

# Educational pathway to nursing – An overview of the BCTC nursing programs

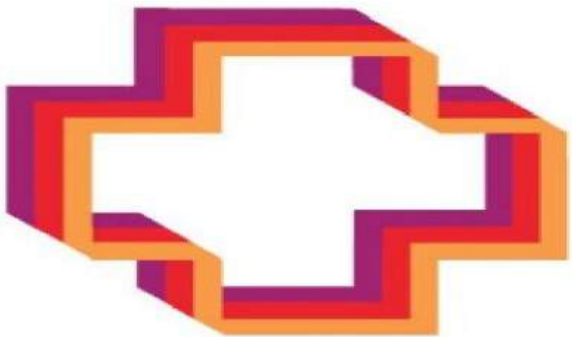


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# Associate Degree Nursing MISSION STATEMENT

- ▶ The Associate Degree Nursing Program prepares program graduates to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination to become registered nurses. The program curriculum combines general education and nursing education and is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) and is approved by the Kentucky Board of Nursing. The program faculty support lifelong learning and workforce development through faculty efforts in continuing education and community service.

**NCLEX-RN™**



# Associate Degree Nursing Program



## Pre-Requisites for the Nursing Program:

- Attend a Pre-Admission Conference
- Create a Selective Admissions System (SAS) Account.
- Take the NLN Exam (For more information contact Assessment Center, Leestown campus @ 859-246-6669)
- AHA CPR for Healthcare Providers (CPR 100)
- Proof of the State Registry Nurse Aide (SRNA) or equivalency

<u>Prior to beginning NSG courses</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
Math that meets the AA/AS degree	3
BIO137 Human Anatomy & Physiology I *	4
PSY110 General Psychology	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>

## **First Year**

<u>Fall Semester with Co-Requisites</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
NSG101 Nursing Practice I	9
BIO139 Human Anatomy & Physiology II *	4
<b>Fall Total</b>	<b>13</b>

<u>Spring Semester with Co-Requisites</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
NSG210 Medical Surgical Nursing I or NSG197 Transition to ADN (LPN's only)	6
NSG212 Behavioral Health Nursing	3
NSG215 Pharmacology I	1
ENG101 Writing I	3
<b>Spring Total</b>	<b>10-13</b>

## **Second Year**

<u>Fall Semester with Co-Requisites</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
NSG211 Maternal Newborn Nursing	3
NSG220 Medical Surgical Nursing II	6
BIO225 Medical Microbiology*	4
<b>Fall Total</b>	<b>13</b>

<u>Spring Semester with Co-Requisites</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
NSG213 Pediatric Nursing	3
NSG230 Medical Surgical Nursing III	6
NSG225 Pharmacology II	1
Heritage/Humanities	3
<b>Spring Total</b>	<b>13</b>

**TOTAL CREDIT HOURS FOR PROGRAM 59-62**

\*Credits earned in biological and physical sciences that are 6 years or older must be updated.



# Admission requirements



- Attend a pre-admission nursing conference.
- Official transcripts for ALL colleges, universities, and/or vocational schools attended since high school.
- Take the NLN PAX-RN Exam, must be current within 3 years.
- Complete an application for the ADN program



# NLN PAX-RN testing


- Test Registration Instructions
- <https://bluegrass.kctcs.edu/admissions/selective-admissions/nursing-rn/nln-exam-faqs/index.aspx>
- Click “General Information” and “Policies” for instructions
- NLN exams must be scheduled two weeks in advance. Seats are limited, so register early
- Cost of exam is \$65.00
- Refunds are not issued
- Exam must be current within 3 years
- May repeat the exam every 3 months
- Carefully read student acknowledgements
- Print, read and bring confirmation e-mail to test

