

NURSING ADVANCED PLACEMENT

BRIDGE

LPN TO RN TRANSITION PROGRAM

PACKET

After you have read and studied these procedures, return the application page to:

**Wytheville Community College
Admissions & Records Office
1000 East Main Street
Wytheville, VA 24382**

**NURSING ADVANCED PLACEMENT
BRIDGE – LPN TO RN TRANSITION APPLICATION**

**Spring Bridge Class Deadline: November 1st
Summer Bridge Class Deadline (if offered): February 15th**

Student ID (EMPLID) _____ **or SSN (optional)** _____ - _____ - _____

Last Name _____ **First Name** _____ **MI** _____

Please list any previous names, if applicable: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: (Home) _____ **(Work)** _____

Have you ever been enrolled in a health program at another college? Yes No

If “Yes”, please list the program(s) and the college(s):

Please list all previous colleges attended (whether enrolled in a health program there or not):

Current Virginia LPN license, official high school transcripts and official transcripts for all colleges previously attended, excluding other Virginia Community Colleges (VCCS transcripts), must be submitted directly to the Admissions and Records Office by the deadline to be considered for admission to the Bridge program (excluding other VCCS transcripts).

I have read and understand the requirements as described in this packet. I also understand that I must submit this application form by the deadline for each year that I wish to be considered. It is my responsibility to make sure that all admissions requirements are met and that all materials are received by the WCC Admissions and Records Office by the deadline. I also certify that I have disclosed all previous colleges attended and will provide a full, official transcript from each college as a part of my application.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

SELECTIVE ADMISSIONS PROCEDURES FOR BRIDGE – LPN TO RN TRANSITION PROGRAM

INTRODUCTION

Admission to one of Wytheville Community College's health programs is different from admission to other programs at the college because there is a limit to the number of applicants admitted. The number of applicants admitted to the health programs is limited for several reasons: number of places available for clinical experiences, accreditation restrictions, limitations in campus facilities (classrooms and laboratories), and the number of faculty. This document contains the specific admission criteria and selection process for the LPN to RN Bridge program.

STEP ONE – COMPLETE APPLICATIONS

_____ Complete Wytheville Community College application

- You may apply online at <https://apply.vccs.edu>
- Ensure that program intent is clearly indicated
- If you have completed an application for another program within the past three years, speak with a counselor in the Academic Resource Center to change your curriculum

_____ Complete Bridge – LPN to RN Transition Admissions packet (this document) and submit “Nursing Advanced Placement Bridge – LPN to RN Transition Application” to the Admissions and Records Office by the admissions deadline.

- The deadline for consideration for admission is November 1st for the Spring Bridge class, February 15th for the Summer Bridge class (if offered).
- Admissions and Records will send you a letter if any required information is needed; however, it is your responsibility to make sure all materials are received and all deadlines are met.

STEP TWO – TRANSCRIPTS/LICENSE/PRACTICE HOURS

_____ Request official transcripts from high school, GED, and colleges to:

Admissions and Records
Wytheville Community College
1000 East Main Street
Wytheville, VA 24382

- These must be received prior to November 1st to be considered for Spring admission (or February 15th to be considered for summer admission, if offered)
- Note: Transcripts from other Virginia community colleges will not be necessary to obtain.
- Note: A request form for high school transcripts can be obtained in the Admissions and Records Office at WCC.

_____ Bring your current unencumbered valid LPN license or letter stating you have paid for and will be taking the NCLEX-PN examination. Students who have probationary status, a suspended or revoked LPN license are not eligible to enter the nursing program.

_____ Send a letter from your supervisor with a current job description and a statement to validate years of clinical practice as an LPN. If there are more applicants than positions available, points will be assigned for clinical practice.

STEP THREE – COLLEGE PLACEMENT TESTS

_____ Take Virginia Placement Tests (VPT) for Math and English

- These tests are necessary to determine academic readiness for college coursework.
- Testing schedules and study information can be obtained from the Testing Center in the WCC Academic Resource Center by calling 276-223-4825.
- Test scores are valid for 2 years. Students must take the current Virginia Placement Test for Math and English unless college-level Math and English courses have already been successfully completed. Students who have taken older versions of the placement tests but have not yet completed college-level Math and English must retest on the VPT.
- Students who have completed the equivalent of MTH 151 and/or ENG 111 or higher; submitted qualifying official SAT, ACT, or AP test scores; or who have submitted official college transcripts showing equivalent transferrable Math and/or English coursework can be exempt from taking the respective placement tests. ASSET scores from within the past 2 years may be used in place of VPT scores, as well. All official transcripts/documentation showing equivalent Math and/or English requirements must be submitted by the deadline to be considered.

