Cuyahoga Community College Nursing Center of Excellence Nursing Program Information Packet



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Disclaimer:

All information subject to change. For additional information, visit www.tri-c.edu/nursing.

If you have any questions, please contact the Nursing Center of Excellence at 216-987-4067 or nursing@tri-c.edu.



Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the Cuyahoga Community College Nursing Program. This packet is designed to provide you with information pertaining to the admission process. It is imperative that you follow the admission process outlined within this packet in order to ensure that your application is processed within a timely manner. Additionally, please make sure to check our website at http://www.tri-c.edu/programs/nursing/ as requirements are subject to change.

The nursing curriculum at Cuyahoga Community College is challenging and rewarding, but requires significant outside time commitments in order to be successful. We understand that many students must continue to work as they seek to advance themselves academically, but it is critical that you take time to make the appropriate lifestyle adjustments prior to beginning the program in order to ensure your success.

We are dedicated to helping you meet your educational and professional nursing goals, so please contact the Nursing Center of Excellence via email at nursing@tri-c.edu should you need additional assistance after you have read this packet.

We wish you much success in your pursuit of a career in nursing!

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ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN NURSING

PROGRAM INFORMATION

General Description

The Nursing Program is a two-year program that admits students twice a yearin a day or modified evening/weekend section. Although the course of study is designed to be completed in four semesters (2 years), most students, due to time constraints, complete the requirements in 3 to 4 years. Students' progress through a curriculum based on nursing concepts and skills that enable the nurse to adapt in a changing society. Opportunities for student learning are diverse and enriched by exposure to various clinical agencies throughout Northeast Ohio. Students also have the opportunity to care for individuals of all ages in medical, surgical, pediatric, obstetric and geriatric settings. The program prepares graduates to be able to provide nursing care to patients or groups of patients at home or in institutions, at the direction of a licensed physician, advanced practice nurse, dentist, optometrist or podiatrist.

In consideration of the various stages of students' education levels and experiences, there are two entrytracks into the nursing program. These entry tracks are:

Generic Track: offered to students with classes scheduled in Day or Modified Evening sections at the Eastern, Metropolitan, Western, and Westshore campuses. Our one-plus-one curriculum is presented as a career ladder, designed toimprove nursing career mobility and provide seamless progression from nurse aide certification to practical nurse certification to the Associate of Applied Science in Nursing degree. All students are admitted using a common admission criteria.

LPN-to-RN Track (ACCESS): offered to qualified Licensed Practical Nurses through ACCESS. These students enter in the Spring modified evening section at the Eastern Campus only. This track offers advanced standing, in our concept-based curriculum, to practicing licensed practical nurses graduating from a nursing program other than the Cuyahoga Community College Practical Nursing Program or those completing the practical nursing program at Cuyahoga Community College prior to the spring semester of 2021. All students are admitted using a common admission criteria.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The admission requirements for the Nursing Program consist of four parts: General College Admission Requirements, Nursing Program Requirements, Background Check, and Health Care/CPR Requirements.

PART I: GENERAL COLLEGE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The applicant must meet the requirements for general admission to the College as outlined in the College Catalog under the heading: *ADMISSIONS*

PART II: NURSING PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for admission into the nursing program, the applicant must meet the following minimum requirements:

- 1. Students must be 18 years or older and have a high school diploma transcript, GED Equivalency or higher degree transcript on file in the Office of the Registrar.
- 2. Completion of all prerequisite course work except for BIO 2331 with a C or higher.
- 3. Completion of BIO 2331 with a B or higher.
- 4. Maintain a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.75 or higher from Tri-C with a minimum of 9 credit hours from courses that maybe used to meet the general education requirements for the Associate of Applied Science Degree.

Pre-requisite Course Work:

Generic Track Nursing Program

Course	Program Admission Requirements	Credit Hours
BIO 2331*	Anatomy and Physiology, I	4
MATH 1410**	Elementary Probability & Statistics I	3
PSY 1010 or PSY 101 H	General Psychology or Honors General Psychology	3
NURS 1000	Introduction to Health Care and Professional Nursing Concepts	1
NURS 1010***	Introduction to Patient Care Concepts	4
	TOTAL	15

^{*}BIO 2331 must be completed with a B or higher.