# Preference Categories for Initial Admission

<b>CATEGORY 1</b>	<b>NLN PAX-RN:</b>  <b>Reading Score: <math>\geq 60\%</math></b> <b>Science Score <math>\geq 60\%</math></b> <b>GPA <math>\geq 3.0</math> / High school</b>  <b>Comprehensive Score:</b> <b>&gt;111</b>
<b>CATEGORY 2</b>	<b>NLN PAX-RN:</b>  <b>Reading Score: <math>\geq 55\%</math></b> <b>Science Score <math>\geq 55\%</math></b> <b>GPA <math>\geq 2.75</math> / High</b> <b>school GPA <math>\geq 2.75</math></b>  <b>Comprehensive Score:</b> <b>&gt;105</b>
<b>CATEGORY 3</b>	<b>NLN PAX-RN:</b>  <b>Reading Score: <math>\geq 50\%</math></b> <b>Science Score <math>\geq 50\%</math></b> <b>GPA <math>\geq 2.50</math> / High</b> <b>school GPA <math>\geq 2.50</math></b>  <b>Comprehensive Score:</b> <b>&gt;100</b>



# Technical Standards

- Visual acuity
  - Auditory perception
  - Gross and fine motor coordination
  - Communication skills
  - Intellectual and emotional function
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# LPN's receive 9 credits for NSG 101 and advanced standing status if:

- Graduated within three years of admission from a PN nursing program and holds a current active unrestricted practical nurse license.
- ▶ or
- Graduated more than three years ago and verifies current employment as an LPN and holds a current unrestricted practical nurse license. Current employment is defined as one year of full-time employment as an LPN within the last three years.



# Additional Requirements of the program

- ▶ Immunizations:
  - Hepatitis B series
  - Tdap
  - Flu vaccine
  - MMR (2)
  - Varicella (2)
  - TB screening
- Criminal Background Check
- Drug Screening

# Approximate Costs Associated with the ADN Program

ITEM	COST
1. Tuition - per semester (Kentucky resident) (as of fall 2018)	\$162 per credit hour plus \$8.00 per credit hour \$40.00 security charge
1. Uniforms and Accessories	Approx.\$175.00
1. Nursing Books and laptop	\$1100.00 - \$1200.00
1. CPR for Health-Care Providers or Red Cross CPR for the Professional Rescuer*	\$ 50.00
1. MMR (2)*	See Health Care Provider
1. TB Skin Test (PPD)*	See Health Care Provider
1. Hepatitis B Series*	See Health Care Provider
1. Varivax Series or Titer*	See Health Care Provider
1. Influenza vaccination	See Health Care Provider
1. Tdap vaccination	See Health Care Provider
1. Liability Insurance*	Included in tuition fee
1. Background Check and drug screen	\$99.00
1. ATI resources	\$330.00 per semester
1. Kaplan NCLEX Resources	\$480.00 (divided over 3 semesters)

# PN Mission statement



- The Practical Nursing Program, approved by the Kentucky State Board of Nursing, combines classroom instruction with hands-on skill labs and supervised clinical instruction in local health care and/or other community facilities. Graduates who meet the program's academic and the Kentucky Board of Nursing requirements may apply to the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX) to become licensed practical nurses (LPNs). Following successful completion of the Practical Nursing Program and NCLEX-PN, the graduate will:
- Assume the role of a competent, caring practical nurse in a variety of settings.
- Use the human caring phenomena and the nursing process in providing nursing care.
- Demonstrate self-direction and responsibility for maintaining nursing competence by pursuing personal and professional development.
- Communicate effectively with all members of the health care team.
- Demonstrate accountability of practice with adherence to ethical and legal standards of the profession.

# Traditional Practical Nursing Program



## Fall 2019-Spring 2020 Pre-Requisites:

- Attend a Practical Nursing (PN) Pre-Admission Conference
- Create a Selective Admissions System (SAS) Account
- Take the NLN-PAX exam
- Current "BLS Provider" card from the American Heart Association (CPR 100)
- Successful completion of a Medicaid Nursing Assistant or equivalent course or NAA 100 within three years of beginning the Nursing Program, or proof of active status on the Medicaid Nurse Aide Registry.
- Digital Literacy as defined by KCTCS. (Choose one: CAD 103, DLC 100, VCC 150, CIT 105, IMD 100 or OST 105 or waiver).

