

# Connors State College Nursing Program LPN/Paramedic Career Ladder Advisement Information

NURS 2223 TRANSITION TO PROFESSIONAL NURSING

## APPLICATION DEADLINES

**NOTICE: See Admission Requirement Changes  
Effective April 15**

## APPLICATION PERIOD

**FALL ENTRY: Between November 15 - February 15**

**SPRING ENTRY: Between April 15 - October 1**

*Applications Will Be Accepted During the Time Periods As Indicated*

## DESCRIPTION

The Career Ladder Program for Nursing at Connors State College is especially designed to provide mobility for the Licensed Practical Nurse and the Licensed Paramedic. Qualified individuals may earn up to 22 hours of advanced placement toward an Associate of Applied Science in Nursing.

## ADVISEMENT

All students declaring a nursing major are assigned to the Department of Nursing for advisement. Students may schedule an appointment to speak to a nursing advisor by calling (918) 684-5436, or come to the office between 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. while school is in session; advisors are not available from 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m unless an appointment has been made. Pre-Nursing students must see a nursing advisor before enrolling. Early pre-enrollment is encouraged. The CSC Nursing Program is located at the Muskogee – Three Rivers Post Campus (Nursing and Allied Health Facility, 2501 North 41<sup>st</sup> Street East, Muskogee, OK.

## TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

**This program requires extensive use of technology including required texts delivered as e-texts, paperless clinical documentation, and regular interface with the online classroom. For this reason, students accepted to the program must have computer and internet access at home and must supply their own “electronic device” (call nursing department for required device) for use during class time and in the clinical setting. No other alternative device will be allowed for use during class or in the clinical setting. The devices may be purchased with use of financial aid through the bookstore or payment plan through the college. It is recommended to wait until accepted into the nursing program to purchase the required electronic device as device is subject to change.**

## APPLICATION TO THE PROGRAM

Students must submit an application to the program during the designated time frame. A new application must be received for each application period; even if the student has applied to the program before they **MUST** submit a **NEW** application. All applications **MUST** be signed and dated with supporting required documents as listed on the application form.

## ADMISSION TO THE NURSING PROGRAM

Students wishing to be considered for the program must meet the admissions requirements to Connors State College and have the following data in their file by the final closing date of the application period:

1. Nursing Application signed and dated with supporting required documents (official or copies of all transcripts from previously attended colleges and Kaplan Admission Exam and Hesi Exam). It is the student's responsibility to make sure all documents are submitted with application. **Note: Applications will not be accepted without all required documents.**
2. Minimum scores required for the "Kaplan Admission Exam"
  - Reading 60%
  - Math 50%
  - Science 40%
  - The Kaplan Admission Exam is administered in the nursing department at no cost.
  - The Kaplan Admission Exam can be taken only one time per application period.
  - Must show proof of remediation for reading and math prior to next testing.
3. Verification of OK license, without restrictions.
4. Passing grade on Hesi PN-ADN Mobility Exam (*applicant's within one year of completion and licensure as an LPN will be exempt from taking the Hesi exam*).

*Students applying to the CSC Nursing Program are selected on the basis of a point system. No student is guaranteed admission to the nursing program.*

It is strongly recommended that all of the support courses be complete before beginning Maladaptive States I. To be considered for admission to the program, students will have to maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.5 in required general education and support courses. **A student cannot be considered as a candidate for selection with a "D" in any required courses on transcripts for current application period.** Successful completion of the nursing program requires a "C" in all courses related to the Associate in Applied Science in Nursing Degree.

Applicants within one year of completion and licensure as an LPN will be exempt from taking the Hesi PN-ADN Mobility Exam.

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS

LPNs and Paramedics have the option of taking the following advanced placement exams:

Course	Advanced Placement Exam(s)	Testing Fees	Advanced Standing Credit Fee (\$10.00/Credit Hour)	Total
NURS1117 Foundations of Nursing NURS1228 Adaptations of the Family; NURS1223 Clinical Practicum	Hesi LPN-ADN Mobility Test † <b>Must</b> score at 800 or above.	\$49.00 * (Money Order or Cashier Check made out to Connors Nursing Department)	\$180.00	\$229.00
BIOL1314 Anatomy/Physiology I	Anatomy & Physiology I  <b>Must</b> score at or above 75% Percentile Rank	\$37.00 * (Money order or Cashier Check made out to Connors Nursing Department)	\$40.00	\$77.00

See days and times for testing under “Kaplan and Hesi Test Date” information. Testing fees are non-refundable.

