**

**Lehman College Information:** Telephone: 718-960-8000 • Web site: <http://www.lehman.cuny.edu/>

**Nursing Department:** Building T-3, Room 201 • Telephone: 718-960-8214 • Fax: 718-960-8488 Web Page: <http://www.lehman.edu/academics/health-human-services-nursing/nursing/>

**Office of Undergraduate Admissions:** Shuster Hall, Room 161 • Telephone: 718-960-8713

**Academic Advisement:** Shuster Hall, Room 280 • Telephone: 718-960-8106

**Office of the Registrar:** Shuster Hall, Room 114 • Telephone: 718-960-8255

### **Requirements for Clinical Course Attendance**

Before taking any clinical courses you will be required to submit proof of current Physical Exam, Malpractice Liability Insurance, and CPR training for healthcare providers to the Nursing Department no later than 2-weeks before the first day of classes. Students will not be given permission to register for a clinical course until the above documents are received. Please be prepared to submit all documents and required copies at the same time as follows:

- The original copy of the Nursing Department's Health Clearance form (go to Undergraduate Documents and Forms site above to download) including any lab reports, completed and signed by your healthcare provider
- One copy of the policy certificate for your malpractice liability insurance
- One copy of both sides of your signed CPR card for healthcare providers

These requirements must be current at the time you submit them, and remain current without lapse for the duration of your clinical course(s). It is your responsibility to monitor expiration dates of your clinical requirements and documents, to renew these requirements so that they to remain current, and to submit the renewed documents to the Nursing Department before they expire. Keep your own personal copies of these documents. The Nursing Department will not make copies of the documents for you, nor will documents be released to you to make copies after you have submitted them.