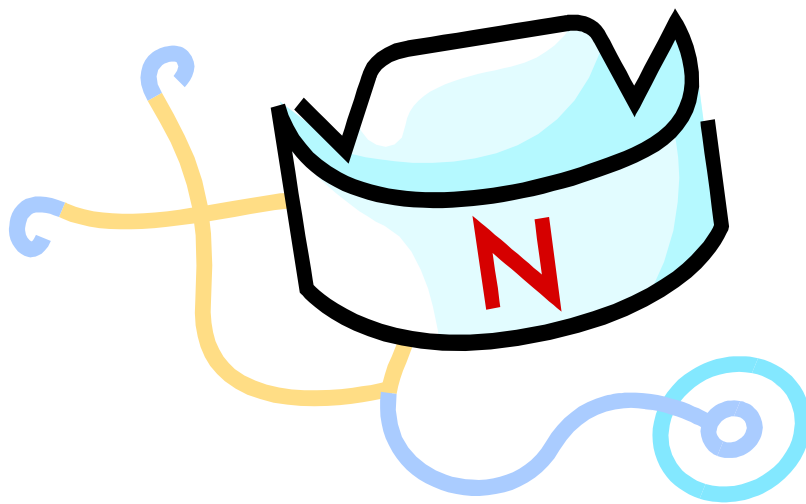


J. Sargeant Reynolds
Community College



School of Nursing and Allied Health

LPN ADVANCED PLACEMENT



Information Package



Dear Student:

Thank you for contacting J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College for information on our Associate Degree Registered Nursing Program. Registered Nurses play a big role in health care delivery in hospitals, nursing homes, and other agencies and so you are choosing to enter a profession that is of great importance to society as well as being personally satisfying.

There are several qualities that nurses should possess. Nurses must be critical thinkers who can manage math and sciences applications; good at communicating both verbally and in writing with a diverse population; physically adept at handling equipment and performing various tasks; effective managers of other individuals; and very importantly, empathetic and caring. If you possess at least a few of these qualities, we would like to help you develop the others.

The nursing curriculum is demanding and this is a program you should consider carefully. While all the general education courses can be taken in either day or evening classes, at this time most clinical nursing courses must be taken during daytime hours. While many students continue their employment while in college, it is extremely difficult to work full-time while taking your clinical nursing courses. You need to consider this as you make your educational choice.

As you are probably aware there is currently a very significant shortage of Registered Nurses throughout the United States, and this shortage is predicted to continue for at least ten years. Registered nurses are very much in demand in the job market and salaries are still rising in response to this shortage. Newly Registered Nurses in the Richmond area are now being offered salaries of approximately \$33,000 per year and these salaries are expected to rise in the near future.

Nursing is a rewarding profession and we hope that you are interested in this educational choice. If so, please follow carefully the admission steps listed in the enclosed packet. Each step is vitally important. These steps will lead you to your goal of becoming a registered nurse.

Sincerely,

Nancy O'Donnell
Interim Coordinator, Nursing Program

Nursing Program Procedures for Placement on the Waiting List And Admission to Program

PLEASE FOLLOW EACH STEP OF THIS PROCEDURE AS LISTED TO ASSURE ADMISSION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

1. Submit an Application for Admission to the College. Write in “Nursing” as your program of interest on line #21 of the application.

It is very important that you indicate Nursing as your program of study so that you will receive current information and be included in mailings to nursing students.

If you have previously attended JSRCC you must sign a Change of Curriculum form to change your Curriculum to Nursing. This may be done in the Access Center Campus.

2. Request official transcript from high school and/or GED, and any previous colleges attended. Transcripts are required of all applicants, regardless of when you attended the schools. A transcript is official when it is mailed directly from the school you attended to the J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College (JSRCC) Admissions office at P.O. Box 85622, Richmond, VA 23285-5622.

Course prerequisites for the nursing program are one unit each of high school Algebra, Biology, and Chemistry with a final grade of “C” or better. If these were not taken in high school they may be taken at JSRCC: MTH 03=Algebra, BIO 01=Biology and CHM 01=Chemistry.

