

Connecticut Community College

Nursing Program

Information Packet

2024-2025 Academic Year

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Hartford, CT 06103

Northwestern Campus
Park Place East
Winsted, CT 06098

Gateway Campus
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New Haven, CT 06510

Norwalk Campus
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Norwalk, CT 06854-1655

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Waterbury, CT 06708

Three Rivers Campus
574 New London Turnpike
Norwich, CT 06360

<https://ctstate.edu/selective-admissions>

7/19/2023 – Disregard all previous versions of the Nursing Program Information Packet. This information packet should be used for application to the 24/25 academic year only. Information in this packet is subject to change.

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Introduction

The Connecticut Community College Nursing Program (CT-CCNP) is an innovative associate degree program offered at six CT State Community College campuses: Capital, Gateway, Naugatuck Valley, Northwestern CT, Norwalk and Three Rivers. The aligned nursing curriculum is five-semester and designed to prepare students to become registered nurses.

The nursing program of study includes general education courses in liberal arts, biology, math and social sciences. These courses provide a foundation for students to develop the skills and knowledge for living in a complex, diverse, and changing world. The design of the nursing curriculum is guided by local, regional, and national standards and is based on healthcare trends, higher education practices, and the nursing discipline. Curricular concepts introduced throughout the nursing program help students develop the knowledge, skills, and attitudes to become safe and competent entry-level registered nurses. The educational experience offers active and diverse learning experiences in classrooms, simulation labs, and in multiple clinical settings such as acute, subacute or long-term care. Upon successful completion of the Nursing program, the college awards the graduate an Associate in Science degree.

After the Associate in Science degree is awarded, the graduate applies to take the National Council Licensing Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). Graduates can apply for licensure through the Connecticut Department of Public Health. The CT-CCNP has not determined if the associate degree registered nurse program meets the state education requirements in any other state, any U.S. Territory, or the District of Columbia (US DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL NURSING LICENSURE STATEMENT (REGULATION 34 CFR 668.43 (A) (5) (V)). Applicants should investigate licensure requirements prior to accepting an offer of admission to any CT CCNP program.

The licensure boards in each state are responsible for establishing the requirements for licensure/certification for their state. Students who intend to seek licensure in any state other than Connecticut need to consult with the state professional licensing board. The state professional licensing boards make the decision on whether an individual is eligible for licensure based on the rules and regulations in place at the time the individual submits their application for licensure. Websites for each State Regulatory Agency for Nursing can be found at this link: www.ncsbn.org/14730.htm

The CT-CCNP curriculum has been approved by the by the Connecticut Board of Regents for Higher Education and the Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Nursing, with the consent of the Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Public Health. Each program within the CT-CCNP approaches national accreditation through the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, ACEN, located at 3390 Peachtree Rd NE, Suite 1400, Atlanta, GA 30326; Phone: 404-975-5000, Fax: 404-975-5020, Email: info@acenursing.org.

Nursing Program of Study

The following table reflects a full-time curriculum plan for the nursing program. Many students make the decision to take the general education courses prior to the nursing courses and enroll in the nursing program on a part-time basis. Non-nursing courses must be taken in the semester indicated in the program of study or sooner; nursing courses must be taken in the stated sequence. Students who fail to complete required co-requisite courses will not be allowed to progress in the program. A grade of **C** is required for all co-requisite courses in the nursing program of study, with the exception of BIO*2111 and BIO *2112, which both require a **C+ or greater**. BIO* 2111 & BIO* 2112 must have been taken within the past five years, fall 2018 or later.

