

## **Associate of Applied Science Nursing Program (A.A.S.) Admission Packet**

The Nursing program is a course of study leading to an Associate of Applied Science Degree. The program is approved by the Tennessee Board of Nursing and is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

The Nursing courses at RSCC are offered over 4 semesters. In addition to the nursing courses, there are 27 credit hours of general education that must be completed for the A.A.S. in Nursing degree. Total degree requirements are 66 credits. Since nursing students spend a significant amount of time outside of class in study, clinical and laboratory practice, completion of the general education requirements is recommended prior to beginning the nursing program.

### **Admission Process for the Traditional Program**

Please read the following information carefully. Minimum requirements for admission to the Nursing Program are listed below. **All items are required. Meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee acceptance into the program.**

#### **Step 1: Apply to the College**

In order to apply to the nursing program the applicant must first be admitted to Roane State. All college transcripts should be submitted to the Roane State Admissions and Records Office prior to the nursing application deadline.

#### **Step 2: Meet Below Eligibility Requirements Prior to the Nursing Application Deadline –**

Complete at least 13 of the 27 required hours of nursing general education courses. These **must** include Math 1530, BIOL 2010, ENGL 1010 and PSYC 1030 or a guided elective.

1. Satisfy any required learning support competencies prior to the application deadline.
2. Achieve a grade of “C” or higher in all required general education courses.
3. Achieve a minimum 2.75 GPA on required college courses completed prior to admission. (GPA calculated only on the required general education courses).
4. Score a minimum of 75% on the both the reading and math portion of the HESI A-2 nursing pre-admission exam. Cumulative scores will not be considered. (This requirement is waived for applicants upon proof of an associate, bachelor’s or master’s degree.)

#### **Step 3: Submit Online Nursing Application**

The online Nursing Application must be submitted through the student’s RaiderNet account. This must be submitted no later than 4:30 p.m. on the date of the application deadline, which is the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday in January. Upon submission of your application you will receive a confirmation email that it has been received. Please print and retain this confirmation email. Applications submitted after the application deadline will NOT be considered. If you apply and are not accepted, then you must submit a new application for future terms.

#### Step 4: Selection of Applicants

Acceptance to the Nursing Program is a competitive process. A point system is used to rank each applicant based on the following criteria:

#### Criteria and Value

#### Possible Score

- GPA in required general education classes calculated from the courses required in the nursing curriculum.
  - 2.75 – 3.00 1
  - 3.01 – 3.50 2
  - 3.51 – 4.00 3
  
- Credit hours completed from the nursing program requirements.
  - 13 – 16 1
  - 17 – 25 2
  - 26 3
  
- Math/science grades
  - BIOL 2010 B 2
  - BIOL 2010 A 3
  
  - BIOL 2020 B 2
  - BIOL 2020 A 3
  
  - BIOL 2230 B 2
  - BIOL 2230 A 3
  
  - MATH requirement B 2
  - MATH requirement A 3

#### Step 5: Notification of Admission Status

Applicants are notified of their admission status via their official Roane State email account (Raidernet). **Applicants should begin regularly checking their email regarding their admission status mid-March.**

#### Step 6: Accept or Decline Admission

Students who have been accepted to the nursing program **must** respond via email whether they accept or decline their admission by the deadline specified in the notification email.

### Step 7: Attend the Required Information Session During the Summer

A mandatory Nursing Program information session will be held late May to mid-June (You will be notified in your admission email of the specific date, time and location.)

- During this information session, accepted students receive specific information about health requirements including required immunizations, private health insurance, criminal background checks, drug screenings, and CPR Health Care Provider certification.
- Background checks and drug screens must be acceptable to clinical affiliates in order for students to attend clinical and meet the requirements of the program. Students who are not cleared by the clinical affiliates may not be able to complete the program. The student is responsible to clear any discrepancies in their personal background checks and urine drug screens.

### Step 8: Submit Required Information

During the information session held in the summer, students are informed about various requirements and the date the information is due to the nursing office. The required information includes the following:

- Completed physical and immunization record,
- Background check and urine drug screen,
- Completion of CPR for healthcare provider,
- Proof of health insurance, and
- Any other specified requirements.

