



**Clark State Community College-
Springfield Regional School of Nursing**

**Paramedic to Associate Degree Nursing
Transition Program Information and
Admissions Criteria and Procedures**

The Paramedic to RN Transition program is an advanced placement program for paramedics who wish to obtain an associate degree to prepare them to obtain licensure as Registered Nurses (RNs). The non-nursing courses in the program are available in an online/hybrid as well as traditional format. The classroom components of the nursing courses are only offered in an online/hybrid format. The on-site lectures and labs for the hybrid nursing courses are scheduled at Clark State’s Greene Center campus. Students enrolled in online nursing courses are required to come on site for some of the exams. Students are required to attend assigned skills lab and clinical learning experiences. The nursing courses in the curriculum are offered in the published sequence and start once a year in fall semester, dependent on sufficient student demand for the program.

The number of student who can be admitted to the nursing courses in the program each year is based on the availability of clinical sites and faculty. Students who wish to enter the Paramedic to RN program must apply to the program after they have met the specified admission requirements. Submission of an application does not guarantee admission to the program.

ADMISSION CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES

Competitive Admission Process Time Line

The Paramedic to RN Transition program is a space limited program and application does not guarantee admission. The program admits students once a year in fall semester. Applications for program admission will be accepted over a seven week period as indicated in the table below.

Desired entry term	Program application and documentation must be received in Nursing Office on or before:	Application available online	Applications accepted	Acceptance or denial letter mailed on or before:
Fall 2020	February 7, 2020	December 13, 2019	December 13, 2019 through February 7, 2020	March 20, 2020

Minimum Criteria for Application:

To be considered for acceptance into the Paramedic to RN Transition program, students must meet the following minimum criteria for application:

_____ Complete application to the College, declaring Paramedic to RN Transition as their major

_____ Provide official high school and/or college transcripts from regionally accredited colleges to the Admissions office if your previous high school/college credits demonstrate you have met program qualifying requirements, course pre-requisites, or previous completion of curriculum courses.

_____ Demonstrate a minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average (GPA) in the required courses in the nursing curriculum that are completed, regardless of where the courses were completed, AND a minimum 2.0 cumulative Clark State Community College institutional GPA, OR if no College courses have been completed, a high school GPA of 2.5

_____ Meet the following minimum academic requirements for admission.

<p style="text-align: center;">Reading</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Tested out of preparatory reading via ACT, SAT, or College placement test <input type="checkbox"/> College's reading placement test was waived for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ College English composition course with a C or higher ○ Recent high school senior English course with appropriate grade <input type="checkbox"/> CPE 0200 with a grade of C or higher, ENG0800 with a grade of A, or ENG0850 with a grade of C or higher	<p style="text-align: center;">Writing</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Tested out of preparatory writing via ACT, SAT or College placement test <input type="checkbox"/> College's writing placement test was waived for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ College English composition course with a grade of C or higher ○ Recent high school senior English course with appropriate grade <input type="checkbox"/> CPE 0300 with a grade of B or higher, CPE 0400 with a grade of C or higher, or ENG 0900 with a grade of B or higher
<p>Math/Algebra</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Tested out of CPE 0600, CPE 0650, MTH 0650, or MTH 0750 via ACT, SAT, or College placement test within the last 5 years <input type="checkbox"/> College's math/algebra placement test was waived for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ College Ohio Transfer Module (OTM) equivalent math course with a grade of C or higher within five years. ○ Recent high school senior Algebra II course with appropriate grade within five years <input type="checkbox"/> CPE 0600, CPE 0650, MTH 0650 or MTH 0750 with a grade of C or higher within the last 5 years	
<p>Laboratory science</p> <input type="checkbox"/> College anatomy & physiology with a grade of C or higher (BIO 2121) (within five years) OR <input type="checkbox"/> College biology (BIO 1410) (within five years) OR <input type="checkbox"/> College chemistry (CHM 1150) (within five years) OR <input type="checkbox"/> High school biology with a grade of C or higher (within five years) OR <input type="checkbox"/> High school chemistry with a grade of C or higher (within five years)	

_____ Current Nurse Aide certification or MST 1181 completed, in progress, planned for completion prior to starting nursing courses, or demonstrate proficiency of the knowledge and skills taught in a nurse aide training course

_____ Active Ohio paramedic certification. Documentation of active Ohio paramedic certification must be submitted with the application.

