



# WESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE COLLEGE DEPARTMENT OF NURSING EDUCATION

## FOR THOSE STUDENTS SEEKING ADMISSION INTO THE REGISTERED NURSE PROGRAM

A career in nursing offers challenges, self-satisfaction and the opportunity to be a member of the interdisciplinary team providing care in various health care settings.

The Nursing Program at Western Oklahoma State College was established in 1981 and has an outstanding success rate for preparing qualified nurses. The nursing program is currently offered at three sites: Altus, Lawton, and Elk City. Courses are “team-taught” via ITV from all sites. By establishing admission criteria and procedures, the department of nursing hopes to ensure that students selected for the program are capable of successfully completing the nursing program and passing the national examination. The WOSC Nursing Program is approved by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing and is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission. Upon graduation, students are qualified to take the NCLEX (National Council Licensure Examination).

The minimum time to complete the program requirements is five semesters. Classroom study is combined with practical application in nursing experiences at various clinics and hospitals. The number of applicants to be accepted will reflect the availability of appropriate clinical experience.

Western Oklahoma State College fully subscribes to all principles and requirements of the American Disabilities Act. In compliance with the American Disabilities Act, the nursing department does not discriminate. However, it is important to note that in order to progress successfully through the nursing curriculum and function as a practicing nurse upon graduation, an individual must be able to perform certain physical activities that include vocal, visual, auditory, intellectual and dexterity requirements. Students seeking to be admitted to the nursing program must have these competencies necessary for the professional practice of nursing as identified by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing.

Students must be accepted into the program before enrolling in nursing courses. **Students accepted will be admitted under the degree plan that is currently in effect** (please check with the Department of Nursing for current degree plan). Students that have been accepted into the nursing program must complete admission procedures for Western Oklahoma State College. Students accepted into the program will have the opportunity to attend one of the three campus sites - Altus, Elk City, and Lawton based on space and availability.

### **PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATION:**

1. Completed application to the nursing program turned in by May 15<sup>th</sup>.
2. Copies of **all** college transcripts on file at the Nursing Department with a Cumulative GPA of 2.0 out of a possible 4.0.
3. **Minimum grade of “C” in all Technical-Occupational Support & Related courses.**
4. Pre-admission RN examination. (Call Nursing Department for dates exam is given)
5. Completion of all prerequisite courses. (See curriculum plan)
6. A Criminal Background check from the Oklahoma State Board of Investigation (OSBI), (from last state of residence if in Oklahoma less than six months)

Applicants will be ranked to determine acceptance into the nursing program based on completion of the application process, the students Cumulative GPA on required general education and nursing support courses, and a pre-admission RN examination with designated decision scores.

## **TRANSFER STUDENTS**

Transfer credits from an NLNAC **accredited** nursing school will be considered on an individual basis. There will be no more than one academic year between successful completion of the last nursing course for transfer into the WOSC Nursing Program.

## **ADVANCED STANDING**

Students who have completed an NLNAC licensed practical nursing program, hold a valid LPN license in good standing, and currently practice as a LPN may apply for advanced standing credit for NURS 1119 and 1129. Candidates must meet admission requirements and will be admitted to the appropriate nursing class on a space available basis.

## **INTERRUPTION OF PROGRESSION:**

1. All students must maintain a 2.0 over-all average and must achieve grades of "C" in all nursing and support courses (Chemistry, Human Anatomy, & Physiology,) for the purpose of retention, progression, and graduation.
2. Failure to achieve a satisfactory grade in either the theory area of a nursing course or clinical area of a nursing course will result in an unsatisfactory grade for the entire course. Clinical and theory portions of the course must be repeated.
3. A student may re-enroll **one time** in only one of the four major area Nursing courses required for the Associate in Applied Science in Nursing.
4. A student must successfully complete the four-major-area courses required for the Associate in Applied Science within a three-year period.
5. Students who fail to meet academic or clinical requirements of NURS 1119 must wait until the following academic year before reapplying to the nursing program. The student must follow the application process, meet the **current** criteria and be considered with the other applications for that year. **The student cannot enroll in other nursing courses during this time.** (However, it is to the students' advantage to enroll in required general education courses).
6. Students who fail to meet academic or clinical requirements of NURS 1129, 2219 or 2229 must submit a letter of intent to return if eligible. The time when students may repeat a course will be determined on an individual basis, keeping in mind factors such as pre-requisites and space available basis.

## **INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

Applicants classified as an international student using an F-1 Student Visa may attend at one of Western's four campuses. **However, all initial processing & paperwork must be completed with the Office of Registrar at the Altus campus.** Oklahoma law only allows a license to be issued to U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals, and legal permanent resident aliens. Other qualified aliens may be issued a temporary license that is valid until the expiration of their visa status, or if there is no expiration date, for one year. For more information regarding this matter, applicants can contact the Oklahoma Board of Nursing.

All applicants to the program for whom English is a second language must take the **TOEFL-(Test of English as a Foreign Language)** test.

