

**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:

- Hold current active unencumbered LPN license.
- Must have graduated from an ACEN or NLN CNEA accredited program within 5 years.
- Selected applicants will receive credit for the first and second semester nursing courses. Credit for the direct articulation nursing courses will be recorded as Advanced Placement (AP) and filed with the registrar's office after completion of 12 credit hours at Northern Oklahoma College.
- The direct articulation applicant must meet criteria for admission to the nursing program.
- Successfully complete NURS 1253: Introduction to Nursing (LPN transition course offered summer and fall L8 terms) with a grade of C or better. Applicants who have not completed a mental health clinical rotation of at least 24 clinical hours must complete NURS 1353: Introduction to Psychiatric Nursing (offered summer term) with a grade of C or better.
- Upon completion of requirements, the applicant will be eligible to enroll in 2000-level nursing courses as space is available. Admission 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.
- LPN applicants must enter the nursing program within the academic year after passing NURS 1253: Introduction to Nursing.

Procedure

1. Submit an application for acceptance to Northern Oklahoma College. Designate Nursing-Pre-Bacc Associate of Science as the degree option.
2. Make an appointment with the nursing office to enroll in non-nursing courses.
3. 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:
 - a. PSYC 1113 General Psychology, with a minimum grade of C
 - b. SOCI 1113 Principles of Sociology, with a minimum grade of C
 - c. BIOL 1114 Biology **or** CHEM 1315 General Chemistry I **and**
 - d. BIOL 2214 Human Anatomy & Physiology **or** BIOL 2104 Human Anatomy **and** BIOL 2204 Human Physiology with a minimum grade of C
 - e. NURS 1253 Introduction to Nursing with a minimum grade of C
4. NURS 1253: Introduction to Nursing must be successfully completed with a grade of C or better to be eligible to enter the nursing program at any advanced level. Applicants who did not have a mental health clinical rotation of at least 24 clinical hours in the LPN program, must also enroll in NURS 1353 Introduction to Psychiatric Nursing.
5. LPN direct articulation applicants must have all requirements completed and submit a completed nursing application to the Associate Degree (RN) Nursing Program by March 1 for summer start. Designate on the nursing application that direct articulation is desired.
6. Notification of acceptance status to NURS 2334 Maternal-Child Nursing and NURS 2344 Maternal-Child Nursing Practicum, which is on a space available basis, may not occur until the first week of class. If space available is limited, applicants with the highest college retention GPA will be admitted.
7. To graduate, all direct articulation students 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.
8. 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. have been accepted for admission to the Associate Degree (RN) Nursing program.