

Nursing

Associate in Science Degree in Nursing

The associate degree in Nursing program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN), 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA, 30326; 404-975-5000.

Continuing Accreditation for Associate Degree in Nursing: Last evaluation visit: September 27-29, 2011; Most recent action: March 2012; Next evaluation visit: Fall 2019. Students who complete and receive an Associate in Science degree in Nursing are eligible to take the licensure examination for Registered Nursing (RN).

The Nursing program is offered at the Knight (Warwick), Flanagan (Lincoln), Liston (Providence) and Newport County campuses. In addition, an evening/weekend program is available at the Flanagan and Newport County campuses. Students may apply to any of these programs; however, they may not transfer between programs without department approval.

Applicants may earn credits in advance of applying for degree status but this must be done in consultation with the Office of Enrollment Services. Courses may be taken at the main campuses or satellite campuses of the Community College of Rhode Island or at any other accredited college.

Technical Standards: The physical activity (strength) level for a registered nurse (075.364-010) or a licensed practical nurse (079.374-017) is classified as “medium” by the Department of Labor in the Dictionary of Occupational Titles.

Note: Many courses require prerequisites, corequisites and/or testing. See course descriptions at the back of the catalog for details.

Practical Nursing Diploma - P.N. – Level I (DPN_LPNU)

LPN Program is currently under review. Information will be made available at www.ccri.edu/ nursing as this program is updated and revised.

IMPORTANT:

All requirements must be completed satisfactorily **BEFORE an applicant can be offered acceptance**. At the time of admission, the student must meet the current admission requirements of the program. Students declining acceptance into the program for the semester offered, must reapply to the program and meet the current admission requirements. Once accepted into Nursing, the student must attend a mandatory orientation conducted by the Nursing Department.

GENERAL POLICIES

See important general policies in the beginning of this section on the performance-based Health Sciences application process, academic progress, advanced placement, background check, CPR certification, health insurance, health records, reinstatement, transportation, uniforms and equipment.

Minimum requirements to apply to the Nursing program

1. Complete and submit a CCRI Application for Enrollment in General Studies with a pre-nursing concentration.
2. Send an official copy of the applicant's high school or GED® transcript, including date of graduation. If the applicant holds a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university, the high school transcript may be waived; a college transcript must indicate completion and degree awarded.
3. Complete a standardized test (ACCUPLACER) issued by CCRI's Department of Advising and Counseling. Competency of 90 or above is required on the reading comprehension section. If 90 is not achieved on ACCUPLACER, ENGL 0890 - Critical Reading must be completed with a B- or better.
4. Demonstrate competency of MATH 0500 through a standardized test (ACCUPLACER) with a score of 65 or above for the arithmetic section. If the score is below 65, the student may **retest one time**. On the **second testing**, if the score is below 65, the student must complete the MATH 0500 course and receive a B- or better.
5. Take the HESI A² admission test: reading comprehension, vocabulary/general knowledge, math and grammar. Students must achieve a score of 75 percent in each test category. It is recommended that students do not take the HESI A² test until they meet with Advising and Counseling and complete remediation. A score of 75 percent or above in each test category is subject to change within the academic year.
6. Complete BIOL 1010 - Human Anatomy* with a grade of B- or better. **With the exception of those noted above, all required courses must have a grade of C or better.**
7. Complete ENGL 1010 - Composition I* with a grade of C or better. ENGL 1300 will not substitute for ENGL 1010.
8. Complete PSYC 2010 - General Psychology* with a grade of C or better.
9. All above requirements must be completed prior to acceptance for all Nursing programs.
10. A cumulative grade point average of 2.7 or better is required for acceptance and must be maintained until enrolled in NURS 1010.
11. Complete preadmission degree evaluation.
12. Complete and submit performance-based Health Sciences application. Deadlines are listed on form.

**Pre-requisites limited to two attempts (BIOL 1010, ENGL 1010 and PSYC 2010).*

IMPORTANT: All the above requirements must be completed satisfactorily **BEFORE** submission of performance-based Health Sciences application and does not guarantee acceptance. At the time of admission, the student must meet the current admission requirements of the program. Students declining acceptance into the program for the semester offered must resubmit a performance-based Health Sciences application for the program and meet the current admission requirements. Once accepted into Nursing, the student must attend a mandatory orientation conducted by the Nursing Department.

