

Jefferson College Bi-Level Nursing Pre-Admission FAQs

COVID

What COVID policies does your institution have in place?

[Communicable Diseases: COVID Campus Information](#)

Does the Jefferson College Nursing Program require the COVID vaccine?

[Clinical Requirements & Immunization Checklist](#)

- **Covid Vaccination:** Provide documentation of Covid vaccination dose and/or completed series. Medical and/or religious exemptions may be available after acceptance into the nursing program. The exemption process will be discussed at nursing student orientation.
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BI-LEVEL NURSING PROGRAM (General Questions)

What does Bi-Level Nursing Program mean?

Jefferson College offers *two separate* nursing programs:

- Level I/Practical Nursing (PN) Certificate
- Level II/Registered Nursing (RN) Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree.

Having two separate nursing programs means there will be *differences in program requirements* for both applicants & current students.

Current Level I/PN students meeting progression requirements are automatically admitted to the Level II/RN program.

A limited number of *already practicing LPN's* are admitted to the Level II/RN program on a *space available basis only* as Bridge students.

Does the Nursing Program have a waiting list?

The Jefferson College nursing program does **not** keep a waiting list.

Does Jefferson College offer a RN Bridge program for EMT, Paramedic and/or Military Personnel?

The Jefferson College nursing program does not offer this option at this time.

How long is the PN program?

- The Level I/PN is offered as a full-time day program with completion in approximately 12 months.
- The Level I/PN is offered as a part-time evening/weekend program with completion in approximately 24 months.

Can I skip Level I/PN and start at Level II/RN?

Applicants who are not already practicing LPN's will start at Level I/PN.

Level I/PN is a *prerequisite* to becoming a RN.

How long is the RN Bridge program?

- The Level II/RN is offered as a full-time day program with completion in approximately 10 months.
- The Level II/RN is offered as a full-time evening/weekend program with completion in approximately 12 months.

How many seats are available for the RN Bridge program each semester?

The number of RN Bridge seats available each semester is dependent upon the number of current PN students who meet progression requirements for Level II/RN.

Is it possible to work while being enrolled in the nursing program?

That is a decision to be made by the student and their support team; it may depend upon the student's ability to fulfill work and personal commitments while successfully completing academic requirements (i.e. course work/assignments/exams, study time, and clinical experiences/assignments).

FINANCIAL AID

Is financial assistance available for nursing students?

To explore payment and financial assistance options, please see [Steps to apply for financial aid](#) or contact Financial Aid at (636) 481-3212 or email at finaid@jeffco.edu.

Does financial aid cover the summer semester?

The Financial Aid office is an applicant's best resource for financial matters; please contact Financial Aid at (636) 481-3212 or email at finaid@jeffco.edu.

What is the estimated cost of the Bi-Level Nursing Program?

[Tuition and fees](#) (*Tuition and fees and other costs are subject to change without prior notice*)

There are costs in addition to program tuition and fees, which include the following (*not all inclusive*): application for admission fee, HESI and TEAS exam fee & study materials, state background check upon acceptance, textbooks, graduation fees, campus parking fee, nursing shoes/socks, nursing uniforms: RN Bridge students, and general education courses (i.e. nursing pre/corequisites).

NURSING PREREQUISITES

What are the prerequisite courses for the nursing program?

Both prerequisite and corequisite courses can be *viewed in more detail* at the following links: [Level I PN Application Process Checklist](#) or [Level II RN Bridge Application Checklist](#).

Level I/PN Prerequisites

BIO211 Anatomy & Physiology I (4 credits) *

Level II/RN Bridge Prerequisites

Current LPN Licensure with IV Certification

PSY101 General Psychology (3 credits)
COL101, 136, or 101 First Year Experience

BIO211 Anatomy & Physiology I (4 credits)*
BIO212 Anatomy & Physiology II (4 credits)*
PSY101 General Psychology (3 credits)
PSY205 Life Span Human Development (3 credits)
COL101, 136, or 101 First Year Experience (1 credit)

- ***Level I/PN:** Anatomy & Physiology I - *completed with a grade of "C" or better within 5 years of the program start date (not the application due date) the applicant is applying for.*
- ***Level II/RN Bridge:** Anatomy & Physiology I & II - *completed with a grade of "C" or better within 5 years of the program start date (not the application due date) the applicant is applying for.*

Do all prerequisites need to be completed before I can submit my application?

Completion of prerequisite courses before application is *highly preferred*; however, applicants who have not yet completed nursing **prerequisite** coursework but are enrolled and in progress of completion, may apply for **conditional approval of application** contingent upon receiving the required **2.8** GPA by the program start date.

- For these applicants, Application for Admission GPA will be calculated utilizing coursework completed in *preparation* for the nursing prerequisite courses (i.e. BIO101 or CHM101).
- Successful completion of prerequisite courses is required **BEFORE** the start of the program.

Are there time limits on prerequisite courses?

Level I/PN: Anatomy & Physiology I must be taken *within 5 years of the program start date* (not the application due date) the applicant is applying for.

Level II/RN: Anatomy & Physiology I and Anatomy & Physiology II must be taken *within 5 years of the program start date* (not the application due date) the applicant is applying for.

All other nursing pre/corequisite courses are *not* attached to a time-frame.

Do applicants have to complete General Biology and/or Chemistry a year prior to applying for the nursing program?

Jefferson College requires BIO101 General Biology (or high school Biology) and CHM101 Intro to Chemistry (or high school Chemistry) as a prerequisite to BIO211 Anatomy & Physiology I.

- *BIO101 General Biology (or high school Biology) and CHM101 Intro to Chemistry (or high school Chemistry) must be completed with a "C" or better within the previous five years of Jefferson College registration date.*

BIO211 Anatomy & Physiology I is a *prerequisite* for the Level I/PN program.

