



The Geisinger Lewistown Hospital School of Nursing

welcomes your interest in our RN diploma program! Nursing is an exciting and rewarding profession that is rapidly growing and changing. Our program is designed to give you a solid knowledge base and plenty of exposure to the clinical areas to prepare you as a competent, high-quality graduate nurse ready to practice in today's challenging healthcare environment.

Open application time is now through **April 30, 2020**, or until class is filled. To be considered for admission, you must apply online, as well as mail or drop off all materials listed in this packet. You can reach the online application portal [here](#), or by visiting geisinger.org, clicking on the *Education* tab, then selecting *Geisinger Lewistown School of Nursing*. A fee of \$130 is due when you submit your application and completed packet materials to be considered for a regular admission decision.

The submission date of **all** admission materials — including online application, mailed admission packet materials, preadmission testing and an interview — will determine your start date. Classes start each August. You're responsible for making sure your packet is complete and that you've met the prerequisites. Read this packet carefully and visit the application information page online to see all steps in the admission process and all required forms.

Our website should answer most of your questions. However, if you have any questions, contact the Geisinger Lewistown Hospital School of Nursing Office at 717-242-7930 or Lisa Wilson at lawilson@geisinger.edu.

Thank you for choosing our program — and congratulations on taking the next step toward a promising future in nursing!

Materials in this packet:

1. Admissions policy
2. High school transcript request form
3. Request for recommendation forms (3 total)
4. Information about registering for the Preadmission NLN-RN Examination
5. Checklist

Besides completing your online application, you must also submit the following items:

• Printed application packet:

- o High school transcripts in sealed envelope with official signature across seal
- o Post-secondary education transcripts (if applicable) in sealed envelope
- o Three completed recommendation forms in sealed envelopes with signature across seal
- o Completed checklist form from this packet
- o NLN Pre-Admission Exam scores (taken after the online application is submitted)

• Other requirements (if applicable)

- o Report from TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language)
- o Course transfer forms

These items should be mailed to or dropped off at:

Geisinger Lewistown Hospital School of Nursing
400 Highland Ave.
Lewistown, PA 17044

Application deadline is April 30, 2020, or until class is filled.

Admissions policy

You are required to meet standardized criteria in order to apply for the program. The education requirements for admission are as follows:

1. High school education – You must have completed work equal to a standard high school education. A general equivalency diploma (GED) is accepted as a standard high school education. **Official high school transcript is required of all applicants.**

2. High school class rank – Class rank will be considered for high school applicants and recent graduates. Rank in the upper half of the class is preferred.

3. Grade point average (GPA) – Your GPA will be considered. A minimum GPA of 2.5 is preferred, with a C grade or better required in algebra, general biology and general chemistry (each must be one full credit). A C-minus grade is not acceptable.

4. You must have completed work equivalent to a high school course with a minimum of 16 units, including 3 units of English, 3 units of social studies, 2 units of mathematics (one of which is algebra I) and 2 units of science with a related laboratory or the equivalent (general biology & general chemistry.)

5. You will be required to take the National League for Nursing Preadmission Examination for RN applicants. A score in at least the 60th percentile is preferred.

6. Post-secondary education – If you have completed post-secondary coursework, you must submit a transcript or transcripts.

7. Test of English as a Foreign Language® (TOEFL) is required if your first language is not English. Acceptable scores must be documented. Minimum passing score for the TOEFL iBT is 84 or higher total score, with a minimum speaking score of 26. Minimum passing score for the TOEFL PBT is 540 or higher total score. TOEFL code is 0205.

8. You must have a cleared/clean record of all criminal and child abuse clearances in order to apply. Clearances are not required until after you are accepted into the program and must be turned in before classes start.

9. All Geisinger facilities are tobacco-free. In accordance with Geisinger policy, all applicants who are offered admission will be screened for nicotine. If results are positive, the offer for admission will be rescinded.

10. You must be a U.S. citizen.

It is the policy of the Geisinger Lewistown Hospital School of Nursing to provide equal opportunity for all applicants without regard to race, color, religion, creed, national origin, ancestry, sex, non-job-related handicap, disability or age. The Geisinger Lewistown Hospital School of Nursing is committed to offering students who are disabled (as defined by Section 104 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990) an opportunity to participate in the program.

