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Please note: information in this packet is subject to change. If you do not intend to apply to the Connecticut Community College Nursing Program for the 2013-2014 academic year, please obtain an updated packet for future years.
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Introduction

The Connecticut Community College Nursing Program (CT-CCNP) is an innovative associate degree program of study offered at six Connecticut Community Colleges. The common nursing programming offers a four-semester curriculum designed to prepare registered nurses to function in the professional role utilizing current standards of nursing practice. In addition, students within the program have the same admission and policy standards, which allows for greater student flexibility.

The curriculum is built upon courses from the social and biological sciences, liberal arts, and nursing. These courses provide the foundation for the practice of nursing. Six core values (critical thinking, safe and competent practice, caring, professionalism, communication, and holistic care) provide the framework for organizing the nursing curriculum.

A graduate of the nursing program is awarded an Associate in Science degree and is eligible 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 graduate is prepared to function as an entry-level practitioner in health care settings such as general or specialty hospitals, extended care facilities, doctors' offices, and clinics.

Approval and Accreditation

All of the programs are individually approved by the Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Nursing with the consent of the Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Public Health. Five of the programs (Capital, Gateway, Naugatuck Valley, Norwalk & Three Rivers) are accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, Inc. located at 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326; P: 404-975-5000, www.nlnac.org. The newest nursing program, Northwestern Connecticut Community College, has been granted Candidacy Status by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) and is currently in the process of seeking full accreditation.

The Role of the Associate Degree Graduate within the Scope of Nursing Practice

The Nursing Program will provide the graduate with the knowledge and technical skills to practice in a safe, effective and competent manner within the legal and ethical framework for an entry-level Registered Nurse. The scope of practice for the Associate Degree graduate is to provide and manage care for a diverse group of individuals, families and communities in collaboration with members of the health care team consistent with the CT-CCNP core values.
Advisement

Advisors/Counselors are available at each college to guide applicants through the admission process. All potential applicants seeking admission to the Connecticut Community College Nursing Program are encouraged to read through this information packet. After reading the packet, students should direct all questions to their College of First Choice. Below is a listing of the primary contacts at each college.

Students are strongly encouraged to attend a Nursing Information Session at their College of First Choice to learn more about the CT-CCNP. A listing of upcoming Information Sessions can be found at www.commnet.edu/nursing or www.ctregents.org/academics/nursing.

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Application Process

Applicants are required to complete a common nursing application. The nursing application is only available online and can be accessed through Banner Self Service. Applicants must have an eight-digit banner number (first eight digits of the NetID) in order to access the application. Applicants who do not have a banner number must first complete a general college application at their college of first choice and be accepted into that college before a banner number is issued.

The application period for the nursing program is November 1 - February 1 of each year. Applicants to the CT-CCNP must complete the online nursing application and submit all required documentation to the Admissions Office at the College of First Choice by the February 1, 2013 deadline. "College of First Choice" is the college that the applicant would most like to attend.

Applicants may select a second choice college at the initial time of application which will eliminate the necessity for the applicant to apply to more than one College. An applicant should only list the college(s) to which s/he would be willing to commute. Applicants who select Northwestern CT Community College as their first choice are required to list a second choice college on their application. (Please note: clinical sites could be within an hour radius of the college, and may require a mandatory parking fee.)

All application materials should be sent to the Admission Office at the College of First Choice and must be postmarked to the College of First Choice no later than February 1, 2013. Late applications and transcripts will not be accepted. All applications that are completed by the February 1, 2013 deadline will be reviewed; applicants will be notified prior to May 1 as to their admission status.

Advisors/Counselors are available at each college to guide applicants through the application process.

All initial communication with students will be done through email.

Application Requirements

Students are required to submit the following by the February 1, 2013 deadline:

- General College application submitted to the college of first choice (separate from the nursing program application) with application fee of $20.00 for first-time applicants to any of the twelve Connecticut Community Colleges.
- Connecticut Community College Nursing Program (CT-CCNP) common application (the application is only available online).
- Proof of high school completion.
- If the student is using their high school chemistry to satisfy the admission requirement, official high school transcripts are required.
- Official SAT I and/or ACT score reports, if applicable (see page 6 for clarification).
- Official College/University transcripts from ALL colleges ever attended (including all CT Community Colleges), regardless of the age of the transcripts and applicability to the nursing program.*
- Official TEAS V results, if not taken at a CT Community College.
- Proof of immunizations- consult with your college of first choice for current immunization requirements.