The LPN-ADN Mobility Exam may be taken **once** per application period. Completed testing will be valid for up to two (2) years. Applicants scoring at or above 800 will be granted advanced placement credit upon admission to the nursing program. Advanced Standing Credit fees will be added to the students’ account when the course(s) is/are added to the transcript in the final semester.

### **Kaplan Admission Exam**

The “**Kaplan Admission Exam**” will be given in the nursing department computer lab. The student is required to register for the Kaplan Admission Exam **online**. To register for the “Kaplan Admission Exam” go to <http://www.connorsstate.edu/nursing> and select the title “Kaplan Admission” Carefully read all instructions, then complete and submit the registration form via email as instructed. NOTE: *student **WILL NOT** receive a confirmation notice after email is sent; note the date/time of exam(s) when scheduled.* To cancel a schedule exam the student should notify the nursing department first, and then reschedule the exam online by selecting an alternate date.

The Kaplan Admission Exam is administered on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month starting at 1:30 or 4:30 throughout the application period (see important Kaplan dates listed on the CSC Nursing Program website <http://www.connorsstate.edu/nursing>).

Student must bring the completed registration form for the ticket to test. Students without a completed registration form will not be allowed to test. It is recommended the student arrive 30 minutes early for registration. Once the exam begins no one will be allowed in the room. Students arriving late will not be permitted to test. When the exam begins the student cannot have anything on the desk; all cell phones and books should be left at home. Scratch paper will be provided. To be eligible for admission consideration to the nursing program the student must score a minimum of 60% in Reading; 50% in Math; and 40% in Science on the Kaplan Admission Exam.

**WEBSITES TO STUDY FOR KAPLAN READING, MATH, & SCIENCE (students may also purchase a Kaplan Entrance Exam book at a retail bookstore):**

<http://www.act.org/compass/sample/pdf/numerical.pdf>

<http://www.act.org/compass/sample/pdf/reading.pdf>

<http://www.act.org/compass/sample/pdf/writing.pdf>

### **HESI LPN-ADN MOBILITY EXAM**

The “**HESI LPN-ADN Mobility Exam**” will be given in the nursing department computer lab. The student is required to register for the HESI LPN-ADN Mobility Exam **online**. To register for the HESI LPN-ADN Mobility Exam go to <http://www.connorsstate.edu/nursing> and select the title “HESI Test Dates.” Carefully read all instructions, then complete and submit the registration form via email as instructed. NOTE: *student **WILL NOT** receive a confirmation notice after email is sent; note the date/time of exam when scheduled.* To cancel a schedule exam the student should notify the nursing department first, and then reschedule the exam online by selecting an alternate date.

The HESI LPN-ADN Mobility exam is administered on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month starting at 1:30 or 4:30 throughout the application period (see important HESI test dates listed on the CSC Nursing Program website <http://www.connorsstate.edu/nursing>).

Student must bring the completed registration form for the ticket to test and \$49.00 (cash or money order) for testing fee. Students without a completed registration form and fees will not be allowed to test. It is recommended the student arrive 30 minutes early for registration. Once the exam begins no one will be allowed in the room. Students arriving late will not be permitted to test. When the exam begins the student cannot have anything on the desk; all cell phones and books should be left at home. Scratch paper will be provided. **To be eligible for admission consideration the nursing program the student must score 800 or above on the Hesi PN-ADN Mobility Exam.**

### **PHYSICAL AND MENTAL QUALIFICATIONS**

The following minimal physical and mental qualifications are required to be considered for admission into and progression through the Connors State College Nursing Program but are not limited to:

1. The ability to lift weights of up to 35% of recommended body weight independently.
2. The ability to move around the clients' rooms and in work areas.
3. Visual acuity sufficient to observe and assess client behavior, prepare and administer medications, and accurately read monitors.
4. Auditory acuity sufficient to hear instructions, requests, and monitoring alarms, and to auscultate heart tones, breath sounds, and bowel sounds.
5. The motor ability necessary to manipulate equipment and supplies and to utilize palpation and percussion in client assessment.
6. The ability to speak, write, and comprehend the English language proficiently.
7. The ability to communicate in a professional manner, establish rapport with clients and colleagues, use problem solving skills, and function effectively under stress.

