

Nursing and Health Sciences

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OVERVIEW

The Division of Nursing and Health Sciences exists to facilitate development of outstanding healthcare providers committed to excellence in the delivery and management of patient centered care. Majors are offered in professional nursing, practical nursing, and medical diagnostic imaging and radiographic science.

MAJORS AND MINORS OFFERED

NURSING

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Degree Program is a dynamic baccalaureate

program with a Basic Track and completion tracks for currently licensed Practical (LPN) and Registered Nurses (RN). The RN to BSN Track is offered in an online format.

The BSN student will develop and expand knowledge and skills delineated by the professional nurse roles of provider of care, designer/manager/coordinator of care, and member of the profession. Students participate in selected learning activities to develop an understanding of the art and science of nursing. The program provides an educational foundation for continued nursing study at the graduate level. Graduates of the Basic Track are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Exam for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN)

MISSION & GOALS

To strengthen the health and wellbeing of the people of our communities by preparing students as professional nurses who engage in critical reasoning and creative thinking to design, provide, and coordinate exceptional nursing care in a dynamic healthcare environment.

The BSN Program will prepare graduates:

1. Well prepared for entry level professional nursing practice
2. Able to develop, implement, and evaluate evidence-based care rooted in ethical, legal, and professional values and standards.
3. Satisfied with their educational experience at LCSC.
4. Able to appreciate the rich diversity of those we serve.
5. Able to demonstrate values and behaviors respectful of human diversity
6. Committed to continued professional growth.
7. Advocates for patients and the nursing profession.

ACCREDITATION

The program is approved by the Idaho Board of Nursing and accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). For accreditation concerns please contact CCNE, One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC, 20036, (202)- 887-6791.

ADMISSION AND DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Basic BSN Track

1. Completion of pre-program requirements at LCSC or an accredited university or college.
2. General LCSC admission requirements.
3. Submission of completed Application to the Division of Nursing and Health Sciences for acceptance into the upper division BSN curriculum. See the division web site (www.lcsc.edu/nurdiv) for admission criteria (Entrance Test, TOEFL, GPA, Certified Nurse Assistant certification, preprogram and support coursework). Non-refundable fee must accompany application. Admission is competitive with a limited number of spaces each semester.
4. Transfer students must submit course descriptions of prerequisite and support courses with application to determine equivalency.
5. Applicable policies and information are located in the NHS Student and the Pre-Program Policies and Information Handbook on the Division web page.

RN to BSN Track

1. Completion of pre-program requirements at LCSC or an accredited university or college.
2. General LCSC admission requirements.
3. Submission of completed Application to the Division of Nursing and Health Sciences. See the division web site (www.lcsc.edu/nurdiv) for admission criteria (TOEFL, GPA verification of RN licensure in 'good standing', prerequisite and support coursework) and deadlines.

Non-refundable fee must accompany application. Admission is competitive with a limited number of spaces each semester.

4. Transfer students must submit course descriptions of prerequisite and support courses with application to determine equivalency.

5. Applicable policies and information are located in the NHS Student and the Pre-Program Policies and Information Handbook on the Division web page.

Note: Upon completion of the admission process and verification of passing the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) and thus holding the RN license, the RN student is admitted to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. A maximum of 40 semester nursing credits are held in escrow until the required graduation check (semester before graduation). Students may also receive credit through direct transfer and challenge processes. Additional information found in Pre-Program Information and Policies and NHS Student Handbooks. The BSN Program endorses the guidelines for educational mobility from the Idaho Statewide Nursing Articulation Plan (see <http://www.nurseleaders.org/snap/modelplan.aspx>).

LPN to BSN Track

1. Completion of pre-program requirements at LCSC or an accredited university or college.

2. General LCSC admission requirements.

3. Submission of completed Application to the Division of Nursing and Health Sciences. See the division web site (www.lcsc.edu/nurdiv) for admission criteria (Entrance Test, TOEFL, GPA verification of LPN licensure in 'good standing', prerequisite and support coursework) and deadlines. Nonrefundable fee must accompany application. Admission is competitive with a limited number of spaces each semester.

4. Transfer students must submit course descriptions of prerequisite and support courses with application to determine equivalency.

5. Applicable policies and information are located in the NHS Student and the Pre-Program Policies and Information Handbook on the Division web page.

Note: All NHS students are subject to an annual criminal background check. The NHS Background Check Policy is found in the Pre-Program Policies and Information and NHS Student Handbooks on the web page.

EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS

(Refer to the current NHS Student Handbook for details and additional criteria: www.lcsc.edu/nurdiv.)