_____ Three years of recent practice as a paramedic at the time of entry to the Paramedic to RN Transition course. Student must submit documentation of this requirement with his/her application.

_____ Must have completed/be in progress/or scheduled in summer semester the following courses (with a grade of C or higher): BIO 1131, BIO 2121, BIO 2122, ENG 1111, ENG 1112, PSY 1111, and NUR 1110

NOTE: NUR 1110 may also be scheduled and completed along with NUR 1137 (“A” term course) but this is NOT recommended. NUR 1110 is a pre-requisite of NUR 1138 (“B” term course) and if it is not passed the student cannot progress to NUR 1138.

The following courses must be completed with a grade of C or higher at the time that the course is a pre-requisite to a second level nursing course and/or for graduation. Students are encouraged to complete these courses prior to starting the nursing courses if possible.

_____ PSY 2223, Lifespan Human Growth and Development (This course is a pre/co-requisite of NUR 1134)

_____ SOC 1110, Introduction to Sociology

_____ Math Elective

Competitive Admission based on Academic Achievements

Completion of the minimum requirements and application to the program does not guarantee admission. Entry to the nursing program is competitive and based on academic achievements. Applications are reviewed and scored on the criteria as indicated in the following table. Applicants with the highest points will be offered admission to the program.

If a number of applicants have the same scores, these applicants will be prioritized by their application submission date; (Example: 10 students with scores of 13 with only 8 available openings. The eight students with the earliest application date/time will be accepted.) Students are strongly encouraged to submit complete applications in a timely manner.

Criteria	Possible points	Courses Needed	Applicant's points
GPA in the non-clinical courses in the RN curriculum	2.50-2.74 = 1 2.75-3.00 = 2 3.01-3.24 = 3 3.25-3.50 = 4 3.51-3.74 = 5 3.75-4.00 = 6		
Points for each Anatomy and Physiology course (BIO 2121 and BIO 2122) completed with a grade of C or higher	A = 3 B = 2 C = 1	BIO 2121 _____ BIO 2122 _____	BIO 2121 = ____ BIO 2122 = ____
One point each for any other courses in the nursing curriculum completed with a grade of C or higher.	ENG 1111 = 1 ENG 1112 = 1 PSY 1111 = 1 PSY 2223 = 1 SOC 1110 = 1 BIO 1131 = 1 MTH Elective = 1 NUR 1110 = 1	ENG 1111 _____ ENG 1112 _____ PSY 1111 _____ PSY 2223 _____ SOC 1110 _____ BIO 1131 _____ MTH elective _____ NUR 1110 _____	ENG 1111 = ____ ENG 1112 = ____ PSY 1111 = ____ PSY 2223 = ____ SOC 1110 = ____ BIO 1131 = ____ MTH ----- = ____ NUR 1110 = ____
Points for highest non-short term certificate or degree from regionally accredited post-secondary institution	Certificate = 1 Associate degree = 2 Bachelors' degree = 3 Masters' degree = 4		
Points for successful completion of overall credit hours at Clark State Community College with a grade of C or higher	Less than 15 = 0 At least 15 = 1 At least 30 or more = 2		
Points deducted for repetition of curriculum course work	-1 point for each course in the curriculum with a grade of D, F, W, or UW within the last 5 years. One point is deducted for each instance if this occurred more than once with a course. ----- <i>If previously in a RN nursing program, -1 point for NUR courses with a grade of D, F, or any W within the last 5 years.</i>		ENG 1111 = ____ ENG 1112 = ____ PSY 1111 = ____ PSY 2223 = ____ SOC 1110 = ____ BIO 1131 = ____ MTH ----- = ____ BIO 2121 = ____ BIO 2122 = ____ NUR 1110 = ____ ----- NUR _____ = ____ NUR _____ = ____
APPLICANT'S TOTAL POINTS			

Submission of Applications

The following items must be submitted to the Health, Human, and Public Services Division office by the published deadline.

