

LPN to RN Track

Are you an LPN, ready to advance your career? The LPN-to-RN track at Cincinnati State may be an option for you to earn an associate degree in nursing and become eligible to take NCLEX-RN. Prospective students are required to meet with a nursing advisor in the Health and Public Safety Division (HPS). Admission to the LPN-to-RN nursing program is a selective admission process.

The LPN-to-RN program is a modified version of the traditional associate degree in nursing. The support courses (non-nursing requirements) are the same as in the traditional program. The nursing courses have been shortened to four rather than five semesters. First-semester non-nursing courses must be completed before admission. The NUR sequence of courses begins the second semester with a “bridge” and “transition” course that focuses on the role of the RN, a review of basic nursing skills, and pediatric nursing.

Upon successful completion of first-semester and second-semester courses (NUR 105 “bridge” and NUR 106 “transition”), the LPN-to-RN student will receive credit in Nursing (NUR 150) to cover the traditional NUR 101, 102, and 103 courses. The LPN-to-RN students will join traditional students for the last two semesters of the nursing program (NUR 201 and 202). These courses include medical-surgical, obstetrical, and mental health nursing, as well as nursing leadership and management. Students are required to pass a national standardized exam for the successful completion of NUR 202.

Nursing courses may include theory, college labs, and clinical lab experiences. Classes meet 3-4 times /per week. For this reason, it is often difficult to maintain full-time employment concurrently with a full-time academic load. The general expectation would be that the majority of support courses (non-nursing) have already been completed. This lessens the student’s course load while completing the required NUR course sequence.

There is a **competitive admission process** for the limited number of LPN-to-RN seats available. **This track will be offered twice a year.** An LPN may choose to pursue the traditional program (five semesters of NUR courses), in order to ease into the NUR courses at a slower rate. This is the recommended route for those without much clinical experience or those needing to complete a lot of the required support courses concurrently.

Additional information is available on the college website under Health and Wellness: Nursing/NUR, or schedule an appointment to meet with an advisor in the Health and Public Safety Division. Call the Health Division office at (513) 569-1670 to schedule an appointment with a nursing advisor. The admission criteria and Applicant Ranking Worksheet is the same for both nursing tracks (traditional ADN and the LPN-to-RN), **except that** LPN-to-RN applicants must have completed all Semester 1 courses to apply (with the exception of NUR 150 Advanced Standing).

Application deadlines are January for the Summer Semester and August for the Spring Semester. Contact a NUR advisor for the exact dates and times.

Nursing (LPN to RN Progression)

		Lec	Lab	Credits
Semester 1				
NUR 150	Nursing Advanced Standing - LPN to ADN (later)	11	0	11
BIO 151	Anatomy and Physiology 1 **	3	2	4
MAT 105	Quantitative Math	3	0	3
ENG 101	English Composition 1	3	0	3
FYE 1XX	First Year Experience Elective- see below	1	0	1
Semester 2				
ENG 10X	English Composition Elective- see below	3	0	3
NUR 105	Nursing LPN to ADN Transition	2	3	3
NUR 106	Nursing LPN/ADN Bridge	2	6	4
BIO 152	Anatomy and Physiology 2	3	2	4
BIO 220	Microbiology	2	3	3
Semester 3				
NUR 201	Nursing Concepts 4	7	12	11
PSY 110	Introduction to Psychology	3	0	3
Semester 4				
SOC 105	Introduction to Sociology	3	0	3
NUR 202	Nursing Concepts 5	6	9	9
Total Credits:		52	37	65

First Year Experience Elective

FYE 100	College Survival Skills	1
FYE 105	College Success Strategies	2
FYE 110	Community College Experience	3
*HLT 100	Becoming a Health Professional [Pending]	

*English Composition Electives:

- ENG 102: English Composition 2: Contemporary Issues
- ENG 103: English Composition 2 –Writing about Literature
- ENG 104: English Composition 2: Technical Communication
- ENG 105: English Composition 2: Business Communication

** BIO 151 has prerequisites that need to be met. These are high school or college Biology and Chemistry with lab within the past five years (minimum grade of C for all), or BIO 100 Biology and Science Skills, or BIO 111 and CHE 100 or CHE 110 or CHE 115. Note that BIO 100 and CHE 100 are not transfer-approved, but BIO 111 and CHE 110, and CHE 115 would transfer to any college in Ohio and may be applicable to future BSN degrees.