	<u>CREDITS</u>		<u>CREDITS</u>
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS			
+BIO 2111: Anatomy & Physiology I	4		
ENG 1010: English Composition	3		
MAT 1200: Statistics or Higher	3		
++CCS 1001 College Career Success 3.0	3	Total Nursing Credits =	35
		Total General Education Credits =	<u>36-44*</u>
			71-79*
*Pre-requisite courses for BIO 2111 & BIO 2350 may add an additional 8 credits.	13		
FIRST SEMESTER		SECOND SEMESTER	
NUR 1120: Nursing in Health & Illness I	9	NUR 1125: Nursing in Health & Illness II	8
+BIO 2112: Anatomy & Physiology 2	4	PSY 2001: Life Span Development	3
PSY 1011: General Psychology	<u>3</u>	+BIO 2350: Microbiology	<u>4</u>
	16		15
THIRD SEMESTER		FOURTH SEMESTER	
NUR 2220: Nursing in Health & Illness III	9	NUR 2225: Nursing in Health & Illness IV	8
SOC 1001 Principles of Sociology	3	NUR 2226: Transition to Professional Nursing	1
ENG 1020 Literature and Composition, ENG 1030	<u>3</u>	Practice	
Composition II, or ENG 1080 Technical Writing	15	Arts and Humanities course (ARHX)	<u>3</u>
		https://ctstate.edu/curriculum/PDF/CSCC-Gen-Ed-9-6-22-new-numbers.pdf	12

+ See <https://ct.catalog.acalog.com/content.php?catoid=2&navoid=35> for prerequisite requirements. Courses have requirements that must be successfully completed prior to taking the course.

++The College Career and Success course must be completed by CT State students who begin Fall 2023 or later, unless the student meets the approved exemption for legacy or transfer students. Click [HERE](#) for a list of substitutions for CCS 1001.

Application Process

- The application period for the nursing program is **October 1 - February 1** of each year. **The link to apply will not be live until October 1, 2023**
- Applicants to the CT- CCNP must create an Admissions Application Account online. Please use a personal email account to create your application. Do Not use a college, university, or high school assigned email account.
- Applicants should use a personal computer (not a smart phone, iPad, or Macintosh) when attempting to access the online application.
- Recommended browsers are Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge and Firefox. DO NOT use Internet Explorer. Make sure your browser allows pop-ups.
- Applicants may only submit one application to CT-CCNP and indicate which CT State Community College Campus you would like to attend on the application. This will be known as your "**College Campus of Choice**".
- All supplemental documentation must be submitted online in your Admissions Application Account.
- Applicants should contact ctstate-selectiveadmissions@ct.edu if assistance is needed.
- ALL communication from the CT-CCNP Selective Admissions Team will be through the email used when your Admissions Application Account was created.

APPLY HERE: <https://ctstate.elluciancrmrecruit.com/Apply/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fApply>

Application Checklist

ALL ITEMS NEED TO BE SUBMITTED BY FEBRUARY 1, 2024		
Items to Complete	How to Complete	✓
1. Create an Admissions Application Account and submit an online application.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuing or returning CT Community College students who do not have an Admissions Application Account: Create an Admissions Application Account and submit an application online; select <i>'Nursing and Health Careers'</i> as area of study, and select <i>'Nursing'</i> as your program of interest. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go to https://ctstate.elluciancrmrecruit.com/Apply/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fApply Click on 'Create Account'. After you submit application, go to <i>'View'</i>, then <i>'Supplemental Items'</i> to upload required items. Previously submitted immunizations and proof of high school completion should be on file. Please allow time for processing. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students who already have an Admissions Application Account: Log in to start a new application; select <i>'Nursing and Health Careers'</i> as area of study, and select <i>'Nursing'</i> as your program of interest. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go to https://ctstate.elluciancrmrecruit.com/Apply/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fApply Click 'Create a New Application'. After you submit application, go to <i>'View'</i>, then <i>'Supplemental Items'</i> to upload required items. Previously submitted immunizations and proof of high school completion should be on file. Please allow time for processing. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students who have never applied online at any of the 12 CT Community colleges: Create an Admissions Application Account and submit an application online; select <i>'Nursing and Health Careers'</i> as area of study, and select <i>'Nursing'</i> as your program of interest. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go to https://ctstate.elluciancrmrecruit.com/Apply/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fApply Click on 'Create Account'. After you submit application, go to <i>'View'</i>, then <i>'Supplemental Items'</i> to upload required items. 	
2. Provide proof of high school graduation or equivalency. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Official high school transcripts, high school diploma with date of graduation, General Educational Development (GED) diploma, OR State High School Equivalency diploma 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upload picture of high school diploma or contact your high school and request to have final transcript sent electronically to CT State Community College. Contact the issuing agency for other proof of graduation options. 	
3. Provide proof of immunizations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two doses of MMR and Varicella 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upload documentation from your Health Care Provider in your Admissions Application Account. 	
4. Submit ALL official College/University transcripts ever attended (including other countries), regardless of age of transcript or coursework attempted. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit college credits earned in high school. CT Community College students do not need to submit transcripts for any prior credits earned at any CT Community College. Only final transcripts will be considered complete. Foreign transcripts must be evaluated by an approved agency such as World Education Services Inc. to be considered for transfer credits. CT State Community College grants credit for Advanced Placement Examinations (AP Exams) of the College. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For all colleges/universities outside of the CT Community College system, contact each college/university and request transcripts be sent electronically to CT State Community College [CTState-TranscriptEval@ct.edu.] This includes the 4 CT State Universities and UCONN. If an electronic transcript is not available, a hard copy may be sent to college campus of choice. CLEP tests will be accepted for general education courses with an official CLEP transcript and a PASSING score of 50 or above. Official AP, CLEP, DANES & other military transcripts must be submitted if using to meet an admission requirement. 	