**\*NOTE: In addition to tuition and textbooks, costs of this program include uniforms, lab coat, stethoscope, bandage scissors, assess tests, and professional liability insurance. Some additional costs will include: physical examination, CPR certification, Hepatitis B vaccinations and titer, TB/PPD test, blood tests (i.e., titers for Rubella, Rubeola, and Varicella). There will also be a fee for licensure application for the Oklahoma Board of Nursing and National Council Licensure Examination, as well as, a fee for the nursing pin and lamp.**

***FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SPEAK WITH AN ADVISOR CALL 580-477-7830.***



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## REGISTERED NURSING PROGRAM CURRICULUM PLAN

The Nursing program is designed for the student who plans to enter the job force immediately. After successful completion of the required curriculum, you will receive an Associate's of Applied Science Degree, which prepares you for the Registered Nurse licensure exam. The program consists of a prerequisite semester in which students must have completed all prerequisite courses prior to admission to the Nursing Program. Because of the limited spaces available in the program, admission is highly competitive and completion of all general education, related, and support courses is highly recommended. To be considered for acceptance to the Nursing Program the student must meet certain entrance standards. Contact the Nursing Department for additional program admission requirements and Program details.

**The following is a suggested curriculum plan:**

Pre-requisite Semester			Total	GE	NURS
BIOL 2104	**	Human Anatomy*	4 cr.	4	--
MATH 1513	**	College Algebra	3 cr.	3	--
CHEM 1115	**	General Chemistry*	5 cr.	5	--
Semester Total			12 cr.	12	--
Semester 1					
BIOL 2304	**	Human Physiology *	4 cr.	4	--
*NURS 1119		Nursing I	9 cr.	--	9
Semester Total			13 cr.	4	9
Semester 2					
COSC 1153		Microcomputer Applications	3 cr.	3	--
PSY 1113		General Psychology	3 cr.	3	--
*NURS 1129		Nursing II	9 cr.	--	9
Semester Total			15 cr.	6	9
LPN Pre-requisite Semester					
NURS 1123		LPN Transition Course ∇	3 cr.	--	3
Semester Total			3 cr.	--	3
Semester 3					
ENGL 1113		English Comp I	3 cr.	3	--
POLS 1113		Federal Government	3 cr.	3	--
*NURS 2219		Nursing III	9 cr.	--	9
Semester Total			15 cr.	6	9
Semester 4					
HIST 1483/93		American History	3 cr.	3	--
*NURS 2229		Nursing IV	9 cr.	--	9
Semester Total			12 cr.	3	9
<b>Total</b>			67/70 cr.	31	36/39

- \* **Requires admission to the nursing program. All non-nursing courses must be completed prior to or during the semester indicated.**
- \*\* Students must meet college requirements for courses and be cleared of deficiencies and meet all pre-requisites before enrolling in these courses. Pre-requisites can be found in the college catalog.
- \*\* Indicates a Technical-Occupational Support & Related course, must achieve a grade of a "C" or better in these courses.
- ∇ All LPNs entering the third semester of the Nursing program are required to successfully complete the LPN Transition Course prior to beginning NURS 2219; thus, increasing credit hours to 70 for the LPN student.



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## COST INFORMATION (OKLAHOMA RESIDENTS)

### ESTIMATED COST FOR GENERAL EDUCATION COURSE WORK

**TUITION & STANDARD FEES**

31 credit hours of General Education (\$88.85 per semester hour\*) .....\$ 2,754.35

**OTHER FEES**

Science Lab Fees (\$3.00 per semester hour) ..... \$ 39.00  
 Computer Lab Fee (\$5.00 per semester hour) ..... \$ 15.00  
 Student ID (\$4.00 per fall/spring semester)..... \$ 20.00  
 Parking Fees \$5.00 per fall/spring semester)..... \$ 20.00  
 Application Fee (first time entering students) ..... \$ 15.00  
 Books..... \$ 1,000.00  
**Subtotal** ..... **\$ 3,863.35**

### ESTIMATED COST OF THE NURSING EDUCATION COURSE WORK

**TUITION** (\$88.85 per semester hour\*)

36 credit hours .....\$ 3,198.60

**OTHER FEES**

Nursing Instructional Laboratories (\$8.00 per semester hour) ..... \$ 288.00  
 Pre-Entrance Exam ..... \$ 25.00  
 Professional Liability Insurance Fee (annually) ..... \$ 13.00  
 NCLEX predictor Exam Fee (one time) (can be taken up to 4 times at students expense) ..... \$ 40.00  
 Drug Testing Fee ..... \$ 39.00  
 Student Nurse Assessment and Remediation Fee (\$100 per semester) ..... \$ 400.00  
**Subtotal** ..... **\$ 4,003.60**

