Program Information

The School of Nursing offers an innovative program, the Advanced Placement Track, whereby the Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) is eligible to earn college credit for educational advancement. The faculty recognizes that Licensed Practical Nurses have knowledge and skills which support the opportunity for advanced placement.

Eligibility for advanced placement is based on academic transcripts, licensure verification, basic nursing skills verification, and achieve a cumulative score of at least 75% on the HESI Admission Assessment (A²) Exam. Students have the opportunity to challenge by examination a total of 22 hours of course credit. These challenge exams may be in the area of Core and Nursing courses.

The APT program is approved by the Georgia Board of Nursing. The School of Nursing is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). Accreditation is an indication of public approbation, attesting to the quality of the educational program and the continued commitment of the sponsoring institution to support the nursing program.

Admission Criteria to the School of Nursing’s (DON) Advanced Placement Track (APT) for LPN/LVN to BSN

The LPN accepted to ARMSTRONG is seen by the LPN Advisor for a description of the APT program, consultation, and curriculum planning. Advisement is critical for the LPN to best be prepared to apply for admission to the Baccalaureate Nursing Program (BSN) when core curriculum requirements have been met.

Admission to the BSN program is competitive. The LPN seeking advanced placement must meet the same admission requirements as others. The following is a guide for the LPN planning to earn a BSN at ARMSTRONG. See the School of Nursing website for more detailed information.

After admission to ARMSTRONG by the Admission office (912) 344-2503, the student will make an appointment with the LPN Advisor, Dr. Linda Tuck at (912) 344-2886. The student will need to bring any previous higher education transcripts to the advisement appointment.

1. The LPN’s transcript will be evaluated and must meet the following requirements to be eligible for admission to the BSN program:
   - Complete 54 semester hours of core curriculum with grades of “C” or better in core areas, including areas A, D, and F
   - An overall GPA of 2.7 in all prerequisite courses
   - All applicants must achieve a cumulative score of at least 75% on the HESI Admission Assessment (A²) Exam. Further information is available in the School of Nursing or on our website.

2. The student will have the option to complete a Skills Checklist upon acceptance into the nursing program. The student may also take up to three (3) nursing challenge exams (see Challenge Nursing Courses). Students must meet all of the legal requirements for licensure. See Baccalaureate Degree Nursing section in the ARMSTRONG Catalog: Georgia Board of Nursing Legal Requirements.

3. Be aware that science course credits in Core Area F may not have been earned longer than 10 years before the time of admission.

4. A grade of C or higher is required for areas A, D, and F courses. Repeating any course in areas A, D, and F in order to achieve a passing grade of at least a C, reduces the student’s chance for admission to the School of Nursing. Repeating more than one course in each (area A, D, and F) to earn a passing grade of at least C makes the student ineligible for admission to nursing.

5. See BSN Information Sheet or ARMSTRONG Course Catalog, or www.armstrong.edu/Health_Professions/nursing/nursing_admission for further details pertaining to admission requirements.

Admission to the Baccalaureate nursing major is competitive. The following factors are taken into consideration during an applicant’s selection process:

- Nursing Core GPA (GPA calculated based on nursing prerequisite course work)
- Total number of core curriculum hours completed at Armstrong
- Course grades for Core Areas A, D, and F
- Graduate of state accredited LPN/LVN program with an unencumbered Georgia Nursing License
- Success on HESI
# Core Course Requirements

## Area A - Essential Skills: 9 Semester Hours

- ENGL 1101 or ENGL 1101H 3
- ENGL 1102 or ENGL 1102H 3
- MATH 1001 or 1111 or 1113 or 1161 or 1161H 3

## Area B - Institutional Options: 4-5 Semester Hours

### Ethics and Values – Select One


- 2 to 3

### Global Perspectives – Select One


- 2 to 3

## Area C - Humanities and Fine Arts: 6 Semester Hours

### Literature or Philosophy – Select One


- 3

### Art, Music, or Theatre – Select One

- ARTS 1100, ARTS/MUSC 1270, ARTS 2710, ARTS 2720, MUSC 1100, THEA 1100, THEA 1200, THEA 2410

- 3

## Area D - Science, Math, and Technology: 10 to 11 Semester Hours

A laboratory science sequence selected from:

- BIOL 1107/1108 (and labs), CHEM 1151/1152 (and labs), CHEM 1211/1212 (and labs), PHYS 1111K/1112K, PHYS 2211K/2212K

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## Area E - Social Sciences: 12 Semester Hours

### American & Georgia History & Constitution

- HIST/POLS 1100 or HIST 1100H

- 3

### World Civilization – Select One

- HIST 1111, HIST 1111H, HIST 1112 or 1112H

- 3

### Social Sciences – Select One

- ANTH 1102, ECON 1101, ECON 2105, ECON 2106, PSYC 1101 or 1101H, SOCI 1101

- 3

### History or Social Sciences – Select One

- AFAS 2000, ANTH 1102, ECON 1101, ECON 2105, ECON 2106, GEOG 2120, GWST 2101, HIST 2111, HIST 1112 or 112H, HIST 2111, HIST 2112, POLS 2100, PSYC 1101 or 1101H, SOCI 1101

- 3

## Area F - Courses appropriate to major: 18 hours

- BIOL 2081 Human Anatomy & Physiology I w/ Lab 4
- BIOL 2082 Human Anatomy & Physiology II w/ Lab 4
- BIOL 2275 Microorganisms and Disease w/ Lab 4
- PSYC 1101 Introduction to Psychology 3
- PSYC 2950 Lifespan Developmental Psychology 3

## Physical Education - 3 hours

- HESI Requirement completed prior to application to School of Nursing

## Major Courses in Nursing---64 hours

## Total Semester Hours 128 hours

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# APT Suggested Curriculum Plan

**Step 1:** Admission to ARMSTRONG

**Step 2:** Meet with APT Advisor

**Step 3:** Complete Core Curriculum (at least 54 hours)

Illustrates curriculum sequence for a full-time student.

(Enhance your understanding by choosing to challenge by testing)

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**Step 4:** Discuss with LPN-APT Advisor completion of admission requirements

**Step 5:** Submit APT Application For Admission to Nursing

**Step 6:** Begin Challenge Examinations through Excelsior

- NURS 3304
- NURS 3309
- NURS 3320
- NURS 3344
- Challenge:
- NURS 3345 Challenge:
- NURS 3535 Challenge:

Challenge examination scores must be submitted by the mid-term of the semester prior to the semester in which the student would be enrolled taking that course.