

LPN TO RN BRIDGE

Licensed Practical Nurses who maintain a nursing license in good standing may be admitted into the second semester of the Associate Degree Nursing Program if the criteria for admission is met and the Admissions Committee recommends acceptance. These students will be enrolled in the NSG 197 Transition to ADN Practice (Bridge Course).

The NSG 197 Bridge Course consists of Lecture 2.5 credit hours (37.5 contact hours) and Lab 0.5 credit hours (22.5 contact hours) for a total of 3.0 credit hours. Prerequisites that must be completed with a grade of C or better prior to enrollment in the LPN-RN Bridge are:

- BIO137 Anatomy & Physiology I
- BIO139 Anatomy & Physiology II
- PSY110 General Psychology
- Quantitative Reasoning course to align with Associate in Science and Associate in Arts (eligible courses include MAT150, STA220, and other courses outlined in the KCTCS catalog for Quantitative Reasoning)

In addition, you must have previously completed or be enrolled in the co-requisite course listed below. You must earn a grade of C or better.

- ENG101 Writing I

Students admitted to the NSG197 LPN-RN Bridge course, which covers Medical/Surgical Nursing I content, will be enrolled in NSG215 Pharmacology and NSG212 Behavioral Health Nursing for the same semester. All courses must be passed with a grade of C or better to continue in the Nursing Program.

LPNs who are admitted through this advanced placement status will take a total of 7 credit hours of nursing in 2nd Semester Nursing courses 197, 215, and 212 instead of the traditional 10 credit hours.

To be eligible for the bridge course, an applicant must meet the below requirements:

- Submit an application to Hopkinsville Community College to the Admissions Office. All college admission requirements must be met.
- Submit other official college transcripts to the Office of the Registrar for evaluation. The Registrar's office has the final determination in what credits will transfer from other institutions.
- Attend a Nursing Pre-Admission Conference (PAC) where the nursing program applications will be distributed. Dates, times, and locations will be posted on the Nursing website or by contacting the department.
- Submit documentation of an active LPN license in good standing to request waiver of the ACT score.
- Complete the National League for Nursing (NLN) NACE I Foundations of Nursing exam.
 - The NACE exam is designed to evaluate a LPN's previous education and experience.
 - To be considered eligible, an applicant must score a minimum of 76% on the NACE.
 - A student will be eligible to retake the NACE once every six (6) weeks.
 - NACE scores expire after three (3) years.
 - To register for the NACE exam: <https://ondemand.questionmark.com/400030/ext/nlnesting/> or www.nlnonlinetesting.org.
- Submit a Nursing application to the Nursing Department staff by 4:30 p.m. on or before the application deadline for the appropriate admission cycle.
- Be in good academic standing with the College with at least a 2.0 GPA with a grade of C or higher in all math, science, and pre-requisite courses.