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COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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# 2024 ADMISSION PACKET

## LPN to RN Bridge Program

- ❗ Application & Requirements Deadline - **November 1, 2023**
- ❗ Please allow 2 weeks to complete all application requirements.

## **APPLICATION & REQUIREMENTS DEADLINE- NOVEMBER 1, 2023**

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To be eligible for consideration to this accelerated, hybrid, competitive admission program, each applicant must meet the following four (4) requirements:

- 1.** Have a current, unrestricted practical nurse license actively listed by the Board of Nursing with privileges to practice in North Carolina (Compact State License).
- 2.** Be a graduate from the approved list of regionally accredited Practical Nurse (PN) programs.
- 3.** Schedule to attend the CVCC LPN to RN Bridge Information Session. Applicants must attend a mandatory LPN to RN Bridge Information Session. Refer to the LPN to RN Bridge webpage for a listing of sessions.
- 4.** Have completed all required preadmission coursework.

It is recommended all transcript requests be made 3-4 weeks prior to the application deadline to ensure receipt for processing. Failure to submit transcripts prior to the deadline will make the applicant ineligible for consideration.

It is the student's responsibility to monitor the completion of the Minimum Admission Requirements (MAR) whether enrolled at CVCC (Catawba Valley Community College) or elsewhere. CVCC reserves the right to change curriculum and admission requirements without prior notice. Applicants are responsible for completing admission requirements and ensuring all materials have been submitted by the deadline and as directed.

This packet provides information to assist you with the admission and selection process for the LPN to RN Bridge program. For questions regarding the program, contact the Department Head at (828) 327-7000 extension 4338 or by email to [kkistler@cvcc.edu](mailto:kkistler@cvcc.edu). For questions regarding admission requirements, please contact Student Services at extension 4216 or email [healthcare@cvcc.edu](mailto:healthcare@cvcc.edu).

### **What is the class schedule/length for this program?**

The LPN to RN Bridge program is a competitive admission, 2 semesters, accelerated, hybrid program with scheduled in-person classes in the early evenings on designated weekdays, substantial (3-7 hours) asynchronous (on-line) learning, and weekend clinical (12 hours) dependent on the semester and course. Graduates of the LPN to RN Bridge program are eligible to take the national licensure exam (NCLEX) for RNs. Students are unable to use current employment for clinical.

### **How much does the program cost?**

College tuition is set by the North Carolina State Legislature and is subject to change. Students are required to purchase a variety of books, instruments, clinic uniforms, malpractice insurance, accident insurance, and other fees as set by the College. The approximate cost for the program is \$4,500.00 (This figure is based upon current in-state tuition rates and reflects an approximate cost only.)

### **How do I apply for Financial Aid?**

All applicants are encouraged to apply for financial aid by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. For information about financial aid, contact the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid at [financial\\_aid@cvcc.edu](mailto:financial_aid@cvcc.edu) or by calling at 828-327-7000, ext. 4860.

### **Do I need a computer?**

Yes, access to a computer is required for this program. Once the CVCC application has been activated, students are assigned a CVCC email address and MyCVCC Portal account. Communication between students, faculty and any other college personnel will be by CVCC email, so students must frequently check their CVCC email accounts for admission status updates.

**The following technology resources are recommended for successful completion of this program:**

A laptop computer with

- Windows 10 or later with at least 4GB of RAM (6GB or more preferred) and at least 3GB Hard Drive capacity (more preferred)
- Web Camera and Microphone
- Installation of Microsoft Office Suite & Teams (provided by CVCC)
- Installation of the free Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, or newest Microsoft Edge browser (Chrome recommended)
- Reliable Internet Access and Printer Access

Cell phones are not a substitute for laptops; they cannot be used to complete assignments for this program.

**Will I be required to complete a Criminal Background Check/Drug Screening?**

Yes. Carefully read the information below regarding background checks, drug testing, and the result of a negative background check. Applicants must use CastleBranch, a background screening and compliance management company, for background check/drug screenings.

Clinical facilities will require students to undergo criminal background checks and drug testing.