STEP FOUR – COLLEGE COURSES

_____ Sign up for college courses through the Nursing Program Head

- You may be required to take developmental coursework in Math and/or English, depending on the results of your placement test. These developmental units must be completed prior to the admission deadline.
- You will be required to take developmental biology and/or chemistry, if you have not completed these classes with a “C” or better in high school or college. 1 unit of each must be complete with a “C” or better prior to the admission deadline.
- You must have completed BIO 141 (Anatomy and Physiology I) and BIO 142 (Anatomy and Physiology II) and 80% of the general education classes required for the Nursing program (ENG 111, PSY 230, SDV 101, BIO 150, and a Humanities/Fine Arts Elective) by the application deadline.
- NUR 226 (Health Assessment) can either be taken before or after the application deadline. BIO 141 and BIO 142 must be successfully completed and a current copy of your LPN license must be submitted to the Admissions and Records Office prior to being enrolled in NUR 226. Students who have completed NUR 226 or are currently enrolled in NUR 226 at the time of the deadline will be given priority over students who have not taken NUR 226.

After the deadline, the Admissions and Records Office will review all files and determine which candidates are eligible. The Admissions and Records Office will send a letter to candidates with information regarding entry into the program.

ADMISSIONS SELECTION:

- Candidates are scored based on the Criteria for Admissions (see below).

In-district students (Bland County, Carroll County, City of Galax, Smyth County east of Marion, and Wythe County) are considered before out-of-district and out-of-state students. Virginia residents not having access to a Health Professions curriculum at the local community college are considered in-district, provided such students apply for admission to the program.

- Students will be notified by letter stating whether they are SELECTED for admission, are an ALTERNATE for admission, or are NOT SELECTED for admission. Students not selected for admission may be encouraged to reapply after completing certain courses or activities to improve their chances for selection for the following year.
- Students selected for admission must respond by returning the notification to accept/decline that will be enclosed with their letter by the specified date. If a spot becomes available near the beginning of the semester, or even within the first few days of class, students will be notified by telephone. Therefore, **it is very important for you to keep all of your personal information updated**, and it is also important to remember to **apply for financial aid every year** so you will be ready to begin classes, should you be selected for admission close to or at the beginning of the semester.
- Students who do not accept a space but wish to be considered for admission in the future must reapply each year that they wish to be considered by completing the Nursing Advanced Placement Bridge LPN to RN Packet by the application deadline. Please see Admissions and Records for a copy of the packet or print the packet from the WCC website under Students → New Students → Apply to WCC.
- Criminal Background Check/Drug Screening - Background checks for criminal history and sex offender crimes against minors are required by most programs for entrance into some clinical agencies. Students with convictions may be prohibited from clinical practice, may be ineligible to sit for required licensure examinations, and may not complete the program. Clinical agencies may require drug testing prior to placement of students for clinical rotations. Students with positive drug test results may be prohibited from clinical practice and may not complete the program. The cost for criminal background checks and drug testing will be the responsibility of the student.
- Readmission
 - Please consult the program head for information regarding readmission if you have previously been enrolled in the Bridge program at WCC.

BRIDGE – LPN TO RN TRANSITION

The licensed practical nurse (LPN) may receive credit for the first year Nursing courses and enter into the second year of the Nursing program only after 1) submitting the minimum admission requirements for the Bridge application, 2) being selected for admission to the Bridge program, and 3) completing the required coursework.

MINIMUM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

By the application deadline, applicants must meet and submit the following requirements to be considered for possible admission to the Bridge program:

- Submit official copy of high school transcripts or GED
- Achieve satisfactory scores in English and Math placement tests or complete MTE units 1-4 and developmental English (or equivalent college course work). Placement test scores are valid for 2 years and must be completed on the current version of the placement test offered by WCC.
- Complete one unit of high school or college chemistry and 1 unit of high school or college biology with a “C” grade or better. If you do not meet the high school prerequisites, you may gain proficiency through the college’s developmental courses.
- Attain a cumulative or curricular GPA of 2.5 based upon all coursework completed at all colleges
- Score at or above the national 45th percentile rank on the ATI LPN STEP Test. Scores are valid for three years and must be submitted to the WCC Admissions and Records Office. Students are allowed three attempts on the test and must wait at least 90 days between testing sessions.
- Submit official transcripts from the student’s School of Practical Nursing showing the completion of all LPN coursework
- Submit a copy of current unencumbered, valid LPN license. Students who have probationary status or a suspended or revoked LPN license are not eligible to enter the Nursing program.
- Complete BIO 141 and BIO 142 (Anatomy & Physiology I & II) with a “C” grade or better and 80% of the general education classes required for the Nursing program (BIO 150, PSY 230, SDV 101, ENG 111, and a Humanities/Fine Arts Elective)

OPTIONAL:

- Complete NUR 226 (Health Assessment)
 - Although NUR 226 is not required prior to the application deadline, students who have completed NUR 226 or are currently enrolled in NUR 226 by the application deadline will be given priority consideration for admission. If more qualified students apply for admission than there are positions available, then students who have completed all co-requisite course work and NUR 226 will be considered first. Students who have completed all co-requisite course work will be considered second, and then students will be ranked using criteria such as GPA, ATI LPN STEP Test score, clinical experience, and number of college courses completed.
- Submit a letter from your supervisor with a current job description and a statement to validate years of clinical practice as an LPN
 - If there are more applicants than positions available, points will be assigned for clinical practice.

