

# BACHELOR OF SCIENCE PROGRAM IN NURSING

## **GENERIC PROGRAM:** **TRADITIONAL AND ACCELERATED**

### **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** (<http://www.ccnaccreditation.org>), 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 prior to applying to the Nursing Program, students complete their general education and prerequisite courses.** 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. The Department of Nursing also offers an accelerated program for students who have a bachelor's degree in another field. The pre-requisites are and the admission processes is the same as that for the generic students. ***Application to the Accelerated Program MUST be submitted by March 15<sup>th</sup>***. The program is designed to be completed in 15 months.

Students planning to enroll in NUR courses in the Summer (accelerated) and Fall (traditional) semesters of the Junior year must complete a **separate nursing application to the Department of Nursing between the January 1<sup>st</sup> to March 15<sup>th</sup> deadline for the year of entry**. Application is available on **Lehman 360**.

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.

Applicants will not be considered for admission to the nursing program unless they have been admitted to Lehman College. It is highly recommended that you verify Lehman College's admission requirements and deadlines with the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, Shuster Hall, Room 161. 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. Declaration of major
- c. Evaluation of transfer credits
- 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 required Assessment or Placement exams.

### 3. Completion of Pre-requisite Courses

Pre-requisites must be completed: 1) Accelerated: by the end of the Fall semester, prior to the Spring intake period; 2) Traditional: by the end of the Spring semester (May).

### 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 on the Department of Nursing website and change every semester. Check the Lehman College Department of Nursing website <https://www.lehman.edu/academics/health-human-services-nursing/nursing/> for the current schedule.

### 5. Proof of Legal Status - The City University of New York has instituted the following requirement: all CUNY nursing departments will require applicants for admission into nursing programs to provide documentation: **SEE PAGES 8 –10 FOR CURRENT CUNY NURSING ADMISSION POLICY**

### 6. 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 apply for admission to the generic program.

**PLEASE 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.

## 7. Pre-Nursing Exam

Applicants must take a standardized Admission Assessment Exam, HESI A2. An Admission Assessment Exam Review book is available in the bookstore.

\* **NOTE:** Students who have been dropped from another nursing program are NOT eligible for admission to the nursing program at Lehman College. 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 1<sup>st</sup> through March 15<sup>th</sup>**

**This is a Self-Managed Application Procedure. You must complete your online nursing application in Lehman 360 with all required documents uploaded by March 15th.**

- **Required Documents That You Must Submit to Apply to the Nursing Program**

1. **Completed Online Nursing Application (Lehman 360).**
2. **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).
3. **Proof of Legal Status**
4. **Pre-Nursing Exam Scores (HESI-A2)**

- **All applicants will be notified by email** during the month of April (Accelerated applicants) and June (Traditional applicants) as to their status and acceptance into the nursing program for classes starting in ***the first Summer session*** and ***Fall***, respectively.

LEHMAN COLLEGE  
DEPARTMENT OF NURSING  
Bachelor of Science Program in Nursing

**Accelerated (Generic) Nursing Program**

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Accelerated Generic Nursing Program to start the first summer session for **15 months!**

**Application Deadline: January 2<sup>nd</sup> to March 15<sup>th</sup> (each year)**

Prospective students with a bachelor's degree in another field can apply to the **15-month Accelerated nursing program**. Applicants must successfully complete all the following nursing prerequisite courses **by the fall** and take the HESI- A2 pre-admission exam prior to the submission of an application: general chemistry (with lab), organic chemistry (with Lab), anatomy and physiology (I and II), microbiology, and human growth and development. A grade of **C (73) or better** is required in each of the science courses. If a required prerequisite science course is repeated, the first grade earned will be considered.

***Applicants are encouraged to apply by the application deadline noted above. No applications will be accepted for the accelerated program after the deadline.***

To be eligible for the Generic Accelerated Nursing Program, you must have a 4-year Bachelor's Degree (any discipline) and meet the admission requirements for the Nursing Department.

