



Nursing–LPN Career Mobility Program Oak Ridge Campus

What is the LPN Career Mobility Program?

In Fall of 2010 Roane State Community College offered the LPN Career Mobility program during the evenings and on weekends at the RSCC Oak Ridge Branch Campus. The typical schedule for the nursing courses involves 2 evenings per week and Saturday labs/clinical. Upon successful completion of the program, students are awarded the Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing and are eligible to apply for licensure to become a registered nurse.

What do I need to do to be eligible for the program?

Students need to have completed at least 12 of the 27 credit hours from the required general education courses. The BIOL 2010 and MATH 1130 (or a higher content level math) must be part of the 12 credit hours completed with a grade of C or better to be considered for the program. Science course completed more than 10 years ago will not be counted. Students need to complete a general application to Roane State Community College and the Nursing application, indicating that they are applying for the LPN Career Mobility Program. Acceptance into the program is based on achieving the required score on the challenge examination, grades, number of credits completed from the required general education requirements, availability of space, and successful attainment of the LPN license. Preference will be given to those who have completed the MATH and BIOL requirements prior to the summer semester.

What general education requirements are required?

ENGL 1010–Composition I	MATH 1130–College Algebra or higher level math
BIOL 2230–Microbiology	BIOL 2010, 2020–Human Anatomy and Physiology I & II
Humanities Elective	PSYC 2130–Lifespan Psychology
SPCH Elective	

How long is this program?

This program is similar to the LPN Career Mobility Program that has been offered in the past. The main difference is that nursing courses for this option are offered over four semesters rather than three, making it easier for students to handle demands of school and work. All of the general education courses may be taken prior to starting nursing classes. However, it is not required to complete all of them prior to beginning the nursing courses.

How many students will be accepted into the program?

We plan to accept up to 20 students into this option. The program may not be offered every fall.

When is the application deadline?

Students submitting the college application and their nursing application by April 1 will be given priority. Those students submitting applications after this date will be considered until the class is filled.

When should I take the LPN challenge test?

Applicants may take the proficiency examination prior to LPN licensure, but must have an active LPN license prior to final acceptance into the program. Passing scores will be good for 3 years. On the day of the examination, the applicant is required to present an active Tennessee Practical Nurse license or a signed letter from the LPN program director verifying eligibility to sit for the LPN licensure exam. ID are verified prior to admission to the examination.

How do I apply to the nursing program and sign up for the test.

In order to apply to the nursing program the applicant must first be admitted to Roane State. Applications are available at the admissions office website at www.roanestate.edu/admissions. The admissions phone number is (865) 882-4523. The nursing application is submitted online through the accepted student's RaiderNet account. Students received a confirmation email that the application has been received. On the nursing application you will be given the opportunity to indicate your interest in the LPN mobility option and to sign up for the challenge test. The challenge test is offered in the fall and the spring.

Can students attend the program part-time or on weekends or evenings? Are any distance learning courses offered?

The general education courses are available in a wide variety of formats, including regular, hybrid, and web classes. General education classes may be taken during the day, evening, or weekends. *Nursing courses for this option will be scheduled in the evenings and on Saturdays. This is designed as a part-time program, allowing the student to continue employment.*

Where and when will nursing courses be taught?

The theory and skills lab portion will be taught at the Oak Ridge Campus. Clinicals will be scheduled at area health care agencies.

Is financial aid available?

Information and applications are available on Roane State's Financial Aid website at www.roanestate.edu/financialaid. The phone number is (865) 481-2036.

What if I have other questions?

For questions about the admissions process, email hsnadmissions@roanestate.edu.