ADMISSIONS PROCESS FOLLOWING SELECTION:

Once a student has been selected for admission to the Bridge program and has accepted the offer to be admitted to the program, the student will then enter NUR 115 (LPN to RN Transition).

- Upon successful completion of NUR 115 (LPN to RN Transition), the student may enter the second year of the nursing program beginning with NUR 190 (Coordinated Internship – Nursing III) and NUR 195 (Topics in Geriatric Nursing).
- Once NUR 115 (LPN to RN Transition) is successfully completed, credit will be given for the first year (first Fall and Spring semester) of NUR-prefix courses from the Nursing curriculum. A total of 19 credits will be awarded for NUR 106, NUR 161, NUR 135, NUR 137, NUR 218, and the first 2 credits of NUR 190.
- The Licensed Practical Nurse who chooses to enter as a freshman Nursing student and who is not successful in NUR 106 (Nursing Principles and Health Assessment) or NUR 218 (Integrated Concepts) may not apply to be admitted to NUR 115 (LPN to RN Transition).
- The LPN will be afforded one opportunity to complete NUR 115 (LPN to RN Transition). If unsuccessful, the student may request admission to NUR 106 (Nursing Principles and Health Assessment).
- If the LPN does not have an unencumbered, valid LPN license by the beginning of fall semester, he/she may not continue in the sequence. The student, however, may request admission into the generic tract of the Nursing program. Students who have probationary status or a suspended or revoked LPN license are not eligible to enter the Nursing program.
- The LPN student must enter the second level nursing classes within three months of successful completion of NUR 115 (LPN to RN Transition).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Students must possess the technical skills required for the nursing program
 - **Critical Thinking:** Critical thinking ability sufficient
 - **Interpersonal:** Interpersonal abilities sufficient to interact with individuals, families, and groups from a variety of social, emotional, cultural, and intellectual backgrounds
 - **Communication:** Communication abilities sufficient for interaction with others in verbal and written form
 - **Mobility:** Sufficient to move from room to room and maneuver in small spaces
 - **Motor Skills:** Gross and fine motor abilities sufficient to provide safe care
 - **Hearing Acuity:** Ability sufficient to monitor and assess health needs
 - **Visual:** Visual ability sufficient for observation and assessment necessary in nursing care
 - **Tactile:** Tactile ability sufficient for physical assessment

All applicants should be advised that the Commonwealth of Virginia Board of Nursing Statutes and Regulations (54.1-3007) state the following regarding refusal, revocation or suspension, censure or probation:

The Board may refuse to admit a candidate to any examination, refuse to issue a license, certificate, or registration to any applicant and may suspend any license, certificate, registration, or multistate licensure privilege for a stated period or indefinitely, or revoke any license, certificate, registration, or multistate licensure privilege, or censure or reprimand any licensee, certificate holder, registrant,

or multistate licensure privilege holder, or place him on probation for such time as it may designate for any of the following causes:

1. Fraud or deceit in procuring or attempting to procure a license, certificate, or registration;
2. Unprofessional conduct;
3. Willful or repeated violation of any of the provisions of this chapter;
4. Conviction of any felony or any misdemeanor involving moral turpitude;
5. Practicing in a manner contrary to the standards of ethics or in such a manner as to make his practice a danger to the health and welfare of patients or to the public;
6. Use of alcohol or drugs to the extent that such use renders him unsafe to practice, or any mental or physical illness rendering him unsafe to practice;
7. The denial, revocation, suspension or restriction of a license, certificate, registration, or multistate licensure privilege to practice in another state, the District of Columbia or a United States possession or territory; or
8. Abuse, negligent practice, or misappropriation of a patient's or resident's property.

Prior to the deadline communicated upon acceptance to NUR 115 (LPN to RN Transition) course, all students must complete the following:

- Clinical Eligibility Form, including:
 - Current Purified Protein Derivative Tuberculosis Skin test (within one year) with negative results, or appropriate follow-up care with a positive finding.
- Proof of immunity of rubella by an immune titer or documentation of two MMR vaccinations.
- Evidence of immunity to chickenpox
- Evidence of current Tetanus Toxoid immunization within ten years
- Current American Heart Association Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Certification for Healthcare Provider or Red Cross Professional Rescuer card
- Negative criminal background check (Criminal Background Check Policy) and negative drug screen (Drug and Alcohol Abuse Policy) through the designated third party vendor
- Sign a statement indicating that the Hepatitis B vaccination was previously received or a disclaimer for exposure.
- **Any student receiving a final grade lower than a “C” in any course in the NUR prefix or Biology 141 and/or 142 classes will be ineligible to continue in the program and will need to contact the program head for readmission requirements.**