NURSING PROGRAM
AAS DEGREE
School of Nursing and Allied Health

2014
Information Package

NURSING PROGRAM,
L.P.N. TO A.A.S. DEGREE

Leading to an opportunity to apply for
NCLEX-RN Licensure

“J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College is an equal opportunity, affirmative action institution providing access to educational and employment opportunities without regard to age, race, color, national origin, gender, religion, sexual orientation, veteran’s status, political affiliation or disability.”

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The material contained in this Information Packet is subject to change without notice.
Dear Applicant:

Thank you for requesting information for the J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College L.P.N. to Associate in Applied Science in Nursing Program. Our full time LPN to A.A.S. in Nursing program is approved by the Commonwealth of Virginia and accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commissions. Our part-time evening and weekend program received provisional approval by the Commonwealth of Virginia in January 2011. This program enrolled the first group of advanced placed LPNs in February 2011. In order to qualify to apply for the NCLEX-RN licensure exam, you must graduate from a state approved program.

As a L.P.N. you recognize your role as a part of the interdisciplinary healthcare team that provides for the wellness and healthcare needs of diverse populations. This program seeks to assist in the transition of role and responsibilities to that of the Registered Nurse.

The rigor you encountered with the practical nursing curriculum you completed continues throughout the registered nursing program. Consider your life circumstances carefully as you make this decision. All the general education courses can be taken in either day, evening, or online. Beginning in January 2014 the LPN to A.A.S. in Nursing program offers one track. The part-time evening and weekend LPN to A.A.S. in Nursing degree program will have class scheduled two evenings a week and lab/clinical one day of the weekend. Only you can determine the amount of work you can schedule while enrolled in nursing courses.

The information in this packet provides general admission information for the program. Please pay particular attention to the information that applies to your personal status. Students must attend an Information Session within six months of applying to the program. These sessions are held at the Downtown Campus and the dates are posted on the college website.

We are pleased that you are considering J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College for the pursuit of your nursing education goals. Please carefully follow the application steps in the sequence identified in this packet. This will make the application process as smooth as possible.

As you review the information in this packet, please remember admission is competitive. We hope you will be part of our next class and look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Elaine J. Beaupre

Elaine J. Beaupre, RN, M.Ed., MSN, CNE
Coordinator, Nursing Programs
L.P.N. TO A.A.S. IN NURSING PROGRAM

GENERAL INFORMATION

Program Application

Students applying to the Associate in Applied Science in Nursing Program at JSRCC must complete the identified 15 credits of general education courses prior to submitting an application.

Admission is competitive and is based on the ranking of the student’s Kaplan placement scores.

Students who have a break in their enrollment at the college need to meet the currently published admission requirements as well as the courses identified in the current curriculum. It is recommended students meet with a nursing advisor. A non-break in enrollment is enrollment in at least one course each spring and fall for continuous progression.

Program Acceptance

Once accepted, students are also responsible for the following:
1. Submitting the completed health form provided by the program, which includes a completed immunization schedule. This is distributed during a mandatory orientation meeting.
2. Submitting documentation of a completed and current CPR Healthcare Providers Certification (American Heart Association) with bi-annual recertification.
3. Completed certified background check and drug screen (The inability of a student to be placed in a clinical site due to a negative background check will result in removal from the program.)

Any student entering the Nursing program who has committed any illegal offenses other than minor traffic violations should talk with the Program Coordinator prior to admission to understand the State Board of Nursing requirements to sit for licensure, which are outlined in 54.1-3007 of the Code of Virginia. Healthcare agencies may deny a student clinical placement for offences related to the topic of moral turpitude. These include convictions for larceny, identity theft, fraud, etc. Please note the results of a background check through the offices of the State Police, may not provide the scope of information reviewed by a healthcare agency.

4. Secure transportation to and from facilities used for clinical experiences.
5. Reviewing and signing the Assumption of Risk form, applicable for the duration of the student’s continuation in the program.

Program Progression

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**Continuation in the Program**

Grading: Students must achieve a course grade of C (80) in each nursing course to progress through the A.A.S. in nursing program.

**Progression Status**

J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College has entered into an implied contract with all accepted nursing program students via the JSR catalog. The catalog indicates that once accepted into the nursing program a student can complete the program within two years assuming the student attends 4 consecutive semesters (summer is a session, not a semester). Continuation in the program is conditional upon those factors identified in the “Progression through the Program” statement above.

_A Progression 1 student is a student who has never failed, withdrawn, or taken a leave of absence for any reason._

A Progression 1 student may register for any available space for a course for which the student is eligible during their registration appointment provided by the college. Students who have not stopped program progress have a Progression 1 enrollment status for available seats.

