

LPN to Nursing AAS Bridge (LPN to RN) Summer 2026

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The **traditional** Nursing Program is a four-semester program and we accept one time a year and classes will begin in the Fall of each year which is usually in the mid to later part of August.

The LPN to Nursing AAS Bridge program is a three-semester program and we accept one time a year and classes will begin in the summer of each year which is in May and the

deadline for application is **October 1** prior to summer and the pre-requisite courses need to be complete by end of fall prior to summer admission.

Let me begin by saying we do not have a waiting list for this program. We go through an acceptance process each year to consider all applicants that have made application---in this instance from January through the application deadline of October 1 each fall.

This presentation will discuss the Admissions Criteria and Process, the prerequisites for the program, the LPN to RN Curriculum, a typical schedule for the first semester, if accepted, estimated cost of the program and Admissions Information.

Pre-Requisites-Traditional Nursing Program

(NOTE: LPN to Nursing AAS Bridge pre-reqs-next slide)

- High School Level: Chemistry
- College Level: Anatomy and Physiology I, ENG 111, PSY230, two credit SDV 101. All must be completed with final grade of “C” or higher by end of **Spring** prior to Fall admission
- Pre-requisite GPA needs to be 2.5 or higher and cumulative GPA needs to be 2.0 or higher by end of fall prior to fall enrollment
- All science courses must have lab component
- Scores on Kaplan individual sections needs to be 45% or higher for all categories

INFORMATION FOR TRADITIONAL NURSING PROGRAM—INFORMATION FOR LPN TO NURSING AAS BRIDGE IS ON THE FOLLOWING SLIDE. This is a reference to see how the L2R works with the Traditional Nursing Program.

We include the traditional nursing program pre-requisites as a reference for the “why” the pre-requisites for the LPN to RN program. which are included on the next slide. We also, in a future slide include the Traditional Curriculum and then the LPN to RN Transition.

For high school grades for prerequisite of Chemistry—if grades are on semester and one semester you make a “B” and the second semester you make a “D”—you will need to repeat this course at VWCC or another community college. Both semester grades need to be a C or above unless number averages are included.

College level Anatomy and Physiology (BIO 141) must be completed with a grade of “C” or higher. Course sequence can also be BIO 231/232 as well. Must have lab component and be completed within five years of beginning the program. Prerequisite for BIO 141 is a recent Biology or NAS 2 completion (“c” or higher /’s”) within the last three years.

Cumulative GPA is calculated at the end of Fall semester. College GPA must be based on at least 12 credit hours of college credit in a 12-month timeframe.

We look at academic history from HS to most recent, with an emphasis placed on the most recent academic accomplishments.

In order to be considered for the Fall Traditional Nursing program, you must be either a HS Graduate or have obtained a GED.

In addition, the courses required to be considered are one unit each of Chemistry completed with a grade of “C” or higher by the end of Spring prior to fall admission. (Chemistry must have a lab component in order to be utilized in fulfilling the lab science requirements.) If you took any of the classes in High School and the grades are on the semester system you will need to make a “C” or higher in each semester to be considered as having met the requirement. For instance, if you took Biology in High School and one semester made a “C” and the second semester you made a “D” with out a final grade being given, that is a class that you will need to repeat in order to fulfill the prerequisite. In college, one semester of each course passed with a grade of “C” or higher will be sufficient. Therefore, the classes can be completed in High School or college as long as the grade was “C” or higher. If you need to complete Algebra I, that is MDE 10 at VWCC. If you need to complete CHM 5, you will need to have completed MDE 10, within the last five years or tested into a college-level math within the last three years in order to register for the CHM 5. if you need to complete the BIO 101, the requirements are math units 1-5 and eligibility for ENG 111 or co-enroll in ENF3/ENG 111 with the BIO 101 or complete the ENF3/ENG 111 prior to enrolling in BIO 101. A New Student Advisor, located in Chapman Hall can assist you with the math navigation for the CHM 5 at VWCC.

College level Anatomy and Physiology I is also required as a pre-requisite by the end of Spring prior to fall admission. You can complete the series at other Institutions of BIO 231/232. The Anatomy and Physiology I and II must be completed within the last five years of beginning the program. Courses must be completed with a grade of “C” or higher. Recent Biology (within the last three years) is a pre-requisite for the BIO 141 course at VWCC. Check with Counselors at other colleges to determine the prerequisite for their Anatomy and Physiology courses.