<p>5. Submit official TEAS results. Unofficial TEAS scores and tests will not be accepted. Tests taken prior to October 1, 2020 or after February 1, 2024 will not be accepted. Only the most recent TEAS score will be accepted. Applicants must obtain an adjusted individual total score of 58.7% or higher to be eligible to apply for admission.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Results of TEAS taken at any CT-CCNP campus are electronically submitted to your College of Choice by ATI provided you include your CT State Community College Banner/Student ID on your ATI account profile. • If test is not taken at a CT State Community College Campus, request to have the score sent to the College campus of choice at the time that you take the test. You may also go to www.atitesting.com to request official results post-test date. 	
<p>6. Courses required for eligibility completed before February 1, 2024.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ENG*1010: English Composition or equivalent: C or greater • BIO*2111: Anatomy & Physiology I or equivalent: C+ or greater and completed between December 2018 and Feb 1, 2024 • MATH * 1200 Statistics or higher: C or greater • CCS* 1001 College Career Success, unless exempted: C or greater 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intermediate Algebra completed by December 2023 with a grade of C or higher will satisfy the math admission requirement for the fall 2024 application only. • The College Career and Success course (3.0 credits) must be completed for CT State Community College students who begin Fall 2023 or later unless the student meets the approved exemption for either legacy or transfer students. Students are strongly encouraged to take CCS* 1001 or its equivalent (outlined in the exemption document) along with the admission requirements to fulfill CCS* 1001 requirement in the nursing program. Click HERE for a list of substitutions for CCS* 1001 	

Application Submission

- Once you click 'Submit', you will see 'Fall 2024-Nursing' listed under "My Applications".
- Next to your application, look for the "ACTIONS" column and click "View."
- Click on the header "Supplemental Items and Documents." Items with the red asterisk* are required.
- Status of items will update.

After you have applied, you can view a real-time list of items to upload or request:

- Log in to your admissions application account.
- Next to your application, look for the "ACTIONS" column and click "View."
- Click on the header "Supplemental Items and Documents." Items with the red asterisk* are required.
- ALL communication from the CT-CCNP Selective Admissions Team will be through the email used when your Admissions Application Account was created. Be certain to note which email address you used to create your account, as well as the password that you use at the time of application. Students are required to log into their admissions application account to check the status of required items. Please check your Spam and Junk email folders, as well.

Incomplete Application

All applicants will receive emails throughout the admissions process. It is the student's responsibility to log into their admissions application account to check the status of required items. If missing items are not submitted by February 1st, you will be ineligible for the CT CCNP program.

