

NEOSHO COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Mary Grimes School of Nursing (Bridge)

The Mary Grimes School of Nursing provides training in practical nursing (LPN 1-year) and associate degree nursing (RN 2-year) which is fully approved by the Kansas State Board of Nursing and accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN)

The nursing program utilizes a variety of clinical facilities in area hospitals, in the following Kansas cities: Burlington, Chanute, Coffeyville, Fredonia, Gardner, Garnett, Girard, Iola, Kansas City, KS & KC, MO, Lawrence, Neodesha, Olathe, Osawatomie, Ottawa, Overland Park, Paola, Parsons, Pittsburg, and Topeka.

The mission of Mary Grimes School of Nursing is to provide equal access to quality nursing education for culturally diverse populations, while providing a foundation for career and educational advancement by integrating evidenced-based practice, technology, and quality improvement, and to improve healthcare of our communities by enhancing the quality of the nursing workforce.

The Mary Grimes School of Nursing offers:

- A career choice that offers exceptional employment opportunities in a variety of health care settings
- Pass rate on the state board exams above 80%
- Campuses located in Chanute and Ottawa
- Bridge Course and Level II RN program available with theory online!
- Financial aid

The information included in this information booklet is not all inclusive. Policies in their entirety can be found at <https://www.neosho.edu/Academics-and-Services/Academic-Programs/Health-Occupations/Nursing/Handbook> .

Admission Procedure

Admission to the college does not guarantee admission to the nursing program. The following admission requirements must be presented before the application will be reviewed:

- Make application to the Neosho County Community College (to be done online at our website www.neosho.edu - Apply On-Line) and the nursing program (international students need to contact the school for a separate international college application. You will need an I-20 and TOEFL scores, or Green card on file at the college)
- Applications will be accepted December 15 with the deadline of February 15 for the Bridge class. (Application for nursing is on website) <https://www.neosho.edu/Academics-and-Services/Academic-Programs/Health-Occupations/Nursing/LPN-to-RN>.
- Applicant must be a graduate of an accredited high school or have successfully completed the General Education Development Test (GED). Home Schooling is accepted according to the college catalog.
- Applicant must follow the KSBN Articulation Agreement for acceptance into our nursing program.
- Applicant must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher to be considered for admission to the LPN to RN Bridge program.
- Have official transcripts from high school (or GED / Home Schooling) and EACH college attended **SENT DIRECTLY TO THE NURSING DEPARTMENT.**

- A grade of “C” or better is required in all college courses.
 - Previous science courses (Human Anatomy & Physiology and Microbiology with labs) must have been completed within 7 years of beginning the nursing program.
 - Pathophysiology must have been completed within 7 years of beginning the nursing program. Grade must be 80% or higher to transfer.
- Pay nursing application fee [on the application] (Non-Refundable - includes cost of entrance exam).
 - Complete the nursing entrance exam, HESI Bridge Entrance Assessment, given by the nursing department (a list of the testing dates will be provided upon receipt of application & fee).
 - The entrance exam is a computerized exam used for advising purposes and to determine admission placement and eligibility for nursing scholarships. The exam takes approximately 75 minutes to complete and may be taken **ONE TIME ONLY PER APPLICATION YEAR @ NCCC**.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE LPN STUDENT:

- Must pass a medication calculation proficiency examination. The exam may be taken a total of three times and the student **MUST** pass with 95% accuracy or better by the third attempt. Calculators will be provided.
- Must be a graduate of a PN program and hold a current LPN license.
- Must have completed the following Level I general education courses with a “C” or better within the time limits set by NCCC:

General Psychology - 3 cr. hrs
 Developmental Psychology - 3 cr. hrs
 Human Anatomy & Physiology with a lab - 5 cr. hrs
 English Composition I - 3 cr. hrs.
 IV Therapy Certification- 0-3 cr. hrs.

Completion is HIGHLY recommended before Level II classes begin:

Microbiology with lab - 5 cr. hrs. / Pathophysiology (80% or higher required) - 3 cr. hrs. / English Comprehension II - 3 cr. hrs. Must successfully complete with a “C” or better the Introduction to Associate Degree Nursing-Summer Bridge-course at NCCC.