### **CLINICAL RECORDS**

After acceptance into the program students will need to provide documentation of the following:

1. Proof of two (2) MMR's or positive rubella titer.
2. Hepatitis B three (3) series, titer, or signed declination form.
3. Proof of two (2) Varicella vaccine or a positive varicella titer.
4. Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis (TdaP) vaccine within the last 10 years.
5. Influenza vaccination.
6. Tuberculosis (ppd) testing showing negative status yearly. Students with history of positive TB test will need a chest x-ray, approval for public contact from the Health Department, and a symptoms checklist completed.
7. American Heart Association (AHA) current CPR/BLS certification which must include adult, child, and infant.
8. Negative Federal Criminal Background check (sex-offender is included).
9. Negative Drug Screen.

### **BLENDED CLASSES**

Career ladder students use a combination of conventional classroom meetings with independent study via the Internet and e-mail. Students must have access to a computer and the Internet and possess basic Internet skills. It is important to be familiar with MS Windows environment, be able to manipulate files/folders and use Microsoft Word Processing.

### **FINANCIAL AID**

Students may obtain financial aid packets, verify filing deadlines, and get assistance filing forms from the Financial Aid office, ext. 6310. **STUDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FOLLOWING FINANCIAL AID GUIDELINES. IF THERE IS A QUESTION, SEE A FINANCIAL AID ADVISOR.**

### **LOAN/GRANT INFORMATION**

- Federal and State Grant/Loans--Advisement and Student Admission Services
- Regents Scholarship (Fee Waiver)--applications are in the Registrar's Office.
- Eastern Workforce Development--For information on eligibility contact the agency at 918 683-8553
- Foundation Scholarships/Loans--918-463-6342
- Physician Manpower Scholarships--Nursing Department, Financial Aid Office, or <http://www.pmtc.state.ok.us>
- VA Funding-Advisement and Student Admission Services
- Website: [http://www.connorsstate.edu/financial\\_aid](http://www.connorsstate.edu/financial_aid)
- Website: <http://connorsstate.edu/md>

### **CONNORS STATE COLLEGE STUDENT NURSES' ASSOCIATION**

Membership in Connors State College Student Nurses' Association (CSCSNA) is granted upon entry into the nursing program. This is the officially recognized organization for nursing students. Membership in the CSCSNA is encouraged as it provides the student with opportunities for professional development. Activities related to leadership, education and service are emphasized.

### **PLAN FOR SUCCESS**

Because of the vital nature of nursing, this is a demanding program of study. Success depends primarily on adequate preparation and planning. The following suggestions are offered to help assure success:

- Complete support courses before beginning the nursing courses. Anatomy & Physiology I, Anatomy & Physiology II, and Microbiology are particularly important to provide a knowledge base for understanding nursing concepts.
- Plan three to four hours' study time each week for each credit hour in which you are enrolled. Example: Students enrolled in 12 credit hours should plan 36 hours of study time each week, in addition to class and lab time.
- Recommend enrolling in NURS 1002 Success in Nursing Education.

### **ELIGIBILITY TO SIT FOR BOARDS**

"The Connors State College Nursing Program is approved by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing. Graduates of this state-approved program are eligible to apply to write the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) for registered or practical nurses. Applicants for Oklahoma licensure must meet all state and federal requirements to hold an Oklahoma license to practice nursing. In addition to completing a state-approved nursing education program that meets educational requirements and successfully passing the licensure examination, requirements include submission of an application for licensure a criminal history records search, and evidence of citizenship or qualified alien status. Applicants for practical nurse licensure must also hold a high school diploma or a graduate equivalency degree (G.E.D.) [59 O.S. §567.5 & 567.6]. To be granted a license, an applicant must have the legal right to be in the United States (United States Code Chapter 8, Section 1621). In addition, Oklahoma law only allows a license to be issued to U. S. citizens, U. S. nationals, and legal permanent resident aliens. Other qualified aliens may be issued a temporary license that is valid until the expiration of their visa status, or if there is no expiration date, for one year. Applicants who are qualified aliens must present, in person, valid documentary evidence of:

1. A valid, unexpired immigrant or nonimmigrant visa status for admission into the United States;
2. A pending or approved application for asylum in the United States;
3. Admission into the United States in refugee status;
4. A pending or approved application for temporary protected status in the United

- States;
5. Approved deferred action status; or
  6. A pending application for adjustment of status to legal permanent resident status or conditional resident status.

The Board has the right to deny a license to an individual with a history of criminal background, disciplinary action on another health-related license or certification, or judicial declaration of mental incompetence [59 O.S. §567.8]. These cases are considered on an individual basis at the time application for licensure is made, with the exception of felony charges. An individual with a felony conviction cannot apply for licensure for at least five years after completion of all sentencing terms, including probation and suspended sentences, unless a presidential or gubernatorial pardon is received [59 O.S. §567.5 & 567.6].