Transfer Credits

Transfer credit evaluation for nursing applicants is completed by CT State Community College at the time of acceptance to the nursing program. Important points:

- Twenty-five percent (25%) of the total credits applicable to the nursing degree must be granted by the college awarding the degree.
- No more than thirty credit hours of non-traditional credit may count toward the nursing degree. Non-traditional credit includes CLEP, DSST, Challenge Exams, Military Service Schools, and Assessment of Prior Learning.
- In accordance with transfer of credit guidelines set forth by the Board of Regents, courses which meet nursing program requirements will be accepted by the CT-CCNP.
- Credits earned outside the United States must be evaluated by the "Course by Course" option. Please select an international credit evaluation agency that is listed as an approved NACES (National Association of Credential Evaluation Services) member <https://www.naces.org/members>. Send electronically to CTState-Transcripteval@ct.edu.

Transfer Grades

To transfer courses, a minimum grade of C is required from regionally accredited colleges, unless otherwise noted by the admission requirements. Courses from colleges not regionally accredited will not be accepted in transfer.

- A grade of C+ will be determined when the college does not use plus (+) and minus (-) by having the student be responsible for providing the proof that the grade is a C+. A numerical grade of 77-79 will be considered a C+.
- Nursing courses from the transferring institution will be considered for credit and placement if the student received the minimum passing grade, as indicated in the course syllabus from the transferring institution, and meets all other transfer policies as listed above.

Decisions

All applicants will be notified by email that decisions will be viewable on April 15th.

- The three possible decisions:
 - i. Admitted Student – all necessary acceptance documents will be posted in your Admissions Application Account. [Admitted students are required to accept their seat in their Admissions Application Account by May 1st.]
 - ii. Waitlisted Student – eligible applicant but not enough spaces. An email will be sent to indicate exact placement on the waitlist at the College Campus of Choice.
 - iii. Ineligible Student - due to missing requirements.

Nursing Admission GPA

The Nursing Admission GPA is calculated by the CT State Community College Selective Admissions team. The Nursing Admission GPA is based only on the college courses with grades that meet the nursing program curriculum requirements. BIO* 2111 & BIO* 2112 must have been taken within the past five years, fall 2018 or later.

- **Nursing Admission GPA must be 2.70 or higher to be eligible for admission.** The Nursing Admission GPA is calculated to the hundredth place, it will not be rounded to the tenth place.
- If an applicant is using a course from a Fresh Start semester to meet a nursing application or program curriculum requirement, that course will count in the calculation of the applicant's Nursing Admission GPA.
- If an applicant repeats a course, the highest eligible grade is used in calculating the Nursing Admission GPA.
- Applicants who have selected the CRT option for course grading will be given a "C" in the calculation of the Nursing Admission GPA. For more information on grade conversion, please visit: <https://www.ct.edu/academics/convert>
- For courses that require a minimum grade of "C+", Anatomy and Physiology I and II, CRT (credit grade ≤ C) will not meet that minimum requirement to be eligible for admission.
- A grade of "CR" (credit grade < C) is not acceptable for any admission or program course requirement.

Courses Included in the Calculation of the Nursing Admission GPA

The application and pre-requisite requirements of BIO*2111 Anatomy and Physiology 1, MATH* 1200 Statistics (or higher), and ENG*1010 English Composition are credits included in the total 71-79 credits required for graduation. Additionally, any program of study courses taken prior to February 1, 2024 that meets the minimum requirement will be calculated into your Nursing Admission GPA.

COURSE	Grade Points	Credits	Quality Points
ENG*1010: English Composition or equivalent, C or greater			
BIO*2111: Anatomy & Physiology I or equivalent C+ or greater. Must be completed between December 2018 and Feb 1, 2024.			
MATH * 1200 Statistics or higher, C or greater			
BIO*2112: Anatomy & Physiology II Minimum grade of C+. Must be completed fall 2018 or later.			
BIO*2350: Microbiology, Minimum grade of C			
PSY*1011: General Psychology, Minimum grade of C			
PSY*2001: Lifespan Development, Minimum grade of C			
SOC*1001: Principles of Sociology, Minimum grade of C			
ENG* 1020 Literature and Composition, ENG* 1030 Composition II, or ENG* 1080 Technical Writing, Minimum grade of C			
^Arts and Humanities course, Minimum grade of C. Click HERE for a list of Arts & Humanities courses.			
TOTAL			
Nursing Admission GPA = Total Quality Points / Total Credits =			

TEAS

TEAS (Test for Essential Academic Skills) assesses academic preparedness for health science programs in math, science, reading, and English. The test takes approximately 3 ½ hours to complete. Test dates cannot be rescheduled. Test fees are non-refundable.