This policy will be strictly adhered to.

Transcript request form

To: High School Principal

I, _____ have applied for admission to the Geisinger Lewistown Hospital School of Nursing. I would like an **official copy** of my transcript to be sent to me at the following location:

Applicant's name & address:

If it is against school policy to send an official transcript to the student, mail to Geisinger Lewistown Hospital School of Nursing, 400 Highland Ave., Lewistown, PA 17044.

The high school transcript should include the following:

1. All courses and grades (including 9th through 12th, if possible)
2. Explanation of grading system
3. Official signature, date, and school's seal affixed

Printed name of applicant (at time of graduation)

Date of birth

Year of graduation

Signature

Date

Applicant reminder: The School of Nursing **must** receive transcript in an unopened sealed envelope. **Contact the high school for fee and other requirements.**

Preadmission exam for Geisinger Lewistown Hospital School of Nursing

As part of our admission process, the Geisinger Lewistown Hospital School of Nursing requires you to take the National League for Nursing (NLN) Pre-Admission Exam. This test is mandatory for all applicants, and scores in the 60th percentile rank or higher are preferred.

Dates and times for testing at the School of Nursing Learning Center will be posted on the NLN website throughout the year. It is your responsibility to monitor the NLN website and to get registered for a test using the NLN site.

All testing will be held at the Geisinger Lewistown Hospital School of Nursing's Learning Lab at 100 N. Fifth St., located on the corner of Fifth Street and Highland Avenue. Directions to the Geisinger Lewistown Hospital Learning Center are attached. Parking is available in the hospital visitor parking lot.

To register for the test, visit NLNOnlineTesting.org and follow the prompts.

Exam details:

- A \$40 fee payable to the NLN will be required when you register online (price subject to change).
- Two proofs of ID and confirmation of registration are required on test day.

You may register at any time for the exam, but you cannot take the exam if you do not have an application turned in before the test date. **Applications will not be accepted on test day.**

Refunds

Note that once you have applied to take the NLN RN Pre-Admission Exam, the application fee, cost for the exam and fees associated with score reports are non-refundable.

Repeating the exam

If you wish to retake the NLN Pre-Admission Exam, you will get two test tries per application, pending time allowed.

There is a 3-month wait period between tests and a \$55 proctor fee (payable to GLHSON) in addition to the second NLN test fee.

Test scores are confidential. Your test score will be made available to you by the NLN approximately 4 hours after the end of the test. Directions for scoring are on the NLN website or your Questionmark account.

If you have any questions or concerns, call 717-242-7930 or email lawilson@geisinger.edu.

Information about National League for Nursing (NLN) Pre-Admission Examination – RN

To better prepare applicants, the NLN has created a series of prep products. The PAX PREP and PAX PREP BONUS products are the **only** official prep products available on the market, and have been designed to help you learn and retain the material by simulating the actual PAX. These products are only available through the NLN Student Store.

The following textbooks may be helpful in preparing for the exam:

1. *Barron's Nursing School Entrance Exam*

Corrine E. Grimes and Sandra Swick (2007)
3rd Edition ISBN #13-978-0764136979

2. *Nursing School and Allied Health Entrance Examination*

Marion F. Gooding, ARCO Publishing Co. (2003)
16th Edition ISBN #13-978-0768911954

3. *Review Guide for RN Pre-Entrance Exam*

Mary McDonald, Jones & Bartlett Learning (2003)
2nd Edition ISBN #13-978-0763724863

4. *Review Guide for RN Pre-Entrance Exam*

Emily Ekle/Amy Sibley/Patricia Donnelly, Jones & Bartlett Learning (2008)
3rd Edition ISBN #13-978-0763762711

The *Review Guide for NLN-RN Pre-Entrance Exam, Third Edition*, provides a sound basis for successful preparation for a nursing preadmission exam. It also provides an overview of the math, science and reading comprehension skills necessary for admission to AD and BS programs. This best-selling study guide includes review questions and practice exams in each of the three test areas, and includes helpful tips for test preparation and for becoming a more effective learner and test-taker.

You can also download an NLN PAX exam prep app by searching apps on your phone.

Refer to the NLN website, nlm.org, for more information.

