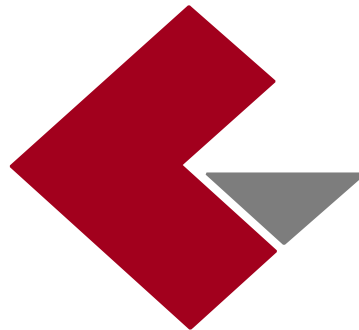


Practical Nursing

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Adult Education Student Handbook



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CVCC Mission Statement

To prepare youth and adults to enter, compete, advance, and lead in an ever- changing world of work, college, and careers.

Accreditation/Program Approval

This educational program is approved by the Ohio Department of Higher Education. The Cuyahoga Valley Career Center is accredited by the Commission of the Council on Occupational Education, Council on Occupational Education, 7840 Roswell Road, Building 300, Suite 325, Atlanta, GA 30350, Telephone; 770-396-3898/FAX: 770-396-3790, www.council.org.



Adult Education General Information

Adult Education Hours - The Adult Education Department is open from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm Monday through Thursday, and from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm on Friday.

Food And Beverages - To keep our facility clean and protect valuable equipment from damage, food and beverages are not permitted in any classrooms or labs.

Parking Areas - There are two main parking areas:

1. the main lot to the north of the building or
2. the east lot at the east end of the building.

Please note that there is a one-way entrance and a one-way exit lane for the main (north) parking lot. You must exit, using the lane farthest from the school. Handicapped spaces are reserved for personnel with proper authorization.

Restrooms - The restrooms in the original building are located on every level of the building on the south side of the main corridor and in the Adult Education wing off the corridor to the computer labs before the cafeteria.

Smoking - Cuyahoga Valley Career Center is non-smoking per O.R.C. 3313.751, it is prohibited to use or possess tobacco in and on facility grounds including your personal vehicle.

Adult Education Administration/ Instructor List

ADMINISTRATION

Adult Education Director

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INSTRUCTORS

Instructor Name	Subject	Degrees	Conferring Institution
Linda Banville	Nursing	BSN, MSN	Notre Dame College
Brooke Bartko	Personal Interest & Leisure	AAS	The Culinary Institute of America
Katherine Beal	CPR Instructor	MSN	Kent State University
Mary Crone	Nursing	BSN, MSN	Western Governors University
Barbara Davila	Nurse Aide	High School Diploma	Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School
Hannah Dougherty	Nursing	RN, BSN, MBA	Cleveland State University
Matthew Duplaga	Public Health & Safety / EMT EKG Instructor	High School Diploma	Ohio Virtual Academy
Lewis Fletcher	Industrial/HVAC Customized	AAS	Cuyahoga Community College
James Franko	Fiber Optics Technician	High School Diploma	James Ford Rhodes High School
Jacob Giesy	Telecommunication Tower Technician	High School Diploma	Lakeview High School
Maria Grbac	Nursing	BSN	Kent State University
Lisa Green	Nurse Aide	CNP, BSN	University of St. Francis
Liam Guiney	Personal Interest & Leisure	MS, BS	Wake Forest University, University of N. Carolina
Jason Hance	Customized - Building & Property Management	High School Diploma	Barberton High School
Matthew Harding	Customized - Power Equipment Technology	High School Diploma	Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School
Drew Hladky	Industrial/HVAC	High School Diploma	North Royalton High School
Dean Horba	Customized Training	High School Diploma	Nordonia High School
Michaelle Jones	Nursing	BSN	University of Akron
Dena Jurcsiek	Nursing	BSN	Cleveland State University
Jeff Kaplan	Nursing	ADN	Excelsior College
Stacey Kaufman	Customized Training	High School Diploma	Normandy High School
Betsy Klos	Dental Assisting	High School Diploma	Berea High School
Mary Kopczynski	Personal Interest & Leisure	BA, AAS	Cleveland State University, Cuyahoga Community College
Craig Kotnik	Multicraft Maintenance	MS, BS	University of Ohio, Cleveland State University
Thomas Laskowski	Customized Training	MBA, BSEE	Baldwin Wallace College, Case Western Reserve University
Philip Lindeman	HVAC	High School Diploma	West Geauga High School
Robert Lundholm	Multicraft Maintenance	BSEE	Michigan Technological University
Gina Matays	Nursing	BSN, MSN	Capella University
April Mone	Customized Training	MA, BS	Nova Southeastern University, Ashland University
Tim Moore	Customized Training	MED, BBA, AAB	Ashland University, Tiffin University, Lorain County Community College
Melissa Morgan	Nursing	BSN	Ohio University, Akron University
Kim Morton	Personal Interest & Leisure	BS	Ohio University
Brianna Moss	Nursing	LPN, BSN	Huron School of Nursing, Ohio University
Melissa Munro	Graphic Design	MA, BA	Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland State University

Nancy Muscatello	Cosmetology / Nail Technician Instructor	BS	Kent State University
Joseph Paoletta	Nursing, EMT	BSN, MSN	Chamberlain University
Richard Parrott	Industrial Training	AAS	George State University
Remington Phillips	Graphic/Web Design	AAS	Cuyahoga Community College
Candice Price	Personal Interest & Leisure	High School Diploma	Bedford High School
Kylie Putka	Cosmetology / Nail Technician Instructor	High School Diploma	Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School
Robert Ritter	Esthetics Instructor	GED	Medina Senior High School
Judith Rogowski	Nursing	BSN	Ohio University
Patrick Ruebesnal	Graphic Design	High School Diploma	Medina Senior High School
Matthew Schoeffler	Industrial/HVAC	High School Diploma	Cuyahoga Heights High School
Daniella Stanis	Nursing	LPN, ADN	Lorain County Community College
Lisa Theodore	Dental Assisting	High School Diploma	North Royalton High School
Larry Walters	Industrial/Rope Rescue	High School Diploma	Tecumseh High School
Jennifer Wester	Health Careers Instructor	High School Diploma	Normandy High School
Lee Wester	CPR Instructor	AAS	Cuyahoga Community College
Howard Workman	Graphic & Web Design	AAS	Cuyahoga Community College
Paul Yuravak	Customized Training	High School Diploma	Buckeye High School
Dan Zezena	Public Health & Safety / EMT Instructor	High School Diploma	Valley Forge High School

Student Health and Safety

As part of your learning experience, you will be using equipment and materials specific to the program. You should not attempt to use items that you have not yet received instruction on. Correct safety procedures should be followed at all times.

Students must constantly be aware of conditions in all work areas that could produce injuries. Your cooperation in detecting hazards and in turn controlling them is imperative. If a situation is beyond your ability or authority to correct, notify an instructor immediately.

Students will assist in the maintenance of work areas by keeping them clean and safe. Each student is responsible for equipment that they are using. This means proper use, care, cleanup and storage of the items.

Health

Each CVCC adult student is responsible for his/her own health care. In case of sudden illness while at CVCC, the student is to contact the instructor. In case of an accident during class or lab experiences, an incident report must be completed to comply with the regulations. The student is required to provide a copy of the report to the Adult Education Office before returning to class. A copy is filed in the student's file. If injury occurs in the school environment, the CVCC incident report is to be completed. A CVCC incident report may be obtained from the Administrative Assistants at the Adult Education Office or the CVCC Business Manager. Any cost for emergency treatment will be assumed by the student.

The student is expected to communicate any personal medical or surgical situations requiring care or treatment to the coordinator and instructor as soon as it occurs. A medical release without restrictions is required to return to active enrollment in the program.

If surgical intervention is necessary while enrolled in the program, the adult must meet with the Adult Education Coordinator at the earliest possible time to facilitate continued program participation. Each situation is considered individually, and all efforts will be expended to continue enrollment. The attending surgeon/MD must complete a release allowing the adult to return without restrictions.

Student Health Care Services

For Adult Education evening students, please contact your instructor or evening administrative assistant at front desk in case of a medical emergency. Use your best judgment in dialing “911”. Local healthcare providers will respond and are prepared to provide appropriate treatment and/or transport the student to the nearest medical facility. Illness that results in extended absence from the program will be review on an individual basis. Documentation from a medical provider may be required prior to returning to the program.

Academic and career counseling services are available. Students should contact their program instructor or Adult Education Office to initiate a request. A variety of resource materials and references are available through the Adult Education Office.



988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline provide 24/7, free, and confidential support to Ohioans in mental health crisis. Ohioans can call or text “988” to reach a trained specialist for help and support.

Crime Awareness and Campus Security **Federally Mandated Public Information**

Students are expected to report the occurrence of any destructive actions or other emergencies to the faculty, teaching assistant, supervisor, or administrative assistants of this program and administration of school or clinical agency. It is the responsibility of each student to keep the school safe by monitoring one’s own behavior and reporting incidents involving other individuals that have the potential of violence or threatening behavior. Violent behavior, direct or indirect threats, harassment, or intimidation will not be tolerated. (This includes violent abusive/harassing behaviors a student may be experiencing or who are the generator of such undesirable behavior.) Liaison relationships are operational with safety and security services and local law enforcement, facilitating reporting of offenses occurring on school campus. Authorities will be immediately notified.