_A Progression 2 student is one who has withdrawn, failed, or taken a leave of absence. These students have stopped program progress and will be enrolled based on a random lottery drawing for available seats._

Progression 2 students will _not_ participate in online registration. The A.A.S. in Nursing Program’s Progression & Graduation Committee will place these students via a random lottery draw into available seats.

Progression 2 students will return to Progression 1 status with the successful completion of the nursing course where the leave of absence, withdrawal or failure occurred.

**Clinical Contracts**

Individual contracts are in effect with each affiliate clinical agency, and these contracts differ in requirements for students. The general stipulations are as follows:

1. Clinical agencies reserve the right to dismiss a student from their agency at any time with due cause.
2. Proper uniform must be worn.
3. Published hospital policies must be followed.
4. Immunizations must be current.
5. The student releases the facility, its agency, and employees from any liability for any injury, death, or damage to personal property arising out of the clinical agreement or use of the facility. (Assumption of Risk form)
6. The student is **financially responsible for any medical care required** while in the clinical setting.
7. As noted above, the student must have a current American Heart Association CPR certification at the BLS level for Health Care provider and a criminal background check is required of all entering students.
A.A.S. IN NURSING PROGRAM

DETAILED ADMISSIONS STEPS

Full-Time

Step One: Apply to JSRCC

All applicants interested in pursuing an Applied Associate of Science (AAS) in Nursing must first apply to JSRCC. Applications can be completed online at http://www.jsr.vccs.edu/jsr_ar/how_to_enroll.htm.

- Send official college and high school transcripts to JSRCC Central Admissions and Records, (Attention: Nursing Application Process), J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College, P.O. Box 85622, Richmond, VA. 23285-5622.

Step Two: Complete the identified general education courses (15 credits) and Placement Tests

All applicants must complete the identified general education credits. Completion of these credits does NOT ensure entry into the Nursing (AAS) Program. The admission process in the Nursing Program is a competitive process. All general education courses must reflect a grade of “C”, or higher.

Need Help?
Advisors are available in the Student Success Centers for in-person advising. Please remember, the week prior to the start of a semester and the first and second week after a new semester begins, the Success Centers are very busy. If you visit the Student Success Centers during these times, you will have an extended wait before seeing an advisor.

OVERVIEW OF REQUIREMENTS

- Declare AAS Pre-Nursing CSC as your plan of study. The Program Code for the AAS Pre-Nursing CSC is 221-156-02.
- Complete, at least, the identified courses (15 credits) prior to applying to the program.
- All general education courses in the AAS in nursing program must be completed with a grade of C or better. There are a total of 27 credits in this program. Applicants should consider the time commitment to complete the required nursing courses when determining completion of the remaining general education courses.
- Equivalent transfer courses are accepted. However, all transfer courses must be evaluated by Central Admissions and Records, and a student must submit an official transcript. Courses completed at other VCCS colleges will be evaluated following the submission of form 11-0036, available on the college website.

Placement Tests

The Nursing Program requires both the College placement tests and a Kaplan Nursing Admission Test.

Kaplan Nursing Admission Test

- All students must complete the Kaplan Nursing Admission test. This test may be repeated once. Kaplan scores are valid for two (2) years. The Kaplan Nursing School
Entrance Exams Test Review book is available in the bookstore for approximately $25.

- **ALL APPLICANTS MUST ACHIEVE KAPLAN SCORES OF AT LEAST:**
  - Reading: 73%
  - Math: 75%
  - Science: 50%
  - Writing: 45%

**College Math Placement Test**
- *Complete the Virginia Placement Test-Math (VPT)* with a recommended placement into MTH 126 (MTE 3) or higher. The Math placement score is valid for two years.
  - Complete any courses required as result of placement tests

**College English Placement Test**
- *Complete the Virginia Placement Test-English (VPT)* with a recommended placement into ENG 111, or higher. The English placement score is valid for two years.
  - Complete any courses required as result of placement testing

**Step Three: Attend a Nursing Information Session**
When you are in your final semester in completing the required application credits, plan on attending a Nursing Information Session. In order to obtain an application for the AAS in Nursing, all applicants must attend an information session within six (6) months of submitting an application. Attendees will receive the application at these sessions. Information session dates are published on the web at:

http://www.reynolds.edu/get_started/programs/snah/degrees_and_certificates.aspx

**Step Four: Complete and Submit Your Application by the Deadline Date**
After successfully completing (1) the identified general education courses, (2) the three placement tests (Kaplan, College Math, College English), 3) attending the information session (final semester), you are ready to complete an application packet.

