

Degree Offered

Associate in Applied Science
Nursing

**Curriculum Code: NUR.AAS
CIP 51.3801**

The program combines general education with nursing courses to prepare currently Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN) for entry-level Registered Nursing (RN) practice. Upon successful completion of the Nursing program, students are eligible to apply for state licensure and sit for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). The Nursing program is approved by The New Jersey Board of Nursing and accredited by (ACEN).

Program Information

The American Nurses Association defines nursing as “both an art and a science, a heart, and a mind. At its heart, lies a fundamental respect for human dignity and an intuition for a patient’s needs. This is supported by the mind, in the form of rigorous care learning. Due to the vast range of specialisms and complex skills in the nursing profession, each nurse will have specific strengths, passions, and expertise.” (ANA, 2021).

Nursing also encompasses autonomous and collaborative care of individuals of all ages, families, groups and communities, sick or well, and in all settings. Nursing includes the promotion of health, prevention of illness and the care of ill, disabled and dying people. Advocacy, promotion of a safe environment, research, participation in shaping health policy and in patient and health systems management and education are also key nursing roles.

Outcomes

Graduates of the Nursing program will:

- Apply principles of evidence-based practice to patient care
- Value interprofessional and community partners collaboration
- Demonstrate ethical and professional nursing practice
- Implement life-long learning endeavors

Highlights

Since 2000, the NCLEX-RN pass rate has been greater than 90 percent.

Nursing LPN-RN, A.A.S.

This program has selective admissions. To learn more about the program or attend an information session, please visit RCSJ.edu/gc/SelectiveAdmissions.

Program Requirements (60 credits) Credits

THE FOLLOWING COURSES MUST BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO STARTING THE LPN TO RN PROGRAM.

<input type="checkbox"/>	EN 101 English Composition I	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	BI 106 Anatomy and Physiology I	4
<input type="checkbox"/>	PY 101 General Psychology	3
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Year 1, Winter Semester

<input type="checkbox"/>	NURS 115 LPN to RN Track	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	Upon completion of NU 115, students will be awarded 4 credits for LPN license	4
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Year 1, Spring Semester

<input type="checkbox"/>	EN 102 English Composition II	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	BI 107 Anatomy and Physiology II	4
<input type="checkbox"/>	NURS 120 Nursing II	9
<input type="checkbox"/>	NURS 121 Nursing II Lab	1
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Year 2, Fall Semester

<input type="checkbox"/>	BI 203 Microbiology	4
<input type="checkbox"/>	NURS 230 Nursing III	8
<input type="checkbox"/>	NURS 231 Nursing Lab III	1
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Year 2, Spring Semester

<input type="checkbox"/>	NURS 240 Nursing IV	7
<input type="checkbox"/>	NURS 245 Transition to Practice	4
<input type="checkbox"/>	NURS 210 Nursing Global Issues and Trends	2
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Total Credits 60

Special Admission Requirements

- Nursing is a selective admission program. Students must be accepted to the program prior to registering for any NURS courses.
- Please contact the Enrollment Services Office for an admission packet.
- Clinical agencies require criminal history background checks (CHBC) for all individuals engaged in patient care. All students must undergo a CHBC upon acceptance into the Nursing Program. CHBC results are sent to the clinical agencies, who have the sole discretion to decide if the student may engage in patient care at the agency. If a student is denied the opportunity to participate in the clinical agency as a result of the findings of the CHBC, the student will be dismissed from the Nursing Program.
- Students must satisfactorily complete all 100-level nursing courses to progress to 200-level courses. Students who do not meet prerequisite and co-requisite course requirements, and/or grade requirements will not be able to progress in the Nursing program.
- Students must complete the Nursing program in three years from the start of the first Nursing course.
- Students who do not complete the program within three years must wait five years before reapplying to the Nursing program.
- A minimum grade of “C+” is required in all courses in the Nursing Program of Study including General Education and Science courses.

Employment Opportunities

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, “Employment of registered nurses is projected to grow 7 percent from 2019 to 2029, faster than the average for all occupations. Growth will occur for a number of reasons, including an increased emphasis on preventive care; increasing rates of chronic conditions, such as diabetes and obesity; and demand for healthcare services from the baby-boom population, as this group leads longer and more active lives.” (<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/registered-nurses.htm>)