Weapons, handguns, or knives in excess of 3 1/2 “are not to be on your person, in the school building, on the property, any clinical site, and/or enrichment/observation sites.

Emergency Procedures

Students are expected to comply with CVCC emergency/evacuation procedures. Basic fire evacuation is to close all doors and windows, exit through the nearest door, and do not use elevators. Evacuate quickly and quietly in a calm manner without running and talking. (Additional procedures will be discussed at orientation or on the first night of class.)

Main Entrance

All entrance doors will be locked except the main entrance on Level 6. You will be able to EXIT the building through any outside door; however, you will only be able to re-enter the building through the MAIN ENTRANCE until 8:00 pm. Please do not prop open doors that have been locked.

ENTIRE BUILDING IS LOCKED AT 10:00 pm. Please vacate the building before 10:00 p.m. as the building is officially closed and secured at that time.

Student Resources

Non-School Dates

CVCC observes the following holidays: Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Observance, President's Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Juneteenth and Independence Day. Other non-school days may occur due to high school activities, winter break or spring break. In the case of these events, you will be notified by your instructor and/or Adult Education Director.

School Closings

The Adult Education offices will observe the same "snow days" as the high school. If the school must be closed or the opening delayed because of inclement weather or other conditions, the school will notify the local radio and television stations. It is necessary for 5 out of the 8 school districts to have school closings for CVCC to be closed. It is the responsibility of each student to become self-informed of a "snow day" announcement via the news media. Use your very best judgment as your home territory may be a very different snow issue than other areas. If daytime classes at Cuyahoga Valley Career Center are canceled due to inclement weather or for other reasons; all day and evening adult classes will be canceled. If applicable, students with weekend clinical may experience different "snow" issues as local communities and state plowing is not performed on as vigorous a basis on Saturday and Sunday. Students are urged to establish a telephone tree within the class members to facilitate communications regarding official closings. "snow days", jeopardize program requirements, class/clinical hours will need to be "made up" utilizing break time, planned days off or an extended school year.

Job Search Assistance

Assistance in job search skills, such as career transition planning, resume-writing, and interviewing techniques, is available to all full and part-time adult students and alumni. Classroom presentations are provided to all career development program students. Resume Reviews are available by generating and submitting your information to the Adult Education Director, Terri Lynn Brosseau at tbrosseau@cvccworks.edu. Job search resources are also available to students and alumni. Additionally, websites such as <http://www.ohiomeansjobs.com/> and <https://highered.ohio.gov/> provide excellent updated job and internship information for people in career transitions. CVCC does not guarantee employment or job placement.

Student Data

Each student is to provide complete and accurate information for their school record. Any student who has a change of name, residence and/or phone number(s) must notify an Administrative Assistant or Adult Education Director immediately so that the student file can be updated. This data will become a part of the permanent record and will not be shared with other students.

If a student knowingly offers false or misleading information or submits false documentation, the student is subject to disciplinary action, up to and including immediate dismissal.

Student Records

The school maintains a file of each student in accordance with rules of the State of Ohio and program governing board. Release of information in a student's file must be **requested in writing** by the student. Only official grade transcripts are released; all other documents are the property of CVCC and will not be copied unless remanded by court. An individual file containing information about each student will be maintained in a secure area. The records will be available only to instructors and appropriate Adult Education staff.

Release Policy

The adult student voluntarily desires to participate in this curriculum experience that includes classroom, field trips, and clinical experiences. The student is duly aware of risks and hazards, which may arise through participation in activities/ experiences that may result in loss of life and/or limb and/or property. In consideration of being afforded the opportunity to participate and receive the educational benefits of this curricular experience, each student hereby voluntarily assumes all risks of illness/accident or personal damage to his person or property. Any costs pursuant to potential injury, or injury are the responsibility of the adult student. While at the facility and/or in the school environment, the adult student will not be considered as an employee or agent of the facility nor the school district. Therefore, they will be ineligible for remuneration and will not be covered by the facility's social security, unemployment compensation, workers' compensation, malpractice insurance coverage, or any other benefits. The adult student will indemnify and hold harmless the facility, and the school district, its shareholders, officers, trustees, employees, and agents from any and all liability, claims and damages, including but not limited to attorney fees and costs arising out of or related to the student's actions or activities. This release shall be binding with the signing of the contract on the part of the student, any heirs, administrators or executors. This contract is a permanent part of your file at Cuyahoga Valley Career Center.

Non-Discrimination Policy

The Cuyahoga Valley Career Center does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including sexual orientation and gender identity), disability, age, religion, military status, ancestry, genetic information (collectively, "Protected Classes"), or any other legally protected category, in its programs and activities, including employment opportunities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

Michael McDade
8001 Brecksville Road
Brecksville, Ohio 44141
440-526-5200

Dr. Marcy R. Green
8001 Brecksville Road
Brecksville, Ohio 44141
440-526-5200

Complaints may also be sent to the U.S. Department of Education, Team Leader, Office for Civil Rights, 600 Superior Avenue East, Suite 750 Bank One Centre, Cleveland, Ohio 44104-2611.

Legal References:

Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended in 1972, Title VI, Title VII
Executive Order 11246, 1965, as amended by Executive Order 11375
Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1972, Title VII
Education Amendments of 1972, Title IX (P.L. 92-318)
45 CFR, Parts 81, 86 (Federal Register June 4, 1985, August 11, 1975)
Public Law 93-162 (Section 504)

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

The Adult Education Department at CVCC supports the concepts embraced in the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Section 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Students must be able to successfully complete the academic and clinical objectives/outcome of the program in a timely manner, implementing the essential functions integral to the program. Individual, personal, and reasonable accommodations will be instituted to facilitate opportunities for the student upon proper supporting documentation of eligibility. Students who believe they may qualify for accommodation under this Act should self-reveal this in discussion with the Adult Education Director.

Consumer Information

Refer to our website for admission guidelines, refund policies, graduation rates, and other important information. See Student Resources on the Adult Education and Nursing pages at <https://cvccworks.edu/adult-education/adult-education-resources/financial-aid/>

Course Admission

For all students enrolled in Title IV eligible programs, please see Admissions Policy in the program specific section below. Registration is open to anyone 16 years of age or older. Age requirements may vary depending upon program offerings. High school students who are enrolled in a regular high school program must have written permission from their parents and the school principal or counselor to register for a course. High school students enrolled in programs with credentials earned upon completion may be subject to additional regulations depending on program. Documentation will be required for programs that indicate a high school diploma, or high school equivalent is a prerequisite. Contact Adult Education Office at 440-746-8230 with program-specific questions.

District Senior Citizen

A District Senior Citizen is defined as individuals age 60 or more that are residents of the following school districts: Brecksville, Broadview Heights Schools, Cuyahoga Heights Schools, Garfield Heights Schools, Independence Schools, Nardon Hills Schools, North Royalton Schools, Revere Schools and Twinsburg.

Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act (FERPA)

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) and associated regulations set forth requirements designed to protect the privacy of student education records. FERPA provides for the right to inspect and review education records, the right to seek to amend those records and to limit disclosure of information from the records. FERPA applies to all institutions that are the recipients of funds under any program administered by the Secretary of Education.

Statement of Liability

The Board of Education of Cuyahoga Valley Career Center school district, its members, officers and employees expressly disclaim any responsibility or liability for any personal injuries or the loss and/or damage to personal property. Individuals requesting registration in a course offered by Adult Education must assume the risk of all such injury or loss.

Financial Policies – General Guidelines

Tuition Statement

Each student is responsible for all tuition and fees on or before the due date. Any student in arrears with tuition may be dismissed from the program. Special circumstances concerning tuition must be addressed with the Adult Education Director. Students in a financial aid eligible program may also speak with Student Support Services before the due date. All tuition and fees due to the Cuyahoga Valley Career Center must be paid before completion of the course of study.

Until all tuition and fees due to Cuyahoga Valley Career Center are paid in full, no transcripts of any type or recommendations will be released. No completion data will be forwarded to any Board, agency, or post-secondary institution for certification, licensure, or college credit transfer (CT2). Students will be prohibited from taking any final or credential exams until tuition has been paid in full.

Any outstanding balance remaining on account will be referred to the Ohio Attorney General's Debt Collection Program.

Federal Financial Aid Programs

Full aid awards are only made if a student is attending a program of at least 900 clock hours. A student entering a program of fewer than 900 clock hours will receive a prorated award. To apply, a student must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA must be completed online at www.studentaid.gov. A borrower must complete Entrance and Exit Counseling to review rules, regulations, policies and procedures at www.studentaid.gov. All Federal Direct Loans will be reported to the U. S. Department of Education's National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS).