1. A minimum grade of C is required in each nursing and nursing support course. Students receiving a grade of C- or below are required to repeat the course and earn a C or better; courses may be repeated one time only. Admitted students who do not earn a minimum grade of C in each nursing course are dismissed from the program and must apply for reentry. Reentry decisions are partially based on clinical and faculty resources. See NHS Student Handbook.

2. RN and LPN students are required to maintain current Registered Nurse or Practical Nurse licensure in good standing. It is the student's responsibility to immediately notify the Division Chair in writing of any changes in licensure status.

3. Students must complete and pass an annual background check and maintain currency regarding health and CPR requirements. Policies and requirements are posted to the Division web page and noted in the NHS Student Handbook.

4. Students are required to demonstrate professionalism in all classroom and clinical settings.

5. All BSN students will be members of an appropriate State/National Student Nurse Association. Participation in Association activities is strongly encouraged.
6. The faculty reserves the right to make program modifications as necessary to meet current professional standards, accreditation criteria, and other policies.
7. Nursing students may petition selected courses for credit by exam or Challenge. (See the NHS Student Handbook, your advisor, and the course instructor for challenge exam information.)
8. All students are required to participate in college and program outcome testing and assessments.
9. Clinical practicum hours and locations vary. Students are responsible for their own transportation to clinical facilities and associated lodging/meal expenses.
10. All Nursing (NU) courses must be completed within 6 years after taking the first nursing course or students may be required to meet current program requirements.
11. A minimum of 128 credits are required of all students for graduation from the BSN Program, including 36 upper division credits and 32 residency (LCSC) credits.

SPECIAL FEES

BSN students incur costs for program application, entrance exam testing, text books, laboratory supplies, National/Idaho state Nurses Association membership, assessment testing and liability insurance.

ADVISING

Academic advising is provided by BSN faculty members and required of all pre-BSN students admitted to the Nursing major.

PREPARATION FOR FUTURE STUDIES

The program provides an educational foundation for continued nursing study at the graduate level.

MEDICAL DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING

The Bachelor of Arts/Science in Medical Diagnostic imaging (MDI) is designed for individuals who have completed an A.S. degree in Radiographic Science and have successfully passed the National Registry Exam. Emphases vary and are based on available resources and faculty expertise. The program includes theoretical and clinical courses along with a two semester clinical internship. This degree program serves as a foundation for graduate and/or further professional study.

MISSION & GOALS

In accordance with the mission of LCSC and the Division of Nursing & Health Sciences, the Radiography Program exists to provide high-quality education in medical radiography to produce competent practitioners with a high degree of professional responsibility, advancement and leadership potential in the profession.

The Bachelor/ Program in MDI will:

1. Prepare graduates for success on the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) examination in CT.
2. Prepare graduates who are academically and clinically competent in the provision of CT and/or MRI services.
3. Work closely with partner agencies to prepare satisfied MDI graduates, reflective of regional demographics, to meet the health care demands of our local and regional partners.

4. Foster an appreciation of, and commitment to, continued professional growth.
5. Promote values and behaviors that demonstrate respect for human diversity.

ACCREDITATION

Lewis-Clark State College is accredited by the Northwest Commission of Colleges and Universities (NWCCU).

Admission and Degree Requirements:

Each successful applicant must hold a certificate or associate degree in radiographic science prior to program entry and must hold current ARRT certification in radiography for the duration of the program; nurses and allied health professionals must maintain licensure/certification for the duration of the program. One year of clinical healthcare experience prior to enrollment in the MDI program is recommended. The Bachelor of Arts (BA) requires 16 credits of foreign or heritage language.

1. General LCSC admission requirements.
2. Submission of completed Application to the Division of Nursing and Health Sciences. See the division web site (www.lcsc.edu/nurdiv) for Admission criteria (TOEFL, GPA, verification of ARRT certification in good standing, prerequisite and support coursework) and deadlines. Nonrefundable fee must accompany application. Admission is competitive with a limited number of spaces each year.
3. Transfer students must submit course descriptions of prerequisite and support courses with application, to determine equivalency:
4. Students must complete: 128 credits; 32 residency credits, 36 upper division credits, and all general education core requirements.

Note: All NHS students are subject to an annual criminal background check. Anyone with a prior felony conviction should contact the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists prior to applying to the MDI program. The NHS Background Check Policy is found in the Pre-Program Policies and Information and NHS Student Handbooks on the division web page.

Expectations of Students

(Refer to the current NHS Handbook for details and additional criteria: www.lcsc.edu/nurdiv.)

