

Registered Nursing: Alternative Schedule Option

Education for Life

A Registered Nurse is someone who has graduated from a state-approved school of nursing, passed the NCLEX-RN Examination (national licensing exam), and is licensed by a state board of nursing to provide patient care. Registered Nurses work in many diverse areas, both inside and outside of the hospital setting. This career path opens a world of professional opportunities, including clinical, administrative, public health, government, education, research, and more.

WHY CEI NURSING?

The CEI ADN (Associates Degree of Nursing) program is approved by the state of Idaho, and nationally accredited*. Graduates from the RN program earn an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree and are eligible to sit for the NCLEX-RN exam. Our first-time pass-rates for this exam are traditionally among the highest in Idaho as well as in the top 15 percent in the nation. We also have formalized agreements with 4-year institutions of learning to help the student to achieve their BSN and allow for further educational advancement.

Our costs are low. With one of the lowest tuition rates in Idaho, our program is not only proven to produce graduates with a high rate of NCLEX success, but at a reasonable cost.

Our faculty holds advanced degrees, and our small class sizes promote individual attention and encourage high levels of peer collaboration. Our realistic and state of the art skills and simulation labs support active learning in real world like situations. Our students obtain direct patient care through our many clinical partners, including 7 hospitals, many clinics, home health agencies, long term care facilities, and more. In the final semester, students have an intensive preceptorship where they work one-on-one with an experienced nurse/mentor (preceptor) and are industry ready to work as an RN on graduation.

THE CURRICULUM

The CEI ADN (AAS) program has 3 options: Full-time, Alternative Schedule, and PN-RN Bridge. To learn more about these options and determine which is best for you, see the information sheet "Comparison of ADN/AAS Program Options" and talk to an advisor at CEI.

The **Alternative Schedule** option is an 80-week program consisting of 6 semesters, including summers. The program requires three-quarter-time attendance, Monday through Friday. The successful student should expect to spend at least 30-40 hours per week in the program.



College of Eastern Idaho



Visit the RN Nursing Program website for more information at:

<https://cei.edu/programs-of-study/health-professions/registered-nursing>



*The associate nursing program at the College of Eastern Idaho located in Idaho Falls Idaho is accredited by the: Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)

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The most recent accreditation decision made by the ACEN Board of Commissioners for the ADN nursing program is Initial Accreditation.

View the public information disclosed by the ACEN regarding this program at <http://www.acenursing.us>

CAREERS AND SALARY	LENGTH OF PROGRAM	PROGRAM COST	MORE INFORMATION
Eastern Idaho average entry wage: \$53,201 Eastern Idaho median wage: \$62,393 Idaho Statewide average entry wage: \$56,476 Idaho Statewide median wage: \$75,556 https://lmi.idaho.gov/oes	Six semesters 42 program credits 30 Pre-requisite credits 72 Total Credits	Approximately \$16,000; including tuition for pre-requisite/co-requisite courses and in-program tuition and fees/supplies.	CEI Admissions: (208) 524-3000 ext. 4 Or https://cei.edu/programs-of-study/health-professions/registered-nursing

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ADMISSION PROCESS

- Application deadlines for Spring semester start are October 1st at midnight. The Alternative Schedule program has a start date of Spring semester only.
- Applications are online. Student must be registered as a CEI student one month prior to the program application deadline (CEI application is free). Prior to program application, student must have:
 - a completed background check by Precheck (see CEI nursing website for process)
 - have either their CNA, EIRMC's Star Tech, or have taken CEI course "Introduction to Nursing" (anticipated start for this course Fall 2023)
 - Completed all pre-requisites (or in-progress if through CEI) with at least a C+ and prerequisite GPA of 3.0 or higher
 - Recommendation letter
 - TEAS/ACT/SAT scores
 - Physical Form
 - Video Interview
 - Immunization record.

PREREQUISITES

MICR111-Introduction to Microbiology

MICR111L- Introduction to Microbiology Laboratory

BIO227 and 228- Human Anatomy and Physiology I & II

BIO227L and 228L- Human Anatomy and Physiology Laboratory I & II

ENGL101 and 102-Writing and Rhetoric

COMM 101 – Fundamentals of Oral Communication

One of the following:

MATH 143- College Algebra OR

MATH 153- Statistical Reasoning (preferred)

One of the following:

PSYC 101- Introduction to Psychology OR

SOC 101- Introduction to Sociology

One of the following:

ENGL 175 Literature & Ideas OR Equivalent Humanities Course

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Admission into the nursing program is competitive.
- Each cohort (admission cycle) has space for 30 students.
- Acceptance to the program is conditional upon completing all prerequisites with at least a C+, passing a random drug screen, and attendance at a nursing orientation.
- Accepted students must complete program required immunizations and maintain compliance with immunizations throughout the program.
- All students in the nursing program must achieve at least a C+ in every course in the program.
- Students are responsible for providing their own transportation to clinical sites.
- Preceptorship in the sixth semester is rigorous. Will include working at clinical sites for 40 hours a week (may be days/evenings/nights/weekends/holiday) and completing an online leadership course (3 credits). Students need to prepare for this intense experience in advance.

Semester 1	Semester 3	Semester 5
ARN 100 Foundations of Nursing Practice (4)	ARN130 Advanced Foundations of Nursing Practice (2)	ARN 250 Maternal & Pediatric Nursing Essentials Clinical (1)
ARN 100L Foundations of Nursing Practice Lab (2)	ARN 130L Advanced Foundations of Nursing Practice Lab (1)	ARN 265 Leadership in Nursing/NCLEX Prep (3)
ARN 120 Nursing Pharmacology (3)	ARN 155 Concepts of Medical-Surgical Nursing (4)	
Total: 9 credits	Total: 7 credits	Total: 4 credits
Semester 2	Semester 4	Semester 6
ARN 220 Mental Health Nursing Principles (3)	ARN 215 Concepts of Medical-Surgical Nursing II (5)	ARN 280 Clinical Preceptorship (10)
HCT 125 Nutrition for Healthcare Professionals (1)	ARN 240 Maternal & Pediatric Nursing Essentials (3)	
Total: 4 credits	Total: 8 credits	Total: 10 credits