River Valley Community College

Associate of Science in Nursing

Informational Packet

PN to RN

Bridge Program

Accreditation

Accrediting Commission for Education in Nursing

New Hampshire Board of Nursing

Full accreditation until
Spring 2029

End of Program Outcomes

The first-time pass rate for RVCC nursing graduates is equivalent to or exceeds the national pass rate for first-time test takers who are graduates of associate degree nursing programs.

Pass Rates	2022	2023	2024	2025 YTD
RVCC	94.9%	97.5%	97.7%	95.2%
New Hampshire	88.9%	96.1%	96.3%	TBD%
National	79.9%	88.6%	93.0%	88.8%

Seventy-five percent (75%) of students from the River Valley Community College Associate Degree Nursing Program will graduate within two (2) years of the initial admission into the program for traditional students or one (1) year for advanced placement students.

Completion Rates	2023	2024	2025
On time Graduation Count	38 of 51	51 of 73	45 of 63
Program Completion Rate	74.5%	69.8%	71.4%

Within six months of graduation from the RVCC nursing program, 90% of graduates will be employed as Registered Nurses.

Job Placement Rates	2023	2024	2025 YTD
Response Rate	40 of 50	32 of 48	43 of 43
Job Placement Rate	100%	100%	100%

End of Program Student Learning Outcomes

Quality & Safety in Nursing Education (QSEN) Competencies

PN Nursing & Core LA Courses

Completed Prior to Acceptance

Course Name
Nursing Courses
Anatomy & Physiology I
Anatomy & Physiology II
Intro to Psychology
Human Development

Recommended Completion Prior to Class Start

Course Name
College Composition
Math Elective

Courses should be < 10 years for transfer

RN Nursing & Core LA Courses

Semester 1

Course #	Course Name	Credits
ADNR 197R	PN to RN Bridge	4
ENGL 102R	College Composition	3 - 4
MATH XXXR	Math Elective	3 - 4

Semester 2

Course #	Course Name	Credits
ADNR 220R	Nursing Care III	9
BIOL 205R	Microbiology	4

Semester 3

Course #	Course Name	Credits
ADNR 230R	Nursing Care IV	10
ADNR 235R	Nursing Seminar II	1
HUMA/ARTS/ LANG	Humanities/Fine Arts/World Language Elective	3

Schedule-PN to RN Bridge
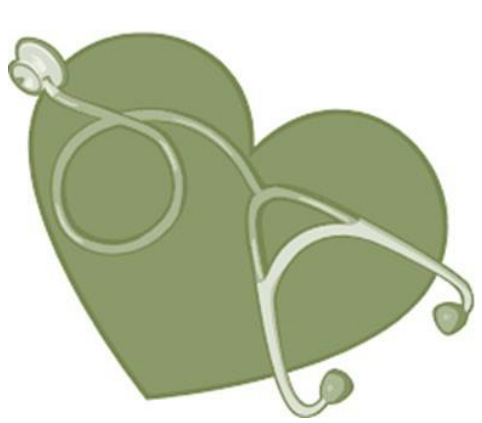
Semester 1

Summer

ADNR 197R
Class
Asynchronous Online

ADNR 197R
Nursing Lab
4 days
8-hours each

Semester 2

Fall

ADNR 220R
Class
4 hours

ADNR 220R
Nursing Lab
2 hours

ADNR 220R
Clinical
12 hours

Semester 3

Spring

ADNR 230R
Class
4 hours

ADNR 230R
Nursing Lab
2 hours

ADNR 230R
Clinical
16 hours

ADNR 235R
Class
Online

PN to RN Bridge Application Process

Step 1: Review this informational packet and the website for information on the PN to RN Bridge Program.

https://www.rivervalley.edu/program/lpn-to-rn-bridge-program-2/

Step 2: Complete a college application.
https://www.rivervalley.edu/admissions/welcome/

Step 3: Submit all high school and college transcripts to the Admissions Department.

Step 4: Register for and take the NACE test. Score > 68% required for review of application.

Step 5: Submit a current New Hampshire or Vermont Practical Nurse License.

Core liberal arts courses must have a grade of "C" or higher from an accredited institution in order to transfer.

All core liberal arts classes should be < 10 years old.

