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The Cincinnati State Bethesda School of Nursing prepares graduate nurses who are eligible to take the national standardized nursing examination (NCLEX-RN) and upon passing, work as registered nurses.

The program is approved by the Ohio Board of Nursing and is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326, phone: (404) 975-5000. Graduates are members of the health team prepared to provide nursing care to clients with common health problems in a variety of settings.

Applicants must be graduates of an accredited high school or give evidence of high school equivalency by GED scores that meet standard core requirements set by the Ohio Department of Education. Applicants must have earned grades of C or higher in high school or college biology, chemistry, and algebra courses. These courses must have been taken within seven years of application. COMPASS<sup>®</sup> scores must meet program requirements. Applicants must be Ohio state-tested nurse aides or LPN's. A cumulative grade point average of 2.75 is required for entry into the clinical courses.

Admission to the College does not guaranty entry into the nursing program. Program applicants must complete the steps of the Nursing Program Progression process to qualify to enter Nursing clinical courses. Additional information about program Progression requirements is available from the Program Director or Program Coordinator and on the program webpage.

General education courses must be taken in the order listed in the program curriculum, unless they have been taken previous to the listed semester. Students must meet all requirements of the program, including earning a minimum grade of C or pass in all curriculum courses, attaining satisfactory clinical evaluation, and maintaining the required grade point average.

During the final semester of the curriculum, students must pass a nationally standardized exit exam in order to pass the final theory course.

Current certification in CPR for health care providers is required for admission into all clinical nursing courses. Students must provide a recent physical exam with up-to-date immunizations, including Hepatitis B, prior to commencing course work. Students must obtain a two-step TB skin test to enter the program and obtain an annual repeat to remain in the program.

Prospective students are advised that when applying for the state licensure examination they are required to answer a series of questions related to criminal convictions, reasons for dismissal from work positions, and mental health status. A positive response to any of these questions can result in disqualification as a candidate for licensure. Refer to Ohio Revised Code 4723.28 for clarification. The licensure application may be viewed on the Ohio Board of Nursing website at [www.nursing.ohio.gov](http://www.nursing.ohio.gov) (<http://www.nursing.ohio.gov>) .

Students admitted to the program who have been convicted of felonies and/or misdemeanors are required to contact the program director to discuss their situation before entering the first nursing course. Background checks will be completed by all incoming clinical students per Health and Public Safety Division policy. Students who are convicted of possession and/or distribution of controlled substances, or have positive drug screens for non-prescription controlled substances while enrolled in the program are automatically dismissed.

A positive background check may prevent a student from entering the clinical portion of the program.

Students who wish to transfer nursing credit from another nursing program to Cincinnati State must contact the Program Coordinator for specific information after being admitted to the College and program. Students may transfer a maximum of 17 semester credits (or 26 quarter credits) of clinical courses. Restrictions may be placed on nursing credit transfer for students who failed a nursing course or courses in another program.

Because nursing is a dynamic profession, the program reserves the right to change the curriculum and admission requirements as necessary.

## Practical Nursing Certificate (PNC)

The Cincinnati State Great Oaks School of Practical Nursing prepares graduate practical nurses who are eligible to take the national standardized nursing examination (NCLEX-PN) and upon passing, work as licensed practical nurses (LPNs).

The program is approved by the Ohio Board of Nursing. Graduates share in the responsibility of nursing care to individuals and groups in a diversity of health care settings within the guidelines of the Nurse Practice Act.

Applicants must be graduates of an accredited high school or give evidence of high school equivalency by GED scores that meet standard core requirements set by the Ohio State Department of Education. COMPASS<sup>®</sup> scores must meet program requirements which include demonstrating keyboarding skill.

Admission to the College does not guaranty admission to the practical nursing program. Program applicants must complete the steps of the Practical Nursing Program Progression process to qualify to enter Practical Nursing clinical courses. Additional information about program Progression requirements is available from the Program Director.

Applicants must have earned grades of C or higher in high school or college biology, chemistry, and algebra courses. These courses must have been taken within seven years of application. COMPASS<sup>®</sup> scores must meet program requirements. Applicants must be Ohio state-tested nurse aides.