CVCC Programs Eligible for Federal Financial Aid

1500 clock hours- Cosmetology

1200 clock hours- Practical Nursing (Full-Time and Part-Time)

650 clock hours- Machining Technology

600 clock hours- Esthetics

The following federal financial aid programs are available to qualifying students:

Federal Pell Grant Program

The Pell Grant is given with no repayment expected. Any student wishing to receive a Pell Grant at this institution must meet the eligibility requirements established by the U.S. Department of Education. After the FAFSA has been processed by the U.S. Department of Education, an Institutional Student Information Record (ISIR) will be issued. This report will contain a number referred to as the Student Aid Index (SAI). Pell Grant award amounts are based on the student's SAI, calculated from the prior-prior year's income information submitted on the FAFSA. Students are required to self-pay the balance of tuition not covered by the Federal Pell Grant and/or the student may utilize a Federal Direct Loan. All Federal Pell Grant funds, when received, are applied directly to the student's account balance. The amount of Pell Grant funds a student may receive over his or her lifetime is limited by federal law to be the equivalent of six years of Pell Grant funding. Since the maximum amount of Pell Grant funding a student can receive each year is equal to 100% the six-year equivalent is 600%.

William D. Ford Direct Loan Program-Stafford Loans

Federal Direct loans must be repaid to the Federal government. After graduate, leave school, or drop below halftime enrollment, they will have a six-month grace period before they are required to begin repayment. The student will receive communication from a servicing agency assigned by the U.S. Department of Education to manage the loan repayments. Undergraduate life loan limits apply. Interest rates are subject to change each year on July 1st. There is a loan origination fee on all Federal Direct Loans. The loan fee is a percentage of the loan amount and is proportionally deducted from each loan disbursement. Loan fees are announced by Congress and subject to change. A student who is in default (has ceased to make repayments on any previous student loan payments for at least 270 days) is not eligible to receive Title IV funding. A student can receive a deferment/forbearance on a previous loan, if the student meets the requirements, by contacting their loan servicer. A borrower who requests a deferment/forbearance should continue making loan payments until receiving notification from the lender that the deferment has been approved. A student cannot receive a deferment/forbearance for a loan that is already in default. There are several repayment plans available and plans can be switched at any time by contacting the student's loan servicer.

- A. Direct Subsidized Loan** - A subsidized loan is awarded by need. A student may be eligible to request a maximum of \$3,500 for the first year of undergraduate study. The U.S. Department of Education will pay (subsidize) the interest that accrues on your loan during specific periods. Repayment usually begins six months after the borrower ceases to be enrolled in the program.
- B. Direct Unsubsidized Loan** - An unsubsidized loan is not awarded by need, and the student is responsible for interest that accrues during in-school, deferment, grace, and repayment periods. The unsubsidized loan is the difference between the cost of attendance and other aid (including subsidized loan) not to exceed \$5,500 for a dependent student and \$9,500 for an independent student, for the first year of undergraduate study. Repayment usually begins six months after the borrower ceases to be enrolled in the program.
- C. Direct Parent Loan to Undergraduate Student (PLUS)** – PLUS loans are meant to provide additional funds to dependent students for expenses. Parents may borrow up to the cost of education, minus other aid received by the student. Repayment begins approximately sixty days

after final loan disbursement is made, or parents may choose a deferment option by contacting their Direct Loan Servicing Center.

Cuyahoga Valley Career Center does not offer institutional loans, nor participate in private education loans, or endorse any specific lenders.

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Policy

According to federal and state regulations, students receiving financial aid must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP). The review of attendance and grades for financial aid purposes is at the end of each payment period, as required by the U.S Department of Education. For example, for a 900-clock hour program, official SAP monitoring would occur at the end of 450 scheduled clock hours. In order for a second disbursement to be issued, students must have completed half the hours and half the weeks of the program.

Return of Title IV Policy

If a student withdraws from Cuyahoga Valley Career Center, the student may be required to return a portion of the federal funds awarded. Cuyahoga Valley Career Center's Refund Policy exists for calculating the refund of institutional charges. The Federal "Return of Title IV Financial Aid Funds" formula dictates the amount of Federal Title IV Financial Aid that must be returned to the federal government by the school and/or the student. The federal formula is applicable to a student receiving Federal Aid if that student withdraws on or before the 60% point in the billing period. The percentage of Title IV Financial Aid to be returned is equal to the number of clock hours scheduled in the payment period at the time of withdrawal divided by the number of hours that were scheduled for the period as a whole. For example, if a student has completed 30% of the billing period they have earned 30% of their financial aid. However, once a student has completed 60% of the hours in a billing period, 100% of the financial aid awarded that billing period will have been earned. If financial aid funds have been released to a student because of a credit balance on the student's account, then the student may be required to repay some or all of that aid if the student withdraws.

Order of Return of Student Financial Aid Program Funds

Funds that are required to be returned to the U. S. Department of Education must be returned in the following order:

1. Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loan
2. Subsidized Federal Stafford Loan
3. Federal PLUS Loan
4. Pell Grant

The student will be responsible for any outstanding balance owed to Cuyahoga Valley Career Center Adult Education that Title IV funding did not cover.

Refund Policy

The Adult Education Department is committed to fair and equitable refund practices in compliance with institutional policy, federal regulations, and accreditor requirements. Students are encouraged to review this policy carefully prior to enrollment.

1. Class Cancellation by the Institution

If the Adult Education Department cancels a class:

- Students will receive a 100% refund of tuition and fees paid, or
- Tuition may be applied to another class at the student's request.

2. Student Withdrawal

A student who wishes to withdraw must submit written notification to the Adult Education Office. The official withdrawal date is the date the written notice is received or the date the institution determines the student has withdrawn.

Tuition charges will continue to accrue until the official withdrawal date.

Students receiving third-party or outside funding may be responsible for any remaining balance after funding adjustments.

A \$20 processing fee will be assessed for all student withdrawals.

3. Tuition Refund Calculation

Refunds for clock-hour programs are calculated based on the percentage of scheduled program hours at the time of withdrawal.

- Students who complete less than 60% of their scheduled program hours will be charged only for the hours they were scheduled to attend through the official withdrawal date.
- Students who complete 60% or more of their scheduled program hours are considered to have earned 100% of their tuition obligation and are not eligible for a prorated refund.

Refund calculations are based on scheduled hours, not attendance hours, unless otherwise required by federal regulation.

4. Non-Refundable Charges

The following charges are non-refundable:

- One-night classes
- Personal interest or leisure classes
- Books, fees and supplies
- The \$200 seat fee (if applicable)

5. Financial Aid Recipients (Federal Title IV Funds)

Students receiving federal financial aid are subject to the Federal Return of Title IV Funds (R2T4) Policy.

In accordance with federal regulations:

- Financial aid eligibility is recalculated when a student withdraws.
- Unearned federal funds must be returned to the U.S. Department of Education.
- A student may owe a balance to the institution and/or the Department of Education.
- Students receiving third-party or outside funding may be responsible for any remaining balance after aid adjustments.

The return of funds calculation is separate from the institutional refund policy and may result in a different balance due.

6. Refund Timeline

When a refund is due, it will be issued within 45 calendar days of the official withdrawal date or date of determination of withdrawal, in accordance with accreditor and federal requirements.

Refunds totaling \$1.00 or less will remain as a credit balance on the student's account.

7. Books and Supplies After Withdrawal

If you withdraw from the program, you must pick up any books or supplies you purchased within 30 calendar days of your withdrawal date.

To schedule a pickup time, please contact the Adult Education Office at 440-746-8206.

Items not picked up within 30 days may no longer be held by the program.

Percentage of Program Length Completed	Amount of Total Tuition Owed to School
0%–59% of program completed	Tuition is prorated based on the percentage of the program completed
60% or more of program completed	100% of total tuition is owed to the school

Nonrefundable Administrative Seat Fee

A nonrefundable administrative seat fee of \$200.00 is required to secure enrollment in all of CVCC's federal financial aid eligible programs. This fee is not part of the tuition; Title IV funds shall not be utilized for the seat fee.

Outstanding Balance Policy

Students are responsible for paying all tuition, fees, and other institutional charges by the established due dates. A student account is considered outstanding when payment has not been received according to the approved payment schedule or financial aid arrangement.

If a student's account becomes outstanding, the following procedures will apply:

1. The student will be notified by writing that their account is past due and must be brought current.
2. The student will be given up to 30 calendar days from the original due date to resolve the outstanding balance.
3. If the account is not brought current within **30 calendar days**, the student will be subject to **administrative dismissal from the program**. Failure to bring the account current will result in dismissal, regardless of whether the student received notification of the outstanding balance.
4. Dismissal due to a delinquent account will be processed in accordance with the institution's procedures. All applicable refund policies, return of Title IV funds requirements, and institutional policies will be followed.
5. Students receiving third-party or outside funding may be responsible for any remaining balance after said adjustments are applied.
6. Students who are dismissed for nonpayment may request re-enrollment only after the account balance has been resolved.
7. CVCC reserves the right to withhold and/or prohibit completion of credential exams, transcripts, certificates, diplomas, and other official records until all financial obligations have been satisfied, in accordance with applicable laws and accrediting agency standards.
8. Any outstanding balance remaining on an account will be referred to the Ohio Attorney General Collections Enforcement Section as required by law.

Financial Aid Records Policy

Student financial aid records are stored in a locked storage room in filing cabinets in the Adult Education office area. Records are kept for a minimum of three years. Employees may have access to student information if their responsibilities reasonably require access to that information for educational, administrative or research (for transcripts) purposes in the performance of their job duties. Employees who have access to student records are obligated to protect records and are held accountable for

safeguarding and keeping the information confidential. Student records are managed by the Adult Education Director; and financial aid student records are managed by Student Support Services. Files containing FTI Data are labeled as CUI (Controlled Unclassified Information).

