

Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) RN Bridge Option

This program is designed to facilitate the achievement of a registered nurse level education by Licensed Paramedics and LPNs who qualify for admission. Applicants must have an active and unincumbered Tennessee license. Licensed Paramedics and LPNs that qualify for admission and graduate from this program are eligible to apply to take the state examination to become a Registered Nurse (RN).

The night/weekend RN Bridge option requires 4 semesters to complete after admission to the program. This program begins in the fall.

Admission Process

Please read the following information carefully. Minimum requirements for admission to the RN Bridge Option are listed below. All items are required. **Meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee acceptance into the program.**

Step 1: Apply to the College.

In order to apply to the nursing program, the applicant must first be admitted to Roane State. All college transcripts should be submitted to the Roane State Admissions and Records Office prior to the nursing application deadline.

Step 2: Meet eligibility requirements listed below prior to submitting the nursing application. Complete at least 10 of the 27 required hours of nursing general education courses including Math 1530, BIOL 2010, and PSYC 1030.

1. Satisfy any required learning support competencies prior to the application deadline.
2. Achieve a grade of “C” or higher in all required general education courses.
3. Achieve a minimum 2.5 GPA on required college courses completed prior to admission. (GPA calculated only on the required general education courses).
4. LPNs will need to complete the LPN Challenge Examination with a score of 850 or higher if the applicant graduated an LPN Program greater than 3 years prior to application deadline (Test can be retaken after 30 days up to 3 times per eligibility period).
5. Paramedic students will need to complete the HESI EMS-ADN Entrance Exam with a score of 850 or higher prior to application deadline.

Step 3: Submit the online nursing application.

The online Nursing Application must be submitted through the student’s RaiderNet account. To be considered for admission, the application must be submitted by the 4th Friday in January. Upon submission of your application, you will receive a confirmation email that it has been received. Please print and retain this confirmation email. If you apply and are not accepted, then you must submit a new application for future terms.

Step 4: Selection of applicants.

Acceptance to the RN Bridge Option is a competitive process. If there are more eligible applicants than space available, a point system is used to rank each applicant based on the following criteria:

| Criteria and Value | Possible Score |
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| • 2.50 – 2.99= | 1 point |
| • 3.00 – 3.24= | 2 points |
| • 3.25 – 3.49= | 3 points |
| • 3.50 – 3.74= | 4 points |
| • 3.75 – 4.00= | 5 points |

* GPA in required general education classes calculated from the courses required in the nursing curriculum.

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| • BIOL 2010-A&P 1 | B= 2 points |
| • BIOL 2010-A&P 1 | A= 4 points |
| • BIOL 2020-A&P 2 | B= 2 points |
| • BIOL 2020-A&P 2 | A= 4 points |
| • BIOL 2230-Micro | B= 2 points |
| • BIOL 2230-Micro | A= 4 points |
| • MATH 1530-Stats | B= 2 points |
| • MATH 1530-Stats | A= 3 points |

*Math/science grades-based on most recent attempt

Step 5: Notification of admission status.

Applicants are notified of their admission status via their official Roane State email account (Raidernet). **Applicants should begin regularly checking their email regarding their admission status mid-March.**

Step 6: Accept or decline admission.

Students who have been accepted to the nursing program must respond via email to accept or decline their admission by the deadline specified in the notification email.

Step 7: Attend the required onboarding session during the summer.

A mandatory Nursing Program onboarding session will be held late May to mid-June (You will be notified in your admission email of the specific date, time and location.)

- During this onboarding session, accepted students receive specific information about health requirements including required immunizations, private health insurance, criminal background checks, drug screenings, and AHA CPR certification.
- Background checks and drug screens must be acceptable to clinical affiliates in order for students to attend clinicals and meet the requirements of the program. Students who are not cleared by the clinical affiliates may not be able to complete the program. The

student is responsible for clearing up any discrepancies in their personal background checks and urine drug screens.

Step 8: Submit required information during the summer.

Students are informed about clinical requirements during the summer onboarding session. To be eligible to participate in clinical all required information must be uploaded to the electronic record keeping system.

This includes:

- completed physical and immunization record,
- background check & urine drug screen,
- completion of AHA CPR for healthcare providers,
- proof of health insurance, and
- any other specified requirements.

Step 9: Attend fall orientation session.

An orientation session is scheduled prior to the start of fall semester for nursing students. Students are required to attend this session.