Directions to Geisinger Lewistown Hospital School of Nursing test site

Take Route 322 East (coming from State College)

Exit U.S. Route 322 E at Electric Avenue. At stop sign, turn right onto Ort Valley Road. At traffic light, turn left onto Electric Avenue and continue through next traffic light (KFC on your right) and take the next left turn onto South Fourth Street. The hospital is on the left. Continue to the top of the hill and turn right into the visitors' parking lot. The School of Nursing Learning Center is located at the end of the parking lot at 100 N. Fifth St., at the corner of Fifth Street and Highland Avenue (across from the Rhodes Memorial Church). **Do not park in front of the administration office. Use the visitors' parking lot.**

Take Route 322 West (coming from Harrisburg)

Exit U.S. Route 322 W at Electric Avenue. At stop sign, yield onto Electric Avenue. Continue through traffic light (KFC on your right) and take the next left turn onto South Fourth Street. The hospital is on the left. Continue to the top of the hill and turn right into the visitors' parking lot. The School of Nursing Learning Center is located at the end of the parking lot at 100 N. Fifth St., at the corner of Fifth Street and Highland Avenue (across from the Rhodes Memorial Church). **Do not park in front of the administration office. Use the visitors' parking lot.**

From Route 522 South (coming from Selinsgrove)

As you enter Lewistown on U.S. Route 522 S, go through the traffic light and turn right onto U.S. Route 322 W. After about 0.5 mile, exit 322 W at the Electric Avenue exit. At stop sign, yield onto Electric Avenue. Continue through traffic light (KFC on your right) and take the next left turn onto South Fourth Street. The hospital is on the left. Continue to the top of the hill and turn right into the visitors' parking lot. The School of Nursing Learning Center is located at the end of the parking lot at 100 N. Fifth St., at the corner of Fifth Street and Highland Avenue (across from the Rhodes Memorial Church). **Do not park in front of the administration office. Use the visitors' parking lot.**

From Route 522 North (Coming from Huntingdon)

Exit U.S. Route 522 N at Electric Avenue. At stop sign, turn right onto Ort Valley Road. At traffic light, turn left onto Electric Avenue and continue through next traffic light (KFC on your right) and take the next left turn onto South Fourth Street. The hospital is on the left. Continue to the top of the hill and turn right into the visitors' parking lot. The School of Nursing Learning Center is located at the end of the parking lot at 100 N. Fifth St., at the corner of Fifth Street and Highland Avenue (across from the Rhodes Memorial Church). **Do not park in front of the administration office. Use the visitors' parking lot.**

Checklist

This page **must be completed and returned** with your application.

You will be reviewed for admission **after** all of the following forms (if applicable) have been received.

Call the school to verify receipt of material/transcripts.

Application checklist

1. Completed School of Nursing application (online), including essays.

Your check

2. Official high school transcript(s) (**required of all applicants even if a GED has been obtained**).
Opened transcripts will not be accepted.

Some schools/colleges will not release transcripts to the student. If this is the case, document date that you requested the transcript(s).

3. Official GED scores (if applicable). **Opened transcripts will not be accepted.**

4. Official college and/or secondary education transcript(s) (past and current, if applicable), submitted in a sealed envelope. **Opened transcripts will not be accepted.**

Some schools/colleges will not release transcripts to the student. If this is the case, document date that you requested the transcript(s).

5. Report from TOEFL (Test of English as Foreign Language), if applicable.

6. Three completed reference forms from a teacher, guidance counselor, spiritual counselor or employer. **Relatives and peers are not acceptable. Submit references in an unopened envelope with the writer's signature across the seal.** You may wish to inform the writer that the front portion of the reference must be included.

7. You **must have completed** algebra, general biology and general chemistry with a **C** grade or better, and each must be one full credit (high school level or higher). A grade of C-minus is not acceptable.

If the above requirements are met, you may be scheduled for an interview with faculty members to assess your motivation, personal qualities, academic potential and aptitude for the nursing profession.

If accepted for admission, you will receive a written offer of acceptance. To reserve a space in the incoming class, you must acknowledge acceptance in writing and state your intent to enter the program. Admission fees must be paid at that time. These fees are non-refundable.

Applicant signature: _____ Date: _____

Approvals and accreditations:

This program has received full approval from the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing.

Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing
P.O. Box 2649
Harrisburg, PA 17105
717-783-7142

Our program has received full accreditation from the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing Inc. (ACEN).

Accreditation Commission for
Education in Nursing Inc.
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Atlanta, GA 30326
Phone: 404-975-5000
Fax: 404-975-5020
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Geisinger Lewistown Hospital School of Nursing:
School code: 041759

Supplemental information

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Plan of study

The Geisinger Lewistown Hospital School of Nursing offers one program of study: professional nursing. When you complete the program, you are eligible to apply for the National Licensure Exam (NCLEX-RN) to become a registered nurse.

To graduate from the program, you must complete 88 credits. The nursing courses, totaling 58 credits, will be offered by the School of Nursing. The remaining 30 credits are college courses that you may take at a college of your choice. **We have partnered with Harrisburg Area Community College (HACC) to offer these courses to our students in the evening here in Lewistown.**

Geisinger Lewistown Hospital School of Nursing offers a two-year plan of study. Students who are licensed practical nurses (LPNs) in the state of Pennsylvania can apply for advanced standing to enter in the LPN track.

School of Nursing courses are scheduled throughout the day, Monday through Friday. General education courses that are not completed and scheduled through HACC (Lewistown) will be taken in the evening(s) in accordance with HACC's scheduling.

Geisinger Lewistown Hospital School of Nursing (GLHSON) plan of study

Year one: (Fall – 16 weeks)

GLHSON courses	Credit /unit	General education course(s)	Credit/ unit
N111: Nursing Fundamentals	10	Psychology	3
N122: Professional Nursing Communication	1	Anatomy and Physiology I	4
N213: Critical Thinking	1		
N130: PN-RN Progression Course* (LPNs only)	2		

(Spring – 16 weeks)

GLHSON courses	Credit /unit	General education course(s)	Credit/ unit
N112: Pharmacology	2	Anatomy and Physiology II	4
N121: Medical-Surgical Nursing	8	Microbiology	4

(Summer – 12 weeks)

GLHSON courses	Credit /unit	General education course(s)	Credit/ unit
N131: Medical-Surgical Nursing II	6	Nutrition	3
		Human Growth and Development	3

Year two:

(Fall – 16 weeks)

GLHSON courses	Credit /unit	General education course(s)	Credit/ unit
N211: Nursing Care of the Elderly	6	English	3
N221: Nursing Care of the Childbearing Family	6	Computer Applications	3

(Spring – 16 weeks)

GLHSON courses	Credit /unit	General education course(s)	Credit/ unit
N212: Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing	5	Sociology	3
N222: Nursing Care of the Critically Ill	5		
N232: Transcultural Nursing	2		

(Summer – 12 weeks)

GLHSON courses	Credit /unit	General education course(s)	Credit/ unit
N231: Leadership and Management in Nursing	6		

Two-year plan of study = 88 credits/units

Transfer students and LPNs may qualify to receive credit for Nursing Fundamentals (8 credits), Professional Nursing Communication (1 credit) and Critical Thinking (1 credit) upon admission into the program.

Plan of study must be completed within three years.

Advanced placement

If you are a licensed practical nurse (LPN), you may apply for and receive advanced placement in the program based on the following criteria:

1. You must meet all admission and prerequisite requirements.
2. You must be a graduate of a board-approved and accredited program.
3. You must have a current Pennsylvania LPN license and be in good standing. A copy of the LPN license needs to be submitted and/or license verification will be conducted.
4. Two years of LPN work experience within the past five years are preferred.
5. You must meet all written work and testing with satisfactory performance in the transition course in order to continue in the program.
6. Additional theory and clinical time may be recommended, even if you are granted advanced standing.
7. If you are in the LPN-to-RN track, you may receive credit by exam for Nursing 111-Nursing Fundamentals, Nursing 122-Professional Nursing Communication and Nursing 213-Critical Thinking.
You will not be required to complete a course transfer form to receive credit.