Nursing Center of Excellence approval/authorization is required to take the N1010 course. Students will be notified once they have been authorized by the Nursing Center of Excellence to proceed with registration. You cannot register for the course until you have been authorized.

Students who successfully complete the two prerequisite nursing courses are eligible to sit for the ODH STNA (Ohio Department of Health State Tested Nurse Aide) examination and progress to the nursing program after meeting all admission requirements.

Courses used as prerequisites or core courses for the Health Careers Programs must have a traditional letter grade. The Pass/No Pass option for prerequisites and core courses will not be accepted by the Health Career and Nursing Programs. Students are responsible for consulting with their program director or counselor to determine Pass/No Pass grading options.

^{**}Math 1410 or higher will be accepted. Math 1240 taken prior to Fall 2024 will be accepted.

^{***} Applicants must successfully pass the HESI A2 or have a documented degree transcript on file before registering for course. Applicants must begin the nursing program within one year of completion of NURS 1010 or will have to retake NURS 1010.

AP credit accepted by the college can be used to meet prerequisite requirements. Please refer to https://www.tri-c.edu/get-started/credit-for-prior-learning/advanced-placement-credit.html for additional information about the College's policy regarding AP credit.

If an applicant's Tri-C GPA is less than the required 2.75, transfer GPA from an accredited institution as recognized by the college can be used for admission criteria only if the student has 9 credit hours of courses that maybe used to meet the general education requirements and an overall GPA of 2.75 or higher.

ADN LPN to RN ACCESS Track (individuals who already have LPN license)

Course	Program Admission Requirements	Credit Hours
BIO-2331*	Anatomy and Physiology I	4
MATH 1410**	Elementary Probability & Statistics I	3
PSY 1010 or PSY 101 H	General Psychology or Honors General Psychology	3
ENG 1010 or ENG 101 H	College Composition or Honors College Composition I	3
NURS 1250***	LPN to RN Transitions I Introduction to Health Care Concepts	3
	TOTAL	16

^{*}BIO 2331 must be completed with a B or higher.

Nursing Center of Excellence approval/authorization is required to take the N1250 course. Students will be notified once they have been authorized by the Nursing Center of Excellence to proceed with registration. You cannot register for the course until you have been authorized.

AP credit accepted by the college can be used to meet prerequisite requirements. Please refer to https://www.tri-c.edu/get-started/credit-for-prior-learning/advanced-placement-credit.html for additional information about the College's policy regarding AP credit.

If an applicant's Tri-C GPA is less than the required 2.75, transfer GPA from an accredited institution as recognized by the college can be used for admission criteria only if the student has 9 credit hours of courses that maybe used to meet the general education requirements and an overall GPA of 2.75 or higher.

Applicants to the LPN-to-RN program may use their LPN official transcript to meet GPA requirements for entrance if the overall GPA is a 2.75 or higher. Official LPN transcript must be on file with the college prior to being granted approval from the Nursing Center of Excellence to register.

^{**}Math 1410 or higher will be accepted. Math 1240 taken prior to Fall 2024 will be accepted.

^{***}NURS 1250 Course may not be repeated.

Students who have completed Health related courses may apply to use these courses to meet the 9-credit hour requirement. These courses are subject to Nursing Center of Excellence approval only.