Co-Requisites	Credit Hours	Second Semester	Credit Hours
BIO135* or	4	NPN201 Child Bearing Family	3
BIO137 Human Anatomy & Physiology I &	4	NPN125 Mental Health Nursing	3
BIO139 Human Anatomy & Physiology II*	4	NPN130 Pharmacology II	3
	<b>4 or 8</b>	NPN135 Introduction to Health Deviations	<u>6</u>
		<b>Second Semester Total</b>	<b>15</b>
ENG 101 Writing I or	3	Third Semester	Credit Hours
Oral Communication (COM181 or 252)	<u>3</u>	NPN200 Med/Surg I	5
	<b>3</b>	NPN205 Med/Surg II	5
		NPN215 Nursing Trends & Issues	1
<b>Co Requisite Total</b>	<b>7 - 11</b>	NPN210 Clinical Practicum	<u>4</u>
First Semester	Credit Hours	<b>Third Semester Total</b>	<b>15</b>
NPN100 Intro to Nursing & Health Care System	2	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS FOR PROGRAM	<b>47-51</b>
NPN105 Development of the Care Giver Role	6		
NPN110 Pharmacology I	<u>2</u>		
<b>First Semester Total</b>	<b>10</b>		

- \*Credits earned in biological and behavioral sciences that are three years or older must be updated.
- \*Co-Requisites must be completed prior to the second semester of the program, with the exception of the Oral Communications or English course which can be completed any time prior to graduation.

- A Letter grade of "C" or higher is required for all courses used for the Practical Nursing diploma.
- Each course must be taken within the semester in which it is listed, from the first through third semester.
- Successful completion of each course in each semester is required before one may progress to the next semester of the program.
- Failure to complete the delineated sequencing of the courses and curriculum will result in withdrawal from the program.
- Estimated program costs:

<https://bluegrass.kctcs.edu/educationtraining/media/nursing/documents/estimatedpnprogramcost.pdf>

## Practical Nursing Program – Pathway 3 - Danville Campus

### Fall 2019 Pre-Requisites:

- Attend a Practical Nursing (PN) Pre-Admission Conference
- Create a Selective Admissions System (SAS) Account
- Take the NLN-PAX exam
- Current "BLS Provider" card from the American Heart Association (CPR 100)
- Successful completion of a Medicaid Nursing Assistant or equivalent course or NAA 100 within three years of beginning the Nursing Program, or proof of active status on the Medicaid Nurse Aide Registry.

*Students must meet KCTCS minimum college readiness benchmarks*



Pre-Requisites	Credit Hours
ENG101 Writing I	3
PSY110 General Psychology	3
AHS115 Medical Terminology	3
BIO135* or	4
BIO137 Human Anatomy & Physiology I &	4
BIO139 Human Anatomy & Physiology II*	4
<b>Pre-Requisite Total</b>	<b>13-17</b>
<b>First Semester - Fall</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>
NPN106 Nursing Fundamentals	6
NPN108 Pharmacology	3
NPN125 Mental Health	3
<b>First Semester Total</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Second Semester - Spring</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>
NPN140 Nursing Care I	3
NPN201 Childbearing Family	3
NPN208 Nursing Care II	10
<b>Second Semester Total</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Third Semester - Summer I</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>
NPN210 Clinical Practicum	4
NPN215 Nursing Trends & Issues	1
Digital Literacy	3
<b>Third Semester Total</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS FOR PROGRAM</b>	<b>46-54</b>

## Estimated Expenses for the Practical Nursing Program at Bluegrass Community and Technical College:

*All fees and costs noted below are subject to change without notice. This represents the best estimates at the time this list was prepared.*

Uniforms Patch for uniform sleeve	\$270.00
Supplies for clinical/lab	\$200.00
Immunizations/Background check/drug screen	\$~600.00
Kentucky Board of Nursing Application Fee	\$125.00
NCLEX Fee for Licensure Examination (Semester III)	\$200.00
On-line immunization/drug screen/back ground check tracking service	\$100.00
<u>Examsoft</u> testing service access	\$100.00
Integrated ATI Program	\$950.00
Books all three semesters	\$1150.00
Tuition - total required for all semesters, full-time, in state resident, \$162.00 per credit hour (subject to change) based on 53 credits	\$8586.00

# FAQ

How long does it take to complete the nursing program?