The student will be required to pay fees associated with these screenings.

Clinical facilities may refuse access to clinical experiences based upon results of a criminal background check, drug screening or immunization/vaccination status.

If any clinical facility refuses to allow a student access to a clinical experience, the student will be unable to continue in the program.

The NC Board of Nursing will review the criminal background check of each applicant applying for licensure. Applicants can be denied licensure based on this review.

**How does undocumented immigrant status or DACA status affect application to the program?**

Current North Carolina Community College System policy allows DACA and undocumented applicants to enroll at CVCC at the out of state tuition cost. However, acceptance to the college does not guarantee acceptance to a specific program. Students with an unexpired DACA status are eligible to apply to an Allied Health program. Students must keep active DACA status to remain enrolled in an Allied Health program. Professional licensure is granted by state licensing boards; students MUST inquire with the appropriate licensure board for specific licensure requirements. Undocumented students are not eligible for admission to an Allied Health program. According to North Carolina and Federal laws, undocumented students are not eligible for North Carolina professional licensure. This policy is subject to change without notice based upon federal and state regulations.

**When and how will I be notified of acceptance to the program?**

The competitive nature of the LPN to RN Bridge program requires a 3 Phase approach that may take 10-12 weeks. All communications will be delivered via the students' CVCC email account. Should acceptance to that program be denied, the student may apply to another healthcare program whose application deadline has not yet occurred.

**What if I am not admitted to the program?**

Applicants not admitted will need to re-apply by completing the MAR Checklist for the year of reapplication. Students are responsible for following the guidelines for reapplication. Students are required to submit a new MAR Checklist each year to apply.

**What am I required to do before the first day of class if accepted?**

Accepted applicants must attend a mandatory LPN to RN Bridge Orientation Session with the Program Director and Faculty at which time the student will be provided with information concerning other program requirements. Students not attending the Session and/or being unable to meet any additional requirements listed above will be unable to enter the program.

## PHASE 1

### Explanation of Minimum Admission Requirements (MAR)

To be considered for acceptance, all applicants must complete Minimum Admission Requirements (MAR) by the published deadline.

1. Activate the [CVCC Application](#) with “LPN to RN Bridge” as the intended major.
2. **High School Transcript:** Submit an official High School/High School Equivalency transcript in a sealed envelope issued by the school, electronically through a 3rd party vendor to [transcripts@cvcc.edu](mailto:transcripts@cvcc.edu) or by postal mail. Plan accordingly to ensure transcripts arrive by the deadline. Applicants seeking information on how to request transcripts may visit [How to Request Official Transcripts](#).
3. **College Transcripts:** Submit ALL official college transcripts from EVERY school ever attended (except CVCC) in a sealed envelope issued from the school, electronically through a 3rd party vendor to or by postal mail. It is recommended to request all transcripts at least 3-4 weeks prior to the application deadline to ensure receipt for processing. Failure to submit transcripts prior to the deadline will make the applicant ineligible for consideration. Only courses from regionally accredited schools, including LPN coursework, will be eligible for transfer credit. Applicants should verify their school's accreditation status prior to application.
4. **Attend the mandatory CVCC LPN to RN Bridge Information Session.** Refer to the LPN to RN Bridge webpage for a listing of sessions.
5. **Required Coursework:** Completed all required courses listed in the Pre-Admission Coursework Guide with a minimum grade of “C” or higher.
6. **Proof of PN license:** Unrestricted North Carolina Practical Nurse License. Applicants must submit a clear and readable image of their current, unrestricted, practical nurse license showing their name actively listed by the Board of Nursing with privileges to practice in North Carolina (Compact State License).
7. **Submit the completed MAR Checklist before the deadline.** From the applicant's CVCC email account, submit the completed MAR Checklist to [healthcare@cvcc.edu](mailto:healthcare@cvcc.edu).