* All transcripts must be final transcripts. Students taking courses in the fall or winter semester prior to applying must submit transcripts that include their fall & winter grades. Transcripts must be submitted regardless of the age of the transcripts and applicability to the nursing program. This includes any college credits earned while in high school.
Students who have attended or are currently attending one of the twelve CT Community Colleges must submit community college transcripts from all previously attended Connecticut Community Colleges to the College of First Choice. No deadline extensions will be given to applicants who fail to submit required transcripts from the CT Community Colleges by the application deadline.

A student who has received a grade of failure (F) or unsatisfactory in the clinical component of any course in a health career program is not eligible for admission into the CT-CCNP. A “health career program” is defined as any nursing or allied health program whose curriculum has both a classroom and clinical component.

**Admission Requirements**

- High School graduate or equivalent.
- A score of 40 or higher on the College Level Math portion of the Accuplacer; OR SAT I Math score of 550 or higher; OR a score of 22 or higher on the ACT Math test; OR Connecticut Community College MAT*136 or 137, or equivalent or higher, with a grade of C or higher, completed prior to application deadline of February 1, 2013.
- One year of high school Chemistry with a lab or Connecticut Community College CHE*111 or equivalent with a grade of C or higher, completed within five years prior+ to application deadline of February 1, 2013.
- A passing score on the computer proficiency test++ or completion of Connecticut Community College CSA*105, CSA*106 or CSC*101 or equivalent, with a grade of C or higher, completed prior to application deadline of February 1, 2013.
- Connecticut Community College ENG*101: English Composition, or equivalent, with a grade of C or higher, completed prior to application deadline of February 1, 2013.
- Connecticut Community College BIO*211: Anatomy and Physiology I, or equivalent, with a grade of C+ or higher, completed within five years prior+ to application deadline of February 1, 2013 or completed during, but no later, than the spring semester of application year.
- Connecticut Community College BIO*212: Anatomy and Physiology II, or equivalent, with a grade of C+ or higher, completed within five years prior+ to application deadline of February 1, 2013 or completed during, but no later, than the spring semester of application year.
- 2.7 Nursing GPA- based only on the college courses with grades that meet the nursing admission and nursing program curriculum requirements. The Nursing GPA is a calculation specific to CT-CCNP applicants and may differ from your college GPA. (please note: if an applicant is using a course from a Fresh Start semester to meet a nursing admission or program curriculum requirement, that course will count in the calculation of the applicant's Nursing GPA.)
- TEAS V score. Applicants must have an adjusted individual total score of 53.3% or higher, and must be submitted by February 1, 2013.

+ “Five years prior” is defined as having completed the course between December 2007 and February 1, 2013.
++ Please refer to page 7 for additional information on the computer literacy requirement.

There may be prerequisite courses that must be successfully completed prior to taking the admission requirements. Challenge exams may exist for certain admission requirements. Please consult with your College of First Choice for additional information. Students should complete the required Accuplacer computerized placement test. The placement test may be waived for students who have prior college English and/or mathematics credits.
Computer Literacy

Applicants must demonstrate computer literacy as an admissions requirement in one of the following ways:

1. **Proficiency Exam**—this is a comprehensive test designed for those who are very proficient in computers. If you question your skills, take the appropriate class or attempt the test early so you can register for the appropriate computer course if needed well in advance of the application deadline. Proficiency tests have limited scheduled times and are not given on a “on demand” basis. It is the responsibility of the applicant to contact the college of first choice for future scheduled times.

   It is also the applicant’s responsibility to check with the college of first choice for the acceptability of a computer proficiency exam administered at another college. A final determination of acceptance will be made by the college of first choice.

2. **Successful completion of CSA*105/CSA*106: Introduction to Software Applications or CSC*101: Introduction to Computers** with a grade of C or higher.

**TEAS V**

The TEAS V is a multiple choice test that evaluates essential academic skills: math, science, reading, and English. It is recommended that applicants review biology, chemistry, and math content in preparation for taking the TEAS V. The test will take approximately 3 ½ hours to complete. Testing fees are non-refundable. Applicants may not reschedule their test date.

Applicants must obtain an adjusted individual total score of 53.3% or higher on the TEAS V to be considered for admission. Scores from tests taken at one of the CT Community Colleges from February 5, 2011 to the present will be accepted. Applicants that have taken the TEAS V at another testing site prior to this date must provide proof that they have taken the correct version of the test.