Cuyahoga Valley Career Center Professional Judgment Policy

Federal regulations allow limited exceptions or adjustments to information reported on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Such exceptions or adjustments, known as “Professional Judgment,” are considered on a case-by-case basis based on supporting documentation of the student’s circumstances. Whether any adjustments are made is at the sole discretion of the Office of Student Support Services and are final and cannot be appealed. (Higher Education Act of 1965, Sections 479A and 480(d)(7))

Circumstances that may warrant a professional judgment decision include, but are not limited to:

- Parent’s death or divorce for dependent students; death of or divorce from spouse of independent students
- Significant loss of income/loss of employment
- Loss of untaxed income/benefits (e.g. disability, child support, or other benefits)
- Excessive medical expenses (not covered by insurance)
- One-time taxable income used for life-changing event (e.g. IRA, pension distribution)

Circumstances that are NOT considered extenuating include, but are not limited to:

- Standard living expenses (e.g. utilities, credit card payments, children’s allowances, etc.)
- Mortgage payments
- Car payments
- Credit card or other personal debts
- Vacation expenses
- All other discretionary expenses

Other Sources of Assistance

- A. Workforce Development (WOIA):** The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act provides funding for unemployed, underemployed, and dislocated workers. Please visit the Ohio Means Job website for more information: <https://jfs.ohio.gov/owd/WIOA/index.stm>
- B. Trade Adjustment Assistance Act (TAA):** The Trade Adjustment Assistance Act offers funding to certain individuals whose company has closed its facilities, displacing the employees. Learn more at the Department of Job & Family Services website. http://jfs.ohio.gov/ouc/tradeadjustassist_faq.stm
- C. Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation/Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities:** BVR/OOD provides individuals with disabilities services and supports necessary to help them attain and maintain employment. If you have a disability you may be eligible for training assistance. Contact your local office for further information. Learn more at the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities website: <http://www.ood.ohio.gov/Core-Services/BVR/Regional-Offices>

- D. Veterans Education Benefits:** Visit the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs website at <https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/>. Please see the following section “Veterans Education Benefits” for further information.

Veterans Education Benefits

Department of Veteran Affairs (VA)

VA education benefits help Veterans, service members, and their qualified family members with needs like paying college tuition, finding the right school or training program, and getting career counseling. For eligibility, contact VA at 888-442-4551 or www.va.gov/education.

Veterans Receiving Benefits Late Fees

In accordance with the Veterans Benefits and Transitions Act of 2018, Cuyahoga Valley Career Center does not charge late fees, restrict access or impose delayed payments by the VA. Late payments that are due from the student will follow the Tuition Payment Plan Policy.

Veterans Receiving Benefits Policy For Evaluation Of Prior Credit

Cuyahoga Valley Career Center (CVCC) will collect and evaluate academic and military transcripts, as well as any credentials held, from veterans and eligible recipients of veterans benefits and determine if credit is applicable to the student’s program of study. A completed prior credit evaluation form, provided by the School Certifying Official, and academic and/or military transcripts from previous institutions of training must be provided to CVCC prior to the student enrolling for a VA-eligible program. Evaluations will take place by the School Certifying Official. The student will be notified via email if any prior credit will be applied. If credit is granted, the program will be shortened and the cost will be prorated accordingly.

Veterans Principles Of Excellence

Cuyahoga Valley Career Center (CVCC) will comply with the Principles of Excellence (Executive Order 13607) following guidance set forth by the Department of Veteran Affairs, the Department of Education, and the Department of Defense. CVCC currently complies with the Principles of Excellence in the following ways:

- Veterans and eligible recipients of veterans benefits are provided with a written personal summary of the total cost of the program, including costs covered by VA benefits, financial aid you may qualify for, expected student loan debt
- The School Certifying Official is the Veteran student’s main contact for any VA educational benefit concerns
- Veteran students are provided with an educational plan that shows how they can fulfill program requirements
- Allows active-duty service members and Reservists to take time off to fulfill their service obligations
- Enrolls students in only accredited (officially approved) programs
- Adheres to all Title IV policies related to federal financial aid and refunds

- Refrains from fraudulent methods and aggressive marketing practices and techniques

Student Conduct

CVCC reserves the right to dismiss a student for behavioral issues, cheating, or violating CVCC policies or guidelines.

Student Grievance Policy

Student Grievance, po5710, Adopted May 1, 1995

Please follow the QR Code for the most recent Student Grievance Policy.



Public Complaints

Public Complaints, po9130, Adopted May 1, 1995

Please follow the QR code for the most recent Public Complaints policy.



Alcohol and Drug Policy

The possession, use and sale of alcoholic beverages or illegal chemical substances on school property are prohibited and will result in immediate dismissal and possible prosecution according to established laws. Evidence of illegal use of drugs or intoxicating beverages will be sufficient grounds for termination from the program without prospects of re-enrollment with a notation of same in student's permanent file.

Electronic Devices

Electronic devices and cellular phones are to remain out of sight, not utilized and in silent mode during class periods and while on any active assignment in client care environments. Personal phones may be utilized in the "Commons Area" or outside the building in your vehicle and in designated break areas. Students are expected to abide by clinical site regulations regarding cellular phones and other electronic devices if applicable to your enrolled program.

Telephone Calls

Students may not make personal telephone calls during class. The Adult Education staff will take messages of an emergency nature will be taken by the Adult Education staff and present them to the students at the earliest convenience. **Please remember personal cell phones and other electronic devices are not permitted in the classroom or clinic.**

Food and Beverages

Beverages and snacks are available for purchase from vending machines. Dinner, snacks and beverages are to be consumed only in the cafeteria. No food, snacks, or beverages are permitted in the classroom or clinic unless approved by the instructor.

Interactive/Communication Behaviors

Communication manner with clients, faculty, staff and peers is expected to be positive and of a professional nature. Theft, cheating, insubordination or disrespectful behavior with instructors, CVCC staff, or cooperating clinical or externship site staff is unacceptable and may jeopardize your remaining in the program. Inappropriate, foul language or profanity in classroom or lab area may facilitate immediate dismissal from the program. Inability to work with co-workers, continual antagonism with instructors or classmates, and/or repeated cause of dissension among classmates or co-workers is unacceptable behavior, considered unprofessional, and may be grounds for dismissal. CVCC School District endorses an anti-harassment policy, "Sexual Harassments" has the same definition as set forth in the policy of the Board, as reflective of the definition set forth in Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and the Ohio Revised Code 4112.02. Sexual or gender-based behavior that is unwelcome, unwanted and/or uninvited by the recipient can be verbal, non-verbal and/or physical and/or an issue of power or control is unacceptable. Faculty and supervisor guidance, along with academic content will assist you in developing positive and professional level of communication and interactive skills expected of industry professionals. Any act that violates or compromises client safety, legal or the ethical standards may be grounds for immediate course failure and/or dismissal from the program.

Collaborations

Collaboration (group study) with other students while learning, preparing, reviewing, etc. is strongly encouraged. It's a great way to learn! Collaboration with another student or obtaining information by any means other than your own memory recall while taking a quiz or exam or completing an individual assignment is unacceptable and considered cheating.

Plagiarism and Consequence of Violating School Anti-Plagiarism Policies

Plagiarism is typically defined as the use of another person's or a group's words or ideas without clearly acknowledging the source of that information, resulting in the false representation as one's own work.

More specifically, to avoid plagiarizing, a student or other writer must give credit when the student uses:

1. Another person's idea, opinion, or theory
2. Any facts, statistics, graphs, drawing - any piece of information that is not considered common knowledge
3. Quotations of another person's spoken or written words
4. Paraphrases of another person's spoken or written words
5. Another person's data, solutions, or calculations without permission and/or recognition of the source, including the act of accessing another person's computerized files without

authorization.

Plagiarism may be either deliberate or unwitting. Regardless, it is the responsibility of a college student to know what constitutes plagiarism, so that they may avoid it. Ignorance is not a legitimate defense against a charge of plagiarism. Cheating, falsifying documents and/or plagiarism will not be tolerated by Cuyahoga Valley Career Center. The penalties for these offenses are as follows:

- **First offense:** Student receives a “0” on the assignment or test along with coaching and counseling from the course instructor. Documentation is completed and placed in the student file. The student may repeat the assignment to correct all areas of plagiarism. The repeat assignment is graded on a 30% reduction of points.
- **Second offense:** Student receives a “0” on the assignment or test along with coaching and counseling from the course instructor. Documentation is completed and placed in the student file. The student may not repeat the assignment.
- **Third offense:** Student receives a “0” on the assignment or test along with coaching and counseling from the course instructor. Documentation is completed and placed in the student file. The student is awarded a grade of “F” for the course.
- **Any further offense:** Student receives a “0” on the assignment or test along with coaching and counseling from the course instructor. Documentation is completed and placed in the student file. The student is awarded a grade of “F” for the course and may be suspended from the college for a period of six (6) months.
- **Any further offense upon students return from suspension:** Student receives a “0” on the assignment or test along with coaching and counseling from the course instructor. Documentation is completed and placed in the student file. The student is awarded a grade of “F” for the course and may be expelled from the college without the option to return.

