



Important Information Regarding the LPN to Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program

It is very important that all applicants are aware of the unique features of this online nursing program. Distance education is as challenging as face-to-face instruction, if not more so. The nursing component of this dual degree program requires outstanding critical thinking skills and nursing judgment, along with a commitment to academic rigor.

Applicants to the LPN to BS in Nursing program are required to read this important information and to acknowledge understanding by signing this form. Your application to Excelsior University School of Nursing cannot be completed without the receipt of this signed form.

- The LPN to BS in Nursing program is a dual degree program designed for LPNs and LVNs who wish to earn a bachelor's degree in nursing. Students will earn an AAS in nursing midway toward completing a bachelor's degree.
- A student's possession of an LPN or LVN does not guarantee success in this program.
- The LPN to BS in Nursing program is designed for individuals with experience in clinical settings. Students will have opportunities to expand upon existing clinical skills and knowledge throughout the curriculum.
- Students are required to submit a [Verification of Health Care Experience Form](#) signed by a clinical supervisor at the time of admission and again prior to course approval for NUR 250.
- Program progression from the associate degree to the bachelor's-level clinical courses of this dual degree program is contingent upon successful completion of the NCLEX-RN and possession of an unencumbered RN license.
- Students enrolled in the LPN to BS in Nursing program are assigned a primary academic advisor but may also work with different members of the academic advisement team during their enrollment.
- Repeating any Excelsior University sources of credit will require students to pay the tuition and/or fees that are associated with that requirement. Students will be responsible for paying the Academic Services Fee for each term they continue in the program.

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- A student’s success or failure in completing program requirements (including all Excelsior University sources of credit) will affect their progress through the LPN to BS in Nursing program. The time limit for completion of the LPN to BS in Nursing program is six years.
- [Pass rates for the National Council Licensure Examination-RN \(NCLEX-RN\)](#) are updated and available on the Excelsior University website.
- Because each institution of higher education maintains its own credit transfer policy, credits earned in Excelsior’s LPN to BS in Nursing program are not likely to transfer to other institutions.
- The LPN to Bachelor of Science in Nursing program is approved and accredited by the New York State Board of Regents. Additionally, Excelsior University is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. The bachelor’s-level component of the LPN to Bachelor of Science in Nursing program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN). The associate level of this program does not have ACEN accreditation. A student must complete both the associate and the bachelor’s-level components of this program to graduate from an ACEN-accredited program. ACEN accreditation is required for professional licensure in certain states, which may be found on the [State Authorization and Disclosures webpage](#). Additionally, some employers and higher education institutions may require graduation from a nursing program with ACEN accreditation as a condition of employment or admission into a nursing program.
- Students are responsible for reading and understanding the RN licensure requirements in the state they hope to practice in following graduation or if considering relocation. Students may consult with the State Board team and review the [State Authorization and Disclosures webpage](#) for current information regarding eligibility for RN licensure in each state and U.S. jurisdiction.
- Students are encouraged to read the [Excelsior University Catalog](#) prior to applying.

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the information provided in this document.

Name _____ Student ID _____

Signature _____ Date _____