Step 10: Attend class and clinical.

Faculty are required to report student's first day of attendance.

LPN Challenge Exam – Additional Information

Registration information relating to the LPN Mobility examination is available on the RSCC Testing Center webpage. The exam must be taken and passed prior to the deadline for applying to the nursing program if the applicant graduated an LPN Program greater than 3 years prior to application deadline. Students are advised to schedule and take the exam as soon as possible. Appropriate study material for the HESI LPN Challenge exam would be a recent NCLEX-PN prep or study guide. In the event that a student did not achieve the minimum required score for admission, there is a 30-day waiting period to re-take the exam. If the exam has been taken at another college, please request the college where the exam was taken to submit the scores to the Nursing Admission Advisor.

HESI EMS-ADN ENTRANCE EXAM- Additional Information

Paramedic students will need to complete the HESI EMS-ADN Entrance Exam with a score of 850 or higher prior to application deadline. Registration information related to the examination is available on the RSCC Testing Center webpage. The exam must be taken and passed prior to the deadline for applying to the nursing program

General Education Requirements – Additional Information

The general education requirements for the nursing program may be completed prior to acceptance into the program. However, science courses completed prior to admission must be within 5 years of the date of admission and be completed with a C or better to apply toward the degree requirements. Students completing required science courses after acceptance into the program must attain a C or better in order to retain their spot in the program. Only students officially admitted to the nursing program may register for nursing classes.

Nursing General Education Requirements

| Requirement | Courses | Comments | Credits |
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| Humanities Elective *Must be completed by graduation. | Choose one course from the RSCC approved list, which includes: ART 1035 Introduction to Art ART 2000 Art History Survey I ART 2020 Art History Survey II HUM 1010 Early Humanities MUS 1030 Introduction to Music PHIL 1030 Intro to Philosophy PHIL 1040 Introduction to Ethics PHIL 2200 Introduction to World Religions PHIL 2640 Science and the Modern World THEA 1030 Intro to Theatre | ENGL literature is also acceptable; however, ENGL 1020–Composition II is a prerequisite to any literature course *If more than 1 course meets the requirement, the course with the highest grade will be used for admission purposes. | 3 cr. hours |
| MATH 1530 *Must be completed by the application deadline | MATH 1530 Probability and Statistics | No Substitutions Allowed | 3 cr. hours |
| PSYC1030 *Must be completed by the application deadline | Introduction to Psychology | | 3 cr. hours |
| BIOL 2010 *Must be completed by the application deadline | Anatomy and Physiology I (+ lab) | All learning support requirements must be completed prior to taking this course. Science courses cannot be more than 5 years old. | 4 cr. hours |
| BIOL 2020 *Must be completed no later than end of 1st semester after admission. | Anatomy and Physiology II (+ lab) | Must successfully complete BIOL 2010 prior to taking this course. Science courses cannot be more than 5 years old. | 4 cr. hours |
| BIOL 2230 *Must be completed no later than end of 2nd semester after admission | Microbiology (+ lab) | Must complete either BIOL 1110–General Biology or BIOL 2010 prior to taking this course. Science courses cannot be more than 5 years old. | 4 cr. hours |

Additional Requirements for Accepted Students

It is the student's responsibility to review the catalog and complete course prerequisites for each individual nursing course. Students who have not completed mandatory course prerequisites will not be allowed to enroll in the next sequenced nursing course and will not be allowed to progress in the program. Students accepted to the program must meet certain requirements before they can attend the required clinical rotations.

Who to Contact at RSCC

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| Enrollment Services/Recruitment (865) 882-4554 (865) 481-2000 ext 2362 Oak Ridge Any RSCC Campus location | Prospective students How to enroll at the college International Student Admissions |
| One-Stop (865) 882-4523 (866) 462-7722 Toll free Email: onestop@roanestate.edu | Receipt of transcripts/test scores MMR and Hepatitis B immunizations/forms Official evaluation of transfer credit EVEA |
| Health Science/Nursing Admissions Coordinator (865) 882-4608 | Nursing application status |
| Health Sciences Division (865) 882-4705 Roane County | Inquiries of students already accepted into the program. RSCC Courses Course substitutions Transfer Credit appeals |
| Testing Center-865-882-4661/4678/4819- Roane County 865-481-2000 x2251 or x4804-Oak Ridge Email: robbinsjm1@roanestate.edu | |