



QUESTIONS & ANSWERS:

LAUREL RIDGE'S

ADVANCED PLACEMENT OPTION PROGRAM

APPLICATION CYCLE: AUGUST 15-SEPTEMBER 30

APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY 11:59PM 9/30

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE NURSING PROGRAM AND APPLICATION PROCESS?

The nursing program has a recorded online information session available online for review at any time. There are also monthly zoom question and answer information sessions for those prospective students who have questions after watching the recorded information session. More information can be found: <https://laurelridge.edu/nursing/nursing-information-session/>

WHAT ARE THE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROGRAM?

1. You must be a registered Laurel Ridge student. If not already a registered student, please apply to Laurel Ridge Community College at <https://laurelridge.edu/get-started/>. Remember your student ID for your nursing application.
2. Have a high school diploma or equivalency and provide unofficial copy of transcripts
3. You must hold a current unrestricted license as a practical nurse by December 15 of the application year.
4. Completion of any developmental work that may be identified by the placement test. Must show proficiency in MDE 10 or eligibility for MTH 154.
5. Successful completion of all prerequisites earning a "C" or better.
6. Minimum grade point average of 2.5 on prerequisite courses (ENG 111, BIO 141, BIO 142, PSY 230, SDV 101).
7. Completion of the required HESI A2 exam scoring at or above the 45th percentile in each required component which includes reading comprehension, anatomy and physiology, math, and the composite score. Two attempts per application cycle are allowed.
8. Completion of HESI Laurel Ridge LPN-RN Entrance Exam with a 750 or higher on the Composite score. Submit the test results page. You will be able to obtain this information through your Elsevier account in the Next Generation platform where you registered to take the test. *(NOTE – it is strongly recommended that you do not sit for this test until you have successfully completed the HESI A2 exam).*
9. Meet certain computer competencies prior to entering the nursing program. Applicants must review and sign the Essential Computer Competency Checklist.

HOW DO I APPLY?

1. Submit official transcripts from any previously attended colleges to the Admissions and Records office at Middletown. If the credits are from a VCCS Institution, please submit a VCCS Transcript Evaluation Request Form. <https://laurelridge.edu/records/records-forms/>
2. Apply to the Nursing Program by completing an Advanced Placement Option Online Nursing Application. You can access the application, and complete at <https://laurelridge.edu/nursing/associate-of-applied-science-in-nursing/aas-admission-information/aas-nursing-application/>
3. In addition to your nursing application, the following must be emailed to nursingapplication@laurelridge.edu
 - Unofficial copies of all college/university transcripts-including a copy of your Laurel Ridge transcript. *How to Download an Unofficial LRCC (VCCS) Transcript: Login to My Laurel Ridge > SIS > My Student Information > Academic Records > View Unofficial Transcript > Select the Academic Institution > Report Type: Unofficial Transcript > View Report > Download as PDF*
 - Copy of your HESI A2 exam and your LPN to RN Entrance Exam
 - Copy of LPN license that permits practice in the Commonwealth of Virginia as a practical nurse (license must be earned by December 15.)
 - Computer Competency checklist see requirements here <https://laurelridge.edu/nursing/associate-of-applied-science-in-nursing/aas-admission-information/>
 - Copy of your math placement document which is listed on your Advisement Report under the Student Groups section. Directions: login to My Laurel Ridge > Click on SIS > Click on My Student Information > Click on Academic Records, then select My Academic Requirements and view this report as a PDF. The math placement is listed under the Student Groups section.
 - An unofficial high school transcript or copy of a GED.

HOW DO I PREPARE FOR HESI A2?

There is a review book specifically for HESI A2 that can be found in the library or purchased from multiple vendors.

HOW MANY TIMES AM I ALLOWED TO TAKE THE HESI A2?

Applicants are permitted to take the exam twice per admission cycle. However, students must wait a minimum of one week between test attempts.

HOW DO I PREPARE FOR the HESI LPN-RN ENTRANCE EXAM?

(PN) LPN NCLEX books are useful resources to use to prepare for the HESI exam.

HOW MANY TIMES AM I ALLOWED TO TAKE THE HESI LPN-RN ENTRANCE EXAM?

You are only permitted one attempt per admission cycle.

HOW LONG ARE THE EXAMS GOOD?

HESI exams are good for two application cycles only.

WHAT DOES A TYPICAL NURSING SCHOOL SCHEDULE LOOK LIKE?

The schedule will change from semester to semester, but typically there are 4 days a week that are scheduled with class and clinical. At times, 5 days a week are scheduled with class and clinical.

IS ADMISSION TO THE PROGRAM VERY COMPETITIVE? ARE THERE ADMISSION PRIORITIES?

Yes, admission is competitive but varies each year. Priority is given to applicants who have the highest HESI A2 scores and live in the Laurel Ridge service region. Please review the Admission Weighting document on the APO admission page to review how admission points are awarded.

WHO MAKES THE ADMISSION DECISIONS? HOW ARE APPLICANTS NOTIFIED?

An admission committee makes the decisions on admission. Admission to the nursing program is a blinded process, meaning no student names are visible during the admission process. Students are chosen based on scores earned for performance on admission testing and living in the service region. Students with the highest scores are admitted first. Students are generally notified three to six weeks after the application deadline. Applicants will be notified via Laurel Ridge email. Please open on a computer to ensure you can view the letter in its entirety as phones and tablets may not display attachments correctly. Students must provide a response to the “offer of admission” by a specific date in order to reserve their seat in the nursing program.

WHEN ARE CLINICALS SCHEDULED?

Clinicals are scheduled weekdays or weekends and can be held during day or evening hours.

CAN A STUDENT WORK WHILE IN NURSING SCHOOL?

It is recommended that students not work more than 20 hours per week while in nursing school. Working more than 20 hours a week may significantly impact your ability to study and complete assignments.

CAN I BE A NURSE IF I HAVE BEEN CONVICTED OF MISDEMEANORS AND/OR FELONIES?

If you have had previous criminal convictions, please contact the Virginia Board of Nursing at 1-804-367-4515.

WHEN SHOULD I APPLY?

Application time is August 15th – September 30th.

WHERE DO I SUBMIT MY APPLICATION?

All nursing application materials be submitted online at nursingapplication@laurelridge.edu. All supporting documentation must be submitted to the same email address no later than September 30 by 11:59 PM. Please Note: Applications will not be accepted after 11:59 PM on the due date. Applications will not be accepted via mail or in person. Technical difficulty will not be an acceptable reason for submitting applications late.