Pre-requisite GPA needs to be 2.5 or higher by end of spring prior to fall admission.

Pre-Requisite for LPN to Nursing AAS Bridge

- High School Level: Chemistry
- College Level: Anatomy and Physiology I and II
- College Level: ENG 111, PSY 230, two credit SDV 101—SDV credits can be awarded with receipt of official documentation of completion of regionally accredited LPN program and valid VA LPN license
- All courses must be completed with final grade of “C” or higher **by end of Fall for following Summer admission—except the BIO 142 can be completed in spring prior to fall admission**
- Anatomy and Physiology I and II must be completed within **five years** of Fall of beginning the program.
- All science courses must have lab component

The difference between the Traditional RN program and the LPN to Nursing AAS Bridge pre-requisites include **the additional of BIO 142.**

Pre-requisites must be completed by **end of fall prior to summer admission for the LPN to AAS RN. EXCEPTION of BIO 142-Anatomy and Physiology II** can be completed in **spring 2026** and must be completed by May 15 and the official transcript must arrive by May 24 to maintain place in cohort, if accepted.

Pre-requisite for CHM 5 at VWCC includes completion of MDE 10 or direct placement. Math must be completed recently to be eligible to enroll in CHM 5.

Anatomy and Physiology I and II must be completed within five years of beginning the program.

The pre-requisite for BIO 141 at VWCC is readiness for ENG 111 and completion of BIO 101 or NAS 2 within the last three years with final grade of “C” or higher or “S”. The other option includes completing the challenge exam to test into BIO 141. and achieving at least a 75% or higher within three years of registering for BIO 141.

Please note that credit can be awarded for completion of LPN program for the two credit SDV requirement.

Remember the application deadline is **October 1** for the following summer transition.

Prerequisites –con't

Pre-requisite GPA needs to be 2.5 or higher by end of fall prior to summer admission (BIO 141, ENG 111, PSY 230, two credit SDV 101—LPN program completion can be used to fulfill the two credit SDV requirement)

Cumulative GPA needs to be 2.0 or higher by end of fall semester prior to summer admission

Register and attend mandatory informational session in the fall prior to summer admission. Sessions will begin in September 2025 and must be completed by November 1, 2025 .

Preferred Score of 45% on each section of Kaplan Nursing Entrance Test. Composite score on Kaplan must be 45% or higher to maintain eligibility. Test is administered in November or perhaps December prior to summer admission.

Pre-requisite GPA must be 2.5 or higher and will be calculated in January when fall semester grades have posted.

Cumulative GPA needs to be 2.0 or higher by end of fall prior to summer admission.

Mandatory Informational Session held in the fall and you must register using the Extended Services Application associated with Virginia Western CC.

(<https://appls.virginiawestern.edu/esa> and log in with your VWCC credentials).

Click **Health Professions Services** and Nursing and follow the prompts to register for the LPN to AAS Bridge Informational Session. Must register and attend between September 1 and November 1st prior to summer transition.

45% or higher is preferred on each of the five Kaplan Entrance Test categories must be achieved (Math, English, Science, Reading and Writing and Critical Thinking). The composite score needs to be 45% or higher to maintain eligibility for consideration for the summer cohort. The Kaplan will be administered in mid to late November and perhaps early December prior to summer consideration. Applicants will be notified in mid to late January of their status regarding the summer program.

Notification for the Kaplan will be sent using the email in Navigate and it may be as a Navigate Campaign. Please be sure and turn on all notifications in Navigate to be sure that you are receiving the communication for the steps to complete the testing.

Prerequisite Information

- **Chemistry**

Students who need Chemistry must have completed MDE 10 within the last five years (or a higher-level math). If math course over five years, must complete MDE 10 or direct place into college-level math prior to registering for Chemistry (CHM 5)

There could potentially be changes to the validation of previous math completed. A New Student Advisor will be able to assess your previous math courses and performance and begin to offer dialog regarding your beginning math courses, if any are needed, prior to CHM 5.

