

Important Information Regarding the Associate Degree 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 the associate degree program requires outstanding critical thinking skills and nursing judgment, along with a commitment to academic rigor.

Applicants to the associate degree in nursing programs are required to read this important information and to acknowledge understanding by signing this form. Your application to Excelsior College School of Nursing cannot be completed without the receipt of this signed form.

- The [associate degree nursing program](#) is designed for LPNs, LVNs, paramedics, and certain classifications of active duty military, National Guard, or Reserves within specific military occupations with equivalent scope of practice to LPN/LVN or paramedic.
- A student's possession of an LPN, LVN, Paramedic, or Military Corpsmen credential does not guarantee success in the associate degree nursing program.
- Excelsior College is not associated with, nor does it endorse, any external organization, external firm, or group that provides theoretical and clinical learning opportunities for students. Learning opportunities and resources are provided by the College and are described on our [Test Preparation Advisory](#) web page.
- The School of Nursing offers [three modes of delivery](#) for the nursing theory series requirements: online courses, Nursing Theory Conference Examinations (NTCXs), and independent-study examinations. The eight theory requirements cover the same content, regardless of the method of delivery.
- The associate degree program is designed for individuals with experience in clinical settings. There is no clinical instruction provided in the associate degree nursing program. Students demonstrate their clinical competence during the capstone performance examination, the [Clinical Performance in Nursing Examination \(CPNE\)](#).
- Students are required to submit a [Verification of Health Care Experience Form](#) signed by a clinical supervisor at the time of admission and again at the time of FCCA eligibility.
- Students enrolled in the associate degree nursing program are assigned a primary academic advisor but may also work with different members of the academic advisement team during their enrollment.
- The wait time to test at each CPNE site varies depending on application volume at each site.

- Repeating any Excelsior College course, examination, NTCX, or performance examination will require students to pay the tuition and/or fees that are associated with that requirement. This includes the CPNE application fee, travel, and lodging for each administration of the CPNE. Students will be responsible for paying the Student Services Annual Fee for each year they continue in the associate degree nursing program.
- Students who fail the CPNE will be required to retake all portions of the examination.
- A student's success or failure in completing program requirements (including courses, examinations, NTCX, and the CPNE) will affect his or her progress through the associate degree nursing program. The time limit for completion of the associate degree is seven years.
- During the CPNE, Excelsior will seek to provide each student with a pediatric patient; however, an adult patient may be substituted if an appropriate pediatric patient is not available.
- [Pass rates for the CPNE and the National Council Licensure Examination-RN \(NCLEX-RN\)](#) and the CPNE are updated and available on the Excelsior College website.
- Because each institution of higher education maintains its own credit transfer policy, credits earned in Excelsior's associate degree in nursing program may or may not be transferable to other institutions.
- Students are responsible for reading and understanding the RN licensure requirements in the state of their choice when planning for program completion or considering a change in their permanent address. Students may consult with the State Board team and review the [State Board Requirements](#) web page for current information regarding eligibility for RN licensure in each state and U.S. jurisdiction.
- Students are encouraged to read the [School of Nursing catalog](#) prior to enrolling in a program of study.

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

Name (print) _____

Student ID# _____

Signature _____

Date _____