3. Take required college placement tests in reading, writing and mathematics. Reading and writing tests may be waived for students who have already completed college level English and general education courses; but placement tests taken more than one year ago must be retaken unless a waiver is granted. All nursing applicants must take the basic mathematics placement test regardless of previous math courses taken in high school or college. Placement tests can be taken on any of the three college campuses.

To schedule an appointment for placement testing, call one of the following offices: Downtown Campus/523-5470; Parham Road Campus/523-5411; Western Campus/523-5400.

4. After you receive your placement test scores, you should go to the Access Center on the campus where you took your placement test. At that session your placement tests scores will be interpreted, any remedial courses needed will be given to you, the admission process for the Nursing program will be further explained and assistance will be provided for your first registration in college courses.
5. At your Counseling Session you will be given this “Nursing Program Information Packet” (if you do not already have one) and the name, phone number and office location of your nursing faculty advisor. You will then contact your advisor for assistance in registering for your second and all other semesters. If you need further assistance determining your faculty advisor please call 523-5375 for this information. If you need further assistance, contact Pat Jennings, Admissions Counselor.

6. Complete any prerequisite courses not taken in high school or college (see #2 above) and all developmental course prerequisites from placement test results (See #3 and #4 above). Courses needed may be taken at JSRCC, at another community college, or a four-year college or university and transferred here.
7. **Licensed Practical Nurses**
Applicants who are already LPNs are exempt from the NET exam. If you are an LPN you should submit the “**LPN Advanced Placement Application**” form (included in this packet) as soon as program prerequisites (items 1-6 above) are met. Once all records (high school transcript/GED, college transcripts, placement test scores) are available and satisfactory you will be ready for the Transition to RN course, NUR 115, and will be notified of your readiness. Once you have completed NUR 115 with a C or better you will receive credit for NUR 111, 112 and 226. If you receive a grade of F or D you will be allowed to repeat NUR 115. If you fail again you may be placed on the waiting list for NUR 111. The waiting time for NUR 111 is approximately 24 months.
7. Maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher in all courses taken at JSRCC preceding admission into your first clinical nursing (NUR) course, and make grade of “C” or higher in all courses in curriculum.

The Waiting List

Due to very great student interest, there is currently a waiting list for entry into clinical nursing classes for students entering at the NUR 111 level and for LPNs entering the Advanced Placement.

Once you have completed steps one through seven (1-7) as listed above, your name will be placed on the nursing program waiting list. For students entering with Advanced Placement as LPNs or transfer students the average waiting time once NUR 115 is 8 weeks to two semesters.

Criteria for placement of names on the waiting list include the following, in order as listed:

- (1) Date of qualification (date you complete steps 1 – 7 as listed above)
 - (2) *Year and term that you began taking classes at JSRCC toward the nursing curriculum
 - (3) *Credits completed (at time of qualification) from within the nursing curriculum.
- * = Criteria 2 and 3 are used only when more than one student qualifies on the same day.*

Physical and Dental Examination Requirement

Completion of physical and dental examinations, including immunizations, is required in the term immediately preceding enrollment in the first clinical nursing course. You will be given forms to complete at the appropriate time. Applicants must be free of any physical or mental condition, which might adversely affect their acceptance or performance as nurses.

Legal Restrictions

The State Board of Nursing has the authority to deny licensure to any applicant who has violated any of the provisions of 54.1-3007 of the Code of Virginia. There is also a July 1992 change in Virginia law that prohibits licensed nursing homes, home care organizations, licensed homes for adults, and licensed adult

day care centers from hiring any individual who has been convicted of a broad range of criminal acts. Any student entering the program who has committed any illegal offenses other than minor traffic violations should discuss these matters with the Nursing Coordinator prior to admission.

Accreditation

The nursing program is approved by the Virginia Board of Nursing and accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC). The NLNAC may be contacted at 61 Broadway, 33rd floor, New York, NY, 10006 or 800-669-1656, ext. 153.