Pre-requisite Course Authorization

In order to be authorized for the NURS 1010 course, the applicant:

- 1. Must have completed N1000.
- 2. Complete the NURS 1010 interest survey.
 - All students enrolled in NURS 1000 will receive an email from the Nursing Center of Excellence to survey your interest in taking NURS 1010. Please click the link and complete the survey to be considered for entry into NURS 1010.
- 3. Must have met the requirements for the Health Education Systems Inc Admission Assessment Exam-A2 (HESI A2).
- 4. Completed the health, CPR, and background check requirements.
 - Beginning the background check is time sensitive. Completing this step too early can lead to repeating the background check at an additional cost.
- 5. Submit ALL required documents within the established time frames of the semester to which you are seeking entry into NURS 1010.
 - After reviewing all of the submitted documents as outlined above, the Nursing Center of Excellence will reach out to all students eligible to take NURS 1010.
- 6. For questions regarding preauthorization, please contact nursingprereqs@tri-c.edu.

In order to be authorized for the NURS 1250 course, the applicant:

- 1. Must have graduated from an approved and accredited practical nursing program and submit an official transcript from your program to the Registrar's Office (see contact information below).
- Must be licensed in Ohio without restriction (student must maintain a license without restriction during program attendance) and credentialed to administer medication by the Ohio Board of Nursing (OBN).
- 3. Submit transcript(s) from other college(s) filed with the Office of the Registrar as required under general admission requirements.
- 4. Submit for on online review for admission to the nursing program using the following link: Nursing Admission (tri-c.edu).
 - Submit AFTER your transcript has been verified by the Registrar
 - Please be aware that you will be denied admission to the program because of missing requirements for admission, but can still be preauthorized to take NURS 1250.
- 5. For questions regarding preauthorization, please contact <u>nursingprereqs@tri-c.edu</u>.

All transcripts should be mailed to the Office of the Registrar, P.O. Box 5966, Cleveland, OH 44101-0966 for all LPN-to-RN applicants.

HESI REQUIREMENTS

Generic Track Nursing Program

Generic track applicants with an Associate Degree or higher are not required to take the HESI A2 exam. Degree transcript must be on file with Cuyahoga Community College, prior to applying for admission to the nursing program, in order for this requirement to be met.

Generic track applicants, without an Associate Degree or higher, are required to take the HESI A2 as a part of the application process for entry into the Nursing Program. Students can complete the HESI A2 at any time during the application process, but must complete it prior to beginning NURS 1010-Introduction to Patient Care Concepts.

Applicants must achieve a minimum score of 75% on the Math and English** sections for consideration for the program. One attempt can be made per month. If a 2nd attempt is needed, only the section(s) scoring below 75% needs to be completed. There is a limit of 2 attempts in a 12-month period. Each attempt must be separated by 30 calendar days.

**Three separate tests compose the English Language portion of the exam. The three tests are: Reading Comprehension, Vocabulary, and Grammar. Scoring less than 75% on the English component requires completing all three tests again.

PART III: BACKGROUND CHECK

The completion of a criminal background check (BCI) is one of the admission requirements to the nursing program. The background check is required to ascertain (I) the ability of students to eventually become licensed in the profession and (II) the ability of students to attend mandatory clinical rotations at external facilities in accordance with the requirements of the program.

Because a criminal history can have different effects at the educational, licensure, and employment levels, when a person is considering pursuing a nursing career, it is best to have as much information as possible prior to deciding to enroll in a nursing program. The Board encourages individuals who have criminal histories and who are interested in pursuing a nursing career to: (1) Contact approved nursing education programs and ask about the programs' enrollment criteria with respect to criminal convictions; (2) Review the criminal history information available on the Board's website under the Criminal Records Check, and (3) Contact healthcare facilities and inquire about hiring criteria with respect to criminal convictions. See the criminal history fact sheet from the Ohio Board of Nursing on page 15 of this information packet. For additional information, you can also visit: https://nursing.ohio.gov/licensing-certification-ce/.

Effective January 12, 2013, the BCI process may begin no sooner than six months prior to entry into the first clinical course. For Generic Track students, the first clinical course is defined as the first day of class in the semester, which the student begins NURS 1010. For ACCESS students, the first clinical course is defined as the first day of class in the semester, which the student begins NURS 1260.

The BCI must be completed, reviewed and cleared prior to full acceptance into the program. The BCI will be valid as long as the student is continually enrolled in the nursing program. Students who leave and return to the program will be required to complete another BCI check.

