

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, mental health nursing, 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. **This track will be offered twice a year.** An LPN may choose to pursue the traditional program (five semesters of NUR courses) 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 many 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 are 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 (except NUR 150 Advanced Standing).

The application deadlines for the Summer and spring Semesters are January and August. Contact an NUR advisor for the exact dates and times.

Requirements for Selective Admission

1. Contact your academic advisor to plan your courses appropriately for the Selective Admission application. Prospective students can find information on the admission requirements, test scheduling, and FAQs on the college website for nursing.
2. You must complete the following requirements by the application deadline.
 - ◆ Written proof of an unencumbered LPN license.
 - ◆ Appropriate scores on the TEAS nursing admission test.
 - ◆ Cincinnati State cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.
 - ◆ Complete the first semester courses for the NURP track (BIO 151, ENG 101 or 101A, MAT 105 or 105A, FYE Elective) with a grade of 'C' or better or receive credit for an equivalent transfer course. The Advance Standing Credits will be awarded after completing NUR 105 and NUR 106 successfully.

Upon acceptance to the nursing program, additional requirements for admission include CPR certification, a recent health and physical exam, immunizations, proof of health insurance, and a criminal background check (FBI/BCI). ***Do not complete these items until you are directed to do so.***

Background Checks/Licensure Eligibility

All students are subject to background checks, which must be completed after being selected to enter the program. Students who have been convicted of felonies and/or misdemeanors are required to contact Dr. Beth Hamon, Associate Dean, before entering the Nursing program. Students convicted of possession and/or distribution of controlled substances or who have positive drug screens for non-prescribed controlled substances while enrolled in the program will be automatically dismissed.

When applying for the state licensure exam, the candidate must indicate whether they have ever been convicted of a felony or other crimes. The Ohio Board of Nursing may decide that a candidate may not take this exam based on the answer given (Ohio Revised Code 4723.28).

All graduates must submit their fingerprints to the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigations as part of the application to take the NCLEX-RN. The Board's website, www.nursing.ohio.gov, has more information about Ohio law. See the Nursing Student Handbook for all policies.

Note: If you have been dismissed or told you cannot be rehired at any of the healthcare facilities in the region, please contact Dr. Beth Hamon, Program Director & Associate Dean, before submitting your application for admission to the nursing program.

Nursing (LPN to RN Progression)

Semester 1		Lec	Lab	Credits
NUR 150	Nursing Advanced Standing - LPN to ADN (later)	10	0	10
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	3	3	4
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.

Program Advisors

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The Admissions Office assists students not yet admitted to the college. For information, call 569-1544.

Advisors in the Health and Public Safety Division assist students in creating an academic plan, setting goals, and scheduling classes. Students can schedule an appointment by logging onto Starfish (via MyCState) or call the HPS division at 513- 569-1670. Students who have transfer credit or have not yet been admitted to the Nursing Program by the selective admission application process need to meet with one of the nursing advisors.

Lead Nursing Advisor

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Program Director

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Has overall responsibility for the program.

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