

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

NURS 2223 TRANSITION TO PROFESSIONAL NURSING

APPLICATION PERIOD

SPRING ENTRY: Between April 15 - October 1

*Applications Will **ONLY** 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 18 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 41st Street East, Muskogee, OK.

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

This program requires extensive use of technology including required textbooks delivered as e-books, paperless clinical documentation, and regular interface with the online classroom. For this reason, students accepted to the program must have a computer and internet access at home and must supply their own “electronic device” (purchased from the nursing department) 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 or a 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 required supporting 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 required supporting

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 without the required supporting documents will not be accepted.**

2. Minimum scores required for the "Kaplan Admission Exam"
 - Reading 60%
 - Math 50%
 - Science 50%
 - 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.
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 (Testing fees are subject to change.)	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 † Must score at 800 or above.	\$52.00 * (Money Order or Cashier Check made out to Connors Nursing Department)	\$180.00	\$232.00
BIOL1314 Anatomy/Physiology I	Anatomy & Physiology I Must score at or above 75% Percentile Rank	\$37.00 * (Money order or Cashier Check made out to Connors Nursing Department)	\$40.00	\$77.00
NURS 1132 Math for Nurses	Must score a 90% or above on the Dosage Calculation Exam	None	\$20.00	

See days and times for testing under "Kaplan and Hesi Test Date" information. *Testing fees are non-refundable and subject to change.

The HESI LPN-ADN Mobility Exam may be taken **once** per application period. Completed test results 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 *3rd Thursday of each month starting at 1:30* 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 50% 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.clovis.edu/nursing/docs/KaplanAdmissionSamples.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 *4th Thursday of each month starting at 1:30* 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 \$52.00 (cashier check 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.**

DOSAGE CALCULATION EXAM

The challenge exam for NURS 1132 Math for Nurses will be given in the nursing department. Call 684-5436 to schedule an appointment in Muskogee.

The exam must be passed with at least a 90% accuracy to demonstrate that the applicant has met the following course objectives: Make sure the objectives follow Math for Nurses Objectives

1. Demonstrate ability to utilize Roman numerals, fractions, decimals, ratio and proportion, and percentages in calculating dosages.
2. Convert within and between metric, and household systems of measurements.
3. Demonstrate ability to read and interpret medication orders.
4. Accurately calculate dosages using dimensional analysis methods.
5. Calculate oral and parenteral dosages.
6. Calculate intravenous flow rates.
7. Calculate pediatric dosages using mg/kg.
8. Calculate critical care dosages for pediatric and elderly population.

LPN's and paramedics must pass the Kaplan Admission Exam Math at a 50% or above prior to enrolling in NURS 1132 Math for Nurses. LPN's and paramedics may elect to take NURS 1132 Math for Nurses prior to or concurrently with NURS 2333 Transitions to Professional Nursing. If they do not pass entrance exams for NURS 2333 Transitions to Professional Nursing, they will have to take NURS 1132 Math for Nurses prior to taking Adaptations of the Family. This exam may be attempted three (3) times. LPN's and paramedics who do not achieve the required 90% or above after the third attempt will need to pass NURS 1132 before entering the nursing program.

There will be no charge for taking this exam, but a fee of \$10.00/credit hour will be assessed for adding this course to the transcript.

PHYSICAL AND MENTAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF NURSING

The following essential physical and mental requirements are necessary 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 to administer various procedures.
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, breathe sounds, and bowel sounds.
5. The motor ability necessary to manipulate equipment and supplies and to utilize palpation and percussion in client assessment.
6. Communication abilities sufficient for interactions with others in verbal and written form such as explaining treatment procedures, initiating health teaching, documenting and interpreting nursing actions and client responses.
7. The ability to communicate in a professional manner, establish rapport with clients and colleagues, use problem solving skills, and function effectively under stress.
8. Perform within a crisis situation providing care to meet physical, emotional, or psychosocial needs of the patient/client

9. Critical thinking abilities sufficient for clinical judgment to identify cause/effect relationships in clinical situations.

