



# LPN To RN Mobility Program Information

Northeast Alabama Community College

The NACC LPN to RN Mobility Option at NACC begins with a hybrid course (not an online course), NUR 209. Most theory content in NUR 209 is presented online; however, some content may be presented on campus. Students are required to attend several all-day labs, simulations, and all testing will be completed on campus, this will usually occur on Friday during NUR 209. Group clinical hours with an assigned clinical group and instructor are required in NUR 209. Clinicals will be held mostly on the weekends. Upon the successful completion of NUR 209, the student will transition into NUR 211 in the Fall semester followed by NUR 221 in the Spring semester. The program is designed to prepare Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN) to practice as a competent Registered Nurse (RN) after passing the licensure exam.

Applications for the LPN to RN Mobility Option are available in Mid-August and must be completed and received no later than 4:00 pm on the deadline. The applicant must have a current unencumbered Alabama LPN license, have taken the ACT, and pre-requisite courses must be completed with a grade of C or higher. There is no limit on how long ago the ACT or pre-requisite courses were taken. If science courses were taken under quarter hours instead of semester hours, it is the student's responsibility to communicate with admissions as to any additional course work that may be needed to meet the pre-requisite course hours.

Applicants meeting all minimum admission criteria will be notified via NACC.edu email of their eligibility to sit for a dosage calculation exam. A score of 90% or higher on the first attempt will receive 10 points towards the application total score. A score of less than 90% may still be eligible for admission to the program but will receive zero points towards the application total. For those who do not score 90% on their first attempt, they may be accepted into the program if the score is greater than 75%. A second attempt may be offered for those scoring less than 75% on the exam. Study material will be made available in the nursing department.

After applying for and being accepted into the LPN to RN Mobility Program Option, students will enroll for NUR 209 which is a transition course taught each spring semester. The LPN to RN Mobility curriculum is three semesters total.

## **NUR 209: Concepts for Healthcare Transition Students (10 semester hours)**

This course focuses on the application of nursing concepts to assist health care professionals to transition into the role of the registered nurse. Emphasis in this course is placed on evidenced based clinical decision making and nursing concepts provided in a family and community context for a variety of health alterations across the lifespan.

**NUR 209 (Spring):** is a review of what the students learned in the LPN program they attended and by practice. Theory is presented mostly online; 45 contact hours total for lab and 135 contact hours of clinical required with a clinical group and instructor at a site which is local to the NACC campus (Marshall, Jackson, & DeKalb counties). Weekly clinical rotations, mostly on the weekend, are divided between Med/Surg, OB, Peds, and Mental Health. All testing, labs and simulations are required and will be held on campus on Fridays. Online collaborative sessions may be required throughout the semester within the NUR 209 course. These sessions are typically in the evening.

**No nursing class in the summer semester.**

**NUR 211 (Fall):** Theory is presented on campus; 135 contact hours of clinical required with a clinical group and instructor which is local to the NACC campus. Clinical time is divided between Med/Surg, OB, Peds, and Mental Health. Most weeks the student will have at least 2 days/week of clinical assignments and one day of class. On-campus simulations and testing are required for all course exams.

**NUR 221 (Spring):** Theory is presented on campus and online; 180 hours of total clinical/precepting is required. Most of the clinical hours are precepting hours which are either assigned or chosen by the student at an agency NACC has a contract with. All testing is completed on campus, along with a 3-day, live NCLEX-RN review. The theory portion of this course is centered on preparation for the NCLEX-RN licensure exam.

**Minimum Admission Standards:**

1. Unconditional admission to NACC
2. Good standing with the College including a minimum overall, cumulative GPA of 2.0 at the current, or transferring institution.
3. Official transcripts from all schools previously attended should be received in the registrar's office thirty days prior to the mobility nursing application deadline for review.
4. Minimum 2.5 GPA is required on the general education pre-requisite courses. The pre-requisite courses are English 101, MTH 100 or higher-level math, BIO 201, BIO 202, SPH 106/107, and PSY 210. (These courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or higher).
5. An ACT composite score is required with no minimum score for acceptance into the mobility program. The ACT score is used for ranking. There is no expiration date on the ACT for this mobility program application. An official ACT score can be accessed from [www.ACT.org](http://www.ACT.org) (Not a screenshot from the ACT website). ACT super scores are not accepted.
6. Completed mobility nursing application submitted to the NACC Nursing Department by 4 PM on the appropriate deadline.
7. Meet the Essential Functions/Eligibility Requirements for nursing (See website).
8. An active, unencumbered or unrestricted LPN license in the state of Alabama.
9. If currently working as an LPN, include an employment verification letter on the agency letterhead.

**Selection Criteria:**

1. ACT composite score (no Super Scores)
2. Three points are awarded for an A, two for a B in ENG 101, MTH 100, BIO 201, and BIO 202.
3. Minimum GPA 2.5 on Pre-Requisite Courses (ENG 101, MTH 100 or higher, BIO 201, BIO 202, PSY 210, SPH 106/107).
4. NACC PN Certificate (include year of completion). (5 points)
5. Currently employed as an LPN (include employment verification letter). (3 points)
6. Dosage calculation exam: (> 90 score = 10 points).

**Meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee acceptance into the program. Qualified applicants will be rank-ordered and only a pre-determined number will be selected.**

**Additional Information:**

Once selected for the program, students are required to provide the following: Drug screen, background check, physical exam showing ability to meet the Essential Functions/Eligibility Criteria, records of immunizations, and current Healthcare Provider CPR. Clinical agencies reserve the right to deny clinical clearance, which may deem a student ineligible for program participation.

It is highly recommended that students complete general education courses required for the Nursing Program prior to program admission. All nursing courses must be completed with a minimum of 75 (C) in order to progress in the program. An AAS in Nursing will be awarded to students who successfully complete all core academic and nursing courses with a grade of C or higher. Students are responsible for meeting all progression and graduation requirements.

Upon successful completion of NUR 209 the student is awarded 15 non-traditional credit hours.

This program prepares Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) to practice as a competent Registered Nurse (RN) after successful completion of the licensure exam. Licensure by Boards of Nursing may be denied if an applicant has been convicted of a criminal offense, has abused drugs or alcohol, has a history of chemical dependency or mental illness, has been placed on the federal abuse registry, or has been administratively discharged from the armed services.