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Nursing: Advanced Standing Track 2021 Advising Guide

Application Deadline: March 1, 2021 | Admission for Fall 2021

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General Program Info

LCC’s Nursing program has been accredited since 1971. It is currently accredited by:

[Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. \(ACEN\)](https://www.acenursing.org/)

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This program is Selective Admissions, which means admission is on a competitive basis and does have program-specific entrance requirements. **To be eligible for this track, applicants must be a licensed Paramedic, LPN, or Respiratory Therapist.** The program admits once a year and starts Fall semester. Admission is determined using a point system; those with the highest total points each year will be selected for the available seats. For more information on this program and career, visit the [program website](http://www.lcc.edu/academics/degrees/) (www.lcc.edu/academics/degrees/).

Application Deadline	Number of Students Admitted Annually	Program Duration (once admitted)	Program Format
March 1	32	16 months (3 semesters)	Hybrid (lecture content 50% online)

Application Process

You must be an LCC student to be eligible for this program. Admission into the college does not guarantee entrance into a Selective Admissions program. For questions about the application process, email selective_admissions@star.lcc.edu.

Follow these steps to apply:

1. **APPLY TO LCC:** If you are not currently and have never been an LCC student, [apply to the college](http://www.lcc.edu/admissions-financial-aid/get-started/) (www.lcc.edu/admissions-financial-aid/get-started/).
2. ***TRANSFER STUDENTS:** Have ALL of your previous colleges send official transcripts directly to LCC's Registrars Office by **February 1st**. Courses must transfer into LCC as the exact class to satisfy an admission requirement.
 - a. Find out where to send your transcripts and how your classes will transfer to LCC using our [equivalency site](http://lcc.edu/academics/transfer/equivalencies/) (lcc.edu/academics/transfer/equivalencies/).
 - b. *The following grading scale will be used to convert letter grades to numerical:

A / A- = 4.0	B+ = 3.5	B / B- = 3.0	C+ = 2.5	C / C- = 2.0
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3. **COMPLETE THE VIRTUAL PRE-NURSING ADVISING SEMINAR:**
Candidates must successfully complete the online Pre-Nursing Seminar before applying to the program. Starting in September 2020, prospective students can complete the online module and assessment on the [Pre-Nursing Advising Seminar D2L site](https://myd2l.lcc.edu/d2l/home/198656) (https://myd2l.lcc.edu/d2l/home/198656). You must be an LCC student with an active login to access the seminar. This can be taken at your own pace and **should be done early in your pre-Nursing pathway**. **Candidates who have already attended a face-to-face seminar are encouraged to complete the virtual module, but are not required to.*
4. **COMPLETE COURSE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:** See next page for a list of admission requirements needed to be eligible to apply.
**Completion of admission requirements does not guarantee admission into a Selective Admission program.*
5. **MANDATORY NURSING SIGNOFF ADVISING APPOINTMENT:**
All candidates must meet with a Nursing advisor prior to submitting their application. To be eligible, appointments must be a pre-scheduled face-to-face, video, or phone meeting and take place within 6 months of the application deadline (September 1- March 1). To schedule a Nursing Advising appointment with Angela or Eric, call (517) 483-1957, option 4. Appointments are also available with Barb at the Livingston campus by calling (517) 545-3522. To get the most out of your appointment, transfer transcripts should be on record with LCC before meeting with an advisor.
6. **SUBMIT SELECTIVE ADMISSION APPLICATION BY MARCH 1:**
 - a. Complete the online [Selective Admission Application](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HHS-SelectiveAdmissionApplication) (https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HHS-SelectiveAdmissionApplication).
**Candidates must attach professional certification and proof of work experience with their application. See admission requirements on next page for details.*
 - b. Then pay the \$50 non-refundable application fee at the [Selective Admissions Store](https://secure.touchnet.com:443/C20118_ustores/web/store_main.jsp?STOREID=43&FR_OMQRCODE=true&SINGLESTORE=true) (https://secure.touchnet.com:443/C20118_ustores/web/store_main.jsp?STOREID=43&FR_OMQRCODE=true&SINGLESTORE=true). Payment is due by the application deadline.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must complete ALL of the following to be eligible for admission. **A maximum of 2 attempts within a 5-year period is allowed for each of the course requirements;** this includes withdraws and attempts at other colleges. If the minimum required grade is not achieved within 2-attempts, students should meet with a Nursing Academic Advisor for next steps.

