

**NORTHERN OKLAHOMA COLLEGE
DIVISION OF NURSING
DIRECT ARTICULATION FOR LPNs**

NOTE: The LPN-RN direct articulation student must be able to complete the program within 2 years after starting Maternal-Child nursing. If this requirement is not met, the student has the option of repeating the program in its entirety, if approved by faculty and/or chair.

Policy

The Oklahoma LPN/ADN articulation plan as approved by the Oklahoma State Board of Regents gives LPNs the opportunity to receive college credit for practical nursing education without challenge examinations. Northern has chosen to participate in this endeavor. Credit may be granted according to the following criteria:

- Must be currently licensed as an LPN with no restrictions/sanctions/disciplinary actions/conditions.
- Must have graduated from a formerly NLNAC ACEN school approval within 5 years.
- Selected applicants will receive credit for the first and second semester nursing courses.
- The number of credit hours will be determined by the granting educational institution. (Northern Oklahoma College).
- The direct articulation applicant must meet the basic requirements for any applicant to the nursing program.
- The applicant must complete at least 17 credits of general education* and core courses** before entry into the fall semester nursing course (NURS 2334). These credits must include:
 - PSYC 1113 General Psychology, with a minimum grade of "C"
 - BISI 1114 Biology or BISI 1124 Biology for Majors or CHEM 1314 - General Chemistry I CHEM 1314 Chemistry I
 - BISI 2214 Human Anatomy & Physiology with a minimum grade of "C"
 - NURS 1253 Introduction to Nursing with a minimum grade of "C"
 - NURS 1353 Introduction to Psychiatric Nursing with a minimum grade of "C" if did not have a psych clinical rotation of at least 24 hours.
- Upon completion of requirements the applicant will be eligible to enroll in sophomore level nursing courses as space is available. Admittance is not guaranteed. Advanced positions are competitive in terms of the applicant's ability to achieve at the level of entry and the capacity of the program to accommodate additional students at that level. College retention GPA may be used to determine eligibility if needed.
- Credit for the direct articulation nursing courses will be recorded and filed with the registrar's office.
- The nursing program must be entered within one-two (1-2) calendar year after completing the summer LPN transition course.

Procedure

1. Complete the application process to the college and to the nursing program.
2. Designate on the nursing application that direct articulation is desired.
3. Submit application before the beginning of the fall semester of articulation into the first sophomore course. Include an official transcript from LPN school and official transcripts of college courses.
4. Bring a current active unencumbered LPN license to the nursing division office to be verified and recorded.
5. Notification of acceptance status, which is on a space available basis, may not occur until the first week of class.
6. If space available is limited, applicants with the highest college retention GPA will be admitted.
7. Applicants must attend the bridging course in the summer (prior to the fall semester of entering) to be eligible for direct articulation to familiarize entering applicants with the nursing program's philosophy, policies, procedures, nursing process, assessment techniques and other helpful information. This is designed to facilitate the applicant's adaptation to and success in the nursing courses.
8. If an applicant did not have a psych clinical rotation of at least 24 clinical hours in the LPN program, NURS 1353 Introduction to Psychiatric Nursing must be taken. If applicant chooses to take the psych test and passes, the clinical rotation of the psych class must be completed. Test must be taken by March 1st.
9. Articulation will occur directly into the third nursing course, NURS 2334 "Maternal-Child Nursing" and NURS 2344 "Maternal-Child Nursing Practicum".
10. To qualify for direct articulation applicants must:
 - a. meet criteria for admission to the nursing program.
 - b. complete the required core courses with a grade of "C" or better.
 - c. show proof of current active unencumbered LPN licensure.
 - d. show proof of graduating from an ACEN accredited Practical Nursing school.
 - e. have approval of the nursing chair.
 - f. have paid the appropriate fees.
11. To graduate, all applicants must complete the second year of ADN course work at Northern. For any advanced placement credit to be included on a transcript, the applicant must complete a minimum of 12 hours at Northern and be in good academic standing.
12. Enrollment in all courses should be done in collaboration with the Division of Nursing.

*** GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES**

Comp I	1113 (May CLEP)
Comp II	1213 (May CLEP)
History	1483 or 1493 (May CLEP)
Government	1113 (May CLEP)
Leadership/Orientation	1101 (May be waived)

**** CORE COURSES**

Biology (*May CLEP*) 1114 **or** BISI 1124 - Biology for Majors **or**
Chemistry 1314 (*May CLEP*)
CHEM 1314 - General Chemistry I
Anatomy & Physiology 2214
Microbiology 2124
Psychology 1113 (*May CLEP*)
Sociology 1113 or Social Problems 2223 (*May CLEP*)

Suggested course sequence for direct articulation:

Fall Semester #1

BISI 1114 - General Biology (*May CLEP*) **or**
BISI 1124 - Biology for Majors
CHEM 1314 - General Chemistry I (*May CLEP*) 4
PSYC 1113 - General Psychology (*May CLEP*) 3
ENGL 1113 - English Composition I (*May CLEP*) 3
HIST 1483 - American History to 1865 (*May CLEP*) **or**
HIST 1493 - American History since 1895 (*May CLEP*) 3
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Spring Semester #1

BISI 2214 - Human Anatomy & Physiology 4
SOC 1113 - Principles of Sociology (*May CLEP*) **or**
SOC 2223 - Social Problems 3
ENGL 1213 - English Composition II (*May CLEP*) 3
POLI 1113 - American National Government (*May CLEP*) 3
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Summer Semester

NURS 1253 - Introduction to Nursing 3
NURS 1353 - Introduction to Psychiatric Nursing 3
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Fall Semester #2

BISI 2124 - Microbiology (*May take this course earlier*) 4
NURS 2334 - Maternal-Child Nursing 4
NURS 2344 - Maternal-Child Nursing Practicum 4
NURS 2070 - Nursing Seminar I 1
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Spring Semester #2

NURS 2415 - Nursing of Adults II 5
NURS 2425 - Nursing of Adults II Practicum 5
NURS 2070 - Nursing Seminar II 2
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