**DEADLINES**
The application deadlines:
- 4th Monday of May or September – Application Deadline for full-time program consideration. Please note that a minimum of 10 – 12 qualified students must be accepted for the full-time track to be initiated.
- 4th Monday of October by 4:00 PM - Application Deadline for acceptance into the spring part-time class. Enrollment for the part-time program is capped at 20 students.
- Applications will not be processed more than one time.
- Students who are not accepted may meet with an advisor to discuss their application.

**WHAT TO INCLUDE WITH YOUR APPLICATION**
1. Official (sealed envelope) transcripts from other accredited institutions, or copy, if official is already on file in Central Admissions & Records identifying completion of required general educations in the A.A.S. in Nursing program curriculum.
2. An official high school transcript or G.E.D. must be on file with Central Admissions and Records. The transcript must identify biology, algebra and chemistry (or college equivalent) with at least a grade of C.

3. Copy of your current license as a Practical Nurse in Virginia
   - This license must be in good standing with the V.B.O.N.

4. Placement / Pre-Admission Testing
   - Kaplan pre-admission test scores
     - Reading = Minimum score 73%
     - Math = Minimum score 75%
     - Science = Minimum score 50%
     - Writing = Minimum score of 45%
   - College English and Math placement results, and, if required, evidence of completion of identified developmental courses.

WHERE TO SUBMIT APPLICATION
Central Admissions and Records
Attention: Nursing Application Process
J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
P.O. Box 85622
Richmond, VA. 23285-5622
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Before an application will be considered, all of the above courses must be satisfied either by enrollment or transfer credit. Required grade: “C”, or above. Students are responsible for completing and submitting to Central Records form #11-0036 for internal transfer of VCCS credit, or official transcripts from accredited college or universities.

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NUR 115 fulfills the general education personal wellness requirement.

**PROGRAM APPROVAL ACCREDITATION**

The A.A.S. degree nursing program is approved by the Virginia Board of Nursing, 9960 Mayland Road, Suite 300, Henrico, Va. 23233; and accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) at 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 500, Atlanta, GA 30326; (800) 669-1656 or www.acenursing.org. The part-time LPN to A.A.S. in Nursing degree has Provisional Approval from the Va. Board of Nursing. Full Approval will be requested following the graduation of the first class and the outcome of the NCLEX-RN licensure exam for this group. N.L.N.A.C. accreditation for this program is in process.
CONGRATULATIONS, YOU’RE ACCEPTED! WHAT NOW?

After a student is accepted he/she is required to attend a mandatory nursing program orientation meeting. All of the information below is covered in detail at this orientation.

PRE-ENTRANCE HEALTH REQUIREMENT
Completion of a physical examination, including immunizations and drug screening, is required immediately preceding enrollment in the first nursing course. Forms are provided after acceptance into the Associate Degree Nursing Program. Students must be free of any physical or mental condition that might adversely affect patient safety and performance as a student nurse. Validation of freedom from tuberculosis is required annually of all nursing students. Additional drug screening may be required randomly throughout the program.

FUNCTIONAL SKILLS REQUIREMENT
A student in the Nursing Program must be able to demonstrate the following functional skills. These skills are validated on the pre-entrance physical exam.

1) Sufficient eyesight to observe patients, read records, manipulate equipment, and visually monitor patients in dim light;
2) Sufficient hearing to (1) hear a baby’s cry, (2) hear an elderly patient’s whisper without facing the patient, (3) hear audible alarms and sounds, (4) communicate with patients and members of health care delivery team, (5) monitor patients using electronic equipment, and (6) auscultate physical assessment data – such as blood pressure, heart and lung sounds;
3) Satisfactory speaking skills to effectively communicate in English in a timely manner and to effectively interact with patients, families and health care team members;
4) Accurate writing skills to meet time constraints for documentation of client assessment and outcome of nursing care, as well as course written assignments. Correct spelling and grammar are mandatory;
5) Ability to read, understand, and implement written directions;
6) Sufficient bilateral finger dexterity to manipulate equipment;
7) Sufficient strength and mobility to lift, stoop or bend in the delivery of safe nursing care;
8) Satisfactory physical strength and endurance to stand for extended periods and to move immobile patients; and
9) Intellectual ability and emotional function to ensure patient safety and to exercise independent judgment and discretion in performing assigned tasks.

Clinical facilities used by the program may mandate additional requirements for students that include updated immunizations, dress codes and conformance with professional standards.

