

## **ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN NURSING—BIRMINGHAM—LPN TO RN BRIDGE (ASNAL)**

(Please see the *Undergraduate Program Offerings by Campus* chart in the catalog for a list of Herzing campuses offering this program.)

### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

This associate's degree in nursing bridge program prepares students who are already licensed practical nurses to take the National Council Licensing Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX). Students are provided a foundation of general education, including courses in the natural sciences, the social sciences, and mathematics, as well as the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to work in a healthcare environment. Theoretical instruction is complemented with clinical experience in a variety of healthcare settings in order to provide a broad, holistic, and reality-based understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a professional nurse. Students will participate in planned clinical and laboratory experiences that will complement classroom learning and stress health prevention and promotion as well as disease processes. Students must have an active/unrestricted LPN license.

### **PROGRAM OUTCOMES**

Upon completion of this program, the student should be able to:

1. Demonstrate the ability to work as part of a multidisciplinary healthcare team.
2. Provide accurate patient assessments.
3. Provide appropriate health care interventions as a member of a treatment team.
4. Function as a beginning-level staff nurse in a variety of healthcare facilities to include hospitals, long-term care agencies, physician's offices, clinics, outpatient surgical facilities, and other community organizations.
5. Function as a safe practitioner and, through critical thinking and communication skills, act as a patient advocate and educator, including the family and community in the total care.
6. Understand and utilize nursing-related medical and technological equipment.
7. Demonstrate a full understanding and practice of accepted ethical and legal standards.
8. Exhibit leadership qualities in diverse healthcare settings.
9. Understand the unique needs of diverse populations in regard to socioeconomic, cultural, and lifespan issues.
10. Promote health and wellness in order to facilitate positive growth and development.
11. Think critically, both conceptually and by using mathematical analysis, write and speak effectively, use basic computer applications, and understand human behavior in the context of the greater society.

### **SPECIAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Please refer to the "Undergraduate Nursing Admission Requirements" policy in the Admissions Information section of this catalog for nursing program admission requirements.

In addition, prospective students must have completed the following general education courses for college credit at an accredited college or university to be admitted into the program:

- ◆ 5.00 Semester Credit Hours in Anatomy and Physiology With Lab
- ◆ 3.00 Semester Credit Hours in English Composition
- ◆ 2.00 Semester Credit Hours in General Education Electives
- ◆ 4.00 Semester Credit Hours in Mathematics (College Algebra or Above)

All applicants will be required to provide official college transcripts verifying completion of the above courses with a passing grade of "C" (70%) or higher. There is no set time limit pertaining to when the prerequisite courses were completed.

All other general education courses must be passed with a grade of D (60%) or better to be continued in the nursing program.

A student who is dropped from the nursing program for failing to achieve the minimum grade specified in the general education courses but who otherwise meets the academic standards of the University may transfer to another Herzing degree program and/or may reapply to the nursing program in a future cycle.

## POTENTIAL OCCUPATIONAL TITLES

Potential occupational titles for this program include, but are not limited to, registered nurse.

## PROGRAM CONTENT

A minimum of 48.00 credit hours is required for graduation.

## REQUIRED COURSES

All courses, 33.00 semester credit hours, are required.

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisites/Corequisites	Semester Credit Hours
NA 212	Advanced Pharmacology	None	2.00
NA 220	Medical Surgical Nursing I for RNs	NA 212/Corequisite NA 225	4.00
NA 225	Medical Surgical Nursing I for RNs Clinical	NA 212/Corequisite NA 220	1.00
NA 230	Nutrition	None	3.00
NA 235	Obstetrics/Pediatric Nursing	NA 220 and NA 225/Corequisite NA 240	4.00
NA 240	Obstetrics/Pediatric Nursing Clinical	NA 220 and NA 225/Corequisite NA 235	1.00
NA 250	Medical Surgical Nursing II for RNs	NA 220	3.00
NA 260	Mental Health for the RN	None/Corequisite NA 261	3.00
NA 261	Mental Health for the RN Clinical	None/Corequisite NA 260	1.00
NA 281	Role Transition: LPN to RN	Final semester	4.00
NA 282	NCLEX RN Review	Final course	4.00
NA 295	RN Clinical Internship	Final semester	3.00

## GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIRED COURSES

Students enrolled in this nursing bridge associate's program must complete a minimum of 15.00 semester credit hours in general education distributed among the following disciplines in addition to the 14.00 credit hours required prior to admission. Refer to the General Education section of the catalog for Herzing University courses that would satisfy these requirements. \*

4.00 Semester Credit Hours in Anatomy and Physiology With Lab

1.00 Semester Credit Hours in Information Literacy

4.00 Semester Credit Hours in Microbiology With Lab

3.00 Semester Credit Hours in Social or Behavioral Science

3.00 Semester Credit Hours in Speech

\* Transfer students may transfer courses that are within 1.00 semester credit hour of the courses listed above to meet these discipline requirements. Any resulting deficiency in the total of 15.00 semester credit hours required in general education may be made up with general education electives from any of the listed disciplines.

The following general education prerequisite courses must be completed with a grade of "C" (70%) or better for a student to continue in the nursing program.

- ◆ Anatomy and Physiology II with Lab
- ◆ Microbiology with Lab

All other general education courses must be passed with a grade of D (60%) or better to continue in the nursing program.

A student who is dropped from the nursing program for failing to achieve the minimum grade specified in the general education courses but who otherwise meets the academic standards of the University may transfer to another Herzing degree program and/or may reapply to the nursing program in a future cycle.

Distribution of Contact Hours by Course					
Course or Category	Lecture	Lab	Clinical	Total Contact Hours	Credits
NA 212	30.00			30.00	2.00
NA 220	60.00			60.00	4.00
NA 225			45.00	45.00	1.00
NA 230	45.00			45.00	3.00
NA 235	60.00			60.00	4.00
NA 240			45.00	45.00	1.00
NA 250	45.00			45.00	3.00
NA 260	45.00			45.00	3.00
NA 261			45.00	45.00	1.00
NA 281	60.00			60.00	4.00
NA 282	60.00			60.00	4.00
NA 295			135.00	135.00	3.00
Anatomy and Physiology With Lab	45.00	30.00		75.00	4.00
Information Literacy	15.00			15.00	1.00
Microbiology With Lab	45.00	30.00		75.00	4.00
Social or Behavioral Science	45.00			45.00	3.00
Speech	45.00			45.00	3.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>600.00</b>	<b>60.00</b>	<b>270.00</b>	<b>930.00</b>	<b>48.00</b>



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