Transfer policy

A. If you are requesting course transfer credit:

1. Geisinger Lewistown Hospital School of Nursing will maintain a list of courses that have been previously reviewed and approved.
2. You will complete the course transfer form and will submit it to your advisor.
3. You must also submit official transcripts from the college or professional nursing program. You must include the course description for any courses that are not on the list of previously reviewed and approved courses.
4. The advisor will review the course descriptions and will take one of the following actions:
 - a. If the course is included on the previously reviewed and approved course list, the advisor will approve the course and will submit the form for credit.
 - b. If the course is not on the previously reviewed and approved course list, the advisor will request a review by the Executive Committee.
 - c. The committee may ask you for the course syllabus.
 - d. The committee will determine whether the course will be accepted, and this decision will be communicated to you.
 - e. When an official transcript is received, the course will be added to your School of Nursing transcript. Until the official transcripts are received, the course will have a "T*" coded beside it on your grade report.
 - f. If you decide to take a CLEP test for a course, credit must be granted through a college or university, and you must submit official transcripts as proof of credit with the approved course number on the transcript. A course transfer form must also be completed. CLEP testing credit for English courses will not be accepted.
 - g. Accepted transfers will receive an official credit evaluation after you register. For every semester that you are still taking general education courses, you will be required to submit grade reports from the respective college or institution where you are taking the course. You will be required to submit official transcripts at the end of every summer semester. You may be refused registration to nursing courses if official transcripts are not submitted.
 - h. You will not graduate and will not be approved to take the NCLEX exam until official transcripts are received for all classes.

Transfer policy, continued

B. If you have been enrolled in other professional nursing programs:

1. You must meet the basic admission requirements (refer to *Admission requirements* policy).
2. You will only be considered a transfer student if you have successfully completed nursing courses at an accredited institution of higher education.
3. You must complete a minimum of three semesters of core nursing courses at the Geisinger Lewistown Hospital School of Nursing.
4. Granting of transfer credit is evaluated on a course-by-course basis by the committee.
5. You will follow the procedure for requesting course transfer credit.
6. You will be considered if space is available in the class.
7. Nursing course transfer will be granted based on the following:
 - a. The course content must be comparable to the curriculum offered by the Geisinger Lewistown Hospital School of Nursing.
 - b. Course descriptions will be required for nursing courses completed at other institutions. Faculty will make the decision based on a review of the course description submitted.
 - c. In order for courses to be considered, the course grade you earn in Theory/Clinical must be at least C/P or higher (a grade of C-minus is unacceptable).
 - d. Successful completion of challenge exams may be required.
 - e. A fee will be charged for each nursing challenge examination. The fee must be paid on or before the day of testing, and you will be informed of the fee prior to the testing date.
 - f. If you have successfully challenged the theoretical knowledge portion of the course, you must be evaluated for clinical proficiency.
 - g. Faculty may require you to audit nursing courses and/or attend clinical preparatory sessions as a condition of your enrollment.
 - h. You may be placed on academic probation as a condition of enrollment in the School of Nursing program.
8. After beginning the nursing program, you must take all required courses through Geisinger Lewistown Hospital School of Nursing unless special approval is granted.

General education course descriptions

The following general education courses are required (note that these courses may be taken at any accredited college or university, and it is your responsibility to arrange for and pay for these courses).

Anatomy and Physiology: 4 credits each

Study of the structure and function of human cells, tissue, organs and systems. Clinical applications of anatomy and physiology will also be considered. These courses include lecture and laboratory component.

General Microbiology: 4 credits

The study of fundamental characteristics of bacteria and related microorganisms, including taxonomy, physiology and distribution.

Nutrition: 3 credits

An introduction to the science of nutrition. Consideration is given to nutrients and their composition, functions and sources. Human physiology, including digestion, metabolism and excretion, is covered, along with special nutritional needs throughout the life cycle. Integrated with this basic information are special topics pertaining to diets, organic foods, preservatives, pesticides, world hunger and other current issues.

Human Growth & Development: 3 credits

Physical, cognitive, social and emotional developments are studied throughout the life span. Major theories of development are discussed. Applications and examples are presented from applied contexts. Special needs of individuals at various stages throughout the life span are addressed.

Introductory Sociology: 3 credits

This course will introduce concepts of sociology. The course will focus on the nature and characteristics of human societies and social life.

Computer Applications: 3 credits

This course introduces computer applications related to healthcare. Basic computer skills will be reviewed. The student will gain skills in working with various computer programs that are commonly used in the healthcare setting.