PN to RN Bridge Application Process

Preferred Deadline
November 30
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Applications will be reviewed until all seats are full or February 15st.
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Applicants will be notified by March 1st of acceptance.

ASN-RN Requirements

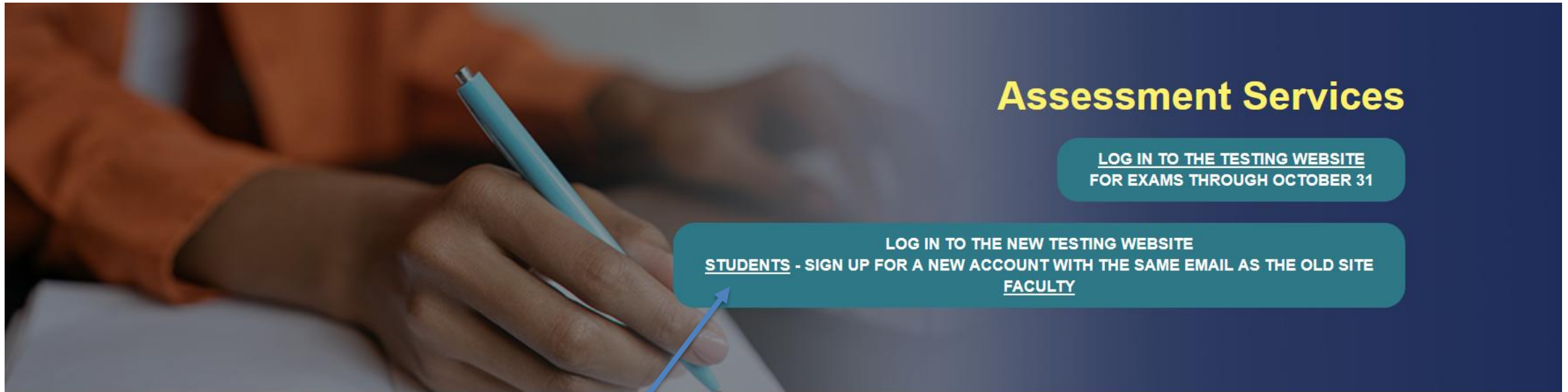Accepted students will be required to complete the following within specific deadlines.

1. Criminal Background Record – A NH and federal criminal background record. A history of a felony or selective misdemeanors may deny entrance into the nursing program.

2. Drug Testing – Drug testing is required prior to the start of any work-based clinical learning experience.

3. American Heart Association Basic Life Support (BLS) for Healthcare Providers.

4. Medical Documentation - Physical exam and required vaccinations including the Covid Vaccine, booster and Flu vaccine.

5. Proof of Medical Insurance – Students are required to carry medical insurance to participate in clinical.

Note: Students who do not meet the specific deadlines for above items may be removed from the program.

NACE Exam Instructions

Go to ⟶ https://www.nln.org/education/assessment-services

Assessment Services

LOG IN TO THE TESTING WEBSITE
FOR EXAMS THROUGH OCTOBER 31

LOG IN TO THE NEW TESTING WEBSITE
STUDENTS - SIGN UP FOR A NEW ACCOUNT WITH THE SAME EMAIL AS THE OLD SITE
FACULTY

Click On

HOME   STORE   FAQ   LOGIN   SIGN UP

Assessment Services

Welcome to the NLN Assessment Portal

Need help? Check out our student resources for quick answers.

Still stuck? We're here for you:

📞 **Call:** 1-800-732-8656 ext. 2

✉ **Email:** studenthelp@nln.org

💬 **Text:** Monday - Thursday: 202-934-0801 and on Fridays at: 202-934-0818

🕐 **Support Hours:** Monday - Thursday 8am - 5pm Eastern and on Fridays 8am - 4:15pm Eastern

Already have an account?
Simply log in using your credentials.

Don't yet have an account?
Please create an account and follow the instructions to verify your email address before logging in.

1. Sign Up & Sign In

2. Purchase *Foundations of Nursing*

NURSING ACCELERATION CHALLENGE EXAMS

(NACE)

National League for Nursing

Assessment Services

OBJECTIVE

The Nursing Acceleration Challenge Exams (NACE) facilitate educational mobility by providing educators with an instrument for diagnostic evaluation of the nursing knowledge of individuals seeking advanced placement in a nursing program. NACE exams are designed to evaluate previous learning and experience to assist faculty in establishing credit and to make placement decisions about students already selected for admission to the program.

