



MAJOR OF THE MONTH

~NURSING~



According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the demand for nurses will result in 1.2 million job openings for RN's alone by the year 2014. If you are searching for both a challenging and rewarding major, nursing may be what you are looking for. The Nursing major combines knowledge from the areas of science and social science to provide students with the skills needed for optimal patient care.

The Department of Nursing at Lake Superior State offers two curricular tracks to the bachelor of science degree in nursing; the four-year, pre-licensure program and the two-year, completion program for the registered nurse.

Required academic courses for nursing majors are divided into three groups; nursing support courses, general education requirements and nursing courses. Students complete one year in pre-nursing before applying to the Department of Nursing for admission to the nursing program. **~continued on page 2~**



CLINICALS

Students admitted to the RN completion program receive a combination of class and clinical experience where they apply the nursing process to the populations. Clinical experiences are in primary, secondary and tertiary care settings. In the past, students have completed clinical hours at the following hospitals:

War Memorial Hospital, Northern Michigan Hospital, Marquette General Health System, and Sault Area Hospital in Ontario.

Nursing Curriculum

Students majoring in Nursing take classes such as:

- Intro to Professional Nursing
- Human Anatomy & Physiology
- Nutrition
- Health Issues of Aging Populations
- Life Chemistry
- Pharmacology

Career Bits

STUDENT PROFILE

Do you

want to help people?

like flexibility and change?

like to work in a fast paced environment?

work well under pressure?

SKILLS

Are you

a team player?

a strong communicator (both verbally and in writing)?

able to perform tasks without error?

JOB OUTLOOK

Employment opportunities are expected to grow rapidly; driven by technology that allows treatment of a greater number of medical problems, an increasing emphasis on preventive care, and an aging population.

SALARY RANGE

Starting \$44,000-\$49,000

Average \$57,000-\$63,000





Admission is based upon 1) filing a Declaration of Intent to enter the nursing program, 2) successful completion of selected pre-nursing courses, 3) academic achievement, and 4) a negative criminal background report. Once admitted, completion of the nursing course requirements will take approximately three years.

While in the nursing program, nursing students divide their time between on-campus classes, on-campus labs and clinical hours gained at local hospitals and health centers. Because class size is limited, each nursing student receives individual attention and is offered learning experiences not found at larger universities.

The LSSU nursing program is approved by the Michigan Board of Nursing and is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission.

For more information on the nursing program contact the Department of Nursing and ext 2288 or stop by the Career Services office located in Library 119A.



More than 90% of LSSU's nursing graduates pass the state licensure board exam on their first attempt, which equals or exceeds all other programs in Michigan.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

There are many career choices for those pursuing a nursing degree. These are only a few of the many options available to you.

Hospital Nurse - Provides holistic nursing care to clients of all ages in a hospital setting.

Extended Care Nurse - works in long-term care facilities providing care to the elderly.

Office Nurse - works in physician offices or outpatient clinics assisting in the direct patient care of clients.

Nurse Practitioner - registered nurses with advanced education and training. They provide basic preventive care to patients to maintain health, prevent illness, or deal with acute/chronic health problems.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!

Spring Workshops



Career Portfolio Workshop

March 17th NOON
Library 150

Want to gain an edge over other employee candidates? Need help organizing your educational and life achievements? Create your own career portfolio. Useful tips on how to create and manage your career portfolio.

Resume Writing Workshop



March 18th NOON
Library 150

Not sure where to begin in writing your resume? Making plans for an internship? Don't wait until the last minute to prepare your resume! We will cover the basics of writing a resume and tips for making your resume rise to the top of the stack.



Career Exploration Workshop

March 20th NOON
Library 119A

Still not sure about your major? No career goals? Don't let another semester go by without a focused goal. Attend this workshop to seek guidance on your next steps towards your academic and life goals.