### Step 9: Attend Fall Orientation Session

An orientation session is scheduled prior to the start of fall semester for nursing students. Students are required to attend this session.

### Step 10: Attend Class and Clinical

Faculty are required to report student's first day of attendance.

### **Additional Requirements for Accepted Students**

It is the student's responsibility to review the catalog and complete course prerequisites for each individual nursing course. Students who have not completed mandatory course prerequisites will not be allowed to enroll in the next sequenced nursing course and will not be allowed to progress in the program. Students accepted to the program must meet certain requirements before they can attend the required clinical rotations.

### **Nursing Pre-Admission Examination – Additional Information**

You will find registration information for the nursing pre-admission examination when submitting your nursing application via your official Roane State email account (RaiderNet) or on the Testing Center webpage. The nursing pre-admission exam must be taken and passed by the application deadline for the nursing program. You should schedule and take the HESI A-2 as soon as possible. If you have taken the HESI examination at another college you may submit those scores for the Nursing Division to determine if they are passing or not. Roane State waives the nursing pre-admission examination requirement for applicants who have a college degree from an accredited college (SACS-COC or equivalent.)

If unsuccessful on the first attempt, the applicant must wait 3 months to re-test. Once passed, the exam scores are valid for three years. Any repeat testing within the 3 months waiting period will not be considered. This is to ensure that all students are treated equally. There is an optional study guide entitled Admission Assessment Exam Review. (If you desire to obtain the study guide, it is recommended that you purchase the most recent edition).

### **General Education Requirements – Additional Information**

The 27 credit hours of general education requirements for the nursing program may be completed prior to acceptance into the program. However, **science courses** completed prior to admission must be within **5 years** of the date of admission and be completed with a C or better to apply toward the degree requirements. Students completing required science courses after acceptance into the program must attain a C or better in order to retain their spot in the program. Only students officially admitted to the nursing program may register for nursing classes.

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### Nursing General Education Requirements – \* Revised curriculum for applicants for fall 2017

Requirement	Courses	Comments	Credits
ENGL 1010 *Must be completed by the application deadline for fall 2017 admission – no exceptions.	Composition I	Composition I	3 cr. hours
Humanities Elective *Must be completed by graduation.	Choose one <b>course</b> from: ARTH 2010 Art History I ARTH 2020 Art History II ARTH 1030 Art Appreciation **HUM 262 Great Works, Intro to Humanities  MUS 1030 Music Appreciation PHIL 1030 Intro to Philosophy PHIL 121 Elementary Ethics PHIL 201 Intro to Religions of the World THEA 1030 Intro to Theatre	ENGL literature is also acceptable; however, ENGL 1020–Composition II is a prerequisite to any literature course  <i>**If reading learning support is required, humanities elective must be completed prior to the application deadline to be eligible for admission.</i>	3 cr. hours
MATH *Must be completed by the application deadline–no exceptions.	MATH 1530 Probability and Statistics		3 cr. hours
PSYC1030 *Must be completed by the application deadline or no later than 1 <sup>st</sup> semester of the program.	General Psychology		3 cr. hours
BIOL 2010 *Must be completed by the application deadline for fall 2017 admission – no exceptions.	Anatomy and Physiology I (+ lab)	All learning support requirements must be completed prior to taking this course. Science courses cannot be more than 5 years old.	4 cr. hours

BIOL 2020 *Must be completed no later than end of 1 <sup>st</sup> semester after admission.	Anatomy and Physiology II (+ lab)	Must successfully complete BIOL 2010 prior to taking this course	4 cr. hours
BIOL 2230 *Must be completed no later than end of 2nd semester after admission.	Microbiology (+ lab)	Must complete either BIOL 1110–General Biology or BIOL 2010 prior to taking this course	4 cr. Hours
Guided elective *Must be completed by graduation.	Choose one of the following: Engl 1020 – Composition II PSYC 2130 – Lifespan Psychology SPCH 1010 – Fundamentals of		3 cr. hours

### Nursing Program

**Required pre-requisites:**

BIOL 2010	4
MATH 1530	3
PSYC 1030 or guided elective	3
ENGL 1010	<u>3</u>
	<b>13</b>