Soliciting

No soliciting of any kind is permitted on school property or in the clinical area. Exceptions may be made for solicitations concerning planned, preapproved class activities.

Harassment

It is a violation of law and of school rules for any student or staff member to take any of the following actions toward another student or a staff member, or any person associated with the school district while on District property or at any school-related event on or off District property.

Anti-Harassment Policy

Anti-Harassment, po5517, Adopted May 1, 1995

Please follow the QR Code for the most recent Anti-Harassment Policy.



Bullying & Other Forms of Aggressive Behavior

Bullying and Other Forms of Aggressive Behavior, po5517.01, Adopted June 26, 2003

Please follow the QR Code for the most recent Bullying & Other Forms of Aggressive Behavior Policy.



Student Hazing

Student Hazing, po5516, Adopted May 1, 1995

Please follow the QR Code for the most recent Student Hazing Policy.



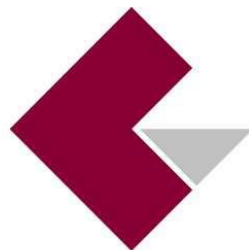
The School of Nursing

Practical Nursing

Student Handbook

Full-Time 2026-2027

Part-Time 2026-2028



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CAREER CENTER

Approved June, 2026

Purpose of This Handbook

The Student Handbook serves as an agreement between the student and the School of Practical Nursing (SOPN) at Cuyahoga Valley Career Center (CVCC). Students are strongly advised to read and understand the content of the Handbook and refer to it as needed throughout the Nursing Program. All students will be required to sign the Contract with the School of Practical Nursing at CVCC prior to the first day of their program, acknowledging receipt and understanding of the Handbook (see Appendix). The student's signature on the Contract with the School of Practical Nursing at CVCC indicates a binding contract of responsibility and accountability, which is then placed in the student's permanent file.

In addition to the policies set forth in this Student Handbook, students must also comply with the policies of Cuyahoga Valley Career Center, contracted clinical sites, and all Ohio Laws and Rules (i.e. Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4723-5) governing and regulating the practice of practical nursing. Policies in this Handbook are subject to change without notice. Any changes will be communicated verbally to students together with a printed copy of the updated policy.

History of The School of Nursing at Cuyahoga Valley Career Center

The School of Practical Nursing (SOPN) at Cuyahoga Valley Career Center (CVCC), formerly the Parma School of Practical Nursing, was created in 1963 as the result of a joint venture between the Parma City School District and Parma Community General Hospital to help meet the educational and vocational needs of individual citizens, the community, and local business.

The SOPN has maintained a long history of producing a high- quality practical nurse graduate. The SOPN continues to enjoy an excellent reputation, serving communities throughout northeast Ohio and beyond.

Historically, the SOPN has offered a full-time program beginning in late summer, with graduates earning their certification the following June. The full-time SOPN program continues to thrive, graduating its 61st class in 2025.

A part-time Evening/Weekend program was established in 2003. This continuous 21-month program utilizes the same content as the full-time class and is delivered over an extended time period to accommodate working professionals.

Classroom and Nursing Skills Lab instruction takes place at CVCC, with clinical instruction in a variety of acute and long-term care hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, and other contracted organizations.

Students work under the direct supervision of a Registered Nurse instructor and are offered a wide variety of experiences in caring for individuals within the health care system. More than half of the 1200-hour program is clinical experience, incorporating medication administration and intravenous therapy. Under the guidance and direction of faculty and nursing preceptors, the student is offered an opportunity to gain first-hand experience in the field of nursing.

Graduates of the program receive a Certificate in Practical Nursing and are eligible to take the NCLEX-PN State Board Examination. After passing this exam, the Board of Nursing issues a license to practice as a practical nurse with intravenous therapy and medication administration certifications (LPN-IV).

Program Approval and Accreditation

The Practical Nursing Program is on Provisional Approval with the Ohio Board of Nursing and fully approved by the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

Cuyahoga Valley Career Center is accredited by the Commission of the Council on Occupational Education, Council on Occupational Education, 7840 Roswell Road Building 300, Suite 325, Atlanta, GA 30350, 770-396-3898 FAX: 770-396-3790, www.council.org.

Philosophy

The Mission Statement has provided the underpinning of the operational philosophy of the School of Practical Nursing at CVCC.

WE BELIEVE . . .

- Society is composed of individuals with a variety of needs, values, and abilities from a myriad of cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds.
- That each individual has a right to be treated in a non-judgmental manner.
- That the appreciation of transcultural and socioeconomic diversity is imperative.
- That the growth and development of contemporary society depends on its human resources.
- That the individual is a holistic being who influences and is influenced by society.
in the dignity of each person regardless of race, creed or color.
- That each person is different and individual.
- That each person has physical, mental and social needs.
- That health is dynamic and consists of various levels of physical, mental and social well-being.
- That health status shifts back and forth during a lifetime, in health maintenance and health promotion measures.
- That teaching the client is an integral part of the role of a nurse.
- Nursing is a complex art and science which utilizes the nursing process and a caring manner to meet the health needs of society.
- A scientific process is necessary to assess, plan, implement and evaluate care compassion, critical thinking, sound judgment and therapeutic communication are an integral part of nursing.
- The nurse is an advocate of society's health needs.
- That within the broad scope of nursing, there are needs which can be met by the practical nurse.
- Learning is the process of acquiring knowledge, attitudes and skills demonstrated by positive changes in behavior.
- Learning is a dynamic process of instructor/student interaction.
- The adult learner has unique needs and offers a wealth of experience and resources. learning is a

lifelong process and is an individual responsibility.

- The practical nursing program emphasizes clinical experience supported by theory and results. in a competent, skillful caregiver who safely practices in a competitive healthcare environment.
- That practical nurse education should follow standards and principles of sound educational practices.
- That practical nursing education incorporates both cognitive and technical skills with emphasis on safety and competence.
- That practical nursing is an integral part of all nursing.
- All individuals have a right to pursue a level of education that will help them develop a marketable skill.
- In a dynamic, planned program with instruction closely correlated with practice and emphasis on direct client care.

Program Outcomes

As a graduate of The School of Nursing through CVCC you will:

- Utilize the nursing process in meeting the physical and psychosocial needs of the client. Practice in diverse care settings in a non-judgmental and caring manner.
- Work under the direction of a licensed registered nurse, physician, dentist, podiatrist, optometrist, or as defined by the State Board of Nursing.
- Recognize various levels of well-being in the client as well as in one's self and intervene appropriately.
- Demonstrate critical thinking, sound decision making and effective communication skills. Be a client advocate.
- Be committed to life-long learning in an ever-changing society.
- Deliver skillful, safe, competent, knowledgeable care consistent with legal and philosophical standards of nursing practice.
- Refine leadership qualities and use in appropriate situations. Demonstrate effective health teaching.
- Practice traits and attributes conducive to desirable employability behaviors.

SOPN Administration, Faculty and Support Staff

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Important Contact Information

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Financial Aid/Student Support Services	440 746-8337

Admissions Policy

To enroll in the SOPN at CVCC, the applicant must first begin by completing the online application, located on the CVCC Adult Education/Practical Nursing's website.

Conditions that must be met for admission:

1. Two completed Reference Forms.

- a. Acceptable reference forms are those completed by a present or former employer, teacher, academic counselor/advisor, clergy or other professional resource who can attest to the applicant's professionalism and work ethic.
 - i. Reference forms from relatives or close personal friends will not be accepted.
 - ii. All reference forms must be kept confidential and be sent directly to the School of Nursing at CVCC via US mail, faxed by the individual completing the reference form, hand-delivered in a sealed envelope.
 1. See the Reference Form included in the application for more specific instructions.

2. Official transcript supporting successful completion of high school education or equivalent (i.e. GED or HiSET).

- a. For applicants with college degrees, "equivalent" also includes an official transcript supporting successful completion of an associates, undergraduate, masters, and/or doctoral degree.
- b. Applicants currently in high school should request a transcript to date to facilitate the enrollment process and must submit an updated official transcript upon completion of high school graduation requirements.
- c. Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended (colleges, universities, technical schools, etc.), regardless of program completion.
- d. For applicants who completed their high school and or post-secondary educations outside the United States:

- i. If applicant is a graduate from another county's educational system, credentials equivalent to a high school diploma must be submitted.
 - ii. The document(s) must be translated* to English prior to submission (translated at applicant's expense).
 - iii. *International transcripts/documents must be evaluated by an organization that is a member of the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) or Association of International Credential Evaluators, Inc. (AICE)
 - 1. The document(s) must be translated* to English prior to submission (translated at applicant's expense).
- 3. **A criminal record that does not block the applicant from attending nursing school** (refer to Ohio Board of Nursing Criminal Records Check/Felony Convictions).
- 4. **Admissions essay**
- 5. **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED ATTRIBUTES** Successful completion of high school biology, chemistry and mathematics, physical and mental health (see Application Requirements for Nurse Licensure and Americans with Disabilities Act and in Adult Education General Section)A clean criminal record (see Application Requirements for Nurse Licensure in Appendix).

