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Licensed Practical Nurse to Registered Nurse Bridge Program 2025-2026 Information Packet

The information contained in this document is subject to change as necessary to meet program requirements. Prospective students are encouraged to carefully review the information in this packet and direct any additional questions to WCCCDPNE@wccd.edu.

General Information:

- The LPN to RN Bridge Program is a one-year (three-semester) Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing Program, excluding prerequisite courses. The program prepares graduates to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) and to pursue employment in a variety of healthcare settings.
- **Total Nursing Program Credits:** 69 credits (includes prerequisite, nursing, and general education courses).

Application Deadline for Program Admission:

- The Bridge program may admit up to 30 students annually, with enrollment beginning in the summer semester (May).
 - Application Deadline: February 10th of each year

Dates & Times for the LPN to RN Bridge Virtual Information Sessions

****Information Sessions – Mandatory Attendance is Required for program applicants. Please see the listed dates below, select ONE session to attend, and email your contact information to the email below.***

2025-2026 Bridge Program Information Session Dates & Times

Thursday, December 18, 2025	10:00am – 11:30am
Thursday, January 8, 2026	10:00am – 11:30am
Thursday, January 22, 2026	10:00am – 11:30am
Thursday, February 5, 2026	10:00am – 11:30am
Thursday, February 19, 2026	10:00am – 11:30am
Thursday, March 5, 2026	10:00am – 11:30am
Thursday, March 19, 2026	10:00am – 11:30am
Thursday, April 2, 2026	10:00am – 11:30am
Thursday, April 9, 2026	10:00am – 11:30am
Thursday, April 16, 2026	10:00am – 11:30am
Thursday, April 23, 2026	10:00am – 11:30am
Thursday, April 30, 2026	10:00am – 11:30am
Thursday, May 7, 2026	10:00am – 11:30am

*An email confirming your registration and the link to attend the session will be sent to you. *To register for an LPN to RN Bridge Information Session, please email back your choice as soon as possible. Write **BRIDGE INFO SESSION** in the email subject line. Registration must be received by 10 am on the day **BEFORE** your scheduled session. Follow the instructions below to complete your registration.*

TO REGISTER:

Email WCCCDPNE@wccd.edu to reserve a seat.

Include all of the following information:

- Name (first and last)
- Phone Number
- Email Address
- Full home Address
- ID Number, if current student

Also include the date of the LPN to RN Bridge Information Session you are requesting to attend.

Register at least 24 hours prior to the session you wish to attend. Note: Prospective students trying to enter the session after 10 am may not be admitted.

Attendees MAY NOT participate if at work or driving a vehicle. Your camera must stay on during the session, and you must remain in camera view.

Program Admission Requirements:

- Fulfill all WCCCD admission requirements.
- Applicants must be 18 years of age or older.
- Must be a Licensed Practical Nurse with a minimum of 1 year of experience (1,500 work hours as an LPN) in a clinical setting.
- Successfully complete the following six prerequisite courses:
 - BIO 155 – Introduction to Biology (4 Credits)
 - ENG 119 – English I (3 Credits)
 - ALH 105 – Medical Math (3 Credits)
 - BIO 240 – Anatomy & Physiology I (4 Credits)
 - BIO 250 – Anatomy & Physiology II (4 Credits)
 - BIO 295 – Microbiology (4 Credits)

Prerequisite Total: 22 Credits

****ALH 105, BIO 240, BIO 250, and BIO 295 must be completed within the past 5 years.***

****BIO 155 is a prerequisite to BIO 240 and BIO 295.***

- Applicants must complete all prerequisite courses with a letter grade of “C” or better and earn a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.8 on a 4.0 scale based on the prerequisite courses.