- Applicants must obtain an adjusted individual total score of **58.7% or higher** to be eligible to apply for admission.
- **TEAS taken prior to October 1, 2020 or after February 1, 2024 will not be accepted for this application cycle.**
- There is no limit to the number of times an applicant can take the TEAS; however, **only the most recent TEAS score will be used when determining eligibility.**
- A study manual for the TEAS is available through www.atitesting.com. Online practice tests are also available through ATI. For additional information about the TEAS, please visit www.atitesting.com.
- The TEAS is administered at Capital, Gateway, Housatonic, Naugatuck Valley, Northwestern CT, Norwalk and Three Rivers. If the TEAS is taken at a site other than one of the CT-CCNP College campuses, applicants must have official results sent by ATI to the CT State College Campus of Choice by the application deadline of February 1, 2024.
- If you take the TEAS through CT State Community College and enter your Banner/Student ID number in your profile at the time you take the test, we will receive your results in a weekly upload.
- If you take the TEAS outside of the CT State Community College system, you can either request to have the score sent to CT State Community College immediately after you complete the test OR you may log back into your account at a later time to request to have the score sent to CT State.
- Do not wait until you have your TEAS results to submit your CT-CCNP application. You can submit the application and all other materials prior to taking the TEAS.
- For testing schedules and registration information, go to www.atitesting.com. Applicants must have an account with ATI & select a CT-CCNP college as their "Institution" of choice in order to register for the TEAS. In addition to selecting a CT-CCNP college when setting up your ATI profile, please use your Banner ID as your "Student/Employee ID." **Applicants must log into their ATI account to view available testing dates within the community college system.**

Computing Rank & Selection Process

Formula for Computing Rank: Applicants who have submitted all required credentials AND met all application and admission requirements by the defined deadlines will be considered eligible. Eligible applicants who meet all of the application and admission requirements are assigned a rank position among all other applicants for all six college campuses. Rank positions/numbers are computed by the following formula:

- 25% = TEAS score
- 25% = BIO2111 (Anatomy & Physiology I) grade
- 50% = Nursing Admission GPA

Rank Selection (100%):

Each college campus will fill its seats by rank.

- Waitlist (remaining eligible applicants):

Applicants on the waitlist are ranked by their original CT-CCNP rank number. The waitlist is divided into six separate lists based on students' College Campus of Choice. If openings occur, applicants will be selected in rank order and offered a nursing seat at that college. Applicants who refuse an offer from their College Campus of Choice are removed from consideration for the current academic year. In the event that a college's initial waitlist is exhausted, applicants will be offered a space, based on their overall CT-CCNP rank, as they become available. If an applicant is offered a space at a college other than their College of Choice, the applicant can refuse the offer and remain on the waitlist of their College Campus of Choice. The waitlist will not carry over from year to year. Applicants who are not selected from the waitlist will need to submit a new application if they want to be considered for admission the following year.

One-time deferral

Accepted applicants can defer their admission one-time for one-year, and only at their program of choice, with approval by the Program Administrator.

