

THE COLLEGE NETWORK™

LPN/LVN to Associate's Degree in Nursing (ADN)

An associate's degree in nursing (ADN) can open more doors for you, and The College Network™ can help make it happen. Hundreds of thousands of busy adults like you have relied on The College Network for their educational solutions. Learn how convenient and affordable earning your associate's degree can be.

The College Network's Comprehensive Learning Module™ program is specifically designed to help working adults like you earn college credit through CLEP®, DSST®, and Excelsior College® Examination exams ("test out"). These college credits can be applied toward Excelsior College's associate's degree in nursing. Final acceptance of credit rests with Excelsior College.

Why The College Network?

Life happens, and busy nurses like you are working hard to get the most out of it. However, working full-time makes the thought of going back to a traditional classroom setting impractical—not to mention the cost of tuition, books, and so on. As an LPN/LVN, there is a way you can earn your associate's degree in nursing and become a registered nurse while balancing your personal and professional time. The College Network offers learners the convenience of studying at their own pace, in their own place, and for a fraction of the price of a traditional campus-based program. You can earn your ADN and become an RN in as little as 24–36 months.

What does an ADN degree really mean?

- Salary increase of up to \$15,000
- Personal growth and satisfaction
- Job security
- Career advancement and improved patient care

For most LPNs and LVNs, earning an ADN is meaningful for these reasons and more.

Associate's Degree in Nursing Overview

The ADN program through Excelsior College helps nurses deliver quality care and be effective members of the health care team in collaboration with other health care professionals. It also helps nurses function as patient advocates within the legal and ethical parameters defined by the profession.



- Accredited degree program
- Full academic support
- No on-campus classes to attend
- Study at your convenience
- Educational materials developed by professors from leading universities
- Complete financing is guaranteed!*
- Provider of *Rx for NCLEX® Success* developed with the National League for Nursing



*For The College Network portion of the program.

How Do I Earn My Associate's Degree in Nursing?

Step 1: Receive your preliminary course analysis.

To determine an estimate of your course requirements, we will complete a preliminary course analysis. Please call us at 1-877-CLM LEARN (256-5327) and we will assist you.

Step 2: Complete enrollment papers with The College Network™.

Upon a FREE course analysis of recommended program requirements, complete an enrollment form and submit a deposit to initiate our portion of your program.

Step 3: Study your Comprehensive Learning Modules™.

This is the fun part! Your professionally written learning modules contain the information necessary to be successful on the college equivalency exam—we even guarantee it! Study the material and complete the practice examination. If you need assistance with your studies, call Academic Support at The College Network.

Step 4: Take the official college equivalency exams.

Determine your test site and request registration forms from the testing body to schedule the exam.

Step 5: Enroll in college.

You must enroll with Excelsior College® before challenging the last six nursing credits. Excelsior College requires that all of your nursing credits and all but ten credits of general education requirements must be completed before you're eligible to schedule the clinical examination.

Step 6: Take the Focused Clinical Competencies Assessment (FCCASM)

This is a three-part, computer-delivered, simulated clinical competency assessment of skills related to head-to-toe assessment, managing multiple patients, and interacting with an interdisciplinary health care team.

Step 7: Pass clinicals.

This 2 ½-day exam tests your clinical skills. Excelsior College will provide you with study materials to prepare for this exam. There is typically an eight-month wait for the clinical. During that time, use the materials that Excelsior College provides to prepare for the clinical and to finish any general education credits you have not completed. After passing the clinical, you should be able to work as a graduate nurse until your graduation conferral date.

Step 8: Graduate from Excelsior College.

Receive your Associate of Science in Nursing. We encourage you and your family to attend graduation ceremonies in New York. It is an accomplishment you should be very proud of. You may also choose to have your degree sent to you by mail.

Step 9: Take State Board exams.

Excelsior College will inform your state nursing board that you are eligible to sit for the exam. Upon passing the boards...well, you know what to do from here! Congratulations. Would you like to continue on for your BSN?

Rx for NCLEX® Success



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The ONLY NCLEX-RN Preparation package developed with the National League for Nursing (NLN)

- 4 months of online access to over 4,200 NCLEX exam-style practice questions available in our Question Review Bank (QRB).
 - Select study or test mode to create an individual testing experience
 - Access comprehensive rationales online
- Our FREE online handbook is designed to take you step-by-step through the exam preparation process.
- Success Guarantee: If you need to take the NCLEX-RN more than once, we will provide you with access to the QRB for an additional 60 days—FREE. This guarantee is valid only in the United States for graduates of a U.S. nursing school and for the original purchaser of the product.

If you purchase *Rx for NCLEX Success* in conjunction with a degree completion program offered by The College Network™, then our academic success guarantee will also apply. For details, contact us at 1-877-CLM-LEARN (256-5327).

For more information or to purchase *Rx for NCLEX Success*, go to www.rx4nclexsuccess.com.