Applicants may retake the TEAS V as many times as desired. The CT-CCNP will use the applicant's highest TEAS V score when determining eligibility.

The following Connecticut Community Colleges administer the TEAS V: Capital, Gateway, Naugatuck Valley, Northwestern CT, Norwalk, Quinebaug Valley and Three Rivers.

For testing schedules and registration information, go to www.atitesting.com/ctccteas. If the TEAS V is taken at a site other than one of the Connecticut Community Colleges, applicants must have official results sent by ATI to the College of First Choice by the application deadline.

A study manual for the TEAS V is available through www.atitesting.com. Online practice tests are also available through ATI. For additional information about the TEAS V, please visit ATI's website at www.atitesting.com.
Formula for Computing Ranking

Eligible applicants who meet all of the application and admission requirements are assigned a rank number. Rank numbers are computed by the following formula:

- 25% = TEAS V score
- 25% = BIO*211 grade
- 50% = Nursing GPA

Selection Process: Rank, Random, Waitlist

Rank Selection (75%): All eligible applicants will be ranked by the CT-CCNP. Each college will fill 75% of their seats by rank.

Random Selection (25%): Common pool of remaining applicants will consist of all students who were eligible for the program, but were not selected through rank selection. Students will be placed on a list for their College of First Choice and will be selected for that college in random order until the college is full.

Applicants will be considered for random selection at their second choice college if that college has space that wasn't filled through its own random selection process.

Once all colleges are filled, the remaining applicants will go onto a waitlist.

Waitlist: Applicants on the waitlist will be ranked using their original CT-CCNP rank number.

The waitlist will be divided into six separate lists based on the College of First Choice. When openings occur, applicants will be selected (in rank order) from the waitlist at that college and offered the nursing seat. Applicants who refuse an offer from their college of first choice will be removed from consideration for the current academic year.

In the event that a college’s initial waitlist is exhausted, applicants choosing that college as their second choice will be rank ordered and offered spaces as they become available. An applicant can refuse the offer of a space at their College of Second Choice and go back onto the waitlist at their College of First 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 to the nursing program the following year. Students would need to contact the Admission Office at the College of First Choice to see what application information is still on file.
PROGRAM OF STUDY

The following program of study reflects a full-time curriculum plan that students enrolled in the nursing program are required to complete for graduation. Many students make the decision to enroll in the nursing program on a part-time basis, taking the general education courses prior to the nursing courses. Non-nursing courses must be taken in the semester indicated in the plan of study below or may be taken earlier; nursing courses must be taken in the stated sequence.

The admission and pre-requisite requirements of BIO*211: Anatomy & Physiology I, BIO*212: Anatomy & Physiology II, and ENG*101: English Composition are credits (11 credits) that are part of the total 68 credits required for graduation. BIO*211 and ENG*101 must be completed prior to submitting an application; BIO*212 may be in progress and the applicant may be accepted pending successful completion with a grade of C+ or higher. Please refer to page 6 of this packet for a complete list of admission requirements.

A grade of C is required for all co-requisite courses in the nursing plan of study unless a higher grade is required for admission to the program. Co-requisite courses must be satisfactorily completed before or during the semester in which they are scheduled in the curriculum. Students who fail to complete required co-requisite courses may be dismissed from the program.

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<td>+BIO*235: Microbiology</td>
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<td>+PSY*201: Life Span Development</td>
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Total Program Credits: 68 credits (General Education Credits - 30 credits; Nursing Credits - 38 credits)

+ There may be a prerequisite course that must be successfully completed prior to taking the course.
++ Norwalk Community College requires one interdisciplinary course to fulfill core curriculum requirements.
LPN Advanced Placement and Transfer Policy

LPN Advanced Placement

The Connecticut Community College Nursing Program participates in the Connecticut League for Nursing Articulation Model for LPNs. To be eligible for articulation the LPN must:

- Hold a current Connecticut Licensed Practical Nurse license.
- Satisfy all the CT-CCNP admission requirements.
- Submit a CT-CCNP application and be admitted to the program (please note, the application process does not vary for LPN candidates).

Once admitted, LPN candidates will be advised as to their placement within the CT-CCNP. For an LPN to begin the program in the third semester, the following requirements must be met:

- Complete the required general education courses of the first year of the CT-CCNP with a grade of C or higher (BIO*235, PSY*111, PSY*201 & SOC*101).
- Successfully complete the Connecticut LPN Transition Bridge Course at Charter Oak State College (COSC 190) and the college based CT-CCNP LPN transition course (NUR*130).

