Nursing
Associate in Arts Degree

Associate Degree programs DO NOT necessarily constitute the first two
days of a program leading to a bachelor's degree.

Los Angeles Pierce College offers an Associate in Arts Degree Nursing Program
accredited by the California Board of Registered Nursing and the National
League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (see p. 4 for information on
accrediting agencies). The graduate is prepared to function as an entry-level
nurse. Upon completion of the prescribed curriculum, the graduate is
qualified to apply for licensure as a registered nurse in the State of California.

Nursing students receive clinical experience concurrently with classroom
instruction. Nursing faculty teach and supervise clinical experiences. Local
hospitals and other community health care agencies provide the clinical
facilities where students, under supervision, administer direct nursing care to
patients. Students must provide their own transportation.

Students must first be admitted into the Nursing Program before they may
take nursing courses. Details are available in the Counseling Office
(818-719-6440) and the Nursing Department (818-719-6477).

The following programs are also available for qualified individuals seeking
career mobility: LVN-to-RN, LVN 30 Unit Option, Transfer and Challenge
options, and Foreign Nurse Graduate placement. These programs provide a
certificate of completion or an Associate in Arts degree with a major in
Nursing. See the Department of Nursing for detailed information.

Portions of completed coursework from this program may be applied toward
the attainment of a bachelor's degree in nursing. See a counselor for advice and
information on transfer and G.E. certification.

Students must complete all of the following general education prerequisites
prior to entering the program:

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION

Students must complete all general education prerequisites with a grade
of "C" or better prior to applying to the program. Also, students must be in
good academic standing and not be on academic or progress probation.
Eligibility to be considered for the lottery is based upon state guidelines
designed to increase the probability of student success. These guidelines reflect:
overall college grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 for prerequisites, an overall
GPA of 2.5 for Human Anatomy, Physiology and Microbiology, and no more
than one repetition of these courses.
NURSING DEPARTMENT POLICIES

All nursing and required general education courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better. The Nursing curriculum for the Associate Degree follows Associate Degree Requirements, Option 2.

Specific program policies governing grading, withdrawal, readmission, probation and dismissal are available in the Nursing Student Handbook and from the Department of Nursing.

The California Board of Registered Nursing may deny a license regulated by the Business and Professional Code, Section 480, on such grounds as: being convicted of a crime, acts of dishonesty; fraud or deceit, etc. Applicants who have questions regarding limitations related to licensure should contact the California Board of Registered Nursing (www.rn.ca.gov).

Courses in government, humanities (3 units each) and physical education (1 unit), must be completed prior to graduation. Refer to Associate Degree Requirements in this Catalog. Health Education is not required for Nursing Students.

The faculty strongly encourages the completion of a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) program to enhance learning experiences.

For further information concerning course planning contact the Counseling Department at (818) 719-6440 or the Nursing Department at (818) 719-6477.