[AAS-NURS-LPN; CIP Code 51.3801]

*Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.)
— Transfer*

The program combines general education with nursing courses to prepare currently Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN) for entry-level Registered Nursing (RN) practice. Upon successful completion of the Nursing program, students are eligible to apply for state licensure and take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). The Nursing program is approved by The New Jersey Board of Nursing and accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

Program Information

The American Nurses Association defines nursing as "both an art and a science, a heart, and a mind. At its heart, lies a fundamental respect for human dignity and an intuition for a patient's needs. This is supported by the mind, in the form of rigorous care learning. Due to the vast range of specialisms and complex skills in the nursing profession, each nurse will have specific strengths, passions, and expertise." (ANA, 2021).

Nursing also encompasses autonomous and collaborative care of individuals of all ages, families, groups and communities, sick or well, and in all settings. Nursing includes the promotion of health, prevention of illness and the care of ill, disabled and dying people. Advocacy, promotion of a safe environment, research, participation in shaping health policy and in patient and health systems management and education are also key nursing roles.

Outcomes

Graduates of the Nursing program will:
• Apply principles of evidence-based practice to patient care
• Value inter professional and community partners collaboration
• Demonstrate ethical and professional nursing practice
• Implement life-long learning endeavors

Employment Opportunities

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, "Employment of registered nurses is projected to grow 6 percent from 2021 to 2031 about as fast as the average for all occupations." (https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/registered-nurses.htm)

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Nursing LPN-RN, A.A.S.

Program Requirements	Credits
THE FOLLOWING COURSES MUST BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO STARTING THE LPN TO RN PROGRAM:	**Credits**
❑ ENG 101 English Composition I	3
❑ BIO 105 Anatomy and Physiology I	4
❑ PSY 101 General Psychology I	3
	10
Winter Semester	
❑ NURS 115 LPN to RN Track	3
❑ Upon completion of NURS 115, students will be awarded 4 credits for LPN license	4
Spring Semester	
❑ ENG 102 English Composition II	3
❑ BIO 106 Anatomy and Physiology II	4
❑ NURS 120 Nursing II	9
❑ NURS 121 Nursing II Lab	1
	17
SECOND YEAR — Fall Semester	
❑ BIO 215 Microbiology	4
❑ NURS 230 Nursing III	8
❑ NURS 231 Nursing III Lab	1
	13
Spring Semester	
❑ NURS 240 Nursing IV	7
❑ NURS 245 Transition to Practice	4
❑ NURS 210 Nursing Global Issues and Trends	2
	12
TOTAL CREDITS: 60	

Special Admission Requirements

Nursing is a selective admission program. Students who may qualify for the program must have graduated from an accredited LPN program and hold a valid unencumbered LPN license. Students must be accepted to the program prior to registering for any NURS classes.

Please contact the Enrollment Services Office for an admission packet.

Clinical agencies require criminal history background checks (CHBC) for all individuals engaged in patient care. All students must undergo a CHBC upon acceptance into the Nursing Program. CHBC results are sent to the clinical agencies, who have the sole discretion to decide if the student may engage in patient care at the agency. If a student is denied the opportunity to participate in the clinical agency as a result of the findings of the CHBC, the student will be dismissed from the Nursing Program.

Students must satisfactorily complete all 100-level nursing courses to progress to 200-level courses. Students who do not meet prerequisite and co-requisite course requirements, and/or grade requirements will not be able to progress in the Nursing program.

Students must complete the Nursing program in three years from the start of the first Nursing course.

Students who do not complete the program within three years must wait five years before reapplying to the Nursing program.

A minimum grade of "C+" is required in all courses in the Nursing Program of Study including General Education and Science courses.

Highlights

Since 2000, the NCLEX-RN pass rate has been greater than 90 percent.

To learn more about the program or attend an information session, please visit RCSJ.edu/gc/SelectiveAdmissions.