Once an application has been submitted, the applicant will be contacted by the SOPN to schedule their enrollment appointment, during which any needed documents will be collected and general program information related to health data requirements, financial aid, and the steps to finalize admission will be provided.

Admissions and Promotions Committee

The Admissions and Promotions Committee is comprised of representatives from the full-time faculty. Nursing Program Supervisor.

Admissions

The Committee reviews applicants' files for accuracy and completeness. If needed, an applicant will be contacted to address any missing or incomplete information.

Advanced Placement and Re-Enrollment

The Committee also reviews Advanced placement requests from other PN/RN programs and requests for re-enrollment of returning students.

Other Functions

The Committee reviews requests in keeping with the SOPN's STNA Articulation, Anatomy and Physiology Audit, and Advanced Placement Policies.

Enrollment Policy

Notification of Acceptance

Accepted applicants will receive notification of their acceptance by email, followed by a written letter of acceptance sent by US mail to their home.

Seat Fees

Seats are secured by paying se \$200 non- refundable Administrative Seat Fee after meeting with Financial Aid.

Wait Lists

When a class is full, a wait list is developed. Wait-listed applicants will be promptly informed of their status. Applicants from the wait list will be given priority consideration, in sequential order, to fill any vacated seats in the current year's class or become one of the first individuals to fill the next class to be enrolled.

STNA Articulation

Any State Tested Nursing Assistant (STNA) who holds a current, valid, unrestricted certification in the State of Ohio and is actively practicing as a STNA may request to opt out of up to 26 hours in Nursing Fundamentals and Life Science. The specific hours for which the STNA may be excused are pre-determined by the nursing faculty and incorporate content included in the STNA education program.

To be eligible to audit these 26 hours, the STNA must complete and submit the STNA Articulation Agreement Request Form (see Appendix) and all supporting documentation required **within the first three weeks of school**. Requests are reviewed by the Admissions and Promotions Committee and approved students will be excused from attendance during the following designated hours of Nursing Fundamentals and Life Science outlined below:

Nursing Fundamentals –

Unit N2 Standard Precautions and Medical Asepsis	Last 1-hour lecture 1-hour lab
Unit N4 Body Mechanics and Patient Mobility	2.5 hours lecture 3 hours lab
Unit N5 Physiological Needs Part 1: Personal Care Needs	5.5 hours lecture 3 hours lab
Unit N7 Dietary Needs and I&Os	1-hour lecture 1-hour lab
Unit N3 Physical and Environmental Safety	Last 2 hours lecture
Unit N10 Vital Signs	1-hour lab

Life Science –

L3 Interactive Processes: Basic Communication Skills	First 3 hours lecture
L6 Legal Issues in Nursing	First 1-hour lecture
L4 History and Trends in Nursing	Last 1-hour lecture
Total Hours	26

Please note: the student will be expected to take all quizzes, midterms and finals in these sections. The hours of Nursing Fundamentals class may be subject to change. Being excused from attendance during the 26 hours does not change the cost of education, but will impact the amount of financial aid awarded.

Anatomy and Physiology Audit

Students who have successfully completed Anatomy & Physiology (A&P) coursework at another accredited institution may submit a request to audit the A&P section of Basic Nursing at the School of Nursing.

To qualify for audit consideration:

- The previously-taken A&P course must have covered all body systems;
- The previous course must have been completed within the past three years;
- The contact hours for the previous course must be equal to or greater than the number of hours in The School of Nursing at CVCC's current Anatomy and Physiology course;
- The student must have earned a minimum of 80% in the previous course.

To apply for the 85-hour auditing privileges, the student must submit the following documentation to the School of Nursing Supervisor before the start of A&P:

- Audit Transfer Credit Request Form (see Appendix)
- Copy of the course description for the year the previous course was taken

If the Admissions and Promotions Committee determines that the previous coursework meets the SOPN's standards, the student will be excused from all requirements of the School's A&P section. However, the student is welcome and strongly encouraged to attend A&P lecture as a review.

Auditing the A&P section of Basic Nursing will affect the cost of education and financial aid awarded. Students who audit A&P will have the hours removed from their TLS2 financial aid award which will decrease the total amount awarded.

- The grade from the outside school is not factored into the overall GPA calculation for the final grade in Basic Nursing. It is the responsibility of the student to maintain awareness of any changes in the published class schedule that may affect attendance in other Basic Nursing classes.

Advanced Placement

Advanced placement from another nursing program will be evaluated by the Admissions and Promotions Committee on an individual basis. Time lapse between exodus from the initial nursing program and the request for advanced placement in the CVCC SOPN must be in keeping with the

CVCC SOPN's current policy. An individual who was a clinical dismissal, demonstrated an undesirable attendance record, earned course grades below CVCC SOPN's grading standards, has been enrolled two or more times at other nursing programs, or has not successfully completed Basic Nursing content consistent with CVCC SOPN's requirements is ineligible for Advanced Placement and may also not be eligible for initial enrollment or re-enrollment in this program.

Advanced Placement students shall be required to have a personal interview with the Nursing Program Supervisor or Lead/Operations Faculty and will be required to take written and clinical laboratory skills evaluations as determined by the Admissions and Promotions Committee. The Advanced Placement applicant shall be admitted providing there is available space in both classroom and clinical component of the program and a plan is implemented to assure curriculum outcomes will be met.

Upon acceptance, an advanced placement student must secure a seat by paying the non-refundable administrative seat fee. Tuition and fees will be prorated for the period of enrollment.

Military

Any applicant with military experience may request to have his or her training record reviewed for advanced placement and/or awarding of credit. Each evaluation will be handled on an individual basis by the Admissions and Promotions Committee.

School of Practical Nursing Calendar

Holidays and Breaks

The School of Nursing observes the following holidays: Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Observance, President's Day, Good Friday, Easter, Memorial Day, Juneteenth and Independence Day.

The following break periods are observed: Thanksgiving Break, Winter Break, Spring Break, and Summer Break. Refer to the Full- and Part-Time School Calendars in the Appendix for the specific dates of these holidays and breaks.

School Closures (Snow Days)

The School of Nursing will observe the same snow days and school closings as CVCC. During the school week, Cuyahoga Valley Career Center is closed when five of the eight associate schools have closed. In the event of inclement weather, students are responsible for being self-informed and checking local media outlets to see if school has been closed. Students are encouraged to establish a phone tree among class members to facilitate communications regarding official closings. If excessive "snow days" occur that jeopardize program requirements, class/clinical hours may need to be "made up" utilizing break time, pre-planned days off or via an extended school year.

If daytime classes at Cuyahoga Valley Career Center are cancelled due to inclement weather or for other reasons, all day and evening adult classes will also be cancelled. If the closing occurs on a scheduled clinical day, clinicals are likewise cancelled. In the event of inclement weather on a clinical weekend necessitating school closing, students will receive a notification from the Supervisor or clinical instructor via phone message. In any case of an official school closing, the student is not required to call the School

Attendance Line or clinical site.

In the event of inclement weather without an official school closing, students are encouraged to use their judgment about driving conditions. If the student elects to call off, he or she will be recorded as absent.

In the event of a snow day on a classroom day, the schedule may be adjusted to cover the missed lecture(s). However, as this is not always possible, students are responsible for self-studying the material that otherwise would have been covered. In the event of school closings in excess of two clinical days in a rotation, or, if in the Supervisor's discretion, successful completion of program requirements and objectives are jeopardized, lost time will be made up using alternate hours, break periods, scheduled days off, and/or an extended school day or year.

Closure Due to Unforeseen Circumstance

In the event the school must close due to unforeseen circumstance, classes may be shifted to an online platform (i.e. Zoom or other virtual learning system) in addition to the utilization of other remote learning methods such as Google Class. Flexibility will be required in order to meet the needs of the class. Attendance will be monitored and policies enforced to ensure Financial Aid eligibility requirements are maintained.

Class Schedule

Unless otherwise announced, classroom lectures and labs are held at The School of Nursing at CVCC. Sixty (60) minutes constitutes a class (clock) hour. Lab hours may be adjusted in order to accommodate the material being taught.

Full-Time Students

A typical week in the full-time program consists of 35-37.5 hours of lecture, lab and clinical experience, including 3-5 hours of supervised, planned study time. Basic Nursing begins in August.

- Class hours are Monday through Friday from 7:30am (must be in your seat at this time) to 3:30pm with a lunch period incorporated.
- Clinical sessions begin at 6:45am and end at 3:15pm
 - Special clinical experiences may extend over slightly different hours. In the final term of the program, clinical experiences may include weekend or overnight hours.

Part-Time Students

The part-time program (day or evening) incorporates the same content as is taught in the full-time program, but extended over 21 months. Part-time students should anticipate a schedule that incorporates 15-22 hours per week in classroom, lab and clinical experiences. Classes begin in September, with students completing Basic Nursing in June of the first year. Students transition into Advanced Nursing, attending classroom and clinicals their first summer and graduating the second June

of their enrollment period.

Class meetings are held Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 4:30 pm (must be in your seat at this time) until 9:30 pm. A lunch period will be incorporated.