Background checks completed by another vendor, employer, or while enrolled at another school/institution will not be accepted.

For general information on student BCIs please see: http://www.tri-c.edu/programs/healthcareers/Pages/BackgroundCheckInformation.aspx

PART IV: HEALTH CARE/CPR REQUIREMENTS

Prospective students must complete and submit certain requirements for consideration and/or placement in the nursing program. Once accepted into the program, nursing students must maintain these requirements or they will not be permitted into any clinical setting. The maintenance of accurate and up- to-date information of all requirements is the sole responsibility of the student.

- Note: All prospective and current nursing students enrolled in an NURS clinical course must attend internship/clinical/practicum experiences at external and/or internal clinical facilities. Clinical facilities will not allow students into the facility without appropriate documentation of required immunizations. Immunization requirements may vary and may include COVID-19 vaccination.
- The inability of a student to obtain one or more required immunization(s) for personal, religious, medical and/or other reasons may prevent them from participating in the required internship/clinical/practicum experience at one or more facilities and therefore may result in the inability to complete or denial of entrance to the nursing program.

For additional information on the Health Care Requirements, please visit: <u>Tri-C</u> Clinical Compliance How-to videos: Cleveland Ohio

Required Immunizations:

For the most current immunization requirements please visit: http://www.tri-c.edu/programs/health-careers/documents/hcn-immunization-and-req-completion-guide.pdf

You are encouraged to review and begin obtaining the required documentation as soon as possible. Please note that the requirements can change depending on the hospital/health care facility agreements.

BLS/CPR Certification Requirements:

A course in cardiopulmonary resuscitation must be completed prior to the scheduled orientation date. Students are required to provide documentation of the current professional level CPR course. The required CPR course must be a BLS for Healthcare Providers course earned through the American Heart Association (AHA). No other course will be accepted. When submitting documentation of AHA certification a copy of the card, eCard, or other form of validation deemed acceptable by the program may be used. When submitting a CPR card for documentation of certification, the copy of the card must be front and back of the card. The card must be signed. If submitting the eCard certificate of completion, it must show the unique ID and QR code for

verification purposes. Students who fail to complete the approved course in cardiopulmonary resuscitation will be administratively dropped from the program. Students must maintain current CPR certification throughout the Nursing Program.

APPLYING FOR ADMISSION

After meeting the program admission requirements described in this document, applicants should submit an Online Request for Review at <u>Nursing Admission (tri-c.edu)</u>. Please note, having one of these areas missing will result in a declined review.

Applicants are encouraged to submit for a review as soon as admission requirements are completed in order to receive an application for the program. Support courses can be completed during the interim period while waiting to enter the Nurse Program sequence. Admission is based on first come basis until program is filled.

Students who accept a slot in the nursing program (with a specific starting date for nursing courses) and do not attend orientation, decline a slot after orientation, do not attend the first day of class, do not meet all medical record, health insurance, CPR, and/or background check requirements will be required to re-start the application process. Students admitted for a fall semester may reapply after Sept. 1st, students admitted for a spring semester may reapply after February 1st. Students must meet all current admission requirements at the time of application.

Note: for placement deadlines, please refer to: <u>Program Placement information for Tri-C Nursing Program: Cleveland Ohio</u>

<u>Associate of Applied Science in Nursing Program Sequence:</u> Generic Track Nursing Program

Course	Program Admission Requirements	Credit Hours	
BIO 2331*	Anatomy and Physiology, I	4	
MATH 1410**	Elementary Probability & Statistics I	3	
PS 1010 or PSY101 H	General Psychology or Honors General Psychology	3	
NURS 1000	Introduction to Health Care and Professional Nursing Concepts	1	
NURS 1010***	Introduction to Patient Care Concepts	4	
	TOTAL	15	
	Nursing Program		
First Semester		Credit Hours	
BIO-2341*	Anatomy and Physiology II	4	
NURS 1200	Fundamentals of Nursing Concepts (First 8 weeks)	4	
NURS 1210	Concepts of Nursing Care for Patients within the Community and Behavioral Health Settings (Second 8 weeks)	2	
PSY-2020	Life Span Development	4	
	TOTAL	14	

