

**LEHMAN COLLEGE
OF THE
CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK**

DEPARTMENT OF NURSING

ADMISSION REQUIREMENT CHANGE

Name of Program and Degree Award: Nursing, B.S. (Generic Programs)

Hegis Number: 1203.00

Program Code: 02630

Effective Term: Fall 2027

1. **Type of Change**: Adding an expiration date to nursing admission pre-requisite.

2. **From**: Currently, there is no policy regarding time limits for pre-requisite courses. Current policy states:

“A minimum grade of C (73) or better is required in each of the prerequisite science courses, or their equivalents, to be eligible for admission to the generic Nursing program. If a prerequisite science course is repeated, the first grade will be counted when considering eligibility for admission to the Nursing program. A minimum grade of C (73) is required for a student to progress from one Nursing course to the next. Nursing students may repeat only one HIN or NUR course. Note: A student who does not achieve a grade of C or better in a NUR or HIN course may repeat the course only once and must attain a B.”

3. **To**: Add to pg. 8 of Undergraduate Student Handbook, ***Requirements for Entrance into the Traditional and Accelerated Generic Nursing Programs.***

Policy Statement

“A minimum grade of a C (73) or better is required in all the pre-requisite courses, or their equivalents, to be eligible for admission to the Generic Nursing Programs.

Effective for 2027 Admissions Cycle, all prerequisite science courses (Biology and Chemistry) required for admission to the undergraduate Generic Nursing Programs will be subject to a seven-year expiration limit. If a pre-requisite science course is repeated, only the first grade within the seven-year limit will be counted when considering eligibility for admission to the nursing program. Courses completed more than seven years prior to the date of application submission will not be reviewed for program eligibility, nor considered for fulfillment of admission requirements. Applicants with expired coursework will be required to retake the course(s) to demonstrate current

competency.

The expiration policy applies only to the following pre-requisite science courses:

- CHE 114/115: General Chemistry lecture/lab,
- CHE 120/121: Organic Chemistry lecture/lab,
- BIO 181/182: Anatomy & Physiology I and II, and
- BIO 230: Microbiology

A minimum grade of C (73) is required for a student to progress from one Nursing course to the next. Nursing students may repeat only one HIN or NUR course. Note: A student who does not achieve a grade of C or better in a NUR or HIN course may repeat the course only once and must attain a B or higher.”

Implementation Timeline:

- **2026 Admissions Cycle:** Students applying for admission for Summer/Fall 2026 Accelerated and Traditional program, respectively, will continue to be evaluated under the current admissions policy.
- **2027 Admissions Cycle:** The seven-year expiration policy will take effect beginning with the Summer 2027 applicant cohort. All applicants seeking admission for Summer 2027 and beyond will be required to meet the seven-year prerequisite standard.
- **Notification Plan:** Clear communication will be shared with all prospective applicants, advisors, and partner institutions during the 2026 admissions cycle to ensure students are informed and have adequate time to plan for the Summer 2027 requirement.

4. Rationale (Explain how this change will impact the learning outcomes of the department and Major/Program):

- Ensuring Up-to-Date Knowledge.
- Alignment with Peer Institutions (e.g., CUNY-Hunter College, NYU, etc.) and,
- NCLEX-RN and Accreditation requirements emphasize the importance of current, evidence-based education for nursing students. Our current accreditation requires a benchmark of 80% pass rate on the NCLEX exam.
- We currently have a policy to consider first attempt only for all science pre-requisite courses. We want to submit this proposal as is.
 - For students who failed a pre-requisite science– they will have the opportunity to retake the course within the 7-year timeline following the failing course.

- o For those who passed their pre-requisites on the first attempt – they will retake the course as a refresher for foundational courses.

5. **Date of departmental approval:** 4/7/2025, revised and approved on 10/9/2025

6. **Date of CAEAS approval:** 10/22/2025