Students must attain a final grade of 80% (B-) in COSC 190 to be eligible to take NUR*130 and to qualify for advance placement into the third semester of the CT-CCNP (NUR*201). Based upon course and space availability, students may be eligible to re-take COSC 190 and/or NUR*130. Students who are unsuccessful in either COSC 190 or NUR*130 are not eligible to advance place into NUR*201. Students who remain unsuccessful in one or both courses will be eligible to begin the program in NUR*101. **Space in NUR*101 may not be available at the college of first choice; the student must be willing to begin the nursing program at any of the six colleges with available space in NUR*101.**

Applicants are encouraged to seek advisement from one of the contact persons listed below prior to the application process. If admitted to the program, a student must contact the persons listed below for advisement regarding advanced placement.

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**External Transfer Nursing Applicants**

An external nursing transfer applicant is defined as a student who has successfully completed one or more nursing courses within the last 18 months at a program outside of the Connecticut Community College system, and wishes to transfer in these courses for advanced placement.

Students who wish to transfer nursing courses *with a clinical component* from another college or university will be considered for transfer after the following requirements have been met:

1. The applicant completes the CT-CCNP application for external transfers, and submits the application to the Admissions Office at the college of first choice. *Applicants must meet all nursing program admission requirements.* Completed applications are due by the following dates:
   a. Fall Semester- **July 1**
   b. Spring Semester- **January 2**
   c. Summer Semester- **May 1** *(Northwestern CT only)*

2. A written request for evaluation of nursing course work and nursing course descriptions must be submitted to the Admissions Office at the college of first choice along with the CT-CCNP application. Requests will be forwarded to the Nursing Director at the college of first choice. Written requests are due by **July 1** for fall semester requests, **January 2** for spring semester requests and **May 1** for summer semester requests.

3. External transfer candidates must have a **3.0 overall Nursing GPA**.

External transfers will be considered on a space-available basis.

**Transfer Credits**

Transfer credit evaluations for nursing applicants are done by the College of First Choice. 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 towards 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. Once an applicant earns credit at the College of First Choice, transfer credit for the same course from another college will not be granted.

**Credits Earned Outside the United States** – Transcripts need to be evaluated by the “Course By Course” option through the World Education Services Inc, PO Box 745, Old Chelsea Station, New York, New York 10113 or another approved site and submitted to the College of First Choice. Contact the College of First Choice for additional information.

**Transfer Grades**

Grades from colleges not regionally accredited will not be accepted in transfer. A minimum grade of C is required unless otherwise noted by the admission requirements.

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+. 
Miscellaneous Information for Accepted Nursing Students

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 CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer.

A copy of the current certification card will be kept on file at the college which the student is attending. Failure to comply will result in exclusion from the clinical learning experience.

CLINICAL SITES
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 health centers. Students are responsible for arranging their own transportation to and from assigned clinical sites. Clinical experiences may be assigned during daytime, evening, or weekend hours. Assignment of clinical sites is at the discretion of the nursing faculty. Clinical sites could be within an hour radius of the college, and may require a mandatory parking fee.

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS
Some clinical learning sites require students to undergo a background check for felony convictions. Students who do not pass the background check may be excluded from the clinical site and may not be able to meet the competencies required for 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.”

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS
Immunization Requirements- students will receive a packet of information describing current college policies.
CT-CCNP Health Assessment Form - completed forms (which document specific requirements for the nursing program) must be on file in accordance with college policy.

TECHNICAL STANDARDS
The RN student must be able to apply the knowledge and skills necessary to function in a broad variety of clinical situations. Technical standards reflect reasonable performance expectations of the RN student for the performance of common functions of the registered nurse. These requirements address capabilities in the areas of motor, sensory, communication, behavior and critical thinking abilities. The technical standards can be found at www.commnet.edu/nursing or www.ctregents.org/academics/nursing.

WAIVER OF LICENSURE GUARANTEE
Upon successful completion of the Associate of Science degree with a major in Nursing, the graduate is eligible to take the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Licensure Examination for Registered Nurse (NCLEX-RN). Graduation from the CT-CCNP does not guarantee licensure to practice nursing. Licensure requirements and procedures are the responsibility of the Connecticut Department of Public Health, State Board of Examiners for Nursing. Permission to take the NCLEX-RN examination is established by law and granted by the Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Nursing.