## COMPETITIVE SELECTION AND RANKING

The following criteria will be used to evaluate and select the best-qualified applicants from those who have completed all of Phase 1 Minimum Admission Requirements (MAR) by the deadline. Those applicants receiving the highest number of points will be invited to complete Phase 2 of the application process. Please note this takes 10-12 weeks to complete.

1. Verification of MAR requirements received on time.
2. Transcript review for Pre-Admission Coursework.
3. Ranking of applicants based on points assigned to previously completed coursework with grade of "C" or better (see Pre-Admission Coursework Guide).

## APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY NOTIFICATION

Eligible applicants will be invited to continue with Phase 2 of the application approximately 10-12 weeks after the application deadline. Applicants not meeting the criteria for acceptance will also be notified at this time via their CVCC email. **PLEASE DO NOT COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING UNTIL NOTIFIED TO DO SO.**

### PHASE 2

#### ATI PN Comprehensive Predictor Exam

ALL applicants meeting LPN to RN Bridge admission eligibility are REQUIRED to take the ATI PN Comprehensive Predictor Exam as part of Phase 2.

1. Eligible applicants must register to take the PN Comprehensive Predictor during the designated Testing Window. Testing dates and times will be provided in the CVCC eligibility e-mail.
2. A test fee must be paid on or before the applicant's actual test date.
3. PN Comprehensive Predictor Exam scores are valid for two years. Exams taken outside owindow will be denied. Applicants who took the exam during their LPN program or in a previous application cycle may choose not to retest. Please note, in a competitive process, higher scores support a greater likelihood of acceptance.

### PHASE 3

#### Notification of Acceptance

Applicants will be notified via their CVCC email account. Upon receipt of the acceptance status email, it is the responsibility of the applicant to send a reply email confirming an intention to enter the program. Accepted applicants will be emailed the LPN to RN Bridge Acceptance Packet providing next steps.

## ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING - TECHNICAL STANDARDS

Nursing is a career field with cognitive, sensory, affective, and psychomotor performance requirements. The following are examples of the kind of activities which a student in the Nursing Program will be required to perform in order to successfully complete the program.

CRITICAL THINKING	Nursing student should possess critical thinking ability sufficient for clinical judgement.	Student must be able to identify cause effect relationships in clinical situations, develop or participate in the development of nursing care plan.
INTERPERSONAL SKILLS	Nursing student shall possess interpersonal abilities sufficient to interact with individuals, families, groups, etc. from a variety of social, emotional, cultural and intellectual backgrounds.	Student shall establish rapport with clients/patients and health care team members.
COMMUNICATION SKILLS	Nursing student shall possess communication abilities sufficient for interaction with others in verbal and written form.	Explain treatment procedures, initiate health teaching, document and interpret nursing actions and client/patient responses.
MOBILITY	Nursing student shall possess physical abilities sufficient to move from room to room and maneuver in small spaces, stand and walk for extensive periods of time.	Move around in patients' rooms, workspaces, and treatment areas, administer cardio-pulmonary procedures.
MOTOR SKILLS	Nursing student shall possess gross and fine motor abilities sufficient to provide safe and effective nursing care.	Calibrate and use equipment, position clients/patients.
HEARING	Nursing student shall possess auditory ability sufficient to monitor and assess health needs.	Hear monitor alarms, emergency signals, auscultatory sounds, cries for help.
VISUAL	Nursing student shall possess visual ability sufficient for observation and tests necessary in nursing care.	Observe client/patient responses, see calibration of BP equipment, assess patient.
TACTILE	Nursing student shall possess tactile ability sufficient for physical tests.	Perform palpation, functions of physical examination and/or those related to therapeutic intervention, insertions of catheters.
WEIGHT BEARING	Nursing student shall possess the ability to lift and manipulate/move 45-50 pounds, weekly and sometimes daily.	Position clients/patients, move equipment.
COGNITIVE ABILITIES	Nursing student shall possess ability to be oriented to time, place and person, organize responsibilities, and make decisions.	Student shall assess client/patient complaints and implement appropriate care.
OCCUPATIONAL EXPOSURES	Nursing student may be exposed to communicable disease and/or body fluids, toxic substances, medicinal preparations, latex, and shall use appropriate precautions at all times.	Student may be assigned a patient with a communicable disease and shall provide total care using universal precautions.