Second Semester		Credit Hours
NURS 1220	Concepts of Nursing Care for Patients with Acute and Chronic Conditions I (8 weeks)	5
NURS 1230	Fundamentals of Nursing Care of Childbearing Families and Children (8 weeks)	4
NURS 1240	Role Transitions	1
ENG 1010 or ENG 101 H****	College Composition or Honors College Composition I	3
	TOTAL	13
PRACTICAL NURSING CERTIFICATE AWARDED	TOTAL FOR PRACTICAL NURSING CERTIFICATE	42
ENG - 1020	College Composition II	3
BIO 2500*	Microbiology	4
NURS 2000	Concepts of Nursing Care for Patients with Acute and Chronic Conditions II	6
	TOTAL	13
Fourth Semester		Credit Hours
NURS 2010	Concepts of Nursing Care for Patients with Complex Conditions	6
	TOTAL	6
ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE AWARDED	NURSING PROGRAM TOTAL	61

^{*} BIO 2331, BIO 2341, and BIO 2500 must be completed with a grade of B or higher

Students who successfully complete the two prerequisite nursing courses are eligible to sit for the ODH STNA (Ohio Department of Health State Tested Nurse Aide) examination and progress to the nursing program after meeting all admission requirements.

Students who successfully complete the first year of the program will be awarded a certificate of proficiency in practical nursing and are eligible to sit for the NCLEX- PN. Students who successfully complete the second year of the nursing program will be awarded an associate degree in applied science and are eligible to sit for the NCLEX-RN.

^{**}Math 1410 or higher will be accepted. Math 1240 taken prior to Fall 2024 will be accepted.

^{***} Applicants must successfully pass the HESI A2 or have a documented degree transcript on file before being authorized to register for the course. Applicants must begin the nursing program within one year of completion of NURS 1010 or will have to retake NURS 1010.

^{****} Students who transfer in credits for ENG-1020 with a grade of C or higher, without having credit for ENG-1010 will have ENG-1010 waived, but the required 6 hours in Communication must be earned.

ADN LPN to RN ACCESS Track

Course	Program Admission Requirements	Credit Hours
BIO-2331*	Anatomy and Physiology I	4
MATH 1410**	Elementary Probability & Statistics I	3
PSY 1010 or PSY 101 H	General Psychology or Honors General Psychology	3
ENG 1010 or ENG 101 H	College Composition or	3
	Honors College Composition I	
NURS 1250***	LPN to RN Transitions I	3
	Introduction to Health Care Concepts	_
	TOTAL	16
	Associate Degree Nursing Program	
First Semester		Credit Hours
NURS 1260	LPN to RN Transitions II	6
BIO-2341*	Anatomy and Physiology II	4
PSY-2020	Life Span Development	4
	TOTAL	14
Second Semester		Credit Hours
NURS 1230	Fundamentals of Nursing Care of Childbearing Families and	4
(First 8 weeks)	Children	
NURS 1210	Concepts of Nursing Care for Patients within the Community	2
(Second 8 weeks)	and Behavioral Health Settings	
ENG – 1020	College Composition II	3
	TOTAL	9
Third Semester		Credit Hours
BIO 2500*	Microbiology	4
NURS 2000	Concepts of Nursing Care for Patients with Acute and Chronic	6
	Conditions II	
	TOTAL	10
Fourth Semester		Credit Hours
NURS 2010	Concepts of Nursing Care for Patients with Complex Conditions	6
	TOTAL	6
ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE AWARDED	NURSING PROGRAM TOTAL	55

^{*} BIO 2331, BIO 2341, and BIO 2500 must be completed with a grade of B or higher.

^{**}Math 1410 or higher will be accepted. Math 1240 taken prior to Fall 2024 will be accepted.

^{***}NURS 1250 Course may not be repeated.

