**PROGRAM OVERVIEW:**

- Designed specifically for the Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse
- Enter our program at the 2nd year level.
- Upon program completion, apply to take NCLEX-RN exam.
- You can complete the program in 18 months or less, depending upon evaluation of your transcripts and your success moving through the courses.
- No on-campus classes to attend!
- ALL theory coursework completed online.

Clinical Component May Be Completed Where You Live

Graduate from a Highly Acclaimed, Fully Accredited Program

- ACM takes great pride in preparing nurses to meet the challenges of today’s health care industry.
- ACM’s online program maintains the rigors of our traditional classroom courses, while providing the flexibility that working adults require.
- ACM students achieve a pass rate on state boards of 95-100%!
- ACM’s Associate Degree Nursing Program is approved by the Maryland Board of Nursing and is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC).

**PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:**

**BEFORE APPLYING** you must meet the following requirements:

- be a Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse who has:
  - graduated from an approved Practical Nurse program
  - obtained a minimum grade of ‘C’ or better in each course required
  - an active, unencumbered license
- have a minimum of 2 years full time LPN/LVN work experience with employer verification
- have an overall college GPA of 2.50 or higher
- have a current Healthcare Provider CPR card
- have completed the required General Education courses (listed at right)
- ✓ meet the scholastic standards of Allegany College of Maryland

Please note entrance into the nursing program is competitive. This is a selective admission program and not all applicants can be accepted.

**REQUIRED GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES:**

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* Indicates a prerequisite for admission to the program.
• All science courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better.

The minimum acceptable GPA calculated on the prerequisites is 2.50.

**REQUIRED NURSING COURSES:**

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**TO BEGIN THE PROCESS,** complete the following steps:

1. apply to ACM (no application fee; application available at www.allegany.edu/admissions)
2. apply to the LPN-RN Online Program
3. follow the pre-admission check list to complete the following:
   ✓ succeed in the LPN Mobility exam (to receive credit for 1st year clinical nursing courses)
   ✓ succeed in the pre-requisite online Nursing Bridge course
   ✓ obtain three (3) letters of recommendation; one must be a Professional Reference
   ✓ complete the confidential Health Careers Medical Health Examinations Record/Student Health Profile
   ✓ complete Background Checks and Clearances for respective state
   ✓ acquire appropriate clinical sites in collaboration with ACM faculty
   ✓ acquire appropriate clinical preceptors in collaboration with ACM faculty
   ✓ obtain reliable access to the Internet on a daily basis that meets minimal technical requirements

More information can be obtained by visiting www.allegany.edu/onlineLPN-RN

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IMPORTANT:
Current LPN’s enroll as a student with ACM, then apply for admission to the online nursing program. If you feel the time is right for you to become an RN, you will find ACM’s on-line program the perfect fit your busy life!

Prior to applying for the online program prospective students should go to the College Website www.allegany.edu/onlineLPN-RN and (1) complete the questionnaire “Is Distance Learning Right for Me?”, and (2) review the Minimal Technical Requirements

It is important for prospective students to understand online courses require self-discipline and motivation to complete course work by deadlines.

Students MUST have reliable access to the Internet on a daily basis.

Students in the LPN-RN Online program are required to conduct themselves according to an honor code, exhibit professional behavior, communicate effectively in English, and provide proof of health insurance and immunizations. They may also be required to submit to random urine drug testing at clinical sites.

FINANCIAL AID:
For assistance with Financial Aid please call 301-784-5213.

REGISTRATION:
Applicants interested in taking courses should contact the Admissions Office, complete the college application, have an evaluation of basic math and English skills and courses that may transfer, and register for classes. Students enrolling at ACM for the first time must speak to an advisor to register for courses. Contact Admissions at infocenter@allegany.edu or by calling 301-784-5199.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
regarding the online program, go to www.allegany.edu/onlineLPN-RN or contact:

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ACCREDITATION:
The Associate Degree Nursing Program is approved by the Maryland Board of Nursing and the Pennsylvania Board of Nursing and is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC), 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 500, Atlanta, GA 30326. Phone 404-975-5020.

STATE BOARD REQUIREMENTS:
Currently, the LPN/LVN to RN online option is recognized or approved by the individual State Board of Nursing and/or Higher Education Commission in Maryland and Pennsylvania. Approval from other states is pending. RN licensure rules vary from state to state and are subject to change based on state-specific Nurse Practice Act requirements. Due to the unique model of non-traditional nursing degree programs like the online LPN-RN program, some states have additional requirements for licensure of nursing graduates. Prospective students with specific questions about eligibility to practice as a registered nurse in a particular state, other than Maryland or Pennsylvania, should direct their questions to the relevant state Board of Nursing where they reside or plan to apply for licensure.