1. All BA/BS MDI courses must be completed within 6 years after taking the first MDI courses or students may be required to meet current program requirements.
2. A minimum grade of C is required in each BA/BS MDI program and support course. Students receiving a grade below C are required to repeat the course and earn a C or better; courses may be repeated one time only. Admitted students who do not earn a minimum grade of C in each MDI course are dismissed from the program and must apply for reentry. Reentry decisions are partially based on clinical and faculty resources. Courses may be repeated one time only.
3. MDI students are required to maintain current registry and state licensure where required for the duration of the Program. It is the student's responsibility to immediately notify the Program Director in writing of any changes in registry/licensure/certification status.
4. Students must complete and pass a background check and maintain currency regarding health and CPR requirements. Current requirements are posted to the division web site.
5. Students are required to demonstrate professionalism in all classroom and clinical settings.

6. The faculty reserves the right to make program modifications as necessary to meet current professional and accreditation standards and other policies.
7. MDI students may petition selected courses for credit by exam or challenge. (See your advisor for challenge exam information).
8. All students are required to participate in college and program outcome testing and assessments.
9. Clinical practicum hours and locations vary. Students are responsible for their own transportation to clinical facilities and associated meal/lodging expenses.

Special Fees

MDI students incur costs for program application, radiation badges, text books, laboratory supplies, assessment testing and liability insurance. Costs vary from year to year.

Advising

Academic advising is provided by the Radiography Program faculty members and required of all pre-MDI students and those admitted to the MDI program.

ACADEMIC CERTIFICATE BASIC OR ADVANCED MEDICAL DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING

This option will allow qualified students to obtain an academic certificate in basic or advanced medical diagnostic imaging. Completion of the academic certificate will aid students in becoming eligible to sit for the appropriate certification examination. Academic certificate students must meet MDI program admission requirements noted on the division web page (www.lcsc.edu/nurdiv). Advanced academic certificate students must first complete the basic academic certificate requirements. Those who later wish to earn a baccalaureate degree will be easily incorporated into the BS degree option.

RADIOGRAPHIC SCIENCE

The Associate of Science in Radiographic Science degree is a three-year program of study. The first year of pre-professional courses includes General Education Core and support courses. Professional courses include study and practice in clinical application of radiographic procedures for the purposes of imaging all parts of the human body for medical diagnosis. Practice will be in community hospitals and clinics. Graduates of the program will be eligible to complete the certification examination administered by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT).

MISSION & GOALS

In accordance with the mission of LCSC and the Division of Nursing & Health Sciences, the Radiographic Science Program at LCSC exists to provide a high-quality education in medical radiography to produce competent practitioners in the field of diagnostic imaging with a high degree of professional responsibility, advancement and leadership potential in the profession.

ACCREDITATION

Lewis-Clark State College is accredited by the Northwest Commission of Colleges and Universities (NWCCU).

ADMISSION AND DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

1. General LCSC admission requirements.
2. Submission of completed Application to the Division of Nursing and Health Sciences. See the division web site (www.lcsc.edu/nurdiv) for admission criteria (TOEFL, GPA, entrance test, prerequisite and support coursework) and deadlines. Non-refundable fee must

accompany application. Admission is competitive with a limited number of spaces each year.

3. Transfer students must submit course descriptions of prerequisite and support courses with application to determine equivalency.

4. Applicable policies and information located in the NHS Student and the Pre-Program Policies and Information Handbooks on the division web page.

Note: All NHS students are subject to an annual criminal background check. Anyone with a prior felony conviction should contact the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists to complete a Pre-Application Review of Eligibility prior to applying for entrance into the Radiographic Science program. Information is available on the Web at <http://www.arrt.org/Index.htm> The NHS Background Check Policy is found in the Pre-Program Policies and Information and NHS Student handbooks on the web page.

EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS

(Any changes will be reflected in the current Nursing and Health Sciences Student Handbook: at www.lcsc.edu/nurdiv)

1. A minimum grade of 75 percent is required in each RS program course. Students receiving a grade below C are required to repeat the course and earn a C or better; courses may be repeated one time only. Admitted students who do not earn a minimum grade of 75 percent in each RS course are dismissed from the program and must apply for re-entry. Re-entry decisions are partially based on clinical and faculty resources.

2. Students must complete and pass an annual background check and maintain currency regarding health and CPR requirements. Current requirements are posted to the division web page.

3. Students are required to demonstrate professionalism in all classroom and clinical settings.

4. The faculty reserve the right to make program modifications as necessary to meet current professional standards and accreditation criteria and other policies

5. All students are required to participate in college and program outcome testing and assessments.

6. Clinical practicum hours and locations vary. Students are responsible for their own transportation to clinical facilities and associated lodging/meal expenses.