Additional general education courses required in the program

BIOL 2010 A&P II	4
Guided elective (if not already completed)	3
BIOL 2230 Microbiology	4
Humanities elective	<u>3</u>
	14

**First Year effective fall 2017**

NRSG 1710 Fundamentals (Fall)	7
NRSG 1360 Pharmacology in Nursing (Fall)	3
NRSG 1620 Med-Surg I (Spring)	6
*NRSG Required Specialty Course(s) (Spring)	<u>3-6</u>
<b>First Year Total Nursing</b>	<b>19-22</b>

**Second Year effective fall 2017**

NRSG 2630 Med-Surg II (Fall)	6
*NRSG Required Specialty Course(s) (Fall/Spring)	3-6
NRSG 2640 Med-Surg III (Spring)	6
NRGS 2240 Professional Practice in Nursing	<u>2</u>
<b>Second Year Total Nursing</b>	<b>17-20</b>

**Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) Nursing LPN Mobility Program**

This program is designed to facilitate the achievement of a registered nurse level education by LPNs who qualify for admission. Applicants must have an active Tennessee Practical Nurse license. In addition, LPNs who wish to be eligible for admission must pass the proficiency examination. The examination will cover fundamentals of nursing. LPNs that qualify for admission and graduate from this program are eligible to apply to take the state examination to become a Registered Nurse (RN).

The night/weekend LPN Mobility option requires 4 semesters to complete after admission to the program. This program begins in the fall.

### Admission Process for Nursing LPN Mobility

Please read the following information carefully. Minimum requirements for admission to the LPN Mobility Nursing Program are listed below. **All items are required. Meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee acceptance into the program.**

#### Step 1: Apply to the College

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2. Achieve a grade of “C” or higher in all required general education courses.
3. Achieve a minimum 2.75 GPA on required college courses completed prior to admission. (GPA calculated only on the required general education courses).
4. Pass the LPN Challenge Examination with a score of 850 or higher.

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#### Step 4: Selection of Applicants

Acceptance to the LPN Mobility Nursing Program is a competitive process. If there are more eligible applicants than space available, the same point system is utilized for admission to the LPN Mobility Program as for traditional students.

#### Step 5: Notification of Admission Status

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## Overview of LPN Mobility Program of Study

General Education Requirements are the same as the traditional program.

### Required pre-requisites:

BIOL 2010	4
MATH 1530	3
PSYC 1030 or guided elective	3
ENGL 1010	<u>3</u>
	<b>13</b>

### LPN Mobility Nursing Courses

• Challenge by Proficiency Examination (NSRG 1710)	7
• NRSRG 1100 Transition to Professional Nursing	1
• NRSRG 1360 Pharmacology in Nursing	3
• NRSRG 1620 Med-Surg I (Spring)	6
• *NRSRG Required Specialty Course(s) (Fall/Spring)	3-9
• NRSRG 2630 Med-Surg II (Fall)	6
• NRSRG 2640 Med-Surg III (Spring)	6
• NRSRG 2240 Professional Practice in Nursing	<u>2</u>
	<b>40</b>

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<b>Who to Contact Before you Start Classes at RSCC</b>	
Enrollment Services/Recruitment (865) 882-4554 (865) 481-2000 ext 2362 Oak Ridge Any RSCC Campus location	Prospective students How to enroll at the college International Student Admissions
Admissions/Records Office (865) 882-4523 (866) 462-7722 Toll free Email: <a href="mailto:Admissionsrecords@roanestate.edu">Admissionsrecords@roanestate.edu</a>	Receipt of transcripts/test scores MMR and Hepatitis B immunizations/forms Official evaluation of transfer credit
Advising Resource Center (865) 882-4597 Roane County (865) 481-2000 ext. 2273 Oak Ridge Email: <a href="mailto:advising@roanestate.edu">advising@roanestate.edu</a>	Information on articulation/transfer
Allied Health Science/Nursing Admissions Coordinator (865) 882-4608 Roane County	Nursing application status
Division of Nursing for A.A.S. Nursing Degree (865) 882-4605 Roane County  Division of Math/Sciences for A.S. Pre-Nursing Degree (865) 882-4533 Roane County	Inquiries of students already accepted into the program. RSCC Courses Course substitutions Transfer Credit appeals Articulation agreements Course transfer