

PRCC Department of Nursing Education
Associate Degree Nursing

LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE (LPN) TO ADN BRIDGE COURSE
(Limited to Space Availability for Level II (Third Semester) of the ADN Program)

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The LPN Bridge Course is designed to enhance the knowledge learned in the Practical Nursing program and make the transition into Level II of the ADN program. This course focuses on the fundamentals, the theory and practice of medical-surgical nursing, and the role of the nurse as provider of care, manager of care, and a member within the discipline of nursing.

The LPN Bridge Course is a summer course in the Nursing Building at the PRCC Poplarville campus. Students successfully completing the Bridge Course (“B” or higher) will be awarded seven (7) semester hours. The remaining required nursing course hours of Level I will be waived after successful completion of Level II: NUR 2104, NUR 2115, NUR 2203 and NUR 2209.

In addition to meeting all PRCC admission and ADN requirements, the LPN to ADN Bridge Course has specific program admission requirements as listed below:

1. A copy of a current non-restricted license
2. A minimum of 2.5 GPA on required ADN general education courses taken
3. A minimum of one-year experience as an LPN in an acute or long-term care setting within the last three years
4. An NLN PAX-RN score of 50% or higher
5. A completed Employer Verification & Recommendation Form
6. An ACT score of 18 or equivalent

Selection of applicants is made by the ADN admission committee using a point system (see LPN to ADN Bridge point system in this packet) which includes College GPA, ACT score, and PAX-RN score. Preferential consideration is given to in-district residents (Forrest, Hancock, Jeff Davis, Lamar, Marion and Pearl River counties), followed by out-of-district residents, then out-of-state residents. The LPN to ADN Bridge Course begins at the end of May. All admission requirements are due by March 1. Letters of acceptance/declination will be sent after class selection has been made. Acceptance is based on space availability.

**REQUIRED PREREQUISITE GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES FOR THE
LPN TO ADN BRIDGE COURSE**

Course		Semester Hours
College Algebra	MAT	
1313.....		3
General Psychology	PSY 1513.....	3
Anatomy & Physiology I & Lab	BIO 2513, 2511.....	4
Anatomy & Physiology II & Lab	BIO	2523,
2521.....		4
Human Growth & Development	EPY 2533.....	3
English Composition I	ENG 1113.....	3
Total Required Prerequisite Credit Hours		20

- Level I ADN general education courses (above Prerequisite courses) must be completed with a grade of “C” or higher prior to beginning the LPN to ADN Bridge Course. General Biology I with Lab must be completed prior to taking Anatomy and Physiology I with lab and prior to taking Microbiology with Lab. An exception to the General Biology I with Lab prerequisite may be made with the approval of the Department of Science, Mathematics, and Business.
- If the prerequisite course(s) have not been completed, an applicant must be enrolled in the course(s) during the spring semester prior to beginning the LPN Bridge course. If enrolled at another school, the applicant must forward proof of class enrollment with the ADN application.
- ADN completed general education course grades (including the prerequisite courses above) submitted at the end of the fall semester will be used to compute the GPA for points toward the upcoming summer LPN to ADN Bridge Course.
- An LPN’s practical nursing program courses cannot be used for ADN general education courses.

- A currently working Licensed Practical Nurse, who submits an LPN Employer Verification and Recommendation Form (in this packet) and a copy of a current non-restrictive license, will have no time restrictions on ADN general education courses.
- Applicants who have made a grade of “D or F” on more than six hours (regardless of retake grade) within the past three years on the required ADN college general education courses for the ADN program will receive a deduction of 5 points from their total LPN to ADN Bridge Points System score.
- An applicant that has attended another nursing program must provide a letter from the dean or director of any ADN or BSN program attended stating date of eligibility to return by the application deadline. The letter must be sent to the address on the front of this packet and to the attention of the Director, Department of Nursing Education. An applicant that is not eligible for immediate return, must wait 5 years from the exit date to apply as a new student to the PRCC ADN program.

LPN TO ADN BRIDGE CURRICULUM

<u>SUMMER</u>	SEMESTER HOURS
NUR 2707 LPN to ADN Bridge Course	7
<i>(The remaining Level I course hours will be waived after completion of Level II courses.)</i>	
 <u>LEVEL II</u>	
THIRD SEMESTER	
NUR 2104 Nursing III.....	4
NUR 2115 Nursing IV.....	5
NUR 2012 Professional Nursing Forum III*.....	2
BIO 2923 Microbiology.....	3
BIO 2921 Microbiology Lab.....	1
SPT 1113 Public Speaking I..(Oral Communication).....	3
 FOURTH SEMESTER	
NUR 2203 Nursing V.....	3
NUR 2209 Nursing VI.....	9
SOC 2113 Introduction to Sociology.....	3
 *Nursing Elective	 TOTAL REQUIRED CREDIT HOURS: 72

PRCC Requirements:

General Biology I with Lab must be completed prior to taking Anatomy and Physiology I with lab and prior to taking Microbiology with Lab. An exception to the General Biology I with Lab prerequisite may be made with the approval of the Department of Science, Mathematics, and Business.

For graduation with the A.A.S. degree, Computer Concepts (CSC 1113 or BAD 2533) must be passed or computer proficiency must be documented.

ADN general education courses must be completed with a grade of “C” or better and all required (NUR) courses must be completed with a grade of “B” or better. ADN general education courses must be completed before or within the semester of nursing (NUR) courses listed. If an ADN student withdraws from a required corequisite general education course(s) within the semester, the student must also withdraw from the nursing course(s).

Recommendation: To prepare for graduation it is recommended that all required general education courses be completed before or during Level II, third semester of the ADN program.

PRCC RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE CURRICULAR CHANGES TO MAINTAIN STATE AND NATIONAL STANDARDS CONSISTENT WITH THE CHANGING NEEDS OF SOCIETY AND OF THE NURSING PROFESSION.

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LPN TO ADN BRIDGE POINT SYSTEM

1. ACT (Prior to <u>Oct. 1, 1989</u>)	Enhanced*	Points
25 - Higher	27 - Higher	5
23 - 24	25 - 26	4
20 - 22	23 - 24	3
17 - 19	20 - 22	2
15 - 16	18 - 19	1

* An individual who has previously earned a baccalaureate or higher degree may enter without an ACT by completing all the required ADN general education courses with at least a “C” and having an overall 2.5 grade point average (Mississippi IHL Admission Standard). Points for these individuals will be calculated from their college degree GPA.

2. **College GPA (Required ADN General Education Completed Courses Only)****
 (GPA is calculated on at least 20 completed hours of the required prerequisite ADN general education courses.)

GPA	Points
3.5 - 4.0	5
3.0 - 3.49	4
2.5 - 2.99	3

**Developmental courses, General Biology I with Lab, or any computer class required for graduation will not be included in the ADN GPA for points for consideration.

3. **NLN Pre-Admission Examination-RN (PAX-RN)**

The AD Composite Percentile Score is found under the AD column located on the upper right side of the score sheet. An NLN score of 100 points or more is needed to receive a composite percentile score of 50% or higher.

AD Composite Percentile Score	Points
90% or Higher	10
80% - 89%	9
70% - 79%	8
60% - 69%	7
50% - 59%	6
Below 50%	0

NOTE: Ties in total points will be broken by the NLN PAX-RN test score.