TRANSFER PROCEDURE

TRANSFER PROCEDURE FROM OUTSIDE UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE/PROGRAM FOR ADVANCED STANDING

Applicants who were enrolled in nursing courses at another college or school of nursing and now wish to transfer into the Cuyahoga Community College Nursing Program must first apply for general college admission. Only students who are currently in good academic standing at their current/previous nursing school are eligible for transfer status consideration.

Nursing transfer credits will not be accepted from students who have been absent for two or more years from their nursing program. Only credits from the most current attended educational institution will be considered.

Once the applicant has met the *minimum program admission requirements*, the student must submit to the Nursing Center of Excellence at nursing@tri-c.edu the following information at least twelve weeks prior to the desired semester:

- 1. A letter indicating academic good standing from the Director/Dean of the current/previous nursing program sent directly to the Nursing Center of Excellence.
- 2. A letter requesting admission as a transfer student.
- 3. A complete syllabus for each nursing course completed at the previous school(s).
- 4. An official transcript from the previous school(s).

These documents will be reviewed by the Nursing Admission & Progression Committee, which will then will then make recommendations regarding the student's transfer status. The Committee does not meet during the Summer Term. Admission of transfer students who meet the requirements will be placed on a space available basis.

Applicants who were enrolled in another college, but who have not taken any nursing clinical courses will follow the general transfer process as described in the Catalog. *Note:* Non-nursing courses will be evaluated in accordance with general transfer policies and procedures.

MILITARY CREDIT

Transfer credit may be awarded for courses earned through the college-level United States Armed Forces Institute (USAFI). For individuals with experience in the armed forces of the United States, or in the National Guard, or in a reserve component:

- Military education skills and training will be reviewed in accordance with the College's transfer policy;
- The individual will be awarded credit for any military education or skills training that is substantially equivalent to the curriculum established in Chapter 4723-5 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

GRADUATES OF INTERNATIONAL NURSING PROGRAMS

An international graduate nurse educated in a country other than the United States who desires to become a registered nurse in Ohio, must contact the Ohio Board of Nursing for information on applying for licensure as a Registered Nurse in the State of Ohio by examination:

The Ohio Board of Nursing 17 South High Street, Suite 400 Columbus, Ohio 43215-3413 (614) 466-3947

GENERAL INFORMATION

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

Students are also responsible for having their current address and telephone number reported to the Enrollment Center at any campus. This information can also be updated through My Tri-C space.

STUDENT E-MAIL COMMUNICATIONS POLICY

Cuyahoga Community College (CCC) has established email as an official and primary means of communication with students. An official Cuyahoga Community email address is required for all students.

The college expects that every student will receive email at his or her CCC email address and will read email on a frequent and consistent basis. A student's failure to receive and read college communications in a timely manner does not absolve that student from knowing and complying with the content of such communications.

Students may elect to redirect (auto-forward) email sent to their CCC email address. Students who redirect email from their official CCC email address to another address do so at their own risk. If email is lost as a result of forwarding, it does not absolve the student from the responsibilities associated with communications sent to their official CCC email address.

STUDENT RESOURCES & LINKS

College-Wide Resources

Additional college-wide resources are available to nursing students at each campus. For a full range of services please go to the Cuyahoga Community College website: Cuyahoga Community College, Tri-C: Cleveland Ohio

Cuyahoga Community College Catalog: <u>Cuyahoga Community College Catalog < Cuyahoga Community College (tri-c.edu)</u>

Cuyahoga Community College Student Handbook: Tri-C Student Handbook: Cleveland Oh

Counseling

A fully staffed counseling and academic advising department is available on all three campuses. An

academic counselor, on the campus where your records are located, should be consulted upon entry in the program for assistance in choosing course offerings. Appointments are encouraged. Additional information can be located here: Tri-C Counseling Center: Cleveland Ohio (tri-c.edu)

Cuyahoga Community College Nursing Center of Excellence: Nursing Program at Tri-C: Cleveland OH

Student Disability Services: Tri-C ACCESS - Students with Disabilities: Cleveland

Financial Aid

Students can meet with a Student Financial Aid Advisor to obtain information about various financial aid options, including grants, scholarships, student loans, and public benefits.

