

Admission Criteria for the LPN to RN Bridge Program

The best qualified applicants will be admitted through a competitive review and point process that includes:

1. Successful graduation from a state accredited LPN school of nursing with current unencumbered LPN Indiana license. Attach a current photocopy of current Indiana LPN license to the Nursing Application.
2. Be accepted as an Ancilla College student under general admission. (**Note - being accepted as a general student at Ancilla College does not guarantee admission to the Bridge Program**).
3. Complete a **separate application** to the Division of Nursing and Health Sciences. Students may complete this application at any time AND ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY EARLY! Acceptance to the program will occur for the fall and spring semesters each year.
4. Must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. The student's GPA will be computed using their LPN nursing program transcript. In addition, any courses listed below, taken at Ancilla or another accredited college, will also be used to determine the overall GPA.
5. An overall GPA of 3.0 and the required minimum scores for nursing placement testing must be met or the student is NOT ELIGIBLE FOR ADMISSION TO THE BRIDGE PROGRAM.
6. Credits must be successfully **completed**, or the equivalent transferred, with a grade of C or better **and** a cumulative minimum nursing GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale as above. All transfer credits will be reviewed by the College registrar within the prescribed policies currently in place at the time of the review. Please see transfer and progression policy.

Nursing GPA courses:			
BIOL 252 A&P I	BIOL 270 Microbiology	CS 135 Computer Literacy	SOC 140 Intro to Sociology
BIOL 254 A&P II	ENGL 110 Writing 1	PSY 115 Intro to Psych	

7. Any grade below a C (2.0) is considered unsatisfactory for the Bridge nursing program. (A grade of C or higher is required in **all** courses required for the ASN degree).
8. After the Bridge cohort has been filled the Division of Nursing and Health Sciences may keep an alternate list of prospective students who have successfully completed the nursing application process but have **not** been admitted into the program. These students will be notified the cohort is currently filled, but the Division of Nursing and Health Sciences will keep their name as an alternate and **will be retained** for the next admission process.
9. In the event a vacancy occurs in the program *on or before the start of classes*, the list of alternate students will be called, beginning with the first name on the list, and offered placement in the program. Students admitted in this manner must have the appropriate health, CPR, and criminal background check and other required documentation completed prior to the first clinical day held in a facility.
10. Once all places in the Bridge nursing program have been filled, and courses begin, the admissions process is complete.
11. Consideration for any admissions or re-admissions (for those Ancilla students who are "out of sequence" in the program) will be considered only if:
 - a. An opening exists for the student at the necessary point in the curriculum rotation.
 - b. Students admitted in this manner must have the appropriate health, CPR, annual in-service, drug and alcohol testing, criminal background check and any other required documentation completed prior to the first clinical day held in a facility.

Placement Testing for Bridge Program Admission

Ancilla College Bridge Program Placement minimum score requirement: Writing Essay = 9

Placement exam may be attempted no more than twice per academic year (Aug-July).

Please contact personnel in the Center for Student Achievement office (C-204) to schedule the writing placement exam. Telephone extension 302, 373, or 364; email to kristin.rust@ancilla.edu or connie.disbro@ancilla.edu

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