Coursework must be successfully completed by the end of LCC's Spring semester to be considered. To allow for faster admission decisions, **courses and degrees completed at other colleges during the semester of the deadline are not accepted.** Only courses listed on your LCC record, which includes transfer credit, can be used to satisfy an admission requirement. Completion of the requirements does not guarantee admission into a Selective Admission program.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENT	SEE NOTE	MINIMUM GRADE
Complete Pre-Nursing Seminar AND Attend Nursing Signoff Advising Appointment	<i>See Pg. 2</i>	Passing
Current Paramedic, LPN, or Respiratory Therapist with 2,080 hours of work experience (<i>Advanced Standing track only</i>)	6	N/A
BIOL 201: Human Anatomy	1 & 2	2.5 / C+
BIOL 202: Human Physiology	1	2.5 / C+
BIOL 203: Microbiology	1	2.5 / C+
BIOL 204: Microbiology Lab (optional)	1 & 3	2.5 / C+
ENGLISH COMPOSITION APPLIED DEGREES GENERAL EDUCATION: ENGL 121, 122, 131, or 132	4	2.5 / C+
MATHEMATICS APPLIED DEGREES GENERAL EDUCATION: MATH 119, MATH 120, STAT 170, STAT 215, or any course listed in the Mathematics Quantitative Reasoning, College Algebra, or Statistics Applied Degrees General Education area (lcc.edu/academics/catalog/general-education/index.html).		2.5 / C+
NURS 201: Patient-Centered Care	1	3.0 / B-
PFHW 163: Healthy Lifestyles		2.5 / C+
COMMUNICATIONS APPLIED DEGREES GENERAL EDUCATION: COMM 110, 120, or 130 <i>*Other courses cannot be substituted</i>	4	2.5 / C+
SOCIAL SCIENCES APPLIED DEGREES GENERAL EDUCATION: SOCL 120, ANTH 271, COMM 280, MGMT 234, or any course from the Humanities & Fine Arts or Social Sciences sections on the Applied Degrees General Education list (lcc.edu/academics/catalog/general-education/index.html)	4	2.5 / C+
Kaplan Admission Test	5	N/A

ADMISSION REQUIREMENT NOTES:

***TRANSFER STUDENTS:** Only courses and degrees completed at LCC during the semester of the deadline are accepted. Official transcripts from transferring colleges must be on file with LCC's Registrars office by February 1st to be considered. See page 2 for the grading scale used to convert letter grades to numerical.

- 1. Biology courses must be completed within 8 years of the application deadline. NURS 201 must be completed within 2 years.**
2. MSU's ANTR 350 will satisfy the BIOL 201 requirement despite it not transferring into LCC. BIOL 202 must transfer into LCC as the exact class to satisfy the admission requirement.
3. BIOL 204 is not required to be eligible for the Nursing program, but points are awarded for successful completion. This course is required for most Bachelors of Nursing programs.
4. The general education requirement for English, Communication, and/or Social Science will be waived by Selective Admissions ONLY IF the student has an Associate's or higher degree AND there are no classes completing the requirement(s) on the student's academic record. Official transcripts on record with LCC's Registrars office must show proof of degree.
5. The Kaplan Admission Test is a 3-hour exam that covers Reading, Writing, Math, Science, and Critical Thinking. Applicants will be contacted by Selective Admissions after the application deadline to schedule an exam time. Testing occurs in May directly after the Spring semester ends. Kaplan scores from other institutes are not accepted at this time. Additional information on the Kaplan Admission Test is available in the Nursing section on HHS's [Advising Guides site \(www.lcc.edu/hhs/advising-guides.html\)](http://www.lcc.edu/hhs/advising-guides.html).
6. A current unrestricted license in Paramedic, LPN, or Respiratory Therapist is required. Applicants must have worked a minimum of 2,080 hours during the 24 months prior to the application deadline; 2,080 hours is equivalent to 1 year full-time or 2 years part-time. **Proof of work experience must be completed by a supervisor or HR department and include position title, full-time or part-time status, dates of employment, and a brief job description.** Documentation of work experience and current certification must be attached to the application to be eligible for this track.