Prerequisite Information

- **Biology**-must have recent, college-level, Biology (within the last three years) with a “C” or higher before registering for the BIO 141 (Anatomy and Physiology I). Applicants must have completed the MDE 10 within the last five years (or a higher-level math) to register for BIO101 or NAS 2. If over for five years, students must Direct Enroll into a college-level Biology. Students must also be eligible for ENG 111 and co-enroll in ENF3/ENG 111 if deemed necessary by the VPT English. If a student has completed ENG 111 in the past and has received credit for the ENG 111 (either by completion of the course or by transfer), this should not apply to you.

You may select either BIO 101—four credits or the three credit NAS 2— (Pass/Fail) to fulfill the prerequisite for BIO 141 at VWCC

You may also try to test into BIO 141 with the challenge exam—arrangements are made with an Advisor

Prerequisite Information

- **Anatomy and Physiology I (BIO 141)**

-Must be completed within five years of beginning of the program. Must be completed by end of fall prior to summer consideration. Must be completed with final grade of "C" or higher.

-Pre-requisite for enrollment for BIO 141 includes: completion of BIO 101 and final grade of "C" or higher within the last three years, or successful completion of NAS 2 within the last three years or successfully passing the challenge exam to test into BIO 141 with the last three year at 75% or higher.

If you wish to try and test into BIO 141, without a recent Biology, you may contact the Nursing Program Advisor, Ms. Ainsley on the process for trying to test into BIO 141.

Prerequisite Information

- **BIO 142-Anatomy and Physiology II—**

Is the **ONLY** prerequisite that can be completed in **spring** semester. Course must be passed with “c” or higher and must be complete by **May 15** and we must receive the official transcript by **May 24** prior to summer start to maintain status in cohort, if accepted.

If course is completed at another VCCS college, you will need to notify us by May 24 that the grade for spring completion of BIO 142 has been posted to SIS.

Prerequisite Information

- **ENG 111, PSY 230 and two credit SDV 101-Orientation to Health Professions.** All prerequisites must be completed **by end of fall** prior to summer consideration with final grade “C” or higher. Again, please note that two credits of SDV can be awarded for completion of a LPN program, upon receipt of official transcripts showing degree/certificate/diploma awarded.

Two credit SDV 101-Orientation to Health Professions –credit may be awarded for a previously completed SDV 100-two credit course, or achievement of Associate Degree or Bachelor’s Degree. Two credits of SDV 101 can be awarded for completion of LPN program, showing graduation/completion from the program.

Please note that if all prerequisite grades were “C” level, the prerequisite GPA will not be 2.5 or higher.

Prerequisite Information

- Must be Board Eligible by beginning of Summer School (typically mid-May)
- Must have LPN license, to practice in Virginia, by August 1
- Will need to submit valid Virginia LPN license by August 1 prior to progressing to second level RN in Fall.
- If already a LPN and you have the Valid Virginia LPN license, please be prepared to submit with LPN to AAS Bridge application or at time of orientation for L2R, if requested.
- The Valid Virginia, unencumbered, LPN license, must remain valid until graduation from the RN program.

Pre-Requisite Information

- Cumulative GPA must be 2.0 by **end of Fall** for the summer Transition. This is based on the most recent school with at least 12 credit hours
- Pre-requisite GPA needs to be 2.5 or higher **by end of fall** prior to summer consideration (BIO141, ENG 111, PSY 230, two credit SDV 101-Orientation to Health Professions)

Traditional Program

• Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring
<u>BIO 142-4</u>	NSG 152-3	NSG 210-5	NSG 230-2
NSG 100-4	NSG 170-6	NSG 211-5	NSG 252-4
NSG 106-2	<u>BIO 150-4</u>	<u>NSG ELE-3</u>	NSG 270-4
NSG 130-1		(ENG 112 OR HLT 230 OR SOC 200)	
NSG 200-3			<u>PHI 220-3</u>

This slide includes the curriculum for the Traditional Nursing program with the number of credit hours listed beside each course. The support classes are underlined above.

Support Classes

-**BIO 150**-General Microbiology—must be completed within five years of beginning the program, if previously completed. Recommended to be completed prior to summer Transition Nursing Courses. Will need to be complete in summer semester with NSG 115 and NSG 200 if not completed prior to entry.

-**NSG Elective** (choose one from ENG 112 or HLT 230 or SOC 200)—recommended to be completed prior to entry. Will need to be complete in fall semester following summer transition courses if not previously completed.