_____ Nursing Application form - available online seven weeks prior to the submission deadline

at

<http://www.clarkstate.edu/academics/how-to-register/health-programs-petitioningapplication-process/>

_____ Clark State course listing – log into “Web Advisor” via the Clark State Student Portal. Click on “Students,” then select “Students,” then “Academic Profile,” then “Transcript.” Select submit and print. This is the only print out that will be accepted.

_____ Transcripts from high school or previously attended regionally accredited colleges if needed to demonstrate completion of qualifying requirements, course pre-requisites, or completion of curriculum courses. These may be unofficial. NOTE: The corresponding official transcripts must be submitted directly from those high school/college(s) to Clark State’s Admissions Office.

_____ Copy of current paramedic certification

_____ Letter from employer(s) indicating years of practice as a paramedic.

Incomplete applications and application submitted after the deadline (see page one for deadlines) will not be considered.

Notification of Selection into RN Program

Applicants will be notified of selection or denial via U.S. mail sent to the address listed on their program application form. Students must notify the Health, Human, and Public Services Division of a change in address, phone number, and/or change in name. Students who cannot be contacted because of outdated information will be removed from the admission list.

Selected applicants are required to attend a mandatory Nursing Program Orientation session. The date of this orientation will be included in the letter notifying the student of acceptance to the program. Students who are not able to attend this orientation must notify the Health, Human, and Public Services Division by calling 937-328-6057 prior to the orientation date. Selected applicants who do not attend the orientation and do not provide prior notification will have their acceptance rescinded.

Students who are not selected for admission are encouraged to meet with program faculty to discuss the selective admissions rubric and their options, including ways to increase their score in preparation for reapplication the following year. Other options for students not selected may include consideration of other healthcare majors, or other career directions offered at Clark State.

The RN Program at Clark State Community College is committed to assuring equal opportunity to all persons and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, gender, ethnicity, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, ancestry, age, marital status, veteran status, socio-economic status, or physical or mental disability, and other protected group status as defined by law or College policy in its educational programs, activities, admissions, or employment practices as required by Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1072, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1073, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and other applicable statutes.

The College has appointed the individual listed below as Title IX coordinator for students. Students who have concerns about the application of Title IX should contact.

Ron Gordon
Dean Enrollment Services
Rhodes Hall, room 129
Phone (937)-328-6095

ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT PARAMEDIC TO RN INFORMATION

Courses with age limits

Some course must have been completed recently in order to meet program entry, progression and graduation requirements. Other courses are acceptable regardless of when completed.

The courses that must be completed within a designated time period are:

- BIO 2121 and 2122, Anatomy and Physiology courses, must have been completed within FIVE years of entry into the first clinical nursing course. If a course is older than FIVE years, the course must be repeated.
- NUR 1110, Dosage Calculation, is the only nursing course that may be taken prior to acceptance into the registered nursing program. It is recommended that this course not be

taken any earlier than within the year immediately prior to acceptance into the nursing program. If the course is completed more than 24 months prior to starting the program, the course will have to be repeated. Students may elect to take a proficiency exam instead of taking the course.

- All other “NUR” courses must be completed in the sequence listed in the curriculum plan. If the student stops out after starting the sequence, he or she may apply for reinstatement if no more than one year has lapsed in accordance with the reinstatement policy. Students may be required to demonstrate competency in previously completed courses and some courses may need to be repeated. Reinstatement is on a space available basis and is not guaranteed. Students may only reinstate to the program once.
- The time limits on preparatory academic courses were previously provided on page 2 of this document.