Point System

Admission into this program is competitive. Applicants who complete all of the admission requirements will be ranked using the following point system. Those with the highest total points will be selected for the available seats. **Admission decisions are made June 1st.**

POINT CRITERIA	SEE NOTE	YOUR POINTS
<p>The following points are awarded based on GPA of the course admission requirements and BIOL 204 (if applicable):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="width: 50%;">• 80 points: 3.88-4.00 <li style="width: 50%;">• 55 points: 3.25-3.37 <li style="width: 50%;">• 75 points: 3.75-3.87 <li style="width: 50%;">• 50 points: 3.12-3.24 <li style="width: 50%;">• 70 points: 3.62-3.74 <li style="width: 50%;">• 45 points: 2.99-3.11 <li style="width: 50%;">• 65 points: 3.50-3.61 <li style="width: 50%;">• 30 points: 2.60-2.98 <li style="width: 50%;">• 60 points: 3.38-3.49 	1	
6 points awarded for completion of BIOL 204 with grade of 2.5 or higher.	2	
2 points awarded if <u>all</u> of the prerequisite courses required for admission were successfully completed at LCC.	2	
<p>2 points will be awarded for each of the following classes if the minimum grade was achieved on the first attempt:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="width: 50%;">• BIOL 201 <li style="width: 50%;">• MATH <li style="width: 50%;">• BIOL 202 <li style="width: 50%;">• NURS 201 <li style="width: 50%;">• BIOL 203 	3	
<p>Up to 60 points will be awarded for your score on the Kaplan Admission Test. Points are determined by taking the sum of your scores in the following Kaplan areas and dividing by 10:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall score, Math, Reading, Science, Writing, & Critical Thinking 	See Pg. 4	
<p>The following points are awarded based on when applicant attended a Nursing Signoff Advising Appointment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 points: September 1 – November 30 • 3 points: December 1 – January 31 • 1 points: February 1-26 • 0 points: February 27 – March 1 	See Pg. 2	
2 points awarded if applicant was on the previous year's Advanced Standing track alternate list and never offered admission.	2	
YOUR TOTAL POINTS:		

POINT SYSTEM NOTES:

1. The highest grade within 2 attempts will be used for GPA calculation. If an admission requirement is satisfied via an AP exam, CLEP score, or degree, it will not be included in the GPA calculation. Check out the **Nursing GPA Calculator** in the Nursing section on HHS's [Advising Guides site](http://www.lcc.edu/hhs/advising-guides.html) (www.lcc.edu/hhs/advising-guides.html).
2. This point criteria is optional. Only applicants who meet the criteria will earn points in this category.
3. To earn points in the first attempt category, the course must have been completed with a grade of 2.5 or higher and 3.0 or higher for NURS 201. Withdraws and attempts at other institutions are considered. Only attempts within the last 5 years are considered.

In the case of a tie in total points, Nursing GPA followed by grade in NURS 201, and Overall Kaplan score will be used.

Program Layout

Admitted applicants and those selected as an alternate will be required to attend a mandatory program orientation that typically occurs mid-June. Candidates are advised to plan Summer vacations accordingly.