-**PHI 220**-Ethics—if not completed prior to entry, will be complete in final spring semester.

It is recommended that the support classes be completed prior to entry to lighten the academic load. However, if not previously completed, then BIO 150 will be completed in summer and Nursing Elective will be completed in Fall and PHI 220 will be completed in final Spring semester if accepted into the LPN to RN Transition Program.

Please note that students enrolled in the CSC: Intro to Nursing, FA will not cover all support classes prior to entry. All support classes for the program are not included in the CSC. There is a limited # of credit hours allowed in the CSC.

If you are a graduate of the VWCC LPN program, FA will not cover the prerequisite of BIO 142. The BIO 142 or BIO 150 or PHI 220 is included in the CSC Introduction to Nursing. FA will cover only one of the courses and the PHI 220 course is included in the Practical Nursing program and therefore, the course requirement in the CSC has been fulfilled. Therefore, you will need to plan on paying out of pocket for the prerequisite course of BIO 142. You can work with FA on a payment plan and etc.

LPN to AAS Bridge Transition Curriculum (L2R)

Summer	Fall	Spring
NSG 115-5(Trans.)	NSG 210-5	NSG 230-2
NSG 200-3(HLT PRO)	NSG 211-5	NSG 252-4
<u>BIO 150-4</u>	<u>NSG ELE-3*</u>	NSG 270-4
	* <small>(ENG 112 OR HLT 230 OR SOC 200)</small>	<u>PHI 220-3</u>

Only one attempt for NSG 115 is allowed.

The support are underlined above—it is recommended that the BIO 150, NSG elective or PHI 220 be completed prior to Transition but it is not required. By completing the support courses prior to admission, if accepted, it will lighten your academic load.

Microbiology, if previously completed, must be completed within five years of beginning the program and with final grade of “C” or higher.

NSG elective: may choose one from ENG 112 or HLT 230-Nutrition or SOC 200-Introduction to Sociology

Nursing Courses-Traditional

FALL

NSG 100-Introduction to Nursing Concepts
NSG 106-Competencies for Nursing Practice
NSG 130-Professional Nursing Concepts
NSG 200-Health Promotion and Assessment

SPRING

NSG 152-Health Care Participant
NSG 170-Health/Illness Concepts

FALL

NSG 210-Health Care Concepts I
NSG 211-Health Care Concepts II

SPRING

NSG 230-Advanced Professional Nursing Concepts
NSG 252-Complex Health Care Concepts
NSG 270-Nursing Capstone

This slide contains just the nursing courses included in the traditional nursing program. The next slide contains the LPN to RN coursework.

Courses-LPN to RN

SUMMER

NSG 115-Healthcare Concepts for Transition

NSG 200-Health Promotion and Assessment

FALL

NSG 210-Health Care Concepts I

NSG 211-Health Care Concepts II

SPRING

NSG 230-Advanced Professional Nursing Concepts

NSG 252-Complex Health Care Concepts

NSG 270-Nursing Capstone

Here you can see the Transition Courses that begin in the summer and the L2R students join 2nd year Nursing. They by-pass the first two semesters of RN coursework and complete the Transition in summer and then fall and spring.

Course Information

- Once LPN to RN students successfully complete the third semester of nursing (NSG 210 and NSG211), they will be given credit for the other NSG courses in first and second semester for their valid –unencumbered Virginia LPN license and successful completion of Transition courses.
- The total number of credits to graduate will be 65 for the LPN to AAS Bridge students which is the same number of credit hours for the Traditional Program.

Application Process

- Apply to VWCC and indicate your plan as CSC: Introduction to Nursing
- Submit official High School, GED scores-if applicable), LPN transcripts and official transcripts from all colleges attempted.
- Submit completed LPN to AAS Bridge application (available on web-site)
- Submit all application materials to the following:

VWCC

ATTN. School of Health Professions (or Pam Woody)
3091 Colonial Ave.
Roanoke, VA 24015

Application Process-con't

- Submit copy of current license to practice in Virginia (for those who have completed a program)

OR

- Must be a Graduate of an LPN program by May prior to summer transition courses and then must supply Valid Virginia, unencumbered, LPN License by August 1 prior to fall of second year nursing

Deadline for Application

Deadline for application and all application materials is

October 1

First Friday Sessions

- Applicants are encouraged to attend a “First Friday Best Application Practices” that is held the first Friday of every month in Fralin, Room 210 from 1-~2:30. The application steps, process and criteria for the restricted Health Programs at VWCC are covered in these sessions and a time to answer questions is also available. (**Note**—this session is different from the mandatory Informational Sessions.)