***Four semesters –ADN/Three semesters PN***

Can I finish quicker if I take more nursing courses per semester?

***No. Each nursing course must be taken prior to or concurrent with the semester sequence in which you are enrolled.***

What grade do I need to make to pass a nursing course?

***“C” = 77%***

Do you accept nursing courses from other nursing programs?

***If you have taken courses in another program, you must make an appointment with the Program Coordinator to review your transcript.***

How many days per week do I need to be on campus?

***Four days***

What degree will I graduate with when I complete the program?

***Associate in Applied Science- Nursing***

# FAQ

Where will I be able to work?

*Hospitals, long term care facilities, clinics, home health*

How many students does the program admit?

*90 at Lexington campus and 40 at Lawrenceburg campus*

*40 each semester at PN Leestown/ 45 –PN Danville*

Can I work while I am in nursing school?

*Yes, but it is not recommend to exceed 20 hours per week.*

Where do we go to do clinicals?

*Lexington Campus: CHI St. Joseph's, UK Healthcare, Baptist Health  
Lexington, VA Medical Center*

*Lawrenceburg Campus: Frankfort Regional, Ephram McDowell, UK  
Healthcare, Baptist Health Lexington,*

*PN Program – Cardinal Hill, UK Clinics, LTC facilities*



# FAQ (continue)

**What is the difference between a BSN nurse and ADN nurse?**

*There are three tracks to become a RN, BSN, ADN, Diploma. All three programs, graduates sit for the NCLEX exam and will become licensed as a RN*

**What does the job market look like for RN/LPN's in the Bluegrass area?**

*100% job placement rates for LPN's and RN's*

**Can I take some nursing courses prior to be accepted into the program?**

*No, you must be first accepted into the program before you can take any nursing courses. We encourage you to take the co-requisites prior to starting the program.*

# FAQ (continue)

**Can I take any courses on-line?**

Currently we do not have an on-line program.

**Can I apply to the program before taking the pre-requisites courses?**

Yes you can. You will be admitted on the contingency that the pre-requisites will be completed prior to starting the program.

# ADN Submission information

## ▶ Program Deadlines

- ▶ Initial Admit for Fall : February 15
- ▶ Advanced Standing for Spring : November 15
- ▶ Advanced Standing for Fall: June 15

## ▶ Submitting Packets:

- ▶ May submit packet at any BCTC campus
- ▶ Mailed documents must be postmarked by deadline and mailed to:

**Bluegrass Community & Technical College**

**Selective Admissions**

**Oswald Building 119**

**470 Cooper Drive**

**Lexington, KY 40506**



# Pn submission information

- ▶ Spring: **October 1** (Leestown Only)
- ▶ Fall: **March 1** (Leestown and Danville)
- ▶ **Submitting Packets:**
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# Scholarships

Here are many websites available to students with useful scholarship information. Visit the following websites to search for scholarship opportunities.

- ▶ [15-to-Finish Scholarship](#) – taken 15 credit hours per semester for 2 consecutive semesters and you will be eligible for \$ 500.00
- ▶ [ASPIRE \(Academic Support Program Inspiring to Reach Excellence\) Interest Form](#) – first generation college student
- ▶ [PEO International](#) – numerous scholarships for women in forms of loans and monetary awards
- ▶ [Fast Web](#) – website that has connection to finding scholarships
- ▶ [Sallie Mae](#) – website for finding scholarships
- ▶ [Scholarships for Nursing Students](#)
- ▶ [Work Ready Kentucky](#) – Scholarships in healthcare, take up to 60 credit hours tuition free, enrolled taking at least 6 credit hours, Haven't already completed an associate or bachelor degree.

# Program Coordinators/Advisors

- ▶ **Lise Roemmele, Cooper Campus**
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