

In this hospital-based, LPN to RN Associate of Science Degree program you will receive the necessary preparation and clinical experience to become a Registered Nurse in approximately one year after general education courses have been completed.

The RN is a vital and valued healthcare team member. As a registered nurse, you have the opportunity to be involved in a variety of healthcare settings including hospitals, clinics, community health agencies, long-term care facilities, insurance companies, schools, physician's offices, home health services, and in the military.

The RN is an active participant in wellness promotion as well as in the care of the ill in all stages of the life span. Registered Nurses practice professional nursing and perform those acts requiring specialized knowledge, judgment and skill. The Registered Nurse observes, assesses, applies nursing diagnosis, plans, intervenes, and evaluates care; health teaching and counseling of the ill, injured, or infirmed. The Registered Nurse promotes wellness, maintenance of health, and prevention of illness of others.

## Accreditation

Mercy Hospital College of Nursing is a program of Plantation General Hospital. The college is licensed by the State of Florida Department of Education, Commission for Independent Education and approved by the State of Florida Board of Nursing.

Mercy Hospital, a Campus of Plantation General Hospital is accredited by The Joint Commission. Mercy Hospital, a Campus of Plantation General Hospital is a member of the American Hospital Association, Florida Hospital Association, South Florida Hospital Association and Catholic Hospital Association. Mercy Hospital, a Campus of Plantation General Hospital is the recipient of the American Nurses Credentialing Center's prestigious Magnet Award for excellence in Nursing Services.

## Admission Requirements

- Current LPN license in the State of Florida.
- Attendance at an information session. (Required before the application is given).
- NLN Comprehensive PN exam score administered within the last two years. (This requirement must be met before any other requirements).
- Completed application and submission of application fee.
- Completion of two professional references. Individuals serving as references must have known the candidate for a minimum of one year and may not be a relative of the applicant.
- Official High School transcripts or G.E.D. test scores.
- Official college transcripts for all general education courses.
- Official transcripts for the practical nursing program completed.

The following are not required for application, but must be completed or show evidence indicating completion upon admission to the program:

- Completion of the physical examination form supplied by the college and conducted by a licensed physician or nurse practitioner.
- Specific laboratory tests including: tuberculin skin test or Chest X-Ray, positive Rubella titer, positive Varicella titer, and positive Rubeola titer. In the event that titers are negative or if the student chooses, vaccination with MMR or Varicella is taken.
- Background check.
- Alcohol\Drug screen showing no illegal drugs or alcohol intake done at Mercy Hospital.
- Evidence of Hepatitis B Vaccine Series completion or declination form completed.
- Health Care Provider CPR completed by the first day of class remaining in effect until graduation.



# MERCY HOSPITAL College of Nursing,

a Program of Plantation General Hospital

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## Length of Program

The LPN to RN Associate of Science Degree in Nursing program is accomplished in three semesters. Each semester is approximately 16 weeks in length. This unique associate degree program in nursing is designed to meet the working student's needs. The program is offered utilizing a combination of weekday evening and weekend daytime hours. The entire program is taught in English.

Students may apply for admission having completed all general education courses. The following are required general education courses:

Course Number & Title	Credits
▪ CHM1033 & 1033L - Chemistry + Lab	4
▪ ENC1101 - English Composition	3
▪ BSC2085 - Anatomy & Physiology I with lab	4
▪ BSC2086 - Anatomy & Physiology II with lab	4
▪ MCB2010 - Microbiology	3
▪ DEP2000 - Growth & Development	3
▪ Psychology Elective*	See below
▪ Sociology Elective**	See below
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>

Psychology Electives*	Credits
▪ CLP1006 - Psychology of Personal Effectiveness	3
▪ CLP2000 - Dynamics of Behavior	3
▪ PSY2012 - Introduction to Psychology	3
▪ PSY2140 - Abnormal Psychology	3

Sociology Electives**	Credits
▪ SYG2000 - Introduction to Sociology	3
▪ SYG2010 - Social Problems	3

The above course pre-fixes correspond to the Florida Department of Education Statewide Course Numbering System and are listed to provide the applicant with a reference. Individual college assigned prefixes and actual names of courses may differ.

## Objectives

The goal of this LPN to RN Associate of Science Degree in Nursing program is to prepare graduates to provide safe and compassionate nursing care as well as to instill insight and understanding of the ethical and professional roles that are required to become members of the profession of nursing. Upon completion of the program, the graduate will be able to:

- Successfully complete the NCLEX-RN
- Provide caring, safe, and effective professional nursing care to individuals and families
- Engage others in therapeutic and collaborative discourse for the benefit of patient outcomes
- Integrate knowledge of biological and behavioral sciences into decisions about patient care
- Blend values, ethics, and legal principles with critical thinking to make decisions
- Support organizational goals through effective use of human and fiscal resources
- Demonstrate a commitment to professional nursing through patient advocacy, professional activism and life long-learning

## Summary of Program Curriculum

### Semester I

Course Number & Title	Credits
▪ NUR2101 - Assessment & Physiological Adaptation	7
▪ NUR2102 - Pharmacology for the Professional Nurse	3
▪ NUR2103 - Introduction to the Professional Role	3
▪ NUR2104 - Pharmacology Math	1

### Semester II

Course Number & Title	Credits
▪ NUR2205 - Maternal Newborn Nursing	3
▪ NUR2206 - Pediatric Nursing	3
▪ NUR2207 - Mental Health Nursing	3

### Semester III

Course Number & Title	Credits
▪ NUR2308 - Physiological Adaptation & Management	9
▪ Excrow Credits	9

## Financial Information

Application Fee (Nonrefundable)	\$50.00
Acceptance Fee (Nonrefundable)	\$400.00
<i>(Verification of pre-requisites; NLN score acquisition; drug screen)</i>	
ATI Fee (NCLEX-RN preparation)	\$400.00
Tuition (\$170 per credit - 32 Nursing Credits)	\$5,440.00
Laboratory Fee	\$400.00
Kaplan Fee (NCLEX-RN preparation)	\$450.00
Student Uniforms	\$300.00
<i>(Estimated from outside vendors)</i>	
Books	\$800.00
<i>(Estimated from outside vendors)</i>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,240.00</b>

### Approximate Additional Costs

27 General Education Credits	\$1,971.00
<i>(Estimated public college rate)</i>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,971.00</b>

*The above information reflects approximate costs and does not reflect expenses relating to graduation or licensure. Tuition may change without notice.*

**Note:** Students must provide their own living quarters, meals, laundry, transportation to and from the school and other agencies.