Review of Application

After the above information is on file in the nursing office, the application will be reviewed by the nursing director, assistant director or campus coordinator. The responsibility for completing information rests entirely upon the applicant. In the event there are more applicants than space available, applicants will be ranked in compliance with the Kansas State Board of Nursing and according to school policy.

Items that will be looked at in the selection process are:

- Application received by deadline, properly completed and notarized
- Punctuality
- Official transcripts on file (high school & colleges)
- General education courses completed for the nursing program
- Nurse entrance test scores
- Passing 1 of the 3 medical calculations exams

Level II (RN) Admission

Admission into the Bridge course does not guarantee admittance into Level II (RN course work). The Kansas State Board of Nursing determines the maximum number of students admitted each year to the nursing program. The number admitted on each campus is dependent in part on the availability of faculty and clinical and classroom facilities.

The articulation model outlined below has been adopted by the Mary Grimes School of Nursing at Neosho County Community College for transfer and advanced standing applicants.

* Must pass the HESI LPN to RN entrance exam with a score of 750 or above to be eligible for the program.

Upon completion of the Bridge course the student must enter Level II of the nursing program within two years. Students not successfully completing the Bridge course may be considered for readmission one time only.

Second Year (Level II - RN) Curriculum

Required general courses may be completed at an accredited college of the student's choice. A minimum grade of "C" is required in each of the courses listed below. Microbiology with lab and Pathophysiology must be completed within seven years. Pathophysiology must be passed with an 80% or higher for approval.

These courses are sequential and must be completed in the semester listed or before, within any time requirements listed above.

Bridge RN Classes

<i>First Semester</i>	<i>Cr Hrs.</i>
NURS 230 Pathophysiology**	3
NURS 234 Patient-Centered Care III.....	3
NURS 236 Practicum III	3
BIOL 271 Microbiology**	3
BIOL 272 Microbiology Lab**	2
<i>Second Semester</i>	<i>Cr Hrs.</i>
NURS 244 Patient-Centered Care IV	3
NURS 247 Professional Nursing Concepts L2	2
NURS 246 Practicum IV	3
ENGL 289 English Comp. II**	3
CSIS 100/105 Computer	0

Computer Test Out (at NCCC only) or courses accepted for graduation:

- CSIS 100 Computer Concepts and Applications (3-cr hrs.)
- CSIS 105 Computer Literacy (1 cr. hr.)NCCC course only accepted for this requirement.

It is **highly recommended that these classes be taken **prior** to entering the nursing program, Completion of all general education classes is highly advised.

Completion of Level II prepares the student to take the state board examination for Registered Nurses (RN).

Licensure

Any individual who wishes to apply to write the PN/RN licensure examination in the State of Kansas must possess the following qualifications:

- Have graduated from an approved school of practical/professional nursing in the United States or its territories or from a school of practical/professional nursing in a foreign country which is approved by the Board.

The Kansas State Board of Nursing has the power to deny a license to practice nursing if the applicant is found to have been guilty of a felony or to have been guilty of a misdemeanor involving an illegal drug offense unless the applicant or licensee establishes sufficient rehabilitation to warrant the public trust, except that notwithstanding K.S.A. 74-120 no license to practice nursing shall be granted to a person with a felony conviction for a crime against persons as specified in Article 34 of Chapter 21 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated prior to their appeal, or Article 54 of Chapter 21 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, or K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 21-6104, 21-6325, 21-6326, or 21-6418 and amendments thereto.

Kansas Nurse Practice Act: Laws and Administrative Regulations. Topeka, KS Kansas State Board of Nursing, December 2020.

Criminal Background Check

As required by clinical facilities contracted by the nursing program, all students accepted into the nursing program must submit to a criminal background check, drug screening, and KS/MO abuse registries. The incurred cost of all these screenings will be the student's responsibility and will be assessed at the time of acceptance. Failure to submit to any of these screenings will disqualify the applicant from admission into the nursing program.

Any student with a criminal history who denies that history by answering "no" to the question regarding criminal background on the program application is fraudulently presenting her/himself as not having a criminal background and may be permanently disqualified from admission to the nursing program. This paragraph is not applicable to convictions for criminal offenses that have been expunged.