English: 3 credits

This course introduces technical and professional writing to prepare the student to utilize effective written communication in the professional world.

Introduction to Psychology: 3 credits

An introduction to basic concepts and theory related to psychology. The course will focus on human psychological development and behavior.

School of Nursing RN course descriptions**N111: Nursing Fundamentals**

Credit hours: 10 units (5 theory and 5 lab/clinical)

This course is designed to introduce students to nursing fundamentals based on concepts of health promotion and wellness. The theoretical component of the course will emphasize the basic needs of the individual in maintaining health and wellness and preventing illness. Theoretical concepts include an introduction to professional nursing as a caring profession, communication techniques, introduction to legal and ethical issues, nursing physical assessment and history-taking, nursing process, and the teaching-learning process. An overview will be provided on various types of healthcare settings and patient care delivery systems.

The clinical laboratory portion of this course will enable the student to develop clinical competencies in the learning laboratory and to integrate theoretical concepts with clinical skills. Through selected guided experiences in direct care and the community, the student will apply acquired skills and knowledge to meet the basic health care needs of individuals. (Prerequisites or corequisites: Psychology, Anatomy, Pharmacology)

N121: Medical-Surgical Nursing I

Credit hours: 8 units (5 theory and 3 lab/clinical)

Presents concepts relating to the individual whose basic needs have been altered by illness. This course emphasizes the effects of stress on homeostasis in adults. The specific needs of clients experiencing impaired skin integrity, pain, altered nutrition, impaired mobility, fluid and electrolyte imbalances, fatigue and challenges to emotional and spiritual well-being are presented in the classroom. Care of the client during the perioperative period is also presented. Principles of pharmacology and techniques of medication administration are emphasized. Guided clinical learning experiences are presented in an acute care setting, integrating theoretical concepts with clinical skills.

Restoration of the client, family and community wholeness is emphasized through appropriate assessment, diagnosis, planning and therapeutic intervention/evaluation and client education. (Prerequisites: Nursing 111 and prerequisites for that course; prerequisites or corequisites: Physiology, Microbiology, Nursing 122).

N131: Medical-Surgical Nursing II

Credit hours: 6 units (3 theory and 3 lab/clinical)

This course builds on the theories and clinical experiences of Nursing 121. It emphasizes the care specific to the individual who is experiencing cellular imbalance. Adult health nursing theory is presented through an integrated approach that includes prevention of illness, pathophysiology, promotion of wellness, rehabilitation, integration of research and problem-solving, pharmacotherapeutics, diet/nutrition therapy, patient teaching and other modalities. The clinical nursing experience enables the student to plan, implement and evaluate patient care plans designed to restore homeostasis in the adult client within an acute care setting and in community settings. (Prerequisites: Nursing 121 and prerequisites for that course; corequisite: Nutrition)

N211: Nursing Care of the Elderly

Credit hours: 6 units (3 theory and 3 lab/clinical)

This course focuses on the changes experienced with aging and their influence on the individual, the family and the community. The course introduces concepts related to the aging phenomenon and related healthcare dynamics. It explores personal values related to aging and promotes sensitivity to aging issues. End-of-life care issues are explored with an emphasis on appropriate pain management. This course provides clinical experiences that allow students to apply theoretical concepts to gerontological nursing practice in the acute care and community settings. (Prerequisites: Professional Nursing Communication, Nursing 131 and all of its requirements; prerequisite or corequisite: Human Growth and Development)

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N212: Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing

Credit hours: 5 units (3 theory and 2 clinical)

This course will build on skills developed in N122: Professional Nursing Communication. The student will be introduced to the concepts of nursing care as related to patients experiencing coping mechanism failures.