### BOOKS AND ADDITIONAL EXPENSES

Books.....\$ 1,400.00  
 Physical Examination ..... \$ 85.00  
 Hepatitis B vaccination, antibody screening, and titers ..... \$ 130.00  
 Rubella, Rubeola & Varicella & Mumps titers ..... \$ 65.00  
 Nursing uniforms and accessories ..... \$ 175.00  
 WOSC Nursing Club Dues (\$5.00 per semester) (optional) ..... \$ 20.00  
 National Student Nurse Association National Dues (optional) (\$28 new; \$38 renewal)..... \$ 66.00  
 Nursing Lamp (optional) ..... \$ 20.00  
 OSBI Screening (two times @ \$15 each)..... \$ 30.00  
 FBI Background check ..... \$ 18.00  
 Oklahoma State Board Exam Fees ..... \$ 85.00  
 National Council for Licensure Exam ..... \$ 200.00  
 Oklahoma State Board Exam Pictures (passport)..... \$ 10.00  
 College Cap & Gown ..... \$ 20.00  
 Nursing Graduation Pin (optional) ..... \$ 25.00  
**Subtotal** ..... **\$ 2,349.00**  
**Total Estimated Cost of degree**..... **\$10,215.95**

**\*TUITION AND FEES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTIFICATION BY THE OKLAHOMA STATE  
REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.**

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## OKLAHOMA OPEN RECORDS ACT

The OSBI is Oklahoma's central repository for criminal history information. Any time a person is arrested and fingerprinted in the State of Oklahoma for a serious misdemeanor or felony offense, the information is submitted to the OSBI. Pursuant to Oklahoma law, any person for any purpose may request a copy of any criminal record. The person's full name and date of birth are mandatory search criteria. Sex, race and social security number are optional; however, these elements provide a much better search capability. National criminal record checks are not available to the public through the OSBI except as provided by law. This is an Oklahoma criminal history record search only. Requests for Oklahoma Sex Offender Registry information should be made through the Oklahoma Department of Corrections at 405-425-2500.

The purpose of the Oklahoma Open Records Acts is to ensure and facilitate the public's right of access to and review of government records so they may efficiently and intelligently exercise their inherent political power. It is the policy of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation to make available to the public Oklahoma criminal history information.

Members of the public requesting criminal history information must make application, using an OSBI Criminal History Information Request Form, in person or by mail to the following addresses:

**Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation  
Criminal History Reporting Unit  
6600 N. Harvey  
Oklahoma City, OK 73116**

Requests can be made in person Monday through Friday (except state government holidays), between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The person or entity who wishes to request Oklahoma criminal history information shall provide to the OSBI the subject's full name and date of birth. If available, the social security number, inked fingerprints and any other identifiers such as sex and race shall be provided.

Searches for Oklahoma criminal history information shall be conducted by personnel of the OSBI only. Requests for Oklahoma criminal history information from governmental agencies, businesses and private individuals solely for commercial purposes or which clearly would cause excessive disruption of the OSBI's essential function will require a fee of \$15.00 for each individual checked. The fee can be paid in cash, by money order, Visa, MasterCard, Discover, Cashier's Check, Certified Check or Business Check made payable to the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation (OSBI). No personal checks will be accepted with requests received by mail. If you would like to conduct a record check via credit card, please contact the OSBI at, 405-879-2528 and request a credit card form. This form can be faxed to you and you can fax it back with required information. All requests received in the mail shall include a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

**If an applicant admitted to the nursing program possesses any one of the following: a felony conviction, arrest, pending charges, judicially declared incompetence, or disciplinary action should be aware this might affect eligibility for registered nurse licensure. Various clinical agencies also have restrictions regarding individuals with a criminal record. Criminal background information is reviewed and decisions are made based on the clinical agency's policies and guidelines.**



## **WESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE COLLEGE DEPARTMENT OF NURSING EDUCATION**

*A Smart Start*

The Western Oklahoma Department of Nursing Education is approved by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing. Graduates of this state-approved program are eligible to apply to write the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) for registered nurses. Applicants for Oklahoma license to practice nursing. In addition to completing a state-approved nursing education program that meets educational requirements and successfully passing the licensure examination, requirements include submission of an application for licensure, a criminal history records search, and evidence of citizenship or qualified alien status. To be granted a license, an applicant must have the legal right to be in the United States (United States code chapter 8, section 1621). In addition, Oklahoma law only allows a license to be issued to U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals, and legal permanent resident aliens. Other qualified aliens may be issued a temporary license that is valid until the expiration of their visa status, or if there is no expiration date, for one year. Applicants who are qualified aliens must present, in person, valid documentary evidence of:

1. A valid, unexpired immigrant or nonimmigrant visa status for admission into the United States;
2. A pending or approved application for asylum in the United States;
3. Admission into the United States in refugee status;
4. A pending or approved application for temporary protected status in the United States;
5. Approved deferred action status; or
6. A pending application for adjustment of status to legal permanent resident status or conditional resident status.

The Board has the right to deny a license to an individual with a history of criminal background, disciplinary action on another health-related license or certification, or judicial declaration of mental incompetence [59 O.S. §567.5 & 567.6].