Program Application Documents

- Complete Nursing LPN – RN Bridge Program Application
- Submit a copy of your High School Diploma, G.E.D., or have an official copy of your High School Transcript showing date of completion.
- Official Transcripts from ALL colleges and universities where prerequisite courses were taken, including WCCCD.
- Official Transcripts from Practical Nursing School including WCCCD.
- Copy of current unencumbered license to practice in the State of Michigan
- Provide documentation of a minimum of 1,500 work hours as an LPN- documentation must be on Agency/HR letter head and attached to the program application
- Current Resume
- Submit a copy of the LPN to RN Bridge Information Session Attendance Verification Form (valid for one year from the date of attendance).
- Two (2) Reference Letters- Typed; no copies, originals only, signed in ink within 60 days of the application deadline. Letters written by family and WCCCD faculty or staff are not accepted. If unemployed submit two personal references.
- Essay – “How I plan to be successful in completing the LPN to RN Bridge Program 500 to 1000 words. Use basic APA format; typed, double-spaced, 1” margins in 12 pt. font. Include a typed title page. Essay must be signed and dated.
- Applicants with certifications in a healthcare field must submit a copy of the certification to receive application points. All certifications must be current.
- Applicants who hold an associate degree or higher must submit a copy of the degree or an official transcript indicating the degree awarded in order to receive application points.

LPN to RN Bridge Program Application Deadline: February 10th of each year

Completed applications must be submitted in person by 3:00 pm to:
Nursing Department
WCCCD Ted Scott Campus, 9555 Haggerty Road, Belleville, MI 48111

Selection Process

- Admission to the LPN to RN Bridge Program is competitive and selective. The Admissions Committee meets each year, in the spring, to review all applications and select the top 30 applicants for each cohort. Applicants are selected according to a 100-point ranking system. Total points for acceptance depend on the pool of applicants in each application submission cycle. *Please see below.*

Tie-Breaking Procedure

- When multiple applicants achieve the **same ranking score** and available seats are limited, the following tie-breaking criteria are applied **in order**:
 1. **Higher Cumulative GPA in Prerequisite Courses**
 - The applicant with a higher cumulative GPA based on required prerequisite courses is given priority
 2. **Higher Practical Nursing GPA**
 - The applicant with the higher overall Practical Nursing GPA is given priority.
 3. **Prerequisite Courses Completed at WCCCD**
 - If still tied, an applicant who completed a greater number of prerequisite courses at WCCCD will be selected.
 4. **Committee Review**
 - In rare cases where all tie-breaking criteria above are equal, the Admissions Committee will conduct a final review of the application using established and consistently applied criteria, which may include reference letters, the admissions essay, professionalism, and demonstrated potential for success in the program.

Wayne County Community College District
LPN to RN Bridge Program – Determination of Application Points
RANKING POINT SYSTEM (100 Possible Total Points)

Ranking	Required Score GPA 2.8	Maximum Points Distribution	Students' Points
GPA <u>GPA Calculation</u> - Take the number of credit hours of each prerequisite course and multiply by the numerical value of the letter grade. Total the numbers and divide by the total credit hours of 22. For example: A student receives the following grades: BIO 155 = A = 4(CR) x 4pts = 16 ENG 110/119 = A = 3(CR) x 4pts = 12 ALH 105 = B = 3(CR) X3pts = 9 BIO 240 = B = 4(CR) X3pts = 12 BIO 250 = B = 4 (CR) x3pts = 12 BIO 295 = A = 4(CR) x 4pts = 16 Total GPA Points = 16+12+9+12+12+16 = 77 divided by 22 (of Credit Hours) = 3.5 GPA	<u>Minimum Required GPA 2.8</u> BIO 155 Grade: (A), (B), (C) = _____ ENG 110/119 Grade: (A), (B), (C) = _____ ALH 105 Grade: (A), (B), (C) = _____ BIO 240 Grade: (A), (B), (C) = _____ BIO 250 Grade: (A), (B), (C) = _____ BIO 295 Grade: (A), (B), (C) = _____ Grade Total = _____ ÷ 22 Calculated GPA = _____	<u>60 Possible points:</u> <u>GPA</u> 3.8 – 4.0 = 60 3.6 – 3.79 = 50 3.4 – 3.59 = 45 3.0 – 3.39 = 40 2.8 – 2.99 = 30	Total GPA Points = _____
Prerequisite Courses Completed at WCCCD 6 - Points	<u>6 Prerequisite Required Courses and Credit Hours:</u> BIO 155 - 4 CR ENG 110/119 – 3 CR ALH 105 – 3 CR BIO 240 – 4 CR BIO 250 – 4 CR BIO 295 – 4 CR	<u>6 Possible Points</u> Prerequisite Courses Points awarded per course taken at WCCCD.	<u>Prerequisite Course Points</u> <input type="checkbox"/> BIO 155 <input type="checkbox"/> ENG 110/119 <input type="checkbox"/> ALH 105 <input type="checkbox"/> BIO 240 <input type="checkbox"/> BIO 250 <input type="checkbox"/> BIO 295 Total Points = _____
Practical Nursing GPA		<u>15 Possible Points</u> 3.8 – 4.0 = 15 3.6 – 3.79 = 12 3.4 – 3.59 = 9 3.0 – 3.39 = 6 2.8 – 2.99 = 3	Total Points = _____
Prerequisite Course Attempts	2 points possible per each prerequisite course completed within (2) attempts	<u>12 Possible Points</u> <input type="checkbox"/> BIO 155 <input type="checkbox"/> ENG 110/119 <input type="checkbox"/> ALH 105 <input type="checkbox"/> BIO 240 <input type="checkbox"/> BIO 250 <input type="checkbox"/> BIO 295	Total Points = _____
Current Health Certification	Validation of Documentation	<u>5 Possible Points</u>	Total Points = _____
Prior Degree	Nursing as a second degree	<u>2 Possible Points</u>	Total Points = _____
TOTAL POINTS		100 Points Possible	Student's Total Points= ____/100