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 titer on all three.
2. Hepatitis B three (3) series, titer, or signed declination form.
3. Proof of two (2) Varicella vaccines or a positive varicella titer.
4. Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis (Tdap) vaccine within the last 10 years.
5. Current influenza vaccination.
6. Tuberculosis (ppd) testing showing negative status yearly. Students with history of positive TB test will need a chest x-ray every 5 years and an approval for public contact from the Health Department or healthcare provider.
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
- 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. §567.6 & 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 Administrative Assistant will assist with finding the 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

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS			CREDIT HOURS: 30
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 ♣ *∞ BIOL 1314 ∞ *BIOL 1324 *BIOL 2124	General Psychology Introduction to Nutrition Anatomy & Physiology I Anatomy & Physiology II General Microbiology
∞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			
RECOMMENDED ELECTIVES			
	3 cr	NURS 1003	Medical Terminology
	3 cr	MATH 1513	PreCalculus Algebra or
	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
PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS			EDIT HOURS: 42
# *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 20 Credits		LPN-ADN Mobility Proficiency and Math for Nurses	
* Course has pre-requisite (See course description section of catalog) #Require acceptance into the Nursing Program • See Nursing Advisor for Advanced Placement Information		MINIMUM TOTAL CREDIT HOURS: 72	

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)
- PreCalculus 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 50% 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.

Kaplan Admission Test Reading	Points Possible	Points Earned
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	
Kaplan Admission Test Math		
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	
Kaplan Admission Test Science		
Kaplan Admission Test Science Score 50%-59%	1	
Kaplan Admission Test Science Score 60%-69%	2	
Kaplan Admission Test Science Score 70%-79%	3	
Kaplan Admission Test Science Score 80%-89%	4	
Kaplan Admission Test Science Score 90%-100%	5	
Support Courses completed with a “C” or above, or passing advanced placement exams		
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	
Recommended Electives completed with a “C” or better (1 pt each up to 4 pts)	1-4	
NURS1003 Medical Terminology-ONL or In Class		
NURS1002 Success in Nursing Education-BLE		
CHEM1315 Chemistry 1		
MATH1513 PreCalculus Algebra		
COMS1133 Fundamentals of Computer Usage		
STAT 2013 Elementary Statistics		
HUMN Any Humanities		
BIOL 1114 General Biology		
Connors State College Courses Only	1	
GPA (Calculated only on required nursing courses)		
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	
Degrees In Other Areas		
BS/BA Degree or higher in another area	2	
AS or AA Degree in another area	1	
TOTAL POINTS	33	

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

ITEM DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
Tuition: 55 Credit Hours <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$25/ Credit Hour Lab/Skill Fee 	\$ 135.50/credit hour (OK Resident) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Transition/Math (\$125) ○ Semester (\$250) ○ Fourth Semester (\$300) 	\$7452.50 \$125-\$300
Medical Expenses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Influenza • Rubella titer or MMR • Varicella immunization or titer • TB Skin Test • T-dap • CPR Certification • Hepatitis B Series (Optional) • Liability Insurance • CastleBranch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Criminal Background Check and Drug test ○ Document Tracker 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$ 35.00 • \$ 40.00 • \$ 50.00 • \$ 15.00 • \$ 50.00 • \$ 40.00 • \$200.00 • \$ 14.00 • \$127.00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$ 571.00
Class Expenses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kaplan Testing • Electronic Device • Books/Supplies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Transition to Professional Nursing ○ Third Semester ○ Fourth Semester 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$ 135.00/semester • Approx. \$860-\$900 • \$1,230.00 plus tax 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$ 405.00 • \$ 900.00 • \$1,230.00
Uniforms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Professional School Uniforms • 1 Pair Black Leather Shoes • 1 Lab Coat (optional) • 2 Name Tags • 1 Stethoscope 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$120.00 • \$ 65.00 • \$ 45.00 • \$ 19.00 • \$ 50.00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$299.00
Graduation Fees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pinning/Ceremony • Licensure Examination Fee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$150.00 • \$285.00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$435.00
LPN Career Ladder Fees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proficiency Exam <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hesi PN-ADN Mobility Exam ○ A & P I (optional) • Advanced Standing Fees @ \$10.00/cr hr 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$ 50.00 • \$ 37.00 • \$200.00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$287.00
TOTALS:		\$ 11,879.50