**Note:** Standards developed by the Board of Directors for the Southern Council of Education for Nursing to assist Nursing Education Programs in compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act.

**Please note: Examples are not all inclusive.**

If you have a disability and need accommodation, please contact the Counselor for Students with Disabilities and Special Programs at least 72 hours in advance at (828) 327-7000, ext. 4222 or [accommodations@cvcc.edu](mailto:accommodations@cvcc.edu).

## PRE-ADMISSION COURSEWORK GUIDE

This information is for planning purposes only. Admission & curriculum requirements are subject to change without notice.

The following courses MUST BE COMPLETED with a grade of “C” or higher with semester credits PRIOR to application to the LPN to ADN Bridge program. CVCC does not accept quarter credits from another institution unless that same institution remains on the quarter system today. Students with quarter credits in LPN – RN Bridge courses should opt to repeat the course(s) on semester hours.

BIO 163 is not acceptable as a substitute for BIO 168 and BIO 169. Applicants with BIO 163 should take BIO 168 and BIO 169 prior to applying to the LPN-ADN Bridge program. BIO 165 and BIO 166 are acceptable substitutions for BIO 168 and BIO 169.

**BIO 168** – Anatomy & Physiology I (4 semester credit hours)

**BIO 169** – Anatomy & Physiology II (4 semester credit hours)

**BIO 275** – Microbiology (4 semester credit hours)

**ENG 111** – Writing and Inquiry (3 semester credit hours)

**ENG 112** – Writing/Research in the Disciplines (3 semester credit hours), **or**

**ENG 114** – Professional Research and Reporting (3 semester credit hours)

**Humanities/Fine Arts Elective** – ART 111-Art Appreciation, ART 114–Art History Survey I, ART 115–Art History Survey II, HUM 115-Critical Thinking, MUS 110–Music Appreciation, MUS 112– Introduction to Jazz, PHI 215–Philosophical Issues, or PHI 240–Introduction to Ethics (3 semester credit hours)

**PSY 150** – General Psychology (3 semester credit hours)

The following courses in the NUR curriculum will be granted AP credit at CVCC: NUR 111 (Intro to Health Concepts), NUR 112 (Health- Illness Concepts), NUR 113 (Family Health Concepts), NUR 114 (Holistic Health Concepts) and NUR 211(Healthcare Concepts). Competency objectives were met by earning the LPN credential from a regionally accredited institution that includes NUR 101, 102, and 103 and the possession of current LPN licensure issued by the Board of Nursing.

**NUR 101** – Practical Nursing I (11 credit hours)

**NUR 102** – Practical Nursing II (10 credit hours)

**NUR 103** – Practical Nursing III (9 credit hours)

CVCC LPN to RN Bridge Curriculum - Students are required to complete the following courses on the semester system and maintain a minimum “B” in all Nursing courses to successfully complete the program.

Fall Term

**NUR 214** – Nursing Transition Concepts (4 credit hours)

**NUR 221** – LPN to A.D.N. Concepts I (9 credit hours)

Spring Term

**NUR 223** – LPN to A.D.N. Concepts II (9 credit hours)



**Phase I**

**Minimum Admission Requirements (MAR)**

**Application and Requirements Deadline – November 1, 2023, at 11:59pm EST**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Student ID#:** \_\_\_\_\_

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1. Activate the [CVCC Application](#) with "LPN to RN Bridge" as the intended major.
2. Submit an official, sealed [High School/High School Equivalency Transcript](#).
3. Submit all official, sealed [College Transcripts](#) from every school ever attended (except CVCC). If additional coursework is completed after submission of transcripts, an official updated transcript must be submitted to CVCC to ensure all possible transfer credit is awarded.
4. Attend the mandatory CVCC LPN to RN Bridge Information Session.
5. Completed all required courses listed in the Pre-Admission Coursework Guide with a minimum grade of "C" or higher.
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