Faculty/Nursing Staff Signature: _____ Date: _____

Administrator Signature: _____ Date: _____

- The Nursing Office will notify applicants via phone and or/email approximately four weeks after the application deadline regarding admission decisions.
- The LPN to RN Program will keep a Ranked Alternate List of no more than eight applicants. Alternate applicants will be notified of their status and informed if a seat becomes available before the start of the semester. The purpose of the alternate list is to identify qualified applicants who cannot be admitted at the time of initial decisions due to limited space in the program. These applicants may be offered admission if an accepted applicant declines their offer, has positive findings on their urine drug screen, has an offense on their background check, or does not meet health requirements.
- Applicants who are not accepted must reapply for admission to the program, including alternate applicants who are not admitted before the start of the semester.

Students who are admitted to the LPN to RN Bridge program must complete the following:

- Attend the Mandatory Orientation Session
- Submit a Student Health Profile/Physical Examination
- Provide Immunization Records
- Complete a 16-Item Urine Drug Screen
- Complete a CastleBranch Background Check
- Obtain American Heart Association Basic Life Support (BLS) Certification

Admission is contingent upon the receipt of satisfactory drug screen results, a completed health profile, and a satisfactory CastleBranch background check. Any positive findings on the health profile will require an explanation from the healthcare provider. Students must be able to participate in the Nursing Program without restrictions.

Based upon Michigan Law: Students applying for admission to the Health Care Programs will be subject to a criminal background check, the results of which could preclude a student from admission to Wayne County Community College District's programs based on any of the following:

- A felony conviction for an attempt of conspiracy to commit a felony within the past 15 years.
- Any misdemeanor conviction involving abuse, neglect, assault, battery, or criminal sexual conduct within the past 10 years.
- Any misdemeanor conviction involving fraud or theft.
- An adverse background check will require additional review by the WCCCD legal department

LPN to RN Bridge Program Curriculum

- The LPN to RN Bridge program nursing courses are offered in the summer, fall, and spring semesters. Students acquire the knowledge and skills to achieve learning objectives and outcomes across a variety of learning environments, including the classroom, skills lab, simulation lab, and clinical settings. Courses must be taken in sequence with a minimum passing grade of 80%. Prospective students are highly encouraged to read the LPN to RN Bridge Program Student Handbook on the website for more information.

RN Licensure

- The LPN to RN Bridge program graduates are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). The Michigan Board of Nursing will require a new criminal background check, including FBI fingerprinting and drug screening. Conviction of a felony or misdemeanor may preclude eligibility for licensure. Students are urged to visit the Michigan Board of Nursing website at www.michigan.gov/lara/

Program Approval

- The WCCCD LPN to RN Bridge Program has initial approval from:

Michigan Board of Nursing
P.O. Box 30670
Lansing, MI 48909-8170 www.michigan.gov/lara/ 517-335-0918

Further Inquiries: Please get in touch with the Nursing Office at 734-699-7008.