If admitted, the Advanced Standing Track Nursing program begins during LCC's Fall semesters and is 3-semester long. Classes do not run during the Summer for this track. This is a cohort program meaning class sequence and schedules are set. Students are in a Nursing activity (lectures, labs, clinical) 4 days/week. Most courses meet during the weekday between the hours of 8am-6pm. Lectures are hybrid; 50% of the content is online and 50% meets face-to-face. All labs are delivered in-person on campus. Clinical sites are within a 200 mile radius of LCC's main campus. Students may be placed at any clinical site, regardless of distance. Students are responsible for their own transportation and any cost associated with it. Clinicals occur 1-2 times per a week. While most rotations occur weekdays between 7am-7pm, weekend and night assignments are possible. **Course load is equivalent to a full-time job.** Therefore participants are encouraged to reduce their work hours as much as possible while in the program.

After successful completion of the program, graduates earn an **Associate of Applied Science degree – Nursing, Registered Nurse (RN)**. This allows them to take the NCLEX-RN to become a licensed RN. A complete Nursing program pathway, including course layout and course sequence, is available on the college's [Degree & Certificate site](https://lcc.edu/academics/catalog/degree-certificate-programs/) (https://lcc.edu/academics/catalog/degree-certificate-programs/).

Experiential Learning credit is granted based on the candidate's professional experience as a Paramedic, LPN, or Respiratory Therapist. This allows the Advanced Standing track to be only 3 semesters long as opposed to the 4 semester length of the other Nursing tracks. \$100 is owed early in their last semester of the program in order for the college to grant the 12 NURS experiential learning credits needed to graduate. Students will get more information on how to make payment during their last semester of the Nursing program.

LCC's Nursing program prepares students to take the NCLEX exam in the state of Michigan. Licensure requirements vary by state. Graduates who want to practice outside of Michigan should review requirements for that State's Board of Nursing.

***VETERANS:** While in the Nursing program, students receiving Veteran benefits are encouraged to complete PFFT 100, 101, 102, 103, and/or PFHW 181.

Program Cost

The approximate cost for a Advanced Standing track Nursing student who receives in-district tuition rates is \$19,000; this includes the cost of prerequisite and in-program courses along with Nursing supplies and textbooks. For a detailed cost sheet, including tuition rates for all residencies, visit the Nursing section on HHS's [Advising Guides site](http://www.lcc.edu/hhs/advising-guides.html) (www.lcc.edu/hhs/advising-guides.html).

Be advised some in-program classes have a portion of the course fee that is non-refundable. Any student who registers for the class and then drops, withdraws, or is otherwise ineligible for the program will not be refunded the non-refundable portion. The non-refundable amount and the items included in course fees vary by class. More information will be provided at the program orientation that occurs after admission decisions are made.

Criminal Background Check

In order for this program to be in compliance with Michigan Public Act 26 of 2006, a **Criminal Background investigation is required for all students**. Directions for completing a Background Check, which may include fingerprinting and drug testing, will be given at the program orientation (after admission decisions are made). Please note digital fingerprinting will be required by the State of Michigan at the time of application for career licensure. To comply with State and Federal statutes, admission to this program will be denied for any of the following:

- Any felony conviction within 15 years + three years' probation prior to application.
- Any misdemeanor within ten years prior to application that involved or is similar to the following:
 - Abuse, neglect, assault, battery
 - Criminal sexual conduct
 - Fraud or theft against a vulnerable adult (as defined by the Michigan penal code)

The [Michigan Workforce Background Check Program](http://www.miltcpartnership.org/documents/legalguide.pdf) (www.miltcpartnership.org/documents/legalguide.pdf) provides detailed information regarding the types of crimes and their implications to employment suitability in health care facilities and agencies.

Any student who has been charged with a felony or a misdemeanor crime after admission to the program must contact the Program Director within 72 hours of the charge. Students convicted of certain crime(s) may become ineligible for licensure, and therefore, may be dismissed from the Program.

