**NURSING (NURS)**

**PRACTICAL NURSE DIPLOMA - P.N. – LEVEL I**

**ASSOCIATE (IN SCIENCE) DEGREE NURSING – LEVEL II**

The Practical Nursing and Associate Degree Nursing programs are accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN) formerly National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, Inc., (NLNAC), 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA, 30326; 404-975-5000.

**Continuing Accreditation for Practical Nursing:** Last evaluation visit: September 27-29, 2011; Next evaluation visit: Fall 2019

**Continuing Accreditation for Associate Degree in Nursing:** Last evaluation visit: September 27-29, 2011; Most recent action: March 2012; Next evaluation visit: Fall 2019.

The Nursing program consists of Level I (Practical Nurse Diploma) and Level II courses (A.S. Nursing). Students who complete the Practical Nursing courses receive a diploma and are eligible to take the examination for licensure as a practical nurse (LPN). Students who complete Level I and Level II receive an Associate in Science (A.S.) degree and 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.

**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 I, the student must attend a mandatory orientation conducted by the Nursing Department.

**GENERAL POLICIES:**

See important general policies in 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. General Studies should be first choice; NURS should be second choice.
2. Send an official copy of the applicant’s high school or GED® transcript, including date of graduation or, if the applicant holds a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college/university, the high school transcript may be waived; 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.
6. Complete HEAL 1060 - Dosage Calculations for Medication Administration, with a grade of “B-” or better.
7. Complete BIOL 1010 - Human Anatomy and BIOL 1020 - Human Physiology with a grade of “B-” or better. **Human Physiology must be completed within five (5) years of entering or re-entering the Nursing program.**
8. Complete ENGL 1010 - Composition I, with a grade of “C” or better. ENGL 1300 will not substitute for ENGL 1010.
9. Complete HEAL 1000 - Introduction to Health Careers, with a grade of “C” or better.
10. All above requirements must be completed prior to acceptance for all Nursing programs.
11. A grade point average of 2.7 or better for all prerequisite classes is required for acceptance and must be maintained until enrolled in Nursing I.
12. Complete predmission degree evaluation.
13. Complete and submit performance-based Health Sciences application. Deadlines are listed on form.

**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 I, the student must attend a mandatory orientation conducted by the Nursing Department.

14. 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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PRACTICAL NURSE DIPLOMA, P.N. – LEVEL I
ASSOCIATE (IN SCIENCE) DEGREE NURSING – LEVEL II

Program Requirements

- A cumulative grade point average of 2.7 or better is required for acceptance and must be maintained until enrolled in Nursing I. With the exception of those noted above, all required courses must have a grade of “C” or better. Human Physiology must be completed within five years of entering NURS 1010.
- A cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 is required for graduation and the awarding of an Associate of Science degree at the completion of the second level.
- A minimum cumulative average of 2.0 is required for the awarding of the Practical Nurse diploma. Students must earn at least a grade of “C” in NURS 1010 and a grade of “D” in NURS 1020. The student who receives a “D” in NURS 1020 may progress only to LPNU 1030.
- Students must maintain a passing status 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. Please note: only one Nursing course may be repeated.
- To progress to Level II (ADNU status) students must have:
  - Satisfactory clinical performance on all critical competencies of Nursing II (NURS 1020);
  - Minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA with a minimum grade of “C” in NURS 1020 and 1020;
  - Minimum grade of “C” in ADNU 2040 and 2050.
  - BIOL 1020 - Human Physiology must be completed within five years of entering or re-entering the Nursing program.
- To receive credit for the Nursing I (NURS 1010) challenge exam, students must have completed all admissions requirements and earned a grade of “pass” (75 or above) on the exam.

Advanced Placement/Challenge Examination

Advanced placement in Nursing by challenge exam is offered to students who meet the following criteria:

- LPNs who have graduated from an accredited nursing program may petition to challenge NURS 1010 once successfully accepted into the Nursing program.
- Corpsmen and/or applicants with recent clinical experience preparing for RN licensure in another nursing program.
- Corpsmen are eligible to challenge NURS 1010.
- Students must present proof of challenge eligibility to the Nursing Department and must complete current admissions requirements prior to sitting for the Nursing I Challenge Exam.
- To receive credit for the Nursing I (NURS 1010) challenge exam, students must have completed all admissions requirements and earned a grade of “pass” (75 or above) on the exam.

