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 National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC), 61 Broadway, New York, NY, 10006. Tel: (800) 669-1656.

The Nursing Program consists of Level I (Practical Nurse Diploma) and Level II courses (AS Nursing). Students who complete the Level I 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), Providence and Newport County campuses. In addition, a part-time, evening/weekend program is available at the Flanagan and Newport 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. Applicant list standing does not constitute admission into the program. 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.
**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:**

- A completed admissions application including campus and day/evening selection.
- An official copy of a high school transcript including date of graduation or GED.
- Completion of a standardized test (ACCUPLACER) issued by CCRI through the Office of Advising and Counseling is required. Competency of 80 or above is required on the reading comprehension section. If 80 is not achieved on ACCUPLACER, it is recommended to take the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) test not be taken until student has met with Advising and Counseling and has completed remediation with a grade of “B” or better.
- 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 student may retest one time. On the second testing, if the score is below 65, student must complete the MATH 0500 course and receive a “B” or better.
- Any student entering the CCRI Nursing Program must score 60 percentile or above on the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) in reading, mathematics and English. TEAS Test can only be taken one time per year.
- Completion of HEAL 1000 with a grade of “C” or better.
- Completion of BIOL 1010, 1020, with a grade of “B” or better, and BIOL 2210 with a grade of “C” or better.
- Completion of ENGL 1010 Composition I, with a grade of “C” or better (ENGL 1300 will not substitute for ENGL 1010).
- Completion of Humanities elective.
- Completion of HEAL 1060 with a grade of “B” or better.
- 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.
- In addition to the above, evening/weekend applicants must complete PSYC 2010 General Psychology and PSYC 2030 Developmental Psychology, prior to acceptance.

**ADVANCED PLACEMENT / CHALLENGE EXAMINATION:**

Advanced placement in Nursing by Challenge Exam is offered to students who meet the following criteria:
- Corpsmen, Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN) and/or applicants with recent clinical experience preparing for RN licensure in another nursing program.
- Corpsmen are not eligible for NURS 1020 Challenge and may only challenge NURS 1010.
- The faculty recommends that only LPNs with at least five years of recent clinical experience in a high acuity setting consider challenging Nursing II.
- 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.

**NURS 1010 CHALLENGE EXAM:**

- In order to receive credit for Nursing I (NURS 1010) Challenge Exam, students must have completed all admissions requirements and earned a grade of “pass” (75 or above).
- In order to receive credit for the Nursing II (NURS 1020) Challenge Exam, students must earn a grade of “pass” (75 or above).

**LPN READMISSION FOR ADNU LEVEL II:**

- Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN) who graduated from CCRI after 1987 may apply for acceptance into second level nursing ADNU.

**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 LPNU 1030. Students returning to the Nursing Program may be required to repeat previous and additional course work and be approved by the Scholastic Standing Committee or the department chair.
- A student may only attempt a Nursing course twice. The second time must be with approval of the Scholastic Standing Committee or the department chair.
- A student may not attempt to repeat more than two Nursing courses.
- A student requesting to repeat a Nursing course must meet the current admissions criteria.

**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 2.5 is required for graduation and the awarding of an Associate of Science degree at the completion of the second level.
LEVEL I & LEVEL II NURSING - PREADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Courses should be taken as follows:
- **Semester I**: NURS 1010, PSYC 2010;
- **Semester 2**: NURS 1020, Semester 3: LPNU 1030 (requirement for Practical Nursing diploma only)

PREADMISSION GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

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<td>BIOL 1010</td>
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<td>BIOL 1020</td>
<td>Human Physiology</td>
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<td>BIOL 2210</td>
<td>Introductory Microbiology</td>
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<td>ENGL 1010*</td>
<td>Composition I</td>
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<td>Humanities OR Social Science Elective+</td>
<td>Take three credits from list below</td>
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* Placement Test required

+ Humanities courses that fulfill this requirement: ARTS 1001, 1010, 1510, 1520; MUSC 1050, 1060, 1070; THEA 1090, 1160, ENGL above 1010 except 1070, 1080, 1090, 1300; PHIL 1010 through 2090, any PSYC course; SOCS 1010 through 2310; any Foreign Language course 1000 level or higher

ADDITIONAL PREADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

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<td>HEAL 1000</td>
<td>Introduction to Health Careers</td>
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<td>HEAL 1060</td>
<td>Dosage Calculations for Medication Administration</td>
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PRACTICAL NURSE DIPLOMA – LEVEL I REQUIREMENTS

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<td>PSYC 2010**</td>
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<td>PSYC 2030**</td>
<td>Developmental Psychology</td>
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** Evening/Weekend program students must take these courses prior to admission to the program.

**MAJOR REQUIREMENTS**

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<td>Nursing I</td>
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<td>NURS 1020</td>
<td>Nursing II</td>
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<td>NURS 1030</td>
<td>Nursing III (Required for Practical Nursing Diploma only)</td>
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ASSOCIATE (IN SCIENCE) DEGREE NURSING – LEVEL II

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<td>Nursing V</td>
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**TOTAL REQUIREMENTS**

- **Total General Education Requirements Credits - Nursing Level I (including Preadmission)**: 24
- **Total Major Requirements Credits – Nursing Level I (including Preadmission)**: 39
- **Total Nursing Level I Credits**: 63

- **Total General Education Requirements Credits - Nursing Level II (including Preadmission)**: 24
- **Total Major Requirements Credits – Nursing Level II (including Preadmission)**: 47
- **Total Nursing Level II Credits**: 71

\[P\] This course has a prerequisite. See Course Descriptions section for class hours, prerequisites and corequisites.