A criminal background check including both Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation and Federal Bureau of Investigation must be conducted within six months of entry into the program. A criminal record may prevent applicants from admission into the program. Program applicants are advised that when applying for the state licensure examination they will be required to answer a series of questions related to criminal convictions, reasons for dismissal from work positions, and mental health status. A positive response to any of these questions can result in disqualification as a candidate for licensure. Refer to Ohio Revised Code 4723.28 for clarification. The licensure application may be viewed on the Ohio Board of Nursing website at [www.nursing.ohio.gov](http://www.nursing.ohio.gov) (<http://www.nursing.ohio.gov>) .

Students convicted of possession and/or distribution of controlled substances, or have positive drug screens for controlled substances not prescribed while enrolled in the program are automatically dismissed.

Current certification in CPR for health care providers or professional rescuer is required for progression into the PNC program. Students must submit the required health form with up-to-date immunizations prior to being designated in a class. Immunizations, PPD, and CPR must be updated throughout the program. Applicants must be active on a state Nurse Aide Registry.

General education courses must be taken in the order listed in the program curriculum, unless they have been taken previous to the listed semester. Students must meet all requirements of the program, including earning a minimum grade of C or pass in all curriculum courses, attaining satisfactory clinical evaluation, and maintaining the required grade point average.

Nursing courses from another nursing program are typically not accepted for transfer into Cincinnati State. Students who wish to discuss the possibility of transferring nursing credit from another nursing program to Cincinnati State must contact the Program Director for specific information after being admitted to the College and the program, but prior to being placed into a class. Restrictions may be placed on nursing credit transfer for students who failed a nursing course or courses in another program.

Because nursing is a dynamic profession, the program reserves the right to change the curriculum and progression requirements as necessary.

## Nursing (NUR)

All degree-seeking students must complete a First Year Experience (FYE) course as part of the first 12 credit hours taken at Cincinnati State.

**Program Prerequisites:** Students seeking admission to the Nursing program must complete specific progression requirements. Students should meet with their academic advisor to discuss progression eligibility and deadlines.

<b>Semester 1</b>		<b>Credits</b>
MCH 100	Healthcare Informatics	2
NUR 101	Nursing Concepts 1	3
ENG 101	English Composition	3
PSY 110	Introduction to Psychology	3
BIO 151	Anatomy and Physiology 1	4
<b>Semester 2</b>		
NUR 102	Nursing Concepts 2	6
ENG 102	Composition and Argument	3
BIO 152	Anatomy and Physiology 2	4
<b>Semester 3</b>		
NUR 103	Nursing Concepts 3	11
BIO 220	Microbiology	3
<b>Semester 4</b>		
NUR 201	Nursing Concepts 4	13
COMM XXX		3
Communications Elective		
<b>Semester 5</b>		
SOC 105	Introduction to Sociology	3

NUR 202	Nursing Concepts 5	9
Total Credits:		70

## Electives

### Communications Elective

COMM 105	Interpersonal Communication	3
COMM 110	Public Speaking	3

## Practical Nursing Certificate (PNC)

All certificate-seeking students must complete a First Year Experience (FYE) course as part of the first 12 credit hours taken at Cincinnati State.

**Program Prerequisites:** Students seeking admission to the Practical Nursing Certificate program must complete specific progression requirements. Students should meet with their academic advisor to discuss progression eligibility and deadlines.

		Credits
<b>Semester 1</b>		
MCH 100	Healthcare Informatics	2
ENG 101	English Composition	3
PN 110	Foundations of Practical Nursing	2
PSY 110	Introduction to Psychology	3
BIO 151	Anatomy and Physiology 1	4
PN 180	Foundations of Practical Nursing Clinical	1
<b>Semester 2</b>		
PN 121	Alterations in Health 1	6
BIO 152	Anatomy and Physiology 2	4
PN 181	Alterations in Health Clinical 1	2
<b>Semester 3</b>		
PN 122	Alterations in Health 2	8
PN 182	Alterations in Health Clinical 2	2
PN 185	Practical Nursing Role Transition	2
Total Credits:		39