EXAMS

FOUNDATIONS OF NURSING

100 Items, 150 minutes

Intended for the Licensed PN/VN population seeking admission or already admitted into a professional nursing program. Includes content related to the basic physiological and psychosocial needs of individuals.

AT A GLANCE

- Foundations v1.2 assesses PN/VN level knowledge
- All other exams assess RN level knowledge and skills
- Onsite or LIVE virtual proctoring
- Scores available immediately
- ADA accommodations available

NACE SERIES TECHNICAL MANUAL

Foundations of Nursing

Content related to the basic physiological and psychosocial needs of individuals.
200 items / 4 hours administration

Topics

Safe, Effective Care Environment
- Home health
- Chronic illness
- Palliative care/Hospice
- Documentation
- Pre- and Post-op care
- Infectious disease
- Sterile technique
- Safe ambulation

Health Promotion & Maintenance
- Respiration/circulation
- Vital signs
- Comfort
- Communication
- Moral/ethical/legal issues
- Nutrition
- Exercise
- Stress management

Psychosocial Integrity
- Addiction/recovery
- Loss and death
- Fractured lives
- Meditation/mindfulness
- Transgender care
- Self-actualization
- Security
- Self-esteem
- Spiritual & cultural issues

Physiological Integrity
- Basic health needs
- Hygiene/incontinence
- Elimination
- Medication administration
- Fluids & electrolytes
- IV therapy
- Body alignment
- Sensory changes in the elderly
- Obesity

Frequently Asked Questions

If I am testing virtually, what does my testing space need to look like? SECURITY

Virtual testing should mimic what it would be like if testing in a testing center.

- You must be alone in a secure area with no other individuals or distractions in the testing area.
- You must be at a desk or table with a chair.
- You may only have ONE monitor connected to your computer during the exam session. You may not begin the exam until all other screens have been disconnected and removed from your testing space.
- No food or beverages are allowed in the testing area at any time.
- The testing area must be silent with no other background noise.
- Speaking aloud during your test is not permitted in order to maintain fairness and consistency with in-person testing conditions.

Do I need to have a government-issued photo ID when I arrive at my appointment? TAKING THE TEST

Yes, whether you are testing virtually or onsite, you must present a government-issued photo ID that matches the name used during exam registration.

What approved materials am I allowed to have with me during virtual testing? TAKING THE TEST

You are permitted to use a basic four-function calculator and a dry-erase board, along with a marker and eraser. Paper and pen/pencil are **not** permitted. Additional details can be found on our student resource page.

How do I reschedule my VIRTUAL exam? GENERAL

If you need to reschedule your virtual exam session, you must do so at least 24 hours in advance. Failure to do so will result in a $30 rescheduling fee. To reschedule, please create a support ticket with Proctor360.

Technology Requirements

Windows Computers TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

Operating System: Windows 10 / 11

Browser: Google Chrome or Microsoft Edge

Memory: 4GB (minimum)

Internet Connection: 10 Mbit/s upload (minimum), 10 Mbit/s download (minimum)

Web Camera: 640×640 resolution (minimum)

Ports: 1 Standard USB Port (if using 360 Headset)

Additional Software: none

Chromebooks TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

Operating System: ChromeOS

Browser: Google Chrome

Memory: 4GB (minimum)

Internet Connection: 10 Mbit/s upload (minimum), 10 Mbit/s download (minimum)

Web Camera: 640×640 resolution (minimum)

Ports: 1 Standard USB Port (if using 360 Headset)

Additional Software: Insta360 Virtual Camera *(Only when using the 360 Total View headset)*

Mac Computers TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

Operating System: Mojave & Above

Browser: Google Chrome (Safari is **NOT** supported.)

Memory: 4GB (minimum)

Internet Connection: 10 Mbit/s upload (minimum), 10 Mbit/s download (minimum)

Web Camera: 640×640 resolution (minimum)

Ports: 1 Standard USB Port (if using 360 Headset)

Additional Software: Insta360 Virtual Camera *(Only when using the 360 Total View headset)*

Questions?

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