- Part-time students begin clinical experiences in January.
- Clinical rotations are held on Saturday and Sunday from 6:45am until 3:15pm, and are typically every other weekend.
 - In special situations, weekends may need to be scheduled back-to-back to facilitate the clinical experience.
 - The student will be notified of the exact dates he or she is expected to attend in advance of each course.
 - Special clinical experiences may extend over slightly different hours.
 - In the final term of the program, clinical experiences may include weekend, weekday or overnight hours.
 - Additionally, part-time enrollees may be expected to attend clinicals from 6:45am until 3:15pm for approximately 9-12 weekdays throughout June and July in order to fulfill the program's required number of clinical hours and gain a fuller experience of acute care and specialty environments.
 - These summer clinical enrichment days are in addition to regularly scheduled weekend clinical hours.

Academic Expectations

Preparing for Class

Each student is expected to read all assigned content (i.e. including, but not limited to: Power points, handouts, videos, and ATI modules) prior to each class session.

- Studying every evening and weekends is imperative for success!
- A minimum of 2 hours of class preparation is expected for each hour of lecture presented.

Academic Integrity

Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated in the School of Nursing. Copying another student's answers or homework or letting another student copy your answers or assignments will lead to the following consequences:

- **First Offense:** failing grade or zero on the assignment or test; written reprimand in student

file

- **Final Offense:** expulsion from the program.

Plagiarism is typically defined as the use of another person's or a group's words or ideas without clearly acknowledging the source of that information, resulting in the false representation as one's own work. More specifically, to avoid plagiarizing, a student or other writer must give credit when he/she uses:

- Another person's idea, opinion, or theory
- Any facts, statistics, graphs, drawing - any piece of information that is not considered common knowledge
- Quotations of another person's spoken or written words
- Paraphrases of another person's spoken or written words
- Another person's data, solutions, or calculations without permission and/or recognition of the source, including the act of accessing another person's computerized files without authorization.

Plagiarism may be either deliberate or unwitting. Regardless, it is the responsibility of the student to know what constitutes plagiarism, so that they may avoid it. Cheating, falsifying documents and/or plagiarism will not be tolerated by the SOPN. The penalties for these offenses are as follows:

- **First offense:** Student receives a "0" on the assignment or test along with coaching and counseling from the course instructor. Documentation is completed and placed in the student file. The student may repeat the assignment to correct all areas of plagiarism. The repeat assignment is graded on a 30% reduction of points.
- **Second offense:** Student receives a "0" on the assignment or test along with coaching and counseling from the course instructor. Documentation is completed and placed in the student file. The student may not repeat the assignment. No credit will be earned for the assignment; the final grade is a "0".
- **Third offense:** Student receives a "0" on the assignment or test along with coaching and counseling from the course Supervisor. Documentation is completed and placed in the student file. The student is awarded a grade of "F" for the course.
- **Any further offense:** Student receives a "0" on the assignment or test along with coaching and counseling from the Supervisor and Adult Education Director (Assistant Superintendent) from the course instructor. Documentation is completed and placed in the student file. The student is awarded a grade of "F" for the course and will be separated from the Practical Nursing program.
- **Any further offense upon students return from separation:** Student receives a "0" on the assignment or test along with coaching and counseling from the course instructor.

Documentation is completed and placed in the student file. The student is awarded a grade of "F" for the course and may be expelled from the college without the option to return.

Use of Artificial Intelligence

Artificial intelligence (AI) tools may be used to support learning at the CVCC School of Nursing; however, their use must align with academic integrity, ethical standards, and institutional policies. AI is considered "another person's work," and students may not submit AI-generated content as their own without proper disclosure and faculty permission. Acceptable uses, when permitted, include brainstorming non-clinical ideas, summarizing general content, proofreading, assisting with APA

formatting, and organizing assignments that are ultimately written in the student's own words. Students are strictly prohibited from using AI to complete exams or graded assignments (unless explicitly allowed), generate clinical documentation, or input any personal, student, or patient information into AI systems. All use must comply with FERPA and HIPAA regulations. Students are responsible for verifying the accuracy of AI-generated content, protecting confidential information, and seeking faculty guidance when unsure. Misuse of AI will be treated as a violation of the Academic Integrity Policy and may result in disciplinary action.

Assignments

Class Assignments/Homework/Self-Study Quizzes/Work In Lieu Of Quizzes

All work is to be neat, legible, and identified with the student's name and class. Assignments are to be submitted per the Faculty member's instructions on the date specified. At the discretion of the Faculty member, any late work may be refused, or if accepted, the final grade may be lowered by 3% or one letter grade for each day late. In any event, barring extenuating circumstances, if the work is not submitted within one week after the due date, a zero is earned. Students are encouraged to retain copies of returned graded assignments as review tools for quizzes, mid-terms and final examinations.

Exams

Scheduled and announced quizzes will be given throughout each course. These quizzes, geared to the objectives of each unit(s), cover content included in the assigned readings and class presentations. Unannounced quizzes may be given at the discretion of the Faculty member. These unannounced quizzes may also be factored into the student's grade.

In most courses/sections, midterm and final examinations are integrated. See the syllabus for each course/section to determine the point value and percentage of the overall grade attributable to quizzes/written work, the midterm, or the final.

During any quiz, midterm or final, all personal belongings, including but not limited to: outerwear, cell phones, smart watches, books, and purses, are to be left outside the testing room. Students are to bring only pencils into the room with them. Scrap paper will be provided at the faculty's discretion. Students are urged to actively participate in any provided classroom reviews as this facilitates development and refinement of reading, test-taking and critical thinking skills. When reviewing any tests/quizzes, students are required to demonstrate honesty and integrity; no test/quiz questions may be copied, and there is to be no recording, texting or photo taking. In the event that an individual violates this policy, disciplinary action, up to and including a critical incident or dismissal, will be taken. During any review of quizzes, midterm, or final exam, all personal belongings, including but not limited to: outerwear, cell phones, smart watches, books, and purses, are to be left outside the classroom. Faculty reserves the right to withdraw the privilege of reviewing quizzes and/or tests upon reasonable suspicion of violations of academic integrity.

Students are responsible for previous learning and, as such, quizzes, written work, midterms and finals may incorporate any previously covered content areas including content mastered in previous courses and terms.

Makeup Assignments And Examinations

Any student who is absent on a quiz/test day or presents to class more than 5 minutes late on the day of a quiz or exam will be required to take a make-up examination. The make-up quiz must be taken during the students lunch break. Students are allowed up to two (2) make-up examinations per term without penalty. If a student requires more than two (2) make-up examinations in a term, a 5% deduction will be applied to the student's quiz grade for each additional make-up exam.

If, due to unplanned absence, a student misses a lecture session, the student must, upon return, obtain notes from a peer. If the quiz incorporates a lecture material administered on the day of the student's return, the student may defer taking the quiz until the next classroom day. **If, due to unplanned absence, a student misses a scheduled quiz, the student is to take the quiz immediately upon return, at the start of the day.** The exception to this rule is that when the full- time students are in all-day clinicals, students who have missed or postponed quizzes are expected to return to the School after clinicals to take the quiz on the next school day. Students who are absent for more than one classroom day must meet with the Supervisor or designee to arrange a schedule for making up missed work. Each situation is considered on an individual basis.

If a student presents to class 5 more minutes late, at the discretion of faculty an alternative quiz may be administered

If the student has not completed missed quizzes within the stipulated days, Faculty will deduct 3% from the final quiz grade for each day late. If the quiz is not made up within one week, a zero is earned.

All written assignments are due on the first day the student returns after unplanned absence. If Faculty has previously announced that late work will not be accepted, it may be refused. If written work is assigned while a student is absent, it is to be submitted on the next classroom day, unless other arrangements have been made.

Any planned absences must be discussed with the Nursing Program Supervisor or Lead/Operations Faculty, and/or the instructor before occurrence, and arrangements must be made in advance for any work that will be missed. (See Student Attendance and Absence Policy).

Student Attendance and Absence Policy

Attendance

Students have a personal and professional responsibility to maximize their education by taking advantage of all scheduled learning experiences. Regular attendance and punctuality are expected of each student. To ensure students have the opportunity to participate in all planned learning activities and demonstrate satisfactory competency for progression, attendance on each scheduled day is essential. Students are expected to be on time for all classroom, nursing skills lab, and clinical activities.

Promptness and consistent attendance are expected professional behaviors. Contingency plans for family

illness and childcare are to be formulated prior to entering the program. The following attendance policy has been established to assure that students meet the minimum acceptable standards for attendance.

There are no excused absences – just provisions to deal with time away from the program.

While acknowledging that perfect attendance is the goal, illness and unexpected emergencies do happen. In the event that a student will be absent or tardy, the following policies and procedures must be observed:

Call-In/Sign-In Procedures

In the event a student is going to be absent from the classroom, the student is responsible to email **the School of Nursing's Call-Off Email at Nursing@cvccworks.edu**. and must include as part of their email the date, time of notification, student name, student cohort (full or part-time) and reason for the absence. This email must be sent no later than 30 minutes prior to the start of class.

