

The Academic Guide is a semester-by-semester plan. The day program is **full-time** and can be completed within 10-months.

The Bi-level Nursing Program is committed to the development of both practical and professional nursing. Level II/RN is an **Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.)** degree program leading to eligibility for licensure as a Registered Professional Nurse.

| ACADEMIC PLAN | | NOTES |
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| Pre-Requisites for RN Days | Cr Hrs. | Pre-Requisites |
| Current LPN Licensure with IV Certification | 18 | Must provide a copy of current undisciplined LPN license and official transcript of practical nursing coursework with IV certification to the nursing office. |
| BIO211 Anatomy and Physiology I | 4 | Grade of "C" or better within 5 years of program start date. |
| BIO212 Anatomy and Physiology II | 4 | Grade of "C" or better within 5 years of program start date. |
| PSY101 General Psychology | 3 | Grade of "C" or better |
| PSY205 Life Span Human Development | 3 | Grade of "C" or better |
| Total Hours | 32 | |

| Summer Intersession | | |
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| RNR 138 Intro to Bridging | 1 | Grade: Pass/Fail (Requirement for bridge students based on conditional acceptance). |
| Total Hours | 1 | |

| Fall Semester RN Year | | Semester 1 |
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| RNR210 Nursing Transitions and Trends | 3 | Grade of "B" or better |
| RNR225 Psychiatric Nursing/Clinical | 4 | Grade of "B" or better |
| RNR230 Adult Health Nursing I/Clinical | 6 | Grade of "B" or better |
| (*) BIO113 Microbiology for Health Sciences | 4 | Grade of "C" or better. Course may be taken prior to admission into the nursing program course. Must be completed by the end of the Fall semester. |
| (*) ENG101 English Comp I | 3 | Course may be taken prior to admission into the nursing program |
| (*) Computer Literacy (CIS125 or by Examination) | 3 | Grade of "C" or better. Course may be taken prior to admission into the nursing program. Students have the option to test out of Computer Literacy: contact the Testing Center at 636-481-3147 for more information. |
| Total Hours | 23 | |

| Spring Semester RN Year | | Semester 2 |
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| RNR220 Pediatrics and High Risk OB Nursing/Clinical | 4 | Grade of "B" or better |
| RNR250 Adult Health Nursing II/Clinical | 6 | Grade of "B" or better |
| RNR260 Nursing Capstone/Clinical | 4 | Grade of "B" or better |
| (*) ENG102 English Comp II or COM100 Fundamentals of Communication | 3 | Course may be taken prior to admission into the nursing program. |
| (*) HST103 U.S. History I or HST104 U.S. History II or PSC102 U.S. and MO Gov. and Constitution | 3 | Course may be taken prior to admission into the nursing program. |
| Total Hours | 20 | (*) These courses are required for the AAS degree. |

The Jefferson College Bi-level Nursing Level II/RN program has **full-approval** from the Missouri State Board of Nursing (MSBN).

RN NCLEX board pass rate: 2023 was 96.00%, with a five-year RN board pass rate average of 91.82%.

Progression Requirements from Level I/PN to Level II/RN:

The Bi-level Nursing program is a one plus one program. All students are expected to progress from Level I/PN to Level II/RN. However, to ensure student success the following criteria must be met:

1. Maintain a cumulative **85%** average in all Level I/PN courses.
2. Must successfully complete NCLEX-PN exam leading to licensure as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) by the last day of the first eight-week session of enrollment in Level II/RN. In the case that the student fails licensure as an LPN, the student must officially withdraw from all nursing courses by the designated withdrawal date to avoid receiving an 'F'.
3. Student must meet the benchmark score on a majority of the standardized integrated examinations given to students in Level I/PN nursing courses. If student fails to achieve the required minimum benchmark, a version of the exam may be retaken one time, following exam remediation, within five days of first exam. Please note, only the first attempted grade is applied toward course grade.

*Failure to complete any of the above criteria will prevent progression to Level II/RN and result in student-initiated withdrawal from the nursing program. Any Level I/PN student **not** progressing with the cohort will be considered a bridge student and therefore must meet all bridging student requirements.*

Admission Requirements:

1. **Apply** to Jefferson College and provide *official* transcripts to the Office of Enrollment Services either electronically or by mail to 1000 Viking Drive, Hillsboro, MO 63050.
 - **Meet with an Advising Specialist:** advisor@jeffco.edu or 636-481-3209/797-3000, ext. 3209.
2. **HESI Mobility Entrance Exam:** To be considered for admission a candidate must earn a minimum of 850.
 - **Exam Fee:** The HESI Mobility exam fee is \$72.00 to be paid at the cashier's window prior to testing. Study guide is available on reserve in the Jefferson College library.
 - **Study guide:** [HESI Comprehensive Review for the NCLEX-PN Examination](#) (7th Ed.).
 - **Retest:** Students can retake the HESI Mobility exam one-time (January 1-June 30) and one-time (July 1-December 31). Remediation is available on your HESI Account. Jefferson College will **not** accept test scores taken **prior to the end of the testing window** regardless of the score obtained.
3. **GPA of 2.8** (on a 4.0 scale). GPA is calculated utilizing Level I/PN and Level II/RN prerequisite and corequisite courses.
4. **Prerequisites:** Students must meet all pre-requisite requirements prior to application.
 - **Undisciplined Missouri Licensure as an LPN with I.V. Certification**
 - BIO 211 Anatomy & Physiology I - *completed with a grade of "C" or better within 5 years of the program start date.*
 - BIO 211 Anatomy & Physiology II - *completed with a grade of "C" or better within 5 years of the program start date.*
 - PSY 101 General Psychology - *completed with a "C" or better.*
 - PSY 205 Life Span Human Development - *completed with a "C" or better.*
5. The application for admission, application deadline, and application fee and submission information may be found on the nursing website at www.jeffco.edu/nursing > Application Process > Level II RN Bridge.

Admission is competitive; the Admission Progression Retention (APR) Committee chooses the final selection of applicants based on the following criteria: HESI Mobility score, nursing pre/corequisite GPA and course completion rate.

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Employment Outlook/Median Salary 2022

Employment information based on current [Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupation Outlook Handbook](#)

| Career | Degree Level Required | Growth | Median Salary |
|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Registered Nurse | Bachelor's degree* | 6% (Faster than average) | \$81,220 per year / \$39.05 per hour |

**Registered nurses usually take one of three education paths: a bachelor's degree in nursing, an associate's degree in nursing, or a diploma from an approved nursing program. Registered nurses must be licensed.*

Transfer Information: Transfer to a Baccalaureate Nursing Program. Jefferson College has a formal articulation agreement with Central Methodist University (CMU) for a seamless transition from the associate to the baccalaureate degree level.

For further/current information, please see the college catalog or www.jeffco.edu/nursing.