13. Submit to a background check when directed by notification from Enrollment Services. Results of BCI may prevent admission due to clinical agencies' requirements. Final acceptance is based on **completion** of all the above criteria.

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Associate in Science Degree in Nursing (*continued*)**Program Requirements**

- A cumulative grade point average of 2.7 or better is required for acceptance and must be maintained until enrolled in Nursing. With the exception of those noted above, all required courses must have a grade of C or better.
- A cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 is required for graduation and the awarding of an Associate of Science degree.
- Students must maintain a passing status (75 or above) in the theoretical and clinical components of each Nursing course. In the event that a student fails either the theory or the clinical component of a required Nursing course, the course must be repeated in its entirety. Note: Only one Nursing course may be repeated. Nursing courses are graded utilizing a department specific grading policy (75=C).
- BIOL 1020 - Human Physiology is required in semester 1 of the Nursing program. Students must achieve a grade of B- or better in the course. If a student does not achieve the minimum required benchmark for this course, they may not progress in the program. Students are limited to two attempts.

Note: Human Physiology BIOL 1020 grade is valid for five years.

**Advanced Placement/
Challenge Examination**

Currently under review. No Advanced Placement/Challenge Exams will be administered during the 2016–2017 academic year.

Reinstatement

- Reinstatement to the Nursing program is based on space availability. Priority is given to students who were in good academic standing at the time of withdrawal. Students returning to the Nursing program may be required to repeat previous and additional coursework and must be approved by the Scholastic Standing Committee.
- A student is eligible to repeat only one Nursing non-clinical course, with the exception of dropping/failing both Nursing non-clinical courses simultaneously during a single semester (NURS 1015 and NURS 1061 during Semester 1). If only one Nursing non-clinical course is dropped/failed during Semester 1, that single class will be considered their one and only repeat attempt.
- A student is eligible to repeat only one Nursing clinical course, with the exception of dropping/failing both Nursing clinical courses simultaneously during a single semester (NURS 1020 and NURS 1023 during Semester 2, NURS 2040 and NURS 2050 during Semester 3, or NURS 2060 and NURS 2500 during Semester 4). If only one Nursing clinical course is dropped/failed during Semesters 2, 3, or 4, that single class will be considered their one and only repeat attempt.
- A student requesting to repeat a Nursing course must meet the current admissions criteria.

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Suggested course progression reflects full-time status with a minimum of 12 credits.

PREREQUISITES

COURSE NO.	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
___ BIOL 1010	Human Anatomy	4
___ ENGL 1010	Composition I	3
___ PSYC 2010	General Psychology	4
___ Humanities OR Social Science Electives*	See page 22 for complete list of courses that fulfill the HUMN or SSCI attribute.	3

Total Credits	14
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SEMESTER 1

Courses below must be completed before beginning Semester 2.

COURSE NO.	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
___ NURS 1010	Foundations of Nursing Practice	6
___ NURS 1015	Gerontological Nursing	2
___ NURS 1061	Pharmacology I	1
___ BIOL 1020	Human Physiology	4

Total Credits	13
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SEMESTER 2

Courses below must be completed before beginning Semester 3.

COURSE NO.	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
___ NURS 1020	Medical-Surgical Nursing 1A	3
___ NURS 1021	Medical-Surgical Nursing 1B	3
___ NURS 1023	Mental Health Nursing	3
___ NURS 1062	Pharmacology 2	1
___ PSYC 2030	Developmental Psychology	3

Total Credits	13
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SEMESTER 3

Courses below must be completed before beginning Semester 4.

COURSE NO.	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
___ NURS 2040	Medical-Surgical Nursing II	5
___ NURS 2050	Maternal-Child Health	6
___ NURS 1063	Pharmacology III	1

Total Credits	12
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SEMESTER 4

COURSE NO.	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
___ NURS 2050	Capstone	3
___ NURS 2060	Medical-Surgical Nursing III	6
___ BIOL 2210	Introductory Microbiology	4

Total Credits	13
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Total Prerequisite and In-Program Credits	65
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*Elective is not required for admission into the Associate in Nursing Degree Nursing program, but is required for graduation.