The theoretical framework emphasizes therapeutic and interpersonal relationship skills, including self-awareness skills, communication skills, group process and psychopathological disorders. The student will gain experience in working with adults, adolescents and children. The clinical component includes experiences with one-to-one relationships and group interpersonal situations in acute, chronic and community mental health systems. (Prerequisites: Professional Nursing Communication, Nursing 131 and all of its requirements; prerequisite or corequisite: Human Growth and Development)

N221: Nursing Care of the Childbearing Family

Credit hours: 6 units (3 theory and 3 lab/clinical)

This course introduces the student to concepts of nursing care for the childbearing family. Emphasis is placed on applying concepts of childrearing and childbearing within the family unit from the prenatal client to the adolescent client. Principles of growth and development are correlated to nursing and medical diagnoses. The theoretical content includes the care of families experiencing normal and high-risk pregnancy and childbirth as well as pediatrics. Preventive issues surrounding the childbearing family are also emphasized. The clinical learning component includes experiences in the prenatal, antenatal and postpartum management of the patient in the acute care and community settings. (Prerequisites: Nursing 131 and all of its requirements, Human Growth and Development; prerequisite or corequisite: Sociology).

N222: Nursing Care of the Critically Ill

Credit hours: 5 units (3 theory and 2 lab/clinical)

This course builds on the theories and clinical experiences of Nursing 111, 121 and 131. The student will learn about clients who are experiencing high-risk, complex multi-system healthcare problems across the life span. Nursing concepts related to the needs of the critically ill patient will be emphasized. The course will incorporate advanced nursing skills and the theoretical knowledge required when caring for patients with complex medical-surgical problems. Caring relationships and critical thinking skills are emphasized in addition to the psychodynamics involved when caring for individuals and families experiencing a life-threatening crisis. Clinical experiences offer the student the guided application of theoretical knowledge and technical skills required to provide holistic nursing care to this population. (Prerequisite: Nursing 131 and all of its requirements; prerequisite or corequisite: Human Growth and Development)

N231: Leadership and Management in Nursing

Credit hours: 6 units (2 theory and 4 lab/clinical)

Introduces the student to the leadership and management skills needed to manage the care of individuals with acute healthcare needs. Emphasis is placed on the concepts of leadership, change, legal issues and quality improvement in healthcare delivery systems. Clinical experiences are designed to provide the student an opportunity for the application of leadership and management theories in the delivery of nursing care. Students are also oriented to the functions and responsibilities of the graduate nurse. (Prerequisites: Nursing 111 through 222 and all of their requirements)

N122: Professional Nursing Communication

Credit hours: 1 unit (1 theory and 0 lab/clinical)

Introduces the student to the theories and skills necessary for effective and collaborative communication between members of the healthcare team as well as patients, families and others. Explores communication theories with a focus on listening skills, teaching skills, customer service skills and professional boundaries and relationships. Classroom experiences are designed to allow the student to apply theoretical knowledge and gain experience in the critical role of the nurse as a member of the interdisciplinary healthcare team. Provides the opportunity to learn and use medical terminology as well as to read, interpret and appropriately share patient information.

N130: PN-RN Progression

Credit hours: 2 units (1 theory and 1 lab/clinical)

This course is designed to integrate the theoretical concepts basic to professional nursing from practical nursing concepts and experiences. The course bridges prior learning and experience with professional nursing education. This course focuses on the delineation of the role and responsibility of the professional nurse as well as the theoretical basis for the nursing process. This course is open only to LPN-RN students. Nursing advisor approval is required prior to enrollment in this course. The physical assessment or clinical portion of this course will focus on the presentation of principles and techniques used in obtaining a comprehensive health assessment and physical examination in the context of physiological, psychological, sociological and developmental parameters. Emphasis will be placed on differentiating between normal and abnormal findings in adults, the elderly and children. (Prerequisites: Anatomy, Physiology, Microbiology, Psychology, N111, N112, N121, N122; Corequisite: Nutrition)

N232: Transcultural Nursing

Credit hours: 2 units (2 theory and 0 lab/clinical)

This non-clinical course explores aspects of human diversity including race, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation and disability. Concepts such as social and economic justice, ethnocentrism and social class are addressed as they relate to the effective delivery of holistic nursing care.

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N213: Critical Thinking in Nursing

Credit hours: 1 unit (1 theory and 0 lab/clinical)

This non-clinical course focuses on critical thinking, problem-solving and decision-making skills. Introduces ethical and legal constructs as they apply to healthcare issues. Emphasizes ways to apply critical thinking skills in the nursing care of various populations. Classroom experience

includes exercises in the application of critical thinking skills.