For more information, go to <http://www.youroklahoma.com/nursing/nclex9.pdf>.

Students wishing licensure in another state will need to contact that state board of nursing (the Departmental Secretary will have their addresses).

For further clarification about the Nursing Program's accreditation status, comments, or concerns, contact the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing at 404-975-5000, or the Oklahoma Board of Nursing at 405-962-1800. The Nursing Program is a member of the National League for Nursing 212-363-5555.

*Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and a member of the North Central Association.*  
Web address: <http://www.ncahlc.org> Phone: 800-621-7440

**ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE IN NURSING**

<b>GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS</b>			<b>CREDIT HOURS: 30</b>
English	6 cr	ENGL 1113 ENGL 1213	English Composition I English Composition II
American History	3 cr	HIST 1483 HIST 1493	US History to 1865 or US History since 1865
US Government	3 cr	POLS 1113	US Government
Support & Related Courses	18 cr	PSYC 1113 FCSE 1213 * <sup>∞</sup> BIOL 1314 <sup>∞</sup> *BIOL 1324 *BIOL 2124	General Psychology Introduction to Nutrition Anatomy & Physiology I Anatomy & Physiology II General Microbiology
<sup>∞</sup> BIOL 2104 Anatomy and BIOL 2114 Physiology can be substituted for A & P I and II BIOL 2104 and BIOL 2114 require pre-requisite of BIOL 1114 General Biology			
<b>RECOMMENDED ELECTIVES</b>			
	3 cr	NURS 1003	Medical Terminology
	3 cr	MATH 1513	College Algebra <b>or</b>
	3 cr	MATH 1473	Applied Mathematics
	3 cr	COMS 1133	Fundamentals of Computer
	5 cr	*CHEM 1315	Chemistry I
	2 cr	NURS 1002	Success In Nursing Education
	6 cr	HUMN	Humanities (2 courses)
	3 cr	*STAT 2013	Elementary Statistics
<b>PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS</b>			<b>EDIT HOURS: 42</b>
# *Nursing		#*NURS 2223  NURS 2137 NURS 2133 NURS 1232  NURS 2247 NURS 2243 NURS 2252	Transition to Professional Nursing  Maladaptive States I Nurse Practicum I ONL-Pharmacology ( <i>Elective with NURS 2137</i> ) Maladaptive States II Nurse Practicum II Trends & Issues
Advanced Placement Credit		LPN-ADN Mobility Proficiency	
* Course has pre-requisite (See course description section of catalog) #Require acceptance into the Nursing Program • See Nursing Advisor for Advanced Placement Information		<b>MINIMUM TOTAL CREDIT HOURS: 72</b>	

Students desiring an Associate of Science degree will need the following courses in addition to those listed for the Associated of Applied Science in Nursing. This is particularly advisable for those students who plan to pursue a bachelor's degree after completing the Associate Degree in Nursing.

- Humanities (6 hours)
- College Algebra (3 hours)
- Microcomputers or Fundamentals of Computer Usage (3 hours)

**STUDENT SELECTION CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION INTO THE LPN/PARAMEDIC CAREER LADDER PROGRAM**

Students applying to the Connors State College Nursing program are selected on the basis of a point system. No student is guaranteed admission/acceptance. All courses below must be completed with course grades posted on an official transcript. No points will be given for a course "in progress." Points are awarded for the scores received on the "Kaplan Admission Exam." Student must obtain a minimum of 60% in English; 50% in Math; and 40% in Science to be considered for the nursing program. Also, completion of general education and support courses with a "C" or better, completion of any 4 recommended electives with a "C" or better, Connors State College course work only, GPA, and a degree in another area. The specific points awarded are shown below.