LPN Advanced Placement

LPNs admitted to the CT-CCNP are guaranteed a spot to enter the program in the first semester (NUR*1120). The option of advanced placement for accepted LPNs into the third semester (NUR*2220) cannot be guaranteed at individual college campus sites. Eligibility for the Advance Placement option is based on the Admissions ranking process, recommendation by the college LPN Advisor, and space available at each college campus. Students will be informed by the college if there is space available, at which time they will be cleared to enroll in the Charter Oak State College Bridge course, NUR* 190. CT-CCNP participates in the CT Articulation Model for Nurse Educational Mobility for LPNs. To be eligible for articulation, the LPN must:

- Hold a current unencumbered Connecticut Licensed Practical Nurse license. You are not eligible for LPN Advanced Placement if your license is not in good standing or you do not hold a current LPN license.
- Satisfy all the CT-CCNP admission requirements.
- Submit a CT-CCNP application and be admitted to the program. **The application process does not vary for LPN candidates.**

Once admitted, the LPN advisor will evaluate LPN candidates for placement within the CT-CCNP. If space and resources are available for the LPN to enter the third semester of the nursing program, the following requirements must be met:

- Complete the required general education courses for the first-year curriculum of the CT-CCNP with a grade of C or higher. A&P I & II require a minimum C+ grade.
- Successfully complete the Connecticut LPN Transition Bridge Course at Charter Oak State College (COSC NUR* 190) and the college-based CT-CCNP LPN transition course (CT-CCNP NUR*1152).
- LPN program graduates may enroll in COSC NUR* 190 prior to licensure as an LPN but are required to have current Connecticut LPN licensure to enroll in CT-CCNP NUR*1152 and begin the CT-CCNP in the third semester (NUR*2220).

If a student chooses the advance placement option and is unsuccessful in either the Charter Oak course, NUR* 190, or NUR*1152, they will be ineligible to elect to enter the program in the first semester (NUR*1120). To be eligible for entry into the first semester of the program, the student must reapply to the CT-CCNP and be accepted again to start in NUR*1120.

Applicants are encouraged to seek advisement prior to the application process. If admitted to the program, a student must contact the LPN Advisor regarding advanced placement.

External Transfer Nursing Applicants

An external nursing transfer applicant is defined as a student who has successfully completed one or more nursing courses *with a clinical component* within the last 18 months at a program outside of the Connecticut Community College system and wishes to transfer these courses for advanced placement. The Nursing Admission GPA will include nursing courses accepted in transfer.

There are a limited number of seats, if any, available to offer external applicants each semester. External transfers will be considered on a space-available basis at each college campus. External applicants are encouraged to apply as a new student to begin in the first semester of the nursing program.

External applicants must meet the same admission requirements as a new applicant (see chart on page 6) and must additionally provide nursing course work and nursing course descriptions, including syllabi.

Students wishing to apply as an external applicant should email ctstate-selectiveadmissions@ct.edu for application instructions.

Additional Information for Accepted Nursing Students

Clinical Learning Experiences

- Clinical experiences may be assigned during daytime, evening, or weekend hours.
- Clinical assignments in all courses are subject to change based upon availability of clinical sites and number of students in clinical groups.
- Clinical sites can be within an hour radius of the college and may require mandatory parking fees.
- Students must make their own travel arrangements during the program.
- Students will receive a packet of information at the time of acceptance to the program which outlines current nursing program specific immunization policies.
- A completed CT-CCNP Health Assessment Form (which documents specific requirements for the nursing program) must be on

file in accordance with college policy.

- Clinical learning experiences are planned as an integral part of the nursing courses and are held at a variety of healthcare settings, such as hospitals, extended care facilities, and selected community settings.
- Assignment of clinical sites is at the discretion of the nursing faculty and are subject to change.

Strategies for Success

Nursing Programs are time intensive. Class hours are 1 contact hour to one credit hour and clinical hours are 3 contact hours to one credit hour. Some of the following suggestions may assist students in time management and program success:

- Plan for two or more hours of preparation for each hour of class.
- Plan for at least four hours of preparation for each clinical experience.
- Plan for at least one hour of preparation for each hour of a college lab.
- Plan for additional service-learning activities such as health screening clinics, bloodmobiles, health fairs, and college activities.
- Working can interfere with academic success. Be realistic about your work schedule.
- Students are strongly discouraged from working nights prior to a daytime clinical experience, class or college lab. Sleep deprivation may result in unsafe behaviors which jeopardize patient and student safety.
- Due to the interactive nature of teaching and learning in the nursing program, students should have convenient access to a Wi-Fi connection to support effective use of teaching and learning resources (e.g., digital textbooks and learning tools).
- A nursing student fee is assessed each semester to cover standardized assessment testing throughout the program and a National Council Licensure Exam for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) review course at the end of the program. Standardized testing addresses students' potential for success in the program as well as success on the NCLEX-RN. Students should utilize this additional resource throughout the program as a means of ultimate preparation for the NCLEX-RN.