Mandatory Informational Session

Applicants must register and attend the mandatory informational session to assist applicants with information regarding the time and money commitment to the program, if accepted. Concept-based educational is also discussed in relation to the Nursing program. Must register using the ESA app on the VW website and must attend between September 1 to November 1 (fall prior to summer Transition)

Mandatory Informational Session will be held in the fall and you must register using the **Extended Services Application** associated with Virginia Western CC. (<https://appls.virginiawestern.edu/esa> and log in with your VWCC credentials). Click **Health Professions Services** and Nursing and follow the prompts to register for the LPN to AAS Bridge Informational Session. Must register and attend between September 1 to November 1st (depending upon last session held) in the fall as part of the application process prior to Summer Transition

Entrance Test

Applicants for summer transition who meet **application deadline of October 1** and the minimum pre-requisites will be required to complete an entrance evaluation based on LPN skills including math, knowledge of science, critical thinking and etc. This evaluation will be Kaplan. You may research for free study guides on testprepreview.com and choose Nursing entrance test (or something similar) or Google “Kaplan Nursing Entrance Exam”. There are also links to review guides in the FAQ on both the RN and LPN to RN Frequently Asked Questions.

Entrance Test

- Test will be given on one day in November/December depending upon calendar. It will be on the computer and at student's expense. (Must score at 45 percentile on the composite score and the preferred score of 45% or higher on each section to be considered for a class position.) Notification of testing date will be emailed to student and we sometimes use the Navigate platform to send the testing information. Testing will typically occur in mid to late November. Please turn on your notifications in Navigate, so that you will be notified of the process to register for the testing.
- We will try and notify applicants of their status regarding the program in late-January since we must wait for fall grades to be posted to calculate the pre-requisite GPA which is also considered for admission.

Kaplan: Math, English, Reading, Science, & Critical Thinking
Composite must be 45 % or higher

Number Admitted for LPN to RN

We plan to accept **between eight and fifteen or eighteen** students into the LPN to RN for each Summer. (The actual number admitted will be determined based on the total number of current students in the program.) The admission decisions will be based on Prerequisite GPA and the results of the Kaplan, each individual score and the Critical Thinking score (again minimum composite must be 45% or higher). Everyone who could potentially meet the minimum criteria will be offered the opportunity to complete the entrance test for Nursing. Please be aware that meeting the minimum criteria does not guarantee admission into the program.

Student Responsibilities

Details will be given in Spring to incoming students

- Attend mandatory Orientation Session for incoming students (typically held in March prior to summer start)
- Complete medical form and other required information by due dates- (information given at orientation)
- Clear Background/Drug Screen Check (information given at orientation)

Tentative Summer Session Schedule

Information can change by summer

- Clinical will be 12 hours one day a week for approximately 7-8 weeks(or more)(6:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.)
- Classes and Nursing Skills will be approximately two days a week
- Courses will be intense in summer and you are not recommended to work during this time period.

Tentative Schedule for Fall/Spring

- Lecture will be two days a week (typically Tuesday and Thursday) for approximately three hours
- Clinical will be twelve hours for one to two days per week (6:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.)
- Nursing Skills lab will be one day a week

Essential Functions for RN

- Here is the link to the Essential Functions and Expected Qualities for Success for incoming students:

<http://www.viriniawestern.edu/academics/health-professions/nursing/qualities-for-success>

The above are the abilities needed by the nursing students to meet program objectives and requirements.

The above statement of criteria is not intended as a complete listing of nursing practice behaviors, but is a sampling of the types of abilities needed by the nursing student to meet program objectives and requirements. This listing may be amended by clinical facilities and/or Nursing program.

Students who are unable to meet the Nursing Program Functions cannot meet objectives for clinical courses; therefore, cannot meet course requirements.

Despite the foregoing, a qualified person with a disability who can perform these essential functions with reasonable accommodation will be considered for admission along with other qualified applicants.