Course Descriptions

These Comprehensive Learning Modules™ cover basic nursing concepts and practices. Study questions are provided at the end of each chapter, and a multiple-choice practice examination is located at the end of the module. Before studying each of these modules, learners should have a good working knowledge of anatomy and physiology, emotional and physical development, microbiology, and nutrition.

<p>Essentials of Nursing Care: Health Safety</p> <p>Major topics covered include the following: the nursing process; health, wellness, and illness; and environmental safety, biological safety, bioterrorism and disaster preparedness, medication safety, and psychological safety. The Comprehensive Learning Module™ places an emphasis on theoretical frameworks for nursing care, including the nursing process and the ANA Standards of Care.</p>	<p>Health Differences Across the Life Span 1</p> <p>Major topics covered include the following: cardiovascular problems, respiratory problems, and abnormal cellular growth.</p>
<p>Essentials of Nursing Care: Health Differences*</p> <p>Major topics covered include the following: nutrition, elimination, oxygenation, fluid and electrolyte balance, activity and mobility, and sleep. The Comprehensive Learning Module™ places an emphasis on theoretical frameworks for nursing care, including the nursing process and the ANA Standards of Care.</p>	<p>Health Differences Across the Life Span 2</p> <p>Major topics covered include the following: behavioral responses, cognitive assessment, regulatory mechanisms, and metabolic mechanisms.</p>
<p>Essentials of Nursing Care: Chronicity</p> <p>Major topics covered include the following: comfort, pain, chronic illness, end-of-life care, sensory impairments, culture and diversity, and community-based nursing care. The Comprehensive Learning Module™ has an emphasis on theoretical frameworks for nursing care, including the nursing process and the ANA Standards of Care.</p>	<p>Health Differences Across the Life Span 3</p> <p>The Health Differences Across the Life Span 3 Comprehensive Learning Module™ focuses on the following areas of nursing care: infectious and communicable diseases; tissue trauma; neurological dysfunction; and musculoskeletal dysfunction.</p>
<p>Essentials of Nursing Care: Reproductive Health</p> <p>Major topics covered include the following: human sexuality, needs of the childbearing family, congenital abnormalities, genetic disorders, developmental problems, and reproductive disorders. The Comprehensive Learning Module™ has an emphasis on theoretical frameworks for nursing care, including the nursing process and the ANA Standards of Care.</p>	<p>Transition to the Registered Nurse Role</p> <p>The Transition to the Registered Professional Nurse Role Comprehensive Learning Module™ focuses on the roles and responsibilities of the associate degree nurse, including the following topics: historical figures and forces influencing the development of the nursing practice; the health care delivery system; framework for nursing practice (including ethical, legal, and educational aspects of nursing); and roles, functions, and practice settings of the associate degree graduate.</p>

* LPNs/LVNs are not required to complete Essentials of Nursing Care: Health Differences.

Clinicals

The Excelsior College Clinical Performance in Nursing Examination (CPNE®) is a competency based examination that measures beginning RN knowledge and skills.

The examination is a 2-½ day performance examination where the student is observed one-on-one by a masters prepared nurse faculty member. In the Simulation Laboratory portion of the CPNE the student must successfully meet all of the critical elements for the following areas: 1) management of a wound; 2) administration of IV medications by gravity; 3) administration of IV medications by bolus; and 4) administration of injectable medications. During the Patient Care Situations students will be providing care to actual, hospitalized adult and pediatric patients.

Students must successfully complete all of the critical elements for the assigned areas of care. Students should allow 6–8 months to study for and schedule the examination.

Degree Requirements

The Associate of Science in Nursing from Excelsior College® requires successful completion of 67 semester credits, including 31 in general education and 36 in nursing.

Many requirements for this degree program may be met by taking Excelsior College® Examinations after you have studied The College Network's™ educational materials.

School of Nursing Admission Policy*

Excelsior College's nursing degree program has been specifically designed to meet the educational needs of qualified individuals with a significant background and/or experience in clinically oriented health care disciplines.

Admission to the ADN program is open to:

- Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurses (LPNs/LVNs)
- Licensed Psychiatric Technicians (LPTs/LMHTs)—AR, CO only
- Certain classifications of Military Corpsman
- Paramedics
- Respiratory Therapists, Respiratory Technicians, Respiratory Care Practitioners
- Physicians
- Licensed, Certified, and Registered Lay Midwives
- Students who have completed at least 50% of the clinical nursing courses in a registered nursing program (if they apply within 5 years of completing their last nursing course)
- Physician Assistants (RPA)
- Naturopathic Doctors

*Not available in all states. Some restrictions apply. Call for details.

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The program information in this publication is current at the time of printing. The most up-to-date information is available at www.college-net.com, or you can speak with a Program Advisor at 1-877-CLM LEARN (256-5327).