Basic Life Support (Bls) Certification

Students are required to provide documentation of current professional level certification in Basic Life Support for adult, child, and infant. Certification can only be earned through the **American Heart Association or the American Red Cross** and must remain current throughout the Program. Courses meeting this requirement are: The American Heart Association Basic Life Support (BLS) for Healthcare Providers **OR** the American Red Cross Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers. Failure to comply will result in exclusion from the clinical learning experience.

Criminal Background Checks, Toxicology Screening & Healthcare Professional/Practice/Licensure or Registry Restrictions

Due to clinical learning affiliate requirements, criminal background checks and toxicology (drug) screening may be required for all CT-CCNP students prior to participation in clinical experiences. Students must follow instructions for obtaining a background and/or toxicology screening at college of attendance. Students found guilty of having committed a felony/misdemeanor and/or are found to have a positive toxicology screen may be prevented from participating in clinical experiences in accordance with clinical learning facility policy. Results of student background checks and toxicology screening do not become a part of the student's educational record, as defined by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA"). If a student cannot participate in a clinical rotation at an assigned facility, the student will not be able to complete the objectives of the course and will be dismissed from the program.

Felony Conviction

At the time of application for RN licensure an applicant will be asked the following question by the Connecticut Department of Public Health: *"Have you ever been found guilty or convicted as a result of an act which constitutes a felony under the laws of this state, federal law or the laws of another jurisdiction and which, if committed within this state, would have constituted a felony under the laws of this state?"* If your answer is "yes", give full details, dates, etc. on a separate notarized statement and furnish a Certified Court Copy (with court seal affixed) of the original complaint, the answer, the judgment, the settlement, and/or the disposition." The Connecticut Department of Public Health reviews and makes all decisions regarding these cases.

Health Requirements

Applicants are required to have 2 doses of MMR and a varicella vaccine. Additionally, students working in health care settings will be required to have proof of immunity to diseases and additional vaccinations as required by various health care facilities. Specific requirements will be on the CT-CCNP health Assessment form which must be on file in accordance with program policy.

Program Cost

Tuition and fees for CT-CCNP students can be found at <http://www.ct.edu/admission/tuition>. Nursing students will incur additional fees including but not limited to a clinical program fee and the CT-CCNP Student Assessment Fee. Additional expenses specific to the nursing program relate to essential requirements of the program such as clinical uniforms and supplies, health, immunization, toxicology screening, and background checks.

Waiver of Licensure Guarantee

Upon successful completion of the Associate in Science degree with a major in Nursing, the graduate meets the educational requirements to take the *National Council Licensure Examination* for Registered Nursing (NCLEX-RN). Graduation from the CT-CCNP does not guarantee licensure to practice nursing; licensure requirements and procedures are the responsibility of the *State Board of Nursing* where the graduate seeks to be licensed as an RN. Permission to take the NCLEX-RN examination is established by law and granted by each *State Board of Nursing*. For example, at the time of application for licensure as an RN in any state, an applicant may be asked about felony conviction. All licensure decisions regarding cases of felony convictions are made by the respective State Board(s) of Nursing.

Continuing Notice of Nondiscrimination

Continuing Notice of Nondiscrimination Connecticut State Community College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religious creed, age, sex, national origin, marital status, ancestry, intellectual disability, mental disability, learning disability, physical disability, including, but not limited to, blindness or deafness, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, veteran status, criminal record, genetic information or any other federal or state protected class in its employment, programs, and activities. For information regarding nondiscrimination, disability, and Title IX policies/procedures, please contact: John-Paul Chaisson-Cardenas, Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, CT State Community College, (860) 612-7056, jchaisson-cardenas@commnet.edu.