LPN Readmission to RN Admission Policy

- Licensed practical nurses (LPN) who graduated from CCRI after 1987 may apply for acceptance into second-level Nursing ADNU. LPN applicants interested in ADNU status should contact the Nursing Level II department chair for the readmission process. Applicants who graduated more than five years prior to application must petition the Scholastic Standing Committee.
- Level I (LPN) applicants from vocational preparation programs are required to meet current CCRI program requirements.

Criteria for ADNU status:
- Minimum grade of “C” in LPN course(s);
- Cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better;
- Score of 850 or higher on HESI LPN to ADN mobility test;
- Minimum grade of “B-” in BIOL 1010 and 1020 and HEAL 1060 and a “C” in BIOL 2210;
- BIOL 1020 - Human Physiology must be completed within five years of entering or re-entering the Nursing program.
- Upon completion of above steps, students must contact Level II department chairperson.
- Placement in Level II courses is dependent on space availability.

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 or have completed NURS 1030. Students returning to the Nursing program may be required to repeat previous and additional coursework and be approved by the Scholastic Standing Committee or the department chair.
- As of Fall 2014, a student is eligible to repeat only one Nursing course with the approval of the Scholastic Standing Committee.
- A student requesting to repeat a Nursing course must meet the current admissions criteria.

IMPORTANT — Many courses require:
- **Prerequisite:** course must be completed successfully PRIOR to enrollment;
- **Corequisite:** course must be taken prior to or at the same time;
- **Testing:** (ACCUPLACER or other placement test) helps determine course placement; See course descriptions at the back of the catalog for details.

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**HEALTH SCIENCES**

**PRACTICAL NURSE DIPLOMA, P.N. – LEVEL I**

**RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE (for preadmission courses):**

**First Semester:** BIOL 1010; ENGL 1010; HEAL 1000

**Second Semester:** BIOL 1020; HEAL 1060

**PREADMISSION Requirements**

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**Total Preadmission Requirements Credits** 17

**RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE (for Level I, Practical Nursing Students):**

**First Semester:** NURS 1010; PSYC 2010, Humanities OR Social Science Elective (optional)

**Second Semester:** NURS 1020; BIOL 2210 (optional)

**Third semester:** NURS 1030 (required for Practical Nurse diploma only)

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**Total Major Requirements Credits** 33

**Total Major Requirements Credits (including preadmission)** 39

**Total Program Credits (including all preadmission)** 53

**GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION**

Most students in the Practical Nursing program attend classes full time. Therefore, the time to complete this certificate would be six semesters (or 36 months). For more information about the number of CCRI graduates for this program and other important gainful employment information, please visit [www.ccri.edu/acadaffairs/gainful-employment/hrs/nursing/practical-nurse.html](http://www.ccri.edu/acadaffairs/gainful-employment/hrs/nursing/practical-nurse.html).
# Health Sciences

## Nursing (Nurs) (continued)

### Associate (In Science) Degree Nursing – Level II

**Recommended Sequence** (for preadmission courses):
- **First Semester**: BIOL 1010; ENGL 1010; HEAL 1000
- **Second Semester**: BIOL 1020; HEAL 1060

### Preadmission Requirements

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**Total Preadmission Requirements Credits** 17

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**Total General Education Credits (including preadmission)** 24

**Recommended Sequence** (for all courses that must be completed before entering Level II):
- **First Semester**: NURS 1010; PSYC 2010
- **Second Semester**: NURS 1020; BIOL 2210; PSYC 2030; Humanities OR Social Science Elective
- **Third Semester**: NURS 1030 (requirement for Practical Nursing Diploma only)

**General Education Requirements**
*(IMPORTANT – These courses must be completed before beginning Level II Nursing.)*

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**Total Major Requirements Credits (including preadmission)** 47

**Total Level II Nursing Credits** 71

### Important:

For students applying during the February 2016 performance-based application period *(for the Fall 2016 start)*, the following prerequisites must be completed before applying to the Nursing program:
- ENGL 1010
- BIOL 1010
- PSYC 2010

For more information, visit www.ccri.edu/nursing.