Admissions Packet for Professional Nursing Program LPN to RN Bridge Track

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OVERVIEW

We are pleased that you have expressed an interest in the Professional Nursing program at Jersey College. The Professional Nursing program at Jersey College educates and prepares students for entry-level registered nursing positions in a variety of health care settings. The program consists of course work in nursing, science, general education and clinical practice at select health care institutions. Upon successful completion of the program and demonstrated nursing competence, the graduate will earn an Associate Degree in Nursing and will be eligible to apply for the NCLEX-RN™ examination to become licensed as a Registered Nurse.

The LPN to RN Bridge track of the Professional Nursing program is for individuals seeking to continue their nursing education. The program consists of 113 quarter credit hours of education, with 20 quarter credits provided for prior learning and education from practical nursing. The LPN to RN Bridge track of the Professional Nursing program is divided into five, 12 week terms in the day program and seven, 12 week terms in the evening program.

This information packet explains the admissions process for the LPN to RN Bridge track of the Professional Nursing program. Please read this information carefully. Admission to this program is competitive and seats are limited. Therefore, everyone who applies may not be admitted to the program. Your application must be complete in order to be eligible for review by the Admission Committee. If, after reading this information packet and application, you still have questions concerning admissions, we encourage you to contact our Admissions Office at the numbers listed on the first page of this application.

ADMISSION CRITERIA

Admission to the Professional Nursing program at our college is competitive. It is our goal to graduate registered nurses who exhibit distinctive characteristics valued by the nursing profession and the healthcare industry. To accomplish this goal, admission criteria have been developed to provide minimum standards by which applicant suitability may be determined. Often the applicant pool exceeds the maximum number of students admitted into the program. In order to be considered for enrollment at Jersey College applicants must meet both general and program specific conditions.

General Standards

To be considered for admissions at Jersey College, applicants must:

• Be at least eighteen (18) years of age.
• Present proof of high school education or its equivalent (as defined by the US DOE). The high school education can be from a foreign school if it is equivalent to a U.S. high school diploma. Jersey College does not offer admission based on Ability to Benefit (ATB).
• Present proof of U.S. citizenship or a permanent resident card (aka green card).
• Complete an application for enrollment.
• Participate in interviews with administration and/or faculty members and obtain a recommendation for admission, based on information received during the application process.
• Make an advance program deposit for tuition and fees. The deposit will be applied against the total tuition and fees of the program that is in effect on the date of enrollment.

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1 Evenings programs may not be available at all campuses. Please check with your Admission Representative on program availability.
2 Under limited circumstances as approved by the Academic Standards Committee, an applicant for a New Jersey campus-based program who is unable to produce the required proof of high school education or its equivalent, may attest to high school education or its equivalent by completing a self-attestation form. Copies of this form are available from administration. Applicants for a Florida campus-based program must provide “evidence of a high school graduation diploma, general equivalency diploma, or its equivalent.” (Florida Statutes Rule 6E-2.004(4)(m3), Fla. Admin. Code).
3 Jersey College may require students with foreign diplomas to verify the diploma and education. Such verification may include, but is not limited to, requests for high school transcripts, proof of equivalency and authentication and notarization of the diploma by the issuing body.
4 Applicants with asylum status in the United States pursuant to the Immigration and Nationality Act must submit a completed Form I-94 as proof of granting of asylum. The completed Form I-94 will serve as an alternative to a green card for purposes of admission.
LPN to RN Bridge Track

Applicants seeking admission into the LPN to RN Bridge track of the Professional Nursing program must demonstrate initial eligibility for the program by completing certain prerequisites (general education and nursing support courses). To take these courses, applicants must:

- Provide proof of current, active, unencumbered LPN license.\(^5\,\text{\textsuperscript{\textdagger}}\)
- Submit an official copy of their Practical Nursing transcript.

Admission into the LPN to RN Bridge track of the Professional Nursing program requires students to:

- Complete all of the prerequisites (general education and nursing support courses) with a minimum grade of 75%.\(^5\)
- Provide proof of a current, active, unencumbered LPN license.\(^5\)
- Provide proof of current certification in Basic Life Saving for Health Care Providers from the American Heart Association.

Acceptance Process\(^5\)

Applicants are accepted into Jersey College based on, among other things, their application responses, references, interview results, entrance and critical thinking exam results, grades in prerequisite courses and other factors. Applicants are notified as to their status (acceptance or denial into program) by letter. The number of accepted applicants does vary from year to year. Meeting the minimum criteria for admission does not guarantee admission to the college. Students’ acceptance letters contain the contact information for scheduling appointments with the Financial Aid Office and the Registrar’s office. A comprehensive orientation is typically held the week prior to the first day of class.

