



**Lorain County  
Community College**

**BGSU Firelands**



**ALLIED HEALTH**

**Access to  
Nursing  
LPN-RN**

**Careers**

A Partnership Presented by LCCC at BGSU Firelands College, Huron, Ohio

## **The ACCESS to Nursing Program offered at BGSU Firelands College, Presented by Lorain County Community College**

Lorain County Community College, in Elyria, Ohio, and Bowling Green State University Firelands College, in Huron, Ohio, are offering a unique opportunity that brings an associate degree (RN) program to residents of Erie, Ottawa, Huron and Sandusky counties.

The ACCESS (Achieving Continuing Career Education for Success and Satisfaction) program is designed for current Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN) who aspire to the RN degree. Although offered jointly, the majority of nursing courses are held at BGSU FC with nursing faculty from LCCC teaching the courses. The clinical component of the program is completed at health care facilities in Bellevue, Fremont, Huron, Norwalk, Sandusky and Lorain.

ACCESS students receive advanced placement into clinical courses, an advantage which is earned by the successful completion of an LPN program. Those needing support courses to enter the program may complete these courses at BGSU FC or LCCC.

A Nursing academic advisor is always available at BGSU FC for students wanting to inquire about their support coursework status

The program has three main components: support coursework, first-year courses and second-year courses. Support coursework consists of courses in anatomy and physiology, microbiology, chemistry, writing, psychology, sociology and mathematics.

### **Course Work**

First-year nursing courses include Transition to Registered Nursing I & II, Pharmacology II & III, Nursing Concepts III, and Behavioral Health Nursing.

Second-year nursing courses are Maternal-Newborn Nursing for ACCESS, Child Health Nursing for ACCESS, Nursing Concepts IV, Manager of Care/Capstone, and Nursing Concepts Synthesis.

The associate of applied science degree in nursing is earned from LCCC. LCCC's associate degree nursing program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) and approved by the Ohio Board of Nursing. Those who successfully complete the associate degree nursing program are eligible to take the Ohio state licensure examination (NCLEX) for registered nurses.

### **What Registered Nurses Do**

Registered nurses (RNs) provide and coordinate patient care, educate patients and the public about various health conditions, and provide advice and emotional support to patients and their family members.

### **Work Environment**

Registered nurses work in hospitals, physicians' offices, home healthcare services, and nursing care facilities. They also work in correctional facilities, schools, summer camps, and with the military.

### **How to Become a Registered Nurse**

Registered nurses usually take one of three education paths: a bachelor's degree in nursing, an associate's degree in nursing, or a diploma from an approved nursing program. Registered nurses must also become licensed by passing a national licensing examination.

### **Job Outlook**

Employment of registered nurses is expected to grow 26 percent from 2010 to 2020, faster than the average for all occupations. Growth will occur primarily because of technological advancements; an increased emphasis on preventative care; and the large, aging baby-boomer population who will demand more healthcare services as they live longer and more active lives.

<http://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/registered-nurses.htm>

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### *An Accelerated LPN to RN Program*

This program prepares graduates to function as registered nurses in hospitals, nursing homes and other health care agencies. Registered nurses promote health for clients through hygienic care; teaching; assessment of body systems; implementation of the nursing process, including treatment modalities offered by the physician; and rehabilitative care. Upon completion of the program, the graduate is eligible to take the NCLEX examination for licensure as a registered nurse.

### *Admission Requirements*

To enter the program, a student must possess Ohio licensure, without restrictions or conditions, to practice as an LPN and be a graduate of an approved LPN program. A student must have completed all LPN courses, have a CGPA of 2.5 or higher on all college-level coursework, Anatomy & Physiology BIOG 3310, PSYCHOLOGY 1010, Math Statistics 1150, minimum English (GSW 1110), all with grade C or better. **Students must obtain a minimum composite score of 75 on the HESI (A2) exam.**

### *Support Courses*

The following courses are considered Support Coursework and are offered at BGSU FC.

Course #	Course Title	Credits
BIOL 3310	Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BIOL 3320	Anatomy and Physiology II	4
BIOL 3140, 3150	Microbiology and Microbiology Lab	4
CHEM 1090 & 1100	Elementary Chemistry & Elementary Chemistry Lab	4
GSW 1110	Introduction to Writing	3
MATH 1150	Statistics	3
PSYC 1010	General Psychology	4
PSYC 3100	Life Span Development	3

LCCC First-Year Courses		
Course #	Course Title	Credits
	Transition to Registered	
NURS 101	Nursing I	3
	Transition to Registered	
NURS 103	Nursing II	3
NURS 124	Pharmacology II	1
NURS 221	Nursing Concepts III	4
NURS 223	Pharmacology III	1
	Behavioral Health	
NURS 224	Nursing	3

LCCC Second-Year Courses		
Course #	Course Title	Credits
	Maternal-Newborn Nursing	
NURS 136	for ACCESS	2
	Child Health Nursing for	
NURS 137	ACCESS	2
NURS 222	Nursing Concepts IV	4
NURS 225	Manager of Care/Capstone	4
NURS 226	Nursing Concepts Synthesis	1

The LPN must complete NURS 101 and NURS 103 with a grade of C or better in order to receive credit for LPN coursework and gain advanced placement.

## RN to BSN Completion Program

Bowling Green State University and the University of Toledo College of Nursing partner to make available the RN to BSN Program to RN graduates of ADN and Diploma nursing programs. This degree program for the RN provides for flexibility and an individualized curriculum approach for the nurse in practice. The nursing courses in this program are offered online with all support/pre-requisite courses offered at BGSU Firelands.

## About Lorain County Community College

LCCC is one of Ohio's fastest growing colleges because of the variety of learning opportunities it provides. Students can choose from more than 80 educational programs. Students can complete the first half — and sometimes more — of a bachelor's degree.

In addition to providing a great education for those who enter college with aspirations of a degree, LCCC helps those who have changed their career goals, who want to broaden their horizons, and who want to return to work. LCCC provides learning and training for those who want to move up but find they need new or improved skills for the kind of professional opportunities they seek.

LCCC faculty is recognized locally and nationally for their work as professors and in other areas. They all have advanced degrees and real-world experience and understand their primary responsibility at LCCC is to teach classes. Classes are small. Individual attention is plentiful.

An LCCC education, prepares students for real jobs and real futures.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION** about the LCCC ACCESS LPN to RN Program offered at BGSU FIRELANDS:

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