Environmental Conditions-Standard Precautions

Applicants must be aware students in this program and profession will be exposed to blood, body tissues, and fluids. There is the potential of exposure to electrical hazards, hazardous waste materials, radiation, poisonous substances, chemicals, loud or unpleasant noises and high stress emergency situations. Students enrolled in this program and career path are at risk for exposure to blood and body fluids and transmission of blood-borne and other infectious diseases, including HIV. The Americans with Disabilities Act forbids discrimination against patients with infectious diseases; therefore, students are required to treat all patients assigned, regardless of the disease-state of the patient. Standard precautions must be followed when treating each patient.

Immunization Certification: applicants admitted to the program shall be required to present evidence, in the form, of certification by a licensed healthcare provider, that he/she has been immunized against measles, mumps/rubeola, rubella, tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis, hepatitis B, Varicella, influenza, and other immunization as required. Annual Tuberculosis testing is also required. Students must also provide documentation of BLS certification, a physical from a licensed healthcare provider, and 10-Panel Drug screen from an approved provider. Clinical requirements are subject to change. This is in accordance with professional standards and clinical-site requirements. Students are responsible for the cost associated with obtaining immunizations, physicals, BLS certification, and any other items relating to clinical eligibility. **More information about these items and how to submit them will be provided at the program orientation that occurs after admission decisions are made; do not submit these documents with your Selective Admission Application.** Contact the Program Director for details on clinical requirements.

Be aware Lansing Community College does not provide accident and health insurance coverage for students. The College provides liability insurance coverage for students in practicum for injuries and damages they cause to others. It does not cover injuries students sustain as a result of their own actions. Students must use personal funds or personal medical insurance as a primary medical coverage payment if accident or injury occurs or if emergency treatment is required.

Skills Essential for the Field

For a list of motor, cognitive, and psychological skills essential for this field, visit the Nursing section on HHS's [Advising Guides site](http://www.lcc.edu/hhs/advising-guides.html) (www.lcc.edu/hhs/advising-guides.html).

COVID-19

As a result of COVID-19, Spring 2020 courses were switched mid-semester to online formats. The College allowed students to opt into a pass/fail grading system for eligible Spring 2020 courses. However, the Nursing program does not accept "P" (pass) grades. The minimum required grade must be met for all admission requirements or optional classes.

In recognition of the challenges the transition to online learning may have created, applicants will not be penalized for repeating a course taken during the Spring 2020 semester. If the

minimum required grade was not met for a course completed Spring 2020, points will not be deducted and applicants may automatically have a 3rd attempt (if needed). This applies to Spring 2020 courses only; the practice will not continue for future semester courses impacted by COVID-19.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, students are required to comply with all laws, rules, and regulations as well as any guidance provided by the CDC, the local health department, and other governmental authorities. Due to rapid developments related to COVID-19, students are encouraged to periodically visit the College's website for updated information about COVID-19 (www.lcc.edu/about/coronavirus/).

Non-Discrimination Statement

Lansing Community College is committed to providing equal employment opportunities and equal education for all persons regardless of race, color, sex, age, religion, national origin, creed, ancestry, height, weight, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, disability, familial status, marital status, military status, veteran's status, or other status as protected by law, or genetic information that is unrelated to the person's ability to perform the duties of a particular job or position or that is unrelated to the person's ability to participate in educational programs, courses, services or activities offered by the college.

The following individuals have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies: Equal Opportunity Officer, Washington Court Place, 309 N. Washington Square Lansing, MI 48933, 517-483-1730; Employee Coordinator 504/ADA, Administration Building, 610 N. Capitol Ave. Lansing, MI 48933, 517-483-1875; Student Coordinator 504/ADA, Gannon Building, 411 N. Grand Ave. Lansing, MI 48933, 517-483-1885; Sarah Velez, Human Resource Manager/Title IX Coordinator, Administration Building, 610 N. Capitol Ave. Lansing, MI 48933, 517-483-1874; Christine Thompson, Student Title IX Coordinator, Gannon Building, 411 N. Grand Ave. Lansing, MI 48933, 517-483-1261.

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