Courses with time limits must be completed as indicated below

	For fall 2019 entry into program, courses must be completed after:	For fall 2020 entry into program, courses must be completed after:
Courses with 2 year time limits	August 1, 2017	August 1, 2018
Courses with 5 year time limits	August 1, 2014	August 1, 2015

Technical Standards

Specific attributes, characteristics, and abilities are essential to nursing. Professional competency is the summation of many cognitive, affective, and psychomotor skills. Students who enter the nursing program must be able to perform (with or without reasonable accommodations) these technical standards, which are available via a link on the Registered Nursing program page on the College’s web site and in the application packet. Students who may require accommodations to perform the technical standards should contact the College’s Office of Accessibility to request reasonable accommodations. Students are asked to sign a form certifying that they have read, understand, and are able to perform, with or without accommodations, the Essential Functions of the Student Nurse as part of the program application process. The technical standards are also reviewed at the program orientation session. Attendance at this session is required for all students who have been accepted to start the nursing program’s technical courses.

Program Requirements

Healthcare provider cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification (BLS) is required at the time of entry into the program. Acceptable certifications require a cognitive and psychomotor assessment (written exam and evaluation of performance of skills) and must be those designed specifically for healthcare providers. EMS 1171 - Basic Life Support, which is offered at Clark State meet this requirement. Certification can also be obtained through the American Heart

Association, American Red Cross, and American Safety and Health Institute. Students obtaining certification through these agencies are responsible for obtaining a certification that meets the above requirements. Students must maintain active certification throughout the program.

Students must also meet health requirements, show proof of health insurance, and meet criminal background check requirements before starting the program. Drug screens are also required. Second-year students must update health requirements, criminal background check, and drug screen (if required by clinical agency) in accordance with program and clinical agency policies.

Additional information about these requirements is provided at the nursing program orientation sessions that are required for all students who have been accepted to start the program. Students must complete these requirements at their own expense. Students will be billed for liability insurance for each year of clinical courses as part of a course fee.

All students enrolled in NUR 2239 are required to attend a 3-day live NCLEX review. This review is offered only during daytime hours on the Leffel Lane campus. Attendance is mandatory for all students enrolled in NUR 2239.

Background Checks

Conviction or guilty pleas to some criminal offenses may prevent students from participating in clinical experiences. Reasonable efforts will be made to place admitted students in clinical experiences, but it is up to the clinical facilities to determine whether a student will be accepted for clinical placement. Students who cannot be placed clinically cannot meet the course and program requirements and therefore would be unable to complete the program. Clinical facilities may consider expunged convictions in placement decisions. Standards may change during a student's program of study.

Progression Requirements

In order to enroll in nursing courses and progress to subsequent clinical nursing courses, students must have successfully completed all prerequisite courses with a grade of C or higher.

Graduation Requirements

To qualify for an associate degree, Registered Nursing students must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 and have a C or higher in all courses in the nursing curriculum.

Licensure

Upon completion of the program, graduates are eligible to apply to take the NCLEX-RN examination. Licensure is mandatory for practice as a RN. Candidates for licensure to be a nurse in Ohio must obtain a criminal background check and disclose information related to prior misdemeanors or felonies, immoral behaviors, mental health disorders, and illegal use of

chemical substances or controlled substances. The Ohio Board of Nursing (OBN) will determine whether a candidate may obtain licensure. Students should refer to the OBN web site, <http://www.nursing.ohio.gov/LicensureInformation.htm> for more details. Successful completion of a program of study at the College does not guarantee licensure or employment in the occupation.

Contact Information

For further information about the Paramedic to RN Transition Program contact Gwen Stevenson, Director of Nursing Programs at 937-328-6455; Mary A. Taylor, Assistant Director of Nursing Programs at 937-328-6110 or taylorma@clarkstate.edu; or the Health, Human, and Public Services Division Office at 937-328-6057.