N112: Pharmacology

Credit hours: 2 units (2 theory and 0 lab/clinical)

This course is designed to provide a theoretical foundation of pharmacological concepts important to the safe administration of drug therapy in various clinical settings. The focus will be on therapeutic pharmacologic treatment modalities and expected responses to treatments. Major drug classifications will be reviewed. The nurse's role in the delivery of drug therapy will be emphasized, as well as the safety aspects of drug therapy. Students will also demonstrate competency in calculating medication dosages. (Prerequisites or corequisites: Anatomy, Introduction to Psychology)

Fall 2020 – Summer 2021 - Revised 3-13-18

Fall 2020

Classes begin	Monday	Aug. 24
Labor Day – no classes	Monday	Sept. 7
Faculty in-service day	Tuesday	Oct. 6
Thanksgiving holiday – no classes	Wednesday – Tuesday	Nov. 25 – Dec. 1
Classes end/last day to withdraw	Tuesday	Dec. 8
Final exams	Wednesday – Friday	Dec. 9 – 11

Spring 2021

Classes begin	Monday	Jan. 4
Faculty in-service day	Tuesday	Feb. 9
Spring break – no classes	Monday – Friday	March 8 – 12
Good Friday – no classes	Friday	April 2
Classes end/last day to withdraw	Wednesday	April 28
Final exams	Thursday – Friday	April 29 – 30

Summer 2021

Classes begin	Monday	Jan. 4
Memorial Day – no classes	Monday	May 31
Faculty in-service day	Tuesday	June 8
Summer break – no classes	Monday – Friday	July 5 – July 9
Classes end/last day to withdraw	Monday	Aug. 9
Final exams	Tuesday – Wednesday	Aug. 10 – 11
Graduation (anticipated)	Friday	Aug. 13

Bursar

Geisinger Lewistown Hospital School of Nursing total budget estimate (first year) based on full-time traditional student 2019/2020 tuition & fee schedule*

Tuition (\$397.00 per credit) (3 semesters)	\$11,116
Admin/technical/lab/sim fee (3 semesters)	\$1,125
Clearances	\$55
Books	\$500
Uniforms	\$235
CPR	\$65
Liability insurance	\$39
ATI Fees	\$1,080
Physical	\$120
Health tote bag	\$142
Application fee	\$130
Second pre-admission test fee (if needed)	\$55
Acceptance fee	\$125
Total cost based on 1 year	\$14,787

**Based on 2019/2020 projected costs
Subject to change*

Note: This estimate **does not** include general education costs. General education costs will vary according to the college/university that you choose.

Post-admission requirements

Pre-entrance physical examination

1. Before enrollment, you must obtain a satisfactory physical examination. The cost of the physical exam is your responsibility.
2. The Geisinger Lewistown Hospital School of Nursing student health nurse will perform an immunization review which includes various titers, a drug screen and a nicotine screen. If additional titers are needed, Geisinger Lewistown Hospital will perform the necessary lab work and absorb the cost for it.

If you do not successfully pass the pre-enrollment physical examination and fail to meet the minimum requirements for admission to the program, you will be notified by the program director that the offer of admission to the program has been rescinded.

Geisinger Lewistown Hospital reserves the right to temporarily or permanently exclude any student who cannot perform essential functions of a student nurse with or without reasonable accommodation.

Criminal history/child abuse clearance/FBI clearance

You must provide criminal history information (Act 33), FBI clearance information and PA Child Abuse History Clearance (Act 151). You must obtain clearances within six months before the start date and provide the original forms. All forms must be placed in your file before enrollment. You must have a cleared/clean record of all criminal and child abuse clearances. Clearances are not required until after acceptance into the program and must be turned in before the start of classes. The Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing reserves the right to deny licensure based on your criminal and/or child abuse history, even if you have completed a nursing program (refer to Section 6C of the Professional Nursing Law).

Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification

You must have current CPR certification (two-year **basic life support for the healthcare provider**), including infant and child CPR. If you need to become certified, contact the American Heart Association or Geisinger Lewistown Hospital. Online courses are not accepted.

Health insurance

You must provide evidence of having health insurance before enrollment in the program and maintain health insurance throughout the program.

Malpractice insurance

You must maintain malpractice insurance throughout the program that must be no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence.

This is for your information only, should you be accepted into this program.