Core Performance Standards of The RN Student

The *Core Performance Standards* are in the **Student Handbook**, <http://www.ct.edu/academics/nursing#docs>, and reflect a sample of performance abilities and characteristics necessary to successfully complete the nursing program with or without reasonable accommodations. These standards are not admission requirements. The student is responsible for notifying the nursing director and the *Disability Services Coordinator* of conditions that may impact the student's ability to meet the *Core Performance Standards*.

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Frequently Asked Questions

What degree will I be awarded?

A graduate of the nursing program is awarded an Associate in Science degree and meets the educational requirements for licensure as a registered nurse in CT.

Am I a Registered Nurse when I graduate from the program?

Graduation from the program does not guarantee licensure to practice nursing. The program prepares students to sit for the NCLEX-RN and provides them with the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed in the field of nursing. Students need to pass the NCLEX–RN and be approved by a state board of nursing in order to receive a license to practice nursing.

Does a student have a right to choose their clinical setting based on their town of residence or employment site?

The clinical sites are assigned by the faculty/course leader for the particular nursing semester and are not based on residence or employment considerations. Clinical sites could be within an hour radius of the college, and may require a mandatory parking fee. Clinical assignments are not guaranteed and are subject to change at any time during the program.

Why do I have to submit all my college transcripts when some of the courses don't even count toward my GPA?

Although the student may not believe that anything will transfer into the program, the CT-CCNP requires that a student submit their entire academic history to ensure a complete picture of their academic background.

I am an LPN. How do I apply to the program?

LPN applicants must meet all the admission requirements of the nursing program and go through the same application process as all other applicants. If admitted to the program, the student would have their file reviewed by the Nursing Department at the college campus they will be attending to determine if the student is eligible for advanced standing. Prior to applying, LPN applicants are encouraged to seek advisement from an academic advisor.

I was previously convicted of a crime; how will this impact my studies?

Please see “Miscellaneous Information for Accepted Students: Criminal Background Checks, Toxicology Screening & Healthcare, Professional/Practice/Licensure or Registry Restrictions” and “Felony Conviction”.

How is reapplication to the nursing program handled should it be necessary?

Students may re-enter the CT-CCNP only once through reapplication or readmission. Reapplication: Students who withdraw from, do not successfully complete, or are dismissed from the first nursing course (NUR*120 or NUR* 1120) must re-apply to the program to be considered for admission for a second time. Reapplication means submitting a new nursing application to the program to start in the first nursing course, NUR* 1120. Re-applying and being admitted a second time is considered a re-entry and counts as the one-time re-entry to the program. The NUR*120 or NUR* 1120 grade is not included in the Nursing Admission GPA for students re-applying.

Connecticut Community College Nursing Program
Non-tuition Related Program Expenses
(Approximate)

FIRST YEAR	
Clinical Lab Tote	\$120.00
CPR	\$110.00
Uniform (stethoscope, 2 tops, 2 pants, 2 name pins, 3 patches, 1 lab jacket, shoes, bandage shears)	\$250.00
Health requirement tracking, background check & toxicology screening	\$100.00
Standardized Assessment Testing	\$164.00
Clinical Program Fee	\$974.00
Books	\$500.00
NSNA membership (optional)	\$50.00
Laptop	\$800.00
TOTAL	\$3,068.00

SECOND YEAR	
Parking Expenses for clinical agencies (Varies)	\$250.00
CT NCLEX Application	\$400.00
CT League of Nursing Student Day (November; optional)	\$50.00
Additional Background Check & Toxicology Screening	\$132.00
Standardized Assessment Testing (includes NCLEX Review course)	\$262.00
Clinical Program Fee	\$718.00
Books	\$500.00
TOTAL	\$2,312.00

TOTAL 1st and 2nd YEAR	\$5,380.00
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