Enrollment and Registration\(^5\)

After admissions into Jersey College, students are required to undertake additional activities to enroll and register for courses. These activities, may include, but not limited to: (i) making arrangements for the payment of tuition and associated program fees, (ii) satisfactorily passing a background check, (iii) executing an Enrollment Agreement, (iv) determining the sequence of courses, (v) attending a comprehensive orientation session, (vi) completing all documents and paperwork associated with enrollment, including, but not limited to attestations of receipt of policies, acknowledgments of responsibilities, emergency contacts and other documentation, (vii) presenting evidence of good physical health (including a physical examination from the past six months) and documentation of fitness to work in health care, (viii) presenting proof of current Mantoux test, Tetanus, Hepatitis B (or a waiver), laboratory titer evidence for measles, mumps, and rubella, varicella, and other immunizations, (x) participating in drug screenings and (xi) consenting and agreeing to third-party attestations and agreements required as part of practicum experiences.

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\(^5\) Admission, enrollment and registration conditions are subject to reasonable accommodations and considerations as determined by Jersey College.

\(^6\) Graduates of any of Jersey College’s Practical Nursing programs may enroll in the prerequisites prior to obtaining their LPN license. However, in order to be eligible for enrollment in the Professional Nursing program such graduates must obtain their LPN license.

\(^7\) For Florida campuses, students must have an unencumbered LPN license from the State of Florida; for New Jersey campuses, students must have an unencumbered LPN license from the States of New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania or Connecticut.
Students seeking to enroll in and register for nursing courses with clinical and practicum experiences also must be able to demonstrate the ability to meet certain minimum technical standards (the “Technical Standards”), including:

- Communicate and assimilate information in spoken, printed, signed, and electronic format.
- Gather, analyze and draw conclusions from data.
- Stand for a minimum of two hours.
- Walk for a minimum of six hours, not necessarily consecutively.
- Stoop, bend and twist for a minimum of thirty minutes at a time and be able to repeat this activity at frequent intervals.
- Lift a 40-pound person or assist with a larger person and transfer the person from one location to another.
- Determine by touch: hotness/coldness/wetness/dryness, hardness and softness.
- Have the muscle dexterity necessary to do such tasks as gloving, gowing, and operating controls on equipment.
- Respond to spoken words and call bells.
- Monitor signals from vital sign assessment equipment.
- Identify behaviors that would endanger a person’s life or safety and intervene quickly in a crisis situation with appropriate solution.
- Remain calm, rational, decisive, and in control at all times.
- Exhibit social skills appropriate to professional interactions.
- Maintain cleanliness and personal grooming consistent with close personal contact.
- Function without causing harm to self or others if under the influence of prescription or over-the-counter medications.

The foregoing enrollment and registration standards may be met with or without accommodations. Jersey College complies with the requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and will make reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities that are otherwise qualified.

Gainful Employment Information

For information on our graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed the program, and other important information, please visit our website at http://www.jerseycollege.edu/policies.

Graduation Requirements

Students will graduate from and receive a degree from Jersey College when they:

- Complete each required course with a satisfactory grade;
- Pass the comprehensive evaluation (See Progression Testing in Jersey College’s program FAQs or in the Catalog for additional details); and
- Satisfy all financial obligations to Jersey College.
**HOW TO GET STARTED**

1. After successfully completing the entrance exam, arrange a meeting with your Admissions Representative to discuss the application process and funding options.

2. Complete and submit this Application, along with all required supplemental documents and a non-refundable **application fee of $50**, to your Admissions Representative. PLEASE NOTE that the application fee is non-refundable.

3. After your application has been reviewed, select candidates will be invited to Jersey College for:
   – an education interview with a faculty member or administrator at our institution; and
   – a financial aid planning session.

Applicants understand that they must accept the appointments they are assigned or risk cancellation of their application. The education interview will focus on, among other things, assessing the following factors:

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<td>Life and death situations; working with families stressed by the condition of a loved one; working with other health care providers in stressful situations.</td>
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<td>Can follow verbal and/or written instructions; must communicate patient’s response to therapy with others; documentation of therapeutic procedures performed on patient; consult with other health care providers in a professional manner.</td>
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Application for Professional Nursing Program
LPN to RN Bridge Track

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Citizenship:
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- [ ] Other Citizen: __________________________

Race: (check all that apply)
- [ ] White
- [ ] Black
- [ ] Asian
- [ ] African American
- [ ] Hispanic
- [ ] Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander
- [ ] American Indian/Alaska Native
- [ ] Other

