

# Registered Nursing: PN-RN Bridge 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, Non-Traditional, 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 PN-RN Bridge option is a 40-week program consisting of 3 semesters. The program requires three-quarter-time attendance, Monday through Friday, including one summer semester. The successful student should expect to spend at least 30-40 hours per week in the program.



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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 Atlanta, GA 30326  
 (404) 975-5000

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 <a href="https://lmi.idaho.gov/oes">https://lmi.idaho.gov/oes</a>	Three semesters 33 program credits 30 Pre-requisite credits  63 Total Credits	Approximately \$9,000; including tuition for pre-requisite/co-requisite courses and in-program tuition and fees/supplies.	CEI Admissions: (208) 524-3000 ext. 4 Or <a href="https://cei.edu/programs-of-study/health-professions/registered-nursing">https://cei.edu/programs-of-study/health-professions/registered-nursing</a>

## ADMISSION PROCESS

- Application deadline for Fall/Summer semester start are March 1<sup>st</sup> at midnight. The PN-RN Bridge program has a Fall/Summer start time 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)
  - a non-encumbered LPN license and at least 1800 recent employment hours
  - 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 & 228- Human Anatomy and Physiology I & II

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

ENGL101 & 102-Writing and Rhetoric I & II

COMM 101 – Fundamental 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

ENGL 175 – Literature & Ideas or an 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 fourth 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 2	Semester 3
HCT 125 Nutrition for Healthcare Professionals (1)	ARN 205 Med-Surgical Nursing Bridge Course (5)	ARN 230 Bridge Maternal and Pediatric Nursing (3)
ARN 120 Nursing Pharmacology (3)	ARN 245 Advanced Fundamentals Course & Lab (3)	ARN 235 Bridge Maternal and Pediatric Nursing Clinical (1)
ARN 220 Mental Health Nursing Principles (3)	NRS – 207 Introduction to Maternal/Child (3)	ARN 265 Leadership in Nursing/NCLEX Prep (3)
		ARN 275 Nursing Preceptorship (3)
		ARN 276 Work Experience (6)
Total: 7	Total: 11	Total: 16