When on clinical assignment, it is the student's responsibility to notify both the school and clinical site at least one hour prior to the clinical start time. The School must be notified by emailing the Call-Off Email as described above. In addition, the student must also notify the clinical site at the facility number provided prior to the start of clinicals. Students should keep a record of the name of the person to whom they spoke when reporting the absence to the clinical facility. **Failure to initiate both email notification to the school and call-in to the clinical site in the prescribed manner and within the time frame described above will lead to a Critical Incident, as it constitutes a "No Call, No Show."** A student accumulating three "No Call, No Shows" will be immediately dismissed from the SOPN Program (see Evaluation).

Tardiness

Tardiness is defined as arriving from 1 to 90 minutes late to any planned classroom or nursing skills lab experience or when returning late from class or clinical breaks/lunch. Tardiness to the clinical site is defined as arriving no more than 30 minutes late. Each episode of tardiness will be noted in the student's personal file and on the grade transcript at the end of the program. Tardiness will accrue toward the students' overall hours absent. Persistent tardiness may ultimately result in dismissal, regardless of level of academic or clinical performance and time in the program.

If the student is tardy to class, he or she must sign-in on the attendance sheet. Students must sign in or out at the desk when tardy, or when leaving early. Students who are tardy may be asked to wait outside the classroom until the next class break.

Nursing Lab Attendance

Attendance at all scheduled nursing lab sessions is required. Students must arrive on time and remain for the entire lab period.

Any missed lab time must be made up. Lab make-up sessions may be scheduled in the evenings, on weekends, during academic breaks, or at other times as determined by faculty.

Failure to complete required lab make-up time may result in the student being unable to meet course requirements.

Absences

A class day is 7.5 hours for full-time students, and 5 hours for part-time. For documentation on the grade transcript and disciplinary purposes, all recorded absences will be converted into hours based on the actual amount of time the student was not in classroom lecture or clinical.

In the event that a student is going to be absent due to illness for a full classroom, nursing skills lab, or clinical day, the student must email the SOPN Call-in Email at nursing.cvccworks.edu. Half-day call-offs due to illness will not be permitted, and will result in the student being sent home for the remainder of the classroom, nursing skills lab, or clinical day.

Any student who is absent for three (3) consecutive days or longer, or any student sustaining an injury requiring medical attention, must be seen by a physician and have a written physician's statement allowing unrestricted permission to return to school and the clinical area.

Personal Leave Days

Each student is permitted up to three (3) sick leave days (22.5 hours) without disciplinary consequences during the entire program. Acceptable reasons for use of sick leave are immediate illness, exposure to contagious disease, personal injury, , child's illness, or injury/death of immediate family.

A maximum of three (3) days (22.5 hours) of personal leave may be requested during the enrollment period. Personal leave day(s) must be prearranged and approved by the Lead/Operations Faculty or Nursing Program Supervisor. Personal leave is granted solely at the discretion of the Nursing Program Supervisor or Lead/Operations Faculty and is designed to allow the student to handle necessary personal matters or observe religious holidays. Careful planning of appointments, meetings, etc., for times outside of scheduled school hours is strongly advised.

- **Notes:**
 - **Personal leave days are considered as time away from the program and will be recorded as an absence, but will not be counted toward disciplinary action for attendance.**
 - **Personal days may not be utilized on the day of or day before a final examination, before or after a holiday, or during the final week of the program, unless special circumstances exist.**

Disciplinary Action For Attendance Issues

Attendance is calculated on a weekly basis. Students are provided with a printout of their cumulative attendance record documenting absences, tardiness, and personal leave days as accumulated based on the table below. Disciplinary action taken for attendance purposes is outlined below. All attendance actions will be documented on the Notice of Corrective Action Form (See Appendix).

Absence/Tardy Accumulation	Disciplinary Action
20 hours	ALERT and a printout of attendance log provided to student

35 hours	WARNING and discussion with the Supervisor
55 hours	FINAL WARNING and meeting with the Supervisor and Admissions and Promotions Committee
70 hours	Meeting with the Supervisor and selected designee(s); DISMISSAL except in extenuating circumstances
First “No Call, No Show”	WARNING and discussion with the Supervisor
Second “No Call, No Show”	FINAL WARNING and meeting with the Supervisor and Admissions and Promotions Committee
Third “No Call, No Show”	IMMEDIATE DISMISSAL FROM THE PROGRAM

Students are also referred to the Clinical Make-up and Clinical Evaluation sections.

Extended illnesses and special circumstances are handled on an individual basis by the Supervisor of the School of Nursing and the Admissions and Promotions Committee. Factors that may be considered when deciding whether or not to allow a student to continue in the program include the student’s past attendance and tardiness record, other illnesses, anticipated number of days that will be missed due to the extended illness/special circumstance, percent of the program completed, and past clinical and classroom achievements.

Excessive absences can also jeopardize remaining enrollment and/or participation in Federal Financial Aid programs, regardless of academic standing.

Curriculum and Instruction

Curriculum Design

The nursing curriculum is designed using a holistic approach to healthcare that addresses the physiological, emotional, behavioral, developmental, cultural, and spiritual needs of the client. These needs may shift in importance depending on the client’s current state of health and may shift in importance across the life span. Maslow’s Theory is incorporated throughout the program and is used to explore the curriculum content.

The nursing process is used as the systematic method of meeting healthcare needs. Development of the skills of critical thinking, clinical judgment, sound decision-making, priority setting, time management, and effective communications are integrated throughout the curriculum. Related theory and clinical practice progress from the simple to complex as much as is possible with the acuity seen in the institutionalized client. Practice is correlated with theory and is closely supervised by RN faculty, teaching assistants and preceptors.

Instructional Strategies

Teaching strategies include cooperative learning, lecture, conferences, demonstration, return demonstration, PowerPoint presentations, utilization of the nursing process, visual and auditory aids, videos, exploration of didactic information via computer, information found within the Assessment Technologies, Inc. (ATI) Program, equipment located in the nursing skills lab, and clinical practice. Clinical practice is carried out in a variety of institutional and community-based settings.

Instructional Staff

The School of Nursing faculty includes the Nursing Program Supervisor, Lead/Operations Faculty, Nursing Faculty, and Teaching Assistants, all of whom are Registered Nurses employed by the Board of Education. The Instructional Staff meet or exceed all qualifications to be certified as Adult Education Instructors by the Ohio Department of Education and meet or exceed the requirements of the Ohio Board of Nursing and accrediting agencies. Students are at all times responsible to the Instructional Staff. In the clinical area, students practice under the supervision of their assigned a nursing Faculty, Teaching Assistant and/or preceptor, following rules established by the Ohio Board of Nursing, the clinical organization, and this educational program.

Program Requirements

The SOPN at CVCC's 1200 clock-hour program is divided into three terms. The first term is Basic Nursing. The subsequent two terms are Advanced Nursing; each of these two terms consists of one course.

BASIC NURSING (INTEGRATED COURSE: SECTIONS 101, 102 And 103)

Basic Nursing is made up of the following three sections: Anatomy & Physiology, Life Sciences and Nursing Fundamentals. This integrated course consists of formal didactic instruction with laboratory and clinical practice. Clinical and classroom experiences are of equal importance.

Section 101 – Anatomy And Physiology

Anatomy and Physiology is a didactic subject in which basic anatomical structure and function is explored to establish an understanding of the human body. Medical terms are defined, pronounced and analyzed throughout the course so the student becomes increasingly proficient with their usage. More complex concepts, including basic pathophysiologic changes, are added as body systems are introduced. Course content is tied to other Basic Nursing courses. Maslow's Theory is applied as the learner begins to relate anatomical/physiological abnormalities to nursing care needs.

Section 102 – Life Science

Life Science is a didactic subject that explores principles of normal nutrition, growth and development, communication, basic computer skills and etiquette, personal and professional growth, transcultural considerations, nursing history, and legal, ethical and moral issues. The role of the practical nurse in organized health care is identified and developed. The nursing process, Maslow's Theory, holism and health promotion are interwoven throughout the units.

Section 103 – Nursing Fundamentals

Nursing Fundamentals is a didactic and clinical section that establishes a sound nursing foundation by developing skills within the scope of practice of the practical nurse. Nursing Fundamentals includes course work in basic nursing procedures, dosage calculation, basic intravenous therapy, principles of pharmacology, and physical assessment. Maslow's theory and the nursing process are used as tools for exploration of concepts. Students begin their clinical experiences in this section, initially applying basic nursing skills to the care of their clients and progressing to the application of more complex skills. Clinical assignments take place in a variety of contracted facilities and may be supplemented with observational and enrichment experiences.

Successful completion of Basic Nursing is necessary for retention and promotion within the program. To pass Basic Nursing, the student must:

- Earn a minimum final grade of 77% in Anatomy and Physiology (Students who do not achieve 77% in A&P are dismissed from the program at that point); and
- Earn a minimum final grade of 80% in Nursing Fundamentals (Students who do not achieve an 80% in Nursing Fundamentals are dismissed from the program at that point); and
- Earn a Basic Nursing grade point average of a minimum of 79.5%; the Basic Nursing GPA is an average of the final grades in Anatomy & Physiology, Life Sciences, and Nursing Fundamentals (**Students who do not achieve 79.5% as a final GPA are