Applicants will follow the Generic Nursing path, conditions, and application procedures as described in the Department of Nursing's "**Bachelor of Science Program in Nursing – Generic**" brochure/handout (aka Generic brochure/handout). **PLEASE SEE\* sections A and B of the Generic brochure/handout and read it carefully before contacting the Nursing Department with questions.**

Applicants for the accelerated component of the Generic Nursing Program must meet all of the same eligibility requirements outlined in the Generic brochure/handout: pre- requisite courses, testing, legal status, and any other college and department requirements and deadlines in order to submit a Generic Nursing Application.

Generic Nursing is a full-time program. Accelerated nursing courses will be held every semester: Fall, Winter, Spring, and both Summer sessions. If accepted into the Accelerated Program- Generic, this program must be completed in 15 months.

**\*SEE: Generic BS Program in Nursing (PDF)**

Nursing webpage: <https://www.lehman.edu/academics/health-human-services-nursing/nursing/>

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Accelerated Generic Nursing Program 1/2023

## **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 & 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: Human 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 hours, 3 credits. Historical, philosophical and 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. COREQ: NUR 301, NUR 344

**NUR 301: Therapeutic Nursing Intervention I: Introduction to Professional Nursing Practice.** 3 hours lecture, 12 hours clinical laboratory, 6 credits. 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 hours, 3 credits. Methods of research and inquiry in nursing and their implications for clinical practice. PREREQ: NUR 300.

**NUR 303: Therapeutic Intervention II: Adult Health Nursing.** 3 hours lecture, 12 hours clinical laboratory; 6 credits. 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.** 2 hours lecture, 4 hours clinical laboratory, 3 credits. Clinical focus on nursing care of adults with acute and chronic psychiatric and mental health conditions. PREREQ: NUR 301, NUR 344, HIN 269. COREQ: NUR 303, NUR 330.

**NUR 330: Pharmacologic Basis of Nursing Practice.** 3 hours, 3 credits. General pharmacological principles as they relate to nursing practice and health care. PREREQ: Completion of College requirement in mathematics. COREQ: NUR 303, NUR 304.

**NUR 344: Altered Health States (Pathophysiology).** 3 hours, 3 credits: The relationships 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.** 3 hours lecture, 12 hours clinical laboratory; 6 credits. Relation of nursing care to positive health experiences and outcomes in childbearing and childrearing families. PREREQ: NUR 303, NUR 304, NUR 330. COREQ: NUR302, NUR406

**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, NUR 304, NUR 330. COREQ: NUR 302, NUR 405.

**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 406

**NUR 409: Therapeutic Intervention V: Nursing Synthesis.** 3 hours lecture. 12 hrs clinical laboratory; 6 credits. Synthesis of knowledge and skills required to effectively support clients, families and groups with chronic illnesses. PREREQ: NUR 405, NUR 406. COREQ: NUR 408, 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: NUR409.

**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: Permission of the Chair.

## **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: Introduction to Statistics. This course fulfills the college math requirement. 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. American Sign Language can be taken to fulfill the foreign language requirement.

## **TIME LIMIT TO COMPLETE NURSING PROGRAM**

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. The Office of Transfer Credit Evaluations will notify you when your transfer evaluation is complete or request that you come in to discuss your credit evaluation.

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## **Contact Information**

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**Date:** June 25, 2020

**To:** College Presidents, Provosts, Chief Student Affairs Officers & Chief Enrollment Managers  
Deans, Chairs and Academic Directors of Nursing Programs

**From:** José Luis Cruz, Ph.D.   
Executive Vice Chancellor and University Provost

**Re:** Revised Nursing Programs Admission Policy

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The Office of Academic Affairs is issuing this revised guidance for students seeking admission to CUNY's nursing programs to reflect current law, recently updated CUNY policy, and better reflect the University's strong support of non-citizen students and its long-standing reputation for creating a pathway to education for immigrants. To this, end, **effective immediately**, all CUNY nursing programs will consider students to be eligible for admission consistent with the regulations of the New York State Education Department (NYSED) that make professional licensure available not only to U.S. citizens but to non-citizens so long as they are "not unlawfully present in the United States," including those with Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and those who are permanently residing in the United States under color of law (PRUCOL).