J. SARGEANT REYNOLDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Associate Degree Registered Nursing Program
CURRICULUM**

COURSE	TITLE	LEC. HRS.	LAB. HRS.	CRS. CRE.
ENG 111	College Composition I	3	0	3
MTH 120	Introduction to Mathematics	3	0	3
NAS 161	Health Science I	3	3	4
SOC 200	Introduction to Sociology I	3	0	3
--- ---	Health or Physical Education	0-2	2-4	2
STD 100	Orientation	1	0	1
	TOTAL	13-15	5-7	16
ENG 112	College Composition II	3	0	3
NAS 162	Health Science II	3	3	4
PSY 230	Developmental Psychology	3	0	3
	TOTAL	9	3	10
NUR 204	Mental Health Nursing	3	9	6
NUR 206	Maternity/Women's Health Nursing	3	9	6
--- ---	Elective	1	0	1
	TOTAL	7	18	13
NUR 207	Pediatric Nursing	3	9	6
NUR 208	Acute Medical/Surgical Nursing	3	9	6
	TOTAL	6	18	12

Total Minimum Credits for AAS Degree in Nursing 68

¹ CPR certification (American Heart Association, “BLS for the Healthcare Provider”) is required of all entering students prior to entry into NUR 111. In addition, students must pass the computer competency placement test or complete a basic computer competency course (IST 115 or CSC 155) prior to NUR 111.

**All courses should be taken in the sequence provided here. All general education (non-nursing) courses must be taken before or along with the NUR course as listed. For example, all courses listed here in the first semester must be taken prior to enrolling in NUR 111, and ENG 112 and NAS 162 would have to be taken along with NUR 111.

**** ALL LPNs MUST TAKE NUR 115 TRANSITION TO RN**

** Upon successful completion of NUR 115 (with a C or better) the student will receive credit for NUR 111, NUR 112 and NUR 226.

J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
ASSOCIATE DEGREE REGISTERED NURSING PROGRAM

Student Estimated Costs: January 2006

Tuition 55 credits X 76.05	4,182.75
Uniforms and Shoes	250
Books, Instruments & Supplies	1,500
Special Tests	130
Medical & Dental Examinations (Your own Physician and Dentist)	500
Graduation	500
Travel to Clinical Agencies	Variable
TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS	\$7,062.75

See Financial Aid Officer, 1st floor, for information on financial assistance. This office also has scholarship applications. All students with any financial need should complete one of these forms, since there are currently many scholarships available for nursing students.

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Nursing Program Acceptance Request For Four-Year College Graduates

I am a four-year college graduate or LPN, meet all admission criteria for the nursing program, and wish to have my name placed on the program waiting list. Please notify me when this is done.

NAME:	_____
ADDRESS:	_____ _____
PHONE:	<u>HOME</u> () _____ <u>WORK</u> () _____
E-MAIL	_____
I prefer to be contacted via phone/e-mail (circle one)	
SOC. SEC. #	_____
COLLEGE and DEGREE: (4 year)	_____
COLLEGE GRADUATION DATE:	_____

_____ I have high school or college credit for Algebra, Biology, Chemistry. ("C" or higher grade)

_____ I have taken and passed JSRCC Math Placement Test.

_____ I have requested official copies of my high school and college transcripts.

Signature _____ Date _____

J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College

LPN Advanced Placement Request For Associate Degree Nursing Program

I am an LPN, meet all admission criteria for the nursing program, and wish to enter the program with advanced placement. Please notify me regarding my admission status.

NAME:	_____
ADDRESS:	_____ _____
PHONE:	<u>HOME</u> () _____ <u>WORK</u> () _____
E-MAIL	_____
I prefer to be contacted via phone/e-mail (circle one)	
SOC. SEC. #	_____
LPN PRGRAM & GRADUATION DATE:	_____
LPN LICENSE EXPIRATION DATE	_____

_____ I have high school or college credit for Algebra, Biology, and Chemistry.
("C" or higher grade)

_____ I have taken and passed JSRCC Math Placement Tests in Reading, Writing
and Math.

_____ I have requested official copies of my high school and college
(if appropriate) transcripts.

Signature _____ Date _____