<b>Kaplan Admission Test Reading</b>	<b>Points Possible</b>	<b>Points Earned</b>
Kaplan Admission Test Reading Score 60%-64%	1	
Kaplan Admission Test Reading Score 65%-69%	2	
Kaplan Admission Test Reading Score 70%-79%	3	
Kaplan Admission Test Reading Score 80%-89%	4	
Kaplan Admission Test Reading Score 90%-100%	5	
<b>Kaplan Admission Test Math</b>		
Kaplan Admission Test Math Score 50%-59%	1	
Kaplan Admission Test Math Score 60%-69%	2	
Kaplan Admission Test Math Score 70%-79%	3	
Kaplan Admission Test Math Score 80%-89%	4	
Kaplan Admission Test Math Score 90%-100%	5	
<b>Kaplan Admission Test Science</b>		
Kaplan Admission Test Science Score 40%-49%	1	
Kaplan Admission Test Science Score 50%-59%	2	
Kaplan Admission Test Science Score 60%-69%	3	
Kaplan Admission Test Science Score 70%-85%	4	
Kaplan Admission Test Science Score 86%-100%	5	
<b>Support Courses completed with a "C" or above, or passing advanced placement exams</b>		
BIOL 1314 Anatomy & Physiology I	5	
BIOL 1324 Anatomy & Physiology II	5	
BIOL 2124 Microbiology	5	
ENGL 1113 English Comp I	1	
ENGL 1213 English Comp II	1	
PSYC 1113 General Psychology	1	
HIST 1483 or 1493 US History	1	
POLS 1113 Federal Government	1	
FCSE 1213 Intro to Nutrition	1	
<b>Recommended Electives completed with a "C" or better (1 pt each up to 4 pts)</b>	1-4	
NURS1003 Medical Terminology-ONL or In Class		
NURS1002 Success in Nursing Education-BLE		
CHEM1315 Chemistry 1		
MATH1513 College Algebra		
COMS1133 Fundamentals of Computer Usage		
STAT 2013 Elementary Statistics		
HUMN Any Humanities		
BIOL 1114 General Biology		
<b>Connors State College Courses Only</b>	1	
<b>GPA (Calculated only on required nursing courses)</b>		
2.5 – 2.7	1	
2.8 – 3.0	2	
3.1 - 3.4	3	
3.5 - 3.7	4	
3.8 - 4.0	5	
<b>Degrees In Other Areas</b>		
BS/BA Degree or higher in another area	2	
AS or AA Degree in another area	1	
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>33</b>	



**CONNORS STATE COLLEGE DEPARTMENT OF NURSING**  
**ESTIMATED STUDENT EXPENSES—CAREER LADDER PROGRAM**

ITEM DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
<b>Tuition:</b> 55 Credit Hours  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$25/ Credit Hour Lab/Skill Fee</li> </ul>	\$ 125.50/credit hour (OK Resident)  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Transition/Math (\$125)</li> <li>○ Semester (\$250)</li> <li>○ Fourth Semester (\$300)</li> </ul>	\$6902.50  \$125-\$300
<b>Medical Expenses:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Influenza</li> <li>• Rubella titer or MMR</li> <li>• Varicella immunization or titer</li> <li>• TB Skin Test</li> <li>• Tdap</li> <li>• CPR Certification</li> <li>• Hepatitis B Series (Optional)</li> <li>• Liability Insurance</li> <li>• Verified Credentials</li> <li style="padding-left: 20px;">Criminal Background Check</li> <li style="padding-left: 20px;">Drug Test</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$ 35.00</li> <li>• \$ 40.00</li> <li>• \$ 50.00</li> <li>• \$ 15.00</li> <li>• \$ 50.00</li> <li>• \$ 40.00</li> <li>• \$200.00</li> <li>• \$ 13.00</li> <li>• \$108.00</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$ 551.00</li> </ul>
<b>Class Expenses:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kaplan Testing</li> <li>• Table</li>  <li>• Books/Supplies                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Transition to Professional Nursing</li> <li>○ Third Semester</li> <li>○ Fourth Semester</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$ 135.00/semester</li> <li>• Approx. \$750-\$900</li>  <li>• \$1,230.00 plus tax</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$ 405.00</li> <li>• \$ 900.00</li>  <li>• \$1,230.00</li> </ul>
<b>Uniforms:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 Professional White Uniforms</li> <li>• 1 Pair White Shoes</li> <li>• 1 Lab Coat</li> <li>• 2 Name Tags</li> <li>• 1 Stethoscope</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$120.00</li> <li>• \$ 65.00</li> <li>• \$ 45.00</li> <li>• \$ 19.00</li> <li>• \$ 50.00</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$299.00</li> </ul>
<b>Graduation Fees:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pinning/Ceremony</li> <li>• Licensure Examination Fee</li> <li>• Passport Size Photo</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$150.00</li> <li>• \$285.00</li> <li>• \$ 10.00</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$445.00</li> </ul>
<b>LPN Career Ladder Fees:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proficiency Exam                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Hesi PN-ADN Mobility Exam</li> <li>○ A &amp; P I (optional)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Advanced Standing Fees @ \$10.00/cr hr</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$ 49.00</li> <li>• \$ 37.00</li> <li>• \$215.00</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$301.00</li> </ul>
<b>TOTALS:</b>		<b>\$ 11,331.50</b>