### **New Nursing Admission Eligibility Requirements**

To be admitted or advance into a NYSED-approved nursing program in fall 2020 and beyond, students must provide documentation for one of the categories listed in the attached policy. Namely, applicants may demonstrate eligibility through documents that verify that they: 1) are U.S. citizens, 2) have legal permanent resident status, or 3) are in another eligible category set forth in the policy, generally through presentation of an employment authorization document (see useful document from U.S. Citizen and Immigration Services: [List of Documents that Establish Identity and Employment Authorization](#)).

### **Nursing Admission Policy Communications**

Each campus must include the official criteria and documentation requirements cited in the revised policy in all virtual and written communications on admission eligibility for nursing students. This includes adding the new criteria to the list of other eligibility requirements for advancement into the nursing program (i.e., prerequisites, minimum GPA, etc.).

The updated policy does not affect students who have advanced into the clinical component of



CUNY's nursing programs, or those considered for advancement prior to summer 2020. Students who were not previously eligible for admission may re-apply for consideration under the revised policy, pending their satisfactory completion of ALL required admission criteria, as outlined and reviewed by the respective nursing program.

Each campus must also disseminate the revised admission policy and criteria to faculty, academic advisors, career counselors, admissions, registrar, and other relevant staff.

### **Student and Faculty Support Services**

Students may be directed to consult with [CUNY Citizenship Now!](#) for free and confidential immigration law services available to all members of the community (both CUNY students and non-students). Faculty are advised to consult with the College Legal Affairs Designee for any questions on eligible immigration categories and documentation to verify status.

cc: College Registrars  
College Legal Affairs Designees  
Allan Wernick, Director, CUNY Citizenship Now!



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## **REVISED NURSING PROGRAMS ADMISSION POLICY**

**June 24, 2020**

Effective immediately, all CUNY nursing programs will consider applicants for admission who are eligible for licensing in New York under the regulations of the New York State Education Department. The regulation provides eligibility for citizens and non-citizens who are “not unlawfully present,” including those with Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and those permanently residing in the United States under color of law (PRUCOL).

Applicants may demonstrate eligibility through documents that verify that they meet the required criteria. The most common documents include:

1. Proof of U.S. citizenship through a birth certificate, U.S. passport, naturalization certificate, or a certificate of citizenship.
2. Proof of legal permanent resident status with what is known as a “Green Card”.
3. Proof of various eligible categories, listed below, generally through an employment authorization document (EAD) or other satisfactory documentation.

Eligible immigration categories:

1. International student with F-1 status
2. Asylee
3. Refugee
4. Temporary Protected Status (TPS)
5. Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)
6. Individuals paroled into the United States whose parole has not expired
7. Persons residing in the U.S. pursuant to an Order of Supervision
8. Persons granted a stay of deportation/removal
9. Persons granted an indefinite voluntary departure
10. Persons on whose behalf an immediate relative petition has been approved
11. Persons who have filed an application for adjustment of status to permanent resident
12. Persons granted Deferred Action Status
13. Persons who entered and have continuously residency in the U.S. before 01/01/1972
14. Persons granted suspension of deportation or cancellation of removal
15. Cuban/Haitian entrants
16. Persons with a pending application for asylum, withholding of removal or deportation, protection under the Convention Against Torture (CAT), cancellation of removal, or TPS
17. Persons in T or U non-immigrant status
18. Self-petitioner under the Violence Against Women Act
19. Other persons living in the U.S. who are not unlawfully present