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY: (PLEASE PROVIDE TWO EMERGENCY CONTACTS)

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BACKGROUND QUESTIONS: (PLEASE PROVIDE ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING)

1. When did you graduate from your Practical Nursing program (month/year)? ________________________________

2. Have you attended any other Professional Nursing program? □ Yes □ No If yes, when (month/year) __________

3. When did you pass the NCLEX-PN examination (month/year)? ___________________________________________

4. Have you attended any other college or post-secondary school? □ Yes □ No If yes, when (month/year) and why did you leave the college or school?
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5. When do you wish to enter the program (month/year)? _________________________________________________

6. Which program are you interested in? □ Day □ Evening (if offered)

7. Have you ever been arrested and/or convicted of a crime? □ Yes □ No If yes, please explain and provide additional documentation:
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8. Please provide any other information about yourself which you believe would assist the Admissions Committee in evaluating your application.
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# Licensure and Certifications:

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# Employment

List all employment, both full and part-time, within the past five years beginning with present: (use additional sheets if necessary)

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# Essays

On a separate piece of paper, please answer the following questions. Responses to these questions must be typed and each essay should be between one and three pages in length.

1. Discuss how the patient care that you have provided has influenced your career and your decision to continue your education?

2. How do you see yourself contributing to the nursing profession?
REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

Please provide and submit the following information with your application:

☐ Proof of eligible age -- at least eighteen (18) years of age
  – Driver’s License
  – Birth Certificate
  – Passport

☐ Proof of ability to legally study and work in the United States of America
  – Social Security Card
  – Green Card

☐ High school diploma, General Education Development (GED) certificate, or an officially translated and evaluated diploma from a foreign school of secondary education

☐ Proof of current, active, unencumbered LPN license*

☐ Official Transcript from Practical Nursing program

☐ Essay Responses

☐ Authorization to Perform A Background Investigation

☐ Other Optional Documents – Resume, Recommendations, etc.

* Graduates of any of Jersey College’s Practical Nursing programs may enroll in the prerequisites prior to obtaining their LPN license. However, in order to be eligible for enrollment in the Professional Nursing program such graduates must obtain their LPN license.

AFFIRMATIONS AND CERTIFICATION

I hereby affirm that I have read and reviewed all information in this application. In addition, I hereby affirm that all information supplied on this application by me is complete and accurate. I understand that withholding information requested or giving false information may result in ineligibility for admission and enrollment and may result in termination from Jersey College after enrollment. I also understand that confidential recommendations (including interview reports and evaluation statements from Jersey College staff) submitted to the Office of Admission in connection with this application for admission will be used for purposes of evaluation of this application. Further, I understand Jersey College reserves the right to restrict or limit the enrollment of any program and to make changes to a program (organizations, fees, program offerings, curricula, courses, requirements, dates offered, etc.). The provisions of this application do not present, in any way a contract between student, prospective or otherwise, and Jersey College nor should be regarded as such.

Applicant's Signature ______________________________ Date ______________________________
*Please neatly print the following information.

Name: __________________________________________________________

Current Address: ________________________________________________

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Social Security Number: _________________________________________

Date of Birth: ___________________________________________________

I understand that in connection with my studies at SSS Education, Inc. (d.b.a. Jersey College), Jersey College will conduct certain background verifications and investigations, including, but not limited to, employment, educational, military service, professional licenses and certifications, and criminal history investigations (collectively, the background information). As part of such investigations, I understand that Jersey College may request information from my previous, current, and future employers, various federal, state and other agencies (including those that maintain records concerning criminal activities and convictions), and credit agencies.

I authorize, without reservation, any party or agency contacted by Jersey College or its agents to disclose the employment, educational, military service, professional licenses and certifications, criminal history and credit information and understand that I am responsible for the fee for such service. I understand that these searches will be used to, among other things, determine eligibility to attend Jersey College, participate in clinical assignments and verification of employment. I authorize all persons and entities to accept a copy of this document as authorization to disclose (either orally or in writing) to Jersey College and its agents any such information or records, based upon the identifying information which I have provided above, and I release any provider of information or records from all liability arising from such disclosure.

I hereby release and discharge Jersey College, its directors, officers, agents and associates to the full extent permitted by law from any claims, damages, losses, liabilities, costs, expenses or any other charge or complaint filed with any agency arising from retrieving and reporting the background information.

I acknowledge that Jersey College has made no representations of any kind as to whether enrollment will be offered at the conclusion of its background investigation. I further acknowledge the receipt of this Notice of Disclosure.

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Signature              Date

Employment History: Please provide employment history for the past seven years (attach additional sheets if necessary)

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