SPECIAL FEES

ASRS students incur costs for program application, entrance testing, radiation badges, text books, laboratory supplies, assessment testing and liability insurance. Costs vary from year to year.

ADVISING

Academic advising is provided by Radiography Program faculty members and required of all pre-ASRS students and those admitted to the ASRS program.

PREPARATION FOR FUTURE STUDIES

The program provides an educational foundation for continued radiographic study at the bachelor's degree level.

PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM

The Associate of Applied Science Practical Nursing Program (PN) is a 60-semester credit, 16-month program of study. The purpose of the program is to educate nurses who will provide patient care as Licensed Practical Nurses in structured healthcare settings. Students

receive classroom and clinical training in acute care, long term care, clinics, medical offices, and a variety of community settings. In addition, PN students receive education and experience in intravenous therapy and management.

MISSION & GOALS

In accordance with the mission of LCSC, the Practical Nursing Program exists to prepare students to assume entry-level positions as Licensed Practical Nurses. Through a dynamic curriculum, the nursing faculty stimulates a commitment to lifelong learning, challenging students to pursue academic excellence and to contribute to the well-being of the rural population in our service area through the roles of caregiver and healthcare team member.

The PN Program will prepare practical nurses to:

- 1.** Provide direct nursing care under the direction of the licensed professional nurse, physician or dentist using nurse caring values.
- 2.** Provide nurse caring based on values and standards to promote, maintain, palliate or restore the health of individuals and families in structured health care settings in the community.
- 3.** Apply critical thinking skills to synthesize knowledge from nursing and basic biological sciences to participate in the assessment and delivery of care.
- 4.** Use communication abilities to promote the well-being of individuals and families.
- 5.** Apply principles of human diversity in the care of individuals and families.

ACCREDITATION

The program is approved by the Idaho Board of Nursing.

ADMISSION AND DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

- 1.** Completion of pre-program requirements at LCSC or an accredited university or college.
- 2.** General LCSC admission requirements.
- 3.** Submission of completed Application to the Division of Nursing and Health Sciences. See the division web site (www.lcsc.edu/nurdiv) for admission criteria (TOEFL, GPA, NET, Certified Nursing Assistant licensure, prerequisite and support course work) and deadlines. Nonrefundable fee must accompany application. Admission is competitive with a limited number of spaces each year.
- 4.** Transfer students must submit course descriptions of prerequisite and support courses with application to determine equivalency).
- 5.** Applicable policies and information located in the NHS Student and the Pre-Program Policies and Information Handbooks on the division web page.

Note: All NHS students are subject to an annual criminal background check. Anyone with a prior felony conviction should contact the Idaho Board of Nursing prior to applying for entrance into the PN Program. The NHS Background Check Policy is found in the Pre-Program Policies and Information and NHS Student handbooks on the web page.

EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS

(Refer to the current NHS Handbook for details and additional criteria; www.lcsc.edu/nurdiv)

- 1.** A minimum grade of C is required in each PN program and support course. Students receiving a grade below C are required to repeat the course and earn a C or better; courses may be repeated one time only. Admitted students who do not earn a minimum grade of C in each PN and program support course are dismissed from the program and must apply for reentry. Re-entry decisions are partially based on clinical and faculty resources.
- 2.** Students must complete an annual background check and maintain currency regarding

health and CPR requirements. Current requirements are posted to the division web page.

- 3.** Students are required to demonstrate professionalism in all classroom and clinical settings.
- 4.** The practical nursing faculty reserves the right to make program modifications as necessary to meet current professional standards and accreditation criteria and other policies.
- 5.** All students are required to participate in College and program outcome testing and assessments, including an exit interview.
- 6.** Clinical practicum hours and locations vary. Students are responsible for their own transportation to clinical facilities and associated lodging/meal expenses.
- 7.** A minimum of 60 credits are required of all students for graduation from the AAS-PN Program.

SPECIAL FEES

AAS-PN students incur costs for program application, entrance testing, text books, laboratory supplies, assessment testing and liability insurance. Costs vary from year to year.

ADVISING

Academic advising is provided by Practical Nursing faculty members and is required of all pre Practical Nursing students as well as students admitted to the Practical Nursing major.

PREPARATION FOR FUTURE STUDIES

The program provides an educational foundation for continued nursing study at either the associate or bachelor's degree level in nursing.

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY FOR ALL NURSING & HEALTH SCIENCES MAJORS

Currently under modification