

The PN to RN bridge program is designed to provide the essential knowledge and skills to function as a registered nurse. Successful completion of the program requirements earns an Associate of Applied Science degree in nursing and makes the student eligible to sit for the national licensure examination (NCLEX-RN) to be a licensed registered nurse.

What are the requirements to apply?

1. Complete CEI admission process if not a current student. **You must be a current student at CEI at least 2 weeks prior to first day of application period to be eligible to apply to nursing program.**
2. Applicants must have a current, non-encumbered LPN license and have a minimum of **1800 recent employment hours.**
3. Complete general education prerequisites with a 75% (C) or higher prior to entering the bridge option. These courses include:

• ENGL 101	Writing and Rhetoric I	3 credits
• ENGL 102	Writing and Rhetoric II	3 credits
• BIOL 227	Human Anatomy & Physiology	4 credits
• BIOL 227L	Human Anatomy & Physiology lab	0 credits
• BIOL 228	Human Anatomy & Physiology	4 credits
• BIOL 228L	Human Anatomy & Physiology lab	0 credits
• BIOL 250	General Microbiology	3 credits
• BIOL 250L	General Microbiology lab	1 credit
• COMM 101	Fundamentals of Oral Communication	3 credits
• MATH 143	College Algebra	3 credits OR
• MATH 153	Statistical Reasoning	3 credits
• PSYC 101	Introduction to Psychology	3 credits OR
• SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology	3 credits
• ENGL 175	Literature and Ideas	3 credits OR
• Equivalent Humanities course		<u>3 credits</u>
Total Credits		30 credits

4. Applicants must complete the Nursing Acceleration Challenge Exam (NACE) 1 PN-RN: Foundations of Nursing Practice Test with a 75% or higher. The NACE Exam is a computerized, four hour, 184-item multiple-choice test designed to assess an applicant's clinical knowledge and readiness for advanced nursing education. The exam is available at the CEI testing center. Contact CEI testing center for details and scheduling at 208-535-5438. Cost is \$90. Applicants allowed to take test one time every 6 months. Passing score valid for 3 years. Study help available online.

When can I apply?

Applications accepted once a year in March to begin the program in the following summer semester. Application packets are updated each application period and are posted on the website by February 1st of each year. **The first application period for this new program will be March 2-March 6, 2020.** There will be an application packet workshop on Monday February 3, 2020 at 4 pm in Building 6 (Healthcare building) room 150/152. Future application dates and workshops will be posted on the CEI webpage. All potential applicants are strongly encouraged to attend the application workshop. We **do not** meet one on one with applicants to review application packets. The workshops are the best time to get questions answered and to receive direction. Application packets only accepted during the designated application period.

How many students accepted?

We are currently accepting 15 students into the bridge program. Because of the number of applicants, completion of all admission requirements does not ensure acceptance into the program. Candidates for admission selected from a pool of qualified applicants using a points/selection process. **Meeting the minimum criteria for admission does not guarantee admission into the program.**

How long will it take?

The professional program is 3 semesters and always starts in the summer semester. This does not include the time needed to complete the pre-requisite requirements.

What is the program course schedule?

The bridge program courses are on Monday and Wednesday evening from 5:30-9:30 pm. There are special ATI reviews and clinical rotations that may require students to attend during the day or weekends. Courses will be a combination of onsite, online and hybrid. The scope and sequence for the professional portion of the program is:

Summer Semester

- ARN 220 Mental Health Nursing Principles 3 credits
- ARN 120 Nursing Pharmacology 3 credits

Fall Semester

- ARN 205 Bridge Medical/Surgical Nursing 5 credits
- ARN 245 Advanced Fundamentals Course & Lab 3 credits
- NRS 207 Introduction to Maternal/Child Nursing 3 credits

Spring Semester

- ARN 230 Bridge Maternal and Pediatric Nursing 2 credits
- ARN 235 Maternal & Pediatric Nursing Bridge clinical 1 credit
- ARN 265 Leadership in Nursing & NCLEX prep 3 credits
- ARN 275 Nursing Practicum 3 credits
- ARN 276 Previous Work Experience 7 credits

Total Credits 33 credits

Transfer Credits for PN to RN Bridge:

- NRS 117/117L Essential Fundamentals of Nursing & lab 6 credits =
 - ARN 100/ ARN 100L Foundations of Nursing Practice 6 credits
- NRS 143 Foundations of Medical/Surgical Nursing 4 credits =
 - ARN 155 Fundamental Concepts of Medical/Surgical Nursing 4 credits