Do pre/corequisite nursing courses have to be taken at Jefferson College?

Nursing pre/corequisite courses do not have to be taken at Jefferson College; however, these courses must be taken at an accredited community college or university if an applicant wishes to transfer college credit. Applicants are strongly encouraged to meet with an **advisor** to *determine which courses will transfer to Jefferson College.*

COURSE TRANSFER

Can I transfer previous coursework?

An **advisor** is an applicant's best resource for what courses will and will not transfer to Jefferson College: advisor@jeffco.edu or 636-797-3211.

I am currently enrolled in a nursing program at another college; can I transfer the nursing courses I have completed to Jefferson College?

Nursing specific courses do not transfer to the nursing program at Jefferson College.

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

Is there an application deadline?

Yes. Applications for Admission, Entrance Exam scores and supplemental documents are due by the application deadline listed on our nursing website: [Beginning Level I PN](#) and [Level II RN Bridge](#).

Is there any flexibility in the application deadline date?

In order to maintain consistency and fairness among all applicants and keep to a reasonable time-frame (announce admission decisions), we must adhere to the published deadline.

Where can I find or pick up the nursing application for admission?

Applications for Admission are located on our nursing website, www.jeffco.edu/nursing > Beginning Level I PN or Level II RN Bridge.

Applications may also be picked up at the nursing office on the Hillsboro Campus: Career Technical Education Building, Room 134A.

How do I submit my application for admission?

Applications for Admission may be submitted by: Email, Postal Mail, In-Person, or by Fax.

Please see the program level checklist on our nursing website, www.jeffco.edu/nursing > Beginning Level I PN or Level II RN Bridge, for detailed information.

What should be turned in with the nursing application for admission?

Applications should be accompanied by a copy of your entrance exam scores, official transcripts (Enrollment Services), application fee receipt, course schedule, healthcare certificate, LPN license, etc.

Please refer to the program level checklists on our nursing website, www.jeffco.edu/nursing > Beginning Level I PN or Level II RN Bridge, for detailed information.

How do I check to see if my application packet was received?

To verify if an application packet was received, please call the nursing education office at (636) 481-3406 or email nursing@jeffco.edu.

When will the applicant selection be announced and how will the applicants be contacted?

Applicants will be contacted through their **Jefferson College student email**. It is our goal to have admission decisions made and communicated by the end of the application deadline month.

For example:

- The **spring** deadline is the first Tuesday in September (unless otherwise specified); therefore, applicants will be notified by September 30th.
- The **fall** deadline is the first Tuesday in April (unless otherwise specified); therefore, applicants will be notified by April 30th.
- If an application deadline extension has been posted to the nursing website, the applicants will be notified of their status by the end of the deadline month.

How long is an applicant on the alternate status list?

No student shall be admitted later than five (5) school days after the established admission date of the program.

What can I do to make my application more competitive?

The nursing selection committee looks at the entrance exam score, GPA and pre/corequisite course completion rate.

- To improve their GPA, an applicant may retake nursing pre/corequisite courses for a higher grade.
- An applicant may retake the entrance exam for a higher score; retakes must be taken *within* the required testing window.
- An applicant may take nursing pre/corequisite courses that have *not* yet been completed to improve their course completion rate.

CLINICALS

How long are clinicals and when are they held?

The Level I/PN day and evening/weekend clinicals are held during day hours (8-hour shifts).

- [Level I PN Day](#) / [Level I PN Evening/Weekend](#)

The Level II/RN day and evening/weekend clinicals are held during day hours (12-hour shifts).

- [Level II RN Day](#) / [Level II RN Evening/Weekend](#)

Will I have to travel for my clinical experiences?

Yes. Clinical sites are within a 60-mile radius of the Jefferson College Hillsboro campus. All clinical shifts are day hours and usually begin around 06:30-07:30 a.m.

Am I responsible for setting up my own clinical sites?

Clinical sites and assignments are prearranged by the nursing department's Clinical Coordinator.

NURSING CLASSES

When are classes held and at what times?

- Level I/PN Day classes are held on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Level I/PN Evening/Weekend classes are held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5-10 p.m.
- Level II/RN Day classes are held on Tuesday and Thursday 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Level II/RN Evening/Weekend classes are held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5-10 p.m.

Are classes online or face-to-face?

The Bi-Level Nursing Program uses a blended approach to optimize learning and to meet the needs of the students. All nursing courses, save a few, are face-to-face with a few structured in the hybrid format.

- **Face-to-Face:** set class times will meet fully in-person. At the present time, Jefferson College
- **Hybrid:** set class times will meet *in-person* with *additional online coursework* to be completed on the student's own time, while meeting submission deadlines set by the instructor.

The following nursing courses are hybrid:

LEVEL I/PN

- PNE145 Personal Vocational Concepts
- PNE195 Capstone Practical Nursing

LEVEL II/RN

- RNR138 Intro to Bridging (*Must be accepted into the RN Bridge program*)
 - RNR210 Nursing Transitions and Trends
 - RNR260 Professional Nursing Capstone
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TEXTBOOKS

What textbooks are required for my program?

[Textbook lists](#) (PN and RN Bridge cohorts are listed).

Some textbooks are required and some are recommended but optional; what does this mean?

- *Required* textbooks are those the instructors use in class and are necessary for the student's success in the course.
 - *Recommended but optional* are those that faculty believe will assist a student in learning but are an optional resource. *Recommended but optional* may contain additional information or present information in a different way.
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I have a question that isn't covered here; who do I contact?

Please feel free to contact the Nursing Education Office at (636) 481-3406 or email nursing@jeffco.edu.