

FAQ's for the Nursing Program

1. Do you have advanced Placement for LPN's?

We do not offer advanced placement for LPNs.

2. Can you complete the program in less than 2 years (4 semesters)?

No- the nursing courses are sequential, so you must complete one nursing level before moving on to the next. Therefore, it will take 2 years to complete.

3. How do I join the BS program?

Graduates of the AAS degree may directly enroll in the RN-BS program after filling out the "intent to enroll" form.

4. Do you enroll for the spring semester?

Yes- at the Morrisville Campus. The Norwich campus enrolls for fall only.

5. Do you have an application deadline?

No- we work on a "rolling admissions" basis and take applications until the program fills up. For the fall semester, we usually fill up in May. For the spring semester, we fill up in late November. We recommend to apply early.

6. Do you have a wait list?

No. Applicants are reviewed each semester. When the program is full, those with complete applications are notified by our admissions department that they can be accepted into individual studies with a nursing interest. Students that take this option are on track for a major change during a later semester when spots become available. This track adds *at least* one semester onto the length of the program.

7. Do you accept transfer credits? Do you accept online credits?

Yes, we accept transfer credits completed within the last 7 years. Online credits are accepted with the EXCEPTION of science classes. All sciences MUST have at least an in-person lab to transfer.

8. What is the starting salary for new nurses?

The starting salary at area hospitals ranges from \$38,434 to \$44,969 depending on the hospital. This does not include a pay differential for working evenings, nights, weekends, or holidays.

9. What is the cost of the program?

Please refer to the [college costs webpage](#) for tuition costs. There will be fees added for uniforms, books, clinical agency parking, etc. Once the student has completed the program there will be additional fees for licensure and NCLEX exams.

10. What pre-admission exams do I have to take and where do I take them?

The TEAS exam is required for all incoming nursing students. Information and registration for the TEAS test is available at www.atitesting.com. The exam is offered at the Morrisville and Norwich campuses along with other locations throughout the state.

11. What if I don't score high enough on the TEAS?

If the required score is not achieved on the first attempt, it is recommended that students wait a minimum of 6 weeks before repeating the exam. Students are allowed two attempts.

12. What Placement exams do I have to take and where do I take them?

A math placement exam is required for all students coming into the program that do not already have college-level math completed. *We recommend that all students take the math placement test.* The test is done online through web for students. A math level of MATH 102: Intermediate Algebra with Trigonometry or above is required for admission into the nursing program.

13. Is the nursing program offered evenings and/or weekends?

No, the program is mainly a day program for the Morrisville Campus. The Norwich campus does have more evening classes, but not all classes are guaranteed to be in the evening. There are no weekend options.

14. Can the nursing program be completed part-time?

If all pre-requisite courses and GNEC courses that go along with the nursing program are already complete, the program can be done part time. (English, psychology, sciences, etc.) *The program still will take 2 years to complete.*

15. Can I take a nursing course without being matriculated in the nursing program?

No, a student must be matriculated into the nursing program before taking any nursing classes.

16. Can I apply for the LPN license while attending this program?

No- As of June 2007, the New York State Dept. of Education changed their policy and no longer allows students from an RN program to request licensure as a Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) without attending an LPN program.

17. Is a laptop required?

Yes, a laptop is required for the nursing program. We recommend that you purchase a laptop through the school as it will be programmed with all the information that you need. If you bring your own laptop, please bring it to the laptop helpdesk to verify it is compatible with our programming.

18. Is transportation provided to clinical?

Yes, Morrisville has shuttle buses that will take you to clinical and back to campus with no additional cost to you. You are also welcome to drive to clinical yourself. During your preceptorship during your last semester of the program, all students are required to provide their own transportation. There is no transportation provided for Norwich campus students.

19. How many students are admitted into the program?

We currently admit 84 students into our fall cohort and 63 students into our spring cohort at the Morrisville Campus. The Norwich campus admits 42 students into the fall cohort.

20. What is the difference between the Nursing program at the Morrisville and Norwich campuses?

The nursing program at the Morrisville Campus and Norwich campus mirror each other and the content taught is the same at both campuses. The Norwich Campus is geared toward students that live in the Norwich area and the clinical facilities used are near the Norwich area. The Morrisville program has clinical facilities in the Syracuse, Utica, and surrounding areas.