Health Insurance

Students enrolled in the nursing program are required to carry health insurance. Proof of coverage must be on file prior to beginning nursing clinicals. It is the student's responsibility to continue health insurance coverage throughout the nursing program. Any health care costs incurred by the student are the responsibility of the student and is not the responsibility of NCCC or any of its clinical agencies.

Grading System

The nursing student **MUST ACHIEVE** a minimum of 80% in any nursing class to progress in the program. In theory courses the nursing student must achieve a minimum of 80% in both the exam and homework categories to successfully complete each course.

Satisfactory clinical performance will be based on learning lab, simulation and clinical proficiency. The nursing student must attain at least 80% on both learning lab and clinical assignments, and pass a medication calculation proficiency exam with at least 95%.

Professional Conduct

Professional conduct is expected at all times from the student nurse. Unprofessional behavior will not be tolerated.

Students are held accountable to the rules, policies and/or requirements (e.g. drug screening) that are in place in any affiliating clinical agency. Failure to meet any clinical agency's requirements or policies may result in dismissal from the nursing program.

Student Employment Policy

It is the recommendation of the nursing faculty that students enrolled in the nursing program limit the total number of hours worked per week to 16. Students are encouraged to consider their progress in the nursing program when deciding to accept outside employment.

Scholarships

A limited number of nursing scholarships are available through the college based upon the financial need of the student. Other scholarships are available through the financial aid office.

Requirements for Graduation

Associate of Applied Science Degree

A student eligible for an Associate of Applied Science Degree in nursing must:

- Complete a total of at least 64 semester hours of college credit.
- Maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0.
- Earn a minimum of 14 cr. hrs. in nursing classes of the last 25 semester credit hours at NCCC.
- Be enrolled during the semester in which the requirements for the degree are completed.
- Maintain a grade of "C" or better in all courses of the nursing curriculum.

Program Cost

Please check the website for the most current Cost Sheets for the Mary Grimes Nursing School. **Approximate** costs for the nursing program are located (excluding general education course work) at:

<https://www.neosho.edu/Academics-and-Services/Academic-Programs/Health-Occupations/Nursing/Admissions>

Special fees for nursing students, at student's expense, include the purchase of uniforms, health insurance, criminal background check, drug screen, KS/MO Abuse Registries, graduation pictures/pin, NSNA membership, and acceptance fee. You will also need a watch with a second hand, stethoscope, black shoes, TB skin test, IGRA or chest x-ray, immunizations, physical, and CPR.

Where to Send Application

Return the completed and notarized nursing application along with the application fee (non-refundable) payable to NCCC to the Ottawa campus:

Neosho County Community College
Mary Grime School of Nursing
900 E. Logan Street
Ottawa, KS 66067

For More Information

Chanute Campus

For more information or to schedule an appointment contact Kelly Hamm, Administrative Assistant to the Nursing Department, by e-mail khamm@neosho.edu or 620-432-0350.

Ottawa Campus

For more information or to schedule an appointment contact Melodie Milliken, Administrative Assistant to the Nursing Department by e-mail mmilliken@neosho.edu or 785-248-2827.

Visit our Website www.neosho.edu

Neosho County Community College affords equal opportunity to and does not discriminate against students, employees, and applicants regardless of race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy), sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnicity, national origin, ancestry, age, disability, marital status, genetic information, status as a veteran, political affiliation, or other factors that cannot be lawfully considered in its programs and activities, including admissions and employment, to the extent and as required by all applicable laws and regulations including but not limited to Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, The Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, The Americans With Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008, The Age Discrimination In Employment Act of 1967, Title II of the Genetic Information Act of 2008, Kansas Acts Against Discrimination, Section 188 of the Workforce Investment Act, and any amendments to such laws and regulations.

The following offices have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the Non-Discrimination and to coordinate implementation of this policy. They may be contacted to initiate an investigation under the policy or to answer questions regarding this policy. **Vice President for Operations**, Neosho County Community College, a/k/a Chief Operations Officer, 800 West 14th Street, Chanute, KS 66720, (620) 432-0301.

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