Tri-C Student Financial Aid and Scholarships: Cleveland Oh

<u>Tuition Fee Schedule</u>

Click on the link below to access the current "Tuition and Payment Schedule" http://www.tri-c.edu/paying-for-college/tuition-and-fees/

Additional Expenses* *All prices subject to change

Entrance & Exit Exams \$200 (Variable)

Books & Supplies \$3500 (Variable)

Uniforms \$250 (Variable)
Laboratory Fees \$250 (Variable)
Liability Insurance (\$6.25 per semester) \$25 (Variable)

Background Check \$135 (Variable based on previous history)
Medical Insurance is required Must be obtained at your own expense

Miscellaneous Expenses

Stethoscope, scissors, hemostat (Variable)
Health examination (Variable)
Immunizations (Variable)
Drug Screening required for some clinical sites \$35 (Variable)

Project Go!

Cuyahoga Community College is partnering with the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS), the Ohio Benefit Bank (OBB) and the Cleveland Food Bank to provide support and assistance to students who may face financial challenges while working toward their educational goals.

Visit: Benefits Access, Project go at Tri-C: Cleveland Oh (tri-c.edu)

Ohio Board of Nursing

For questions regarding approved programs, NCLEX-RN licensure, etc. in the state of Ohio visit: https://nursing.ohio.gov/.

DISQUALIFYING OFFENSES CRIMINAL HISTORY FACT SHEET

Currently, there are eleven offenses that are automatic bars to obtaining a nursing license for applicants who entered a prelicensure nursing education program after June 1, 2003. This means that the Board of Nursing (Board) is prohibited from issuing a license to a person who has pled guilty to, been convicted of, or has a judicial finding of guilt for one of the offenses listed below.

•Aggravated Murder • Murder • Voluntary Manslaughter • Felonious Assault •Kidnapping • Rape • Aggravated Robbery • Aggravated Burglary • Sexual Battery • Gross Sexual Imposition • Aggravated Arson • or a substantially similar law of another state.

The Board is also prohibited from issuing a license to a person who is required to register as a sex offender.

In addition, the Board may propose to deny an application, or place restrictions on a license granted, for a conviction of, a plea of guilty to, a judicial finding of guilt of, a judicial finding of guilt resulting from a plea of no contest to, or a judicial finding of eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction or pretrial diversion for the following: (1) any felony; (2) a crime involving gross immorality or moral turpitude; (3) a misdemeanor drug law violation; or (4) a misdemeanor in the course of practice. In regard to these four types of offenses, the offenses are not automatically disqualifying. The Board reviews the facts of each case on an individual basis. The offense may or may not result in a proposed action to deny licensure.

The Board does not have the authority to make a determination or take action until an application has been filed. If an applicant has a criminal history, the Board conducts a thorough investigation and considers a number of factors, including but not limited to: whether the applicant has made restitution, completed probation and/or otherwise been rehabilitated; the age of the offense; the facts and circumstances underlying the offense; and the total number and pattern of offenses.

Please also be advised that although the Board may grant a license to an applicant who has a criminal offense history, an individual may be restricted from working in certain settings based on his or her criminal history due to federal and state laws, which require criminal records checks prior to employment in certain settings, and which may impose absolute or discretionary bars to employment in certain patient care settings, for example, in facilities or settings involving care provided to older adults or children. See, e.g., Ohio Administrative Code 173-9-07; 3701-60-07; 5123:2-2-02; 5160-45-07.

Similarly, the Board cannot answer questions regarding one's eligibility to attend nursing school or participate in clinical instruction. Nursing programs vary in regard to enrollment criteria, so it is recommended that you contact the nursing program to determine whether you are eligible to enroll. Note that it is fraudulent for a third party, such as a nursing program faculty member, to submit a license application attesting to be the license applicant.

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