Lewis University
Accelerated Programs

The College of Nursing and Health Professions in collaboration with the School for Professional and Continuing Education provides adult students an opportunity to complete a college degree with a learner-centered, accelerated delivery format compatible with their needs and lifestyles. Most three semester credit hour courses are completed in five- or eight-week sessions.

The academic focus is on the integration of theory and practice emphasizing application, analysis and synthesis through collaborative learning experiences. Through small class size, group interaction and one’s unique life experiences, the classroom becomes a dynamic environment in which each student is an active participant.

Classes are taught by full-time College of Nursing and Health Professions professors who are advanced practitioners in the field of nursing. In the adult classroom, they serve as coaches, role models and facilitators. Faculty hold a master’s or doctoral degree, providing a rich blend of academic knowledge in their discipline with practical, professional experience.

RN/ BSN Degree Completion Track

The RN/BSN degree completion track has been designed to meet the unique needs of the registered professional nurse through flexible scheduling and a curriculum which permits progression at an individualized pace. This program acknowledges and validates the professional knowledge and skills that the RN brings to the program and builds upon them. Classes are held at Lewis campus locations and various hospitals throughout the Chicago region.

Graduates of the baccalaureate nursing program will be able to:

• develop a personalized professional identity;
• apply in interactions with clients the concept of holistic person within the total environment;
• utilize critical inquiry in professional roles;
• demonstrate effective communication in a variety of professional nursing roles;
• demonstrate competence in the role of care giver, educator, and counselor;
• assume professional responsibility for addressing social issues and concerns which affect the health of all members of society;
• assume leadership roles to assure quality nursing practice in the delivery of health services; and
• value lifelong learning and assume responsibility for a self-directed and interactive process.

Program Entrance Requirements

The registered nurse must have a current valid Illinois nursing license and have graduated from a state approved diploma, associate degree program or foreign nursing program. Also required is an application and official transcripts. Up to 72 semester hours can be transferred from a community college into the program, with a 2.5 (4.0 scale) cumulative GPA.
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RN/BSN Cohort

L2-370 Pathophysiology: An introduction to the physiological basis of human diseases with special emphasis on the role of normal feedback servomechanisms in maintaining health. Physiological disequilibrium of the major organ systems will be discussed in terms of concepts such as cellular disruptions, inflammation, obstruction, and overload.

L3-105 Introductory Organic and Biochemistry: This course is a survey of principles of organic chemistry and biochemistry with a preliminary section covering the essentials of atomic structure, chemical bonding, pressures, electrolytes, solutions, osmosis, and acid-based chemistry. This course is designed to emphasize the understanding of the principles as they relate to future coursework in physiology and pathology.

L6-303 Statistics for the Social Sciences: Statistical procedures are used to collect, describe, and analyze data in various disciplines - agriculture, biology, economics, education, nursing, political sciences, psychology, and many others. Each discipline adapts statistical procedures to fit its own needs, but basically all statistical procedures used are alike. In this course we will study two kinds of statistics - descriptive and inferential statistics. The topics that will be covered in the class are levels of measurement, frequency distributions, graphing techniques, measures of central tendency and dispersion, normal distributions, correlation, hypothesis testing, z-test, t-test, analysis of variance, and Chi-square test.

L5-306 Concepts of Professional Nursing: This course relates knowledge from the humanities and sciences to the practice of nursing. The history of nursing is reviewed and present and future directions of nursing and health care are explored. Concepts relevant to the practice of nursing, such as professionalism, nursing history, communication, and practice in a diverse environment are addressed.

L5-312 Health Assessment/Health Promotion: This course focuses on health promotion and holistic assessment of the individual across the life span. Emphasis will be placed on diagnostic reasoning and decision-making using skills in data collection, analysis, and interpretation. Students will present a health history and holistic assessment of a client within their nursing specialty. Prerequisite: RN Degree Completion Student, Concepts of Professional Nursing.

L5-301 Nursing Research: This course is an introduction to the nurse's role in the research process with the focus on the critical review and application of research findings to nursing practice, identification of ethics related to research, and the collection and recording of data. Prerequisite: RN Degree Completion Student; Statistics for Social Science; Concepts of Professional Nursing.

L5-302 Professional Development: This course facilitates synthesis of knowledge and competencies essential to the professional nurse's leadership and management responsibilities and personnel development, consumer satisfaction and quality care, and self development. Communication skills and information management are also included. Prerequisite: RN Degree Completion Student; Concepts of Professional Nursing; Health Assessment/ Health Promotion; Promoting Health Community; Nursing Research.

L5-435 Leadership Practicum: Students use professional and leadership skills to plan, develop, implement, and evaluate a professional project that makes a positive contribution to nursing practice, patient outcomes, or institutional policy in an approved healthcare agency. Students work with a preceptor under faculty guidance to achieve course and individual learning objectives.

Two Nursing Workshops: RN students will take two nursing workshops prior to graduation. Students register for these workshops individually to accommodate their personal schedules, allowing for flexibility. Workshops are available every semester.
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