

Admission Criteria: LPN to RN Bridge Nursing Program

The most qualified applicants will be admitted through a competitive review process that includes:

1. Successful graduation from a state approved LPN school of nursing with current unencumbered LPN Indiana license. Attach a current photocopy of current Indiana LPN license to the Nursing Application.
2. Be accepted as an Ancilla College student under general admission. (**Note - being accepted as a general student at Ancilla College does not guarantee admission to the Bridge Nursing Program**).
3. Complete a **separate application** to the Division of Nursing and Health Sciences usually accepted in **January** of each year for possible admission for the summer session. Notification of this process will be made via announcements posted on the Division of Nursing & Health Sciences bulletin boards and the Ancilla College Nursing webpage as well as announcements sent to Ancilla College faculty members. Students should check these sites routinely for updated information from the Division of Nursing and Health Sciences.
4. Successful completion of the LPN to RN Bridge exam with a passing score. See LPN to RN Bridge testing information sheet (available online) or call the Center for Student Success (ext. 373) for more information. Copies of this completed test should be attached to the Nursing Application.
5. Submit an essay on the student's philosophy of Nursing. Attach it to the Division of Nursing application; grammar and punctuation as well as content will be evaluated.
6. Successfully complete NURS 102 and NURS 103 with a grade of "C" or better. Both courses must be successfully completed to continue in the Bridge program. Students who do not successfully complete both courses may reapply to the Bridge program the following year with any new guidelines in place at that time.
7. Must have a minimum overall GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.
8. Earn a C or better in every course required by the Ancilla College Bridge program by the second graded attempt or applicant is not eligible for admission in the Bridge nursing program (with exception of NURS 102 & NURS 103: see #6 above). Any grade below a C (2.0) is considered unsatisfactory for the nursing program.
9. After the Bridge summer cohort has been filled, the Division of Nursing and Health Sciences may keep a prioritized list of prospective students' who have not been admitted into the program. These students will be notified that the cohort is currently filled, but the Division of Nursing and Health Sciences will keep their name on reserve. In the event a vacancy occurs in the program *on or before the start of Summer Bridge Nursing classes*, the list of reserve students will be called, beginning with the first name on the list, and offered placement in the program. Students admitted in this manner will have the appropriate health, CPR, drug, alcohol and criminal background check completed prior to the first clinical day held in a facility. Reserve students will not be retained for admission the following year.