Here are some suggested time allowances for success:

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LEGAL RESTRICTIONS

The Virginia 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

http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?000+cod+54.1-3007

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.

BACKGROUND CHECKS (CORI)

Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) and drug screens are required of all students. Details concerning cost and vendor use will be provided during the new student orientation that occurs preceding the start of the first nursing course. The background check application and drug screen must be completed prior to the start of the first nursing course.

Applicants may not be allowed to continue in clinical area if deemed ineligible by the facility. Inability to complete the clinical portion of any nursing course will result in a failing grade for that course.

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NCLEX-RN Data

2013 = 83.23%
(passing score increased 4/1/13)
2012 = 96.21%
2011 = 95.08%
2010 = 91.06%
2009 = 91.67%
**ESTIMATED PROGRAM COSTS: SPRING 2014**

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**HOW TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID**

(LOANS/GRANTS)

Check this site for detailed information:
http://www.reynolds.edu/studentaffairs/faid.htm

Submit FAFSA to Federal Government
http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/
Reynolds code is: 003759

**JSR Financial Aid Advisor Contact Information:**
- 523-5455 Downtown
- 523-5368 Parham Rd Campus
- 523-5400 Western Campus

**Deadlines for submitting FAFSA:**
- Fall semester=April 15
- Spring semester=September 15
- Summer semester=March 15

Respond to all financial aid correspondence *quickly* to ensure your aid is not delayed. One of the most common reasons students do not receive aid is a delay in responding to the Financial Aid officer.

**Tip:** Apply for financial aid early!

**HOW TO APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS**

JSRCC scholarships are handled *separately* from financial aid. If you are applying for a JSRCC scholarship, your application materials should be submitted to the Scholarship Office.

Submitting JSRCC scholarship application materials to the college's Financial Aid office could cause your application to be delayed or misdirected.
- Please contact the JSRCC Scholarship Office to obtain an application: 804-523-5084
- Numerous scholarships have separate applications available at the Scholarship website:
  http://www.reynolds.edu/jsr_fnd/supportfdn/areas/scholarships.htm

**Deadlines** for submitting application to the Scholarship Office are:
- Fall Semester: March 31
- Spring Semester: October 1
APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE SUMMARY

1. Student has enrolled as a student at JSRCC and declared pre-nursing CSC program course of study.

2. Student completes identified required general education course work with C or better.

3. All transfer courses from colleges and/or VCCS programs are officially recorded in the student’s program of study.

4. Student completes Kaplan Nurse Admissions Test, and achieves, at least, the minimum scores required for application.


6. Student attends a Nursing information session within 6 months of submission of application. See website for dates:

   http://www.reynolds.edu/get_started/programs/snah/degrees_and_certificates.aspx

7. Student submits a complete application packet by the identified deadline.

8. All applications are reviewed for completeness. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

   Completed applications include the following:
   - Unofficial high school transcript (official must be on file with Central Admissions and Records)
   - Unofficial college transcript (if pre-requisites were not taken at JSRCC or completed at a non-VCCS school. Official transcripts must be sent to Central Admissions and Records, form 11-0036 must be submitted to transfer VCCS courses to JSRCC)
   - Copy of qualifying scores on Kaplan Nursing Admission Test
   - Copy of qualifying scores on Math Placement tests
   - Copy of license as a Practical Nurse for the state of Virginia

9. Applications are ranked based on the:
   - Kaplan Nursing Admission Test Scores

10. Once the cohort is filled an alternate list is generated.
    - The alternate list does not carry over from one semester to the next.
    - The alternate list is only maintained until the start date of the program.

11. Applicants for the program are notified via Central Admissions and Records 4 – 6 weeks after the deadline.

12. If a student is not admitted one semester and wants to be considered for the next class, he/she must reapply.
13. Students in Allied Health programs are required to have American Heart Association Basic Life Support C.P.R. for the Health Care Provider. Documentation is required and must be provided prior to the first nursing class. Classes are offered at the College as well as various organizations in Richmond.

14. Once accepted, students admitted into the AAS Nursing Program are required to complete a (1) Health form, (2) Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) check, (3) Drug Screening. These must be completed and returned by the deadline date or students will lose his/her seat in the program.

15. Students who seek to defer his/her acceptance to a future term must reapply.

16. **Health Form:** Admitted students must have a health form completed by their physician prior to start of the first clinical course. Forms are distributed to students during the program’s mandatory orientation. A complete Health Form includes the following documentation:
   - Medical history
   - Complete physical
   - A negative Mantoux within six months of the first nursing class. This documentation must include date and results. If Mantoux is positive then a chest x-ray is required within the past seven years and a letter from student’s physician indicating no active disease.
   - Tetanus/Diphtheria (coverage must cover the entire length of the program)
   - Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) documentation of positive titer or two live doses
   - Varicella (Chicken pox) documentation of positive titer or two live doses
   - Hepatitis B – documentation of positive titer or three doses of vaccine.

17. **Drug Screening:** Some clinical partners require drug screenings for clinical placement at their facility. These providers reserve the right to refuse and/or reject students whose drug test does not meet facility guidelines. Students who test positive for the presence of illegal drugs may lose their clinical placement and may have difficulty with placement in another facility. Students who cannot complete their clinical practica are ineligible for graduation. Drug screening may be repeated during the program.

18. **CORI:** Students enrolled in an Allied Health program that includes a clinical placement are required to complete a Criminal Offender Record Information check in accordance with Virginia state law. Virginia law permits clinical agencies to require CORI checks for all employees and/or volunteers who have direct or indirect contact with patients and/or clients. Clinical agencies reserve the right to refuse and/or reject students who do not meet their facility CORI and drug screen guidelines. Please be advised that the ability to complete clinical requirements of the Nursing Program is specifically conditional on a satisfactory CORI check. Admission into the Nursing Program which requires a clinical practicum does not represent or warrant an agreement that a student is eligible for a clinical placement. Students who do not complete required clinical coursework are ineligible for graduation.

19. In order to maintain a seat in the Nursing program specific deadlines must be met for each of the activities or items discussed above. If a student misses a deadline, he/she will be notified of his/her removal from the list of accepted students. The next student on the alternate list will be notified of his/her acceptance into the program. This list does not carry over from one semester or application period to the next.
Documents and activities that must be submitted and completed by a specific deadline date include:

- ✔ Mandatory Orientation
- ✔ Health Form
- ✔ CPR documentation
- ✔ CORI / Drug Screen
FAQs
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

✓ Is there a time limitation as to when I took a math course?
A student must have completed MTH 126 or higher within the last 10 years and place into MTE Level 3 or above. Math Placement test must be within one (1) year of application to pre-nursing CSC.

✓ Why do LPNs have to take the Kaplan Preadmission Test?
The Kaplan pre-admission tests provide you, and the Program, information about your reading comprehension, math, science, and writing level of competency. Our research indicates that having a reading comprehension level equal to that of the textbooks used in the program, assists in predicting your success with the program. The same data is applicable to management of dosage calculations. Science score data correlates to student success in nursing programs. Understanding your strengths, weaknesses and areas of concerns, assists us in advising students who find the associate degree program challenging.

✓ Do I need to have CPR certification when I enter the program?
Yes, the American Heart Association, Basic Life Support for Health Professionals is mandatory. Their program offers a two year certification, which should cover the length of the program. JSR and other Richmond area health care providers offer this course.

✓ Where are the clinical locations and how far will I have to travel?
The Nursing Program utilizes a variety of hospitals and mental health facilities throughout the Richmond Metropolitan area.

✓ What developmental course(s) do I take if I didn’t have a C or better in high school Biology, Chemistry, and/or Algebra?
The college offers BIO 1 or CHM 1. These are “refresher” courses. The credits are not transferable or applicable to graduation requirements for the Associate degree but do apply for the pre-nursing certificate. If a student needs high school algebra, they must test out or complete MTE modules 1 through 6. Applicants may also complete these requirement through Nursing ABC (www.nursingabc.com)

✓ Once accepted, what minimum GPA do I have to maintain?
All nursing students must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0.

✓ Does the VPT math and English placement tests transfer from other VCCS schools?
Yes

✓ Are general education courses in the A.A.S. in Nursing curriculum taken at another VCCS school accepted at JSRCC?
Yes. A student must have 25% of the courses for the degree they are seeking completed at JSRCC.

✓ What do I list as grades for transfer courses?
The letter grade received for the course.

✓ Do you accept Tease, A.T.I. or HESI test scores?
No, we require everyone to take the Kaplan test for consistency with our admission process. Kaplan pre-admission test is free.

Kaplan questions
✓ How many times can I take the Kaplan test?
Twice within a 2 year time period.

✓ How long are Kaplan scores good for?
2 years

✓ If I take the Kaplan test twice, do you take the higher scores from each test?
Yes
When can I take the Kaplan test?

It is recommended that a student complete their science courses prior to taking the Kaplan pre-admission nursing test.

APPLICANT CHECKLIST

Students must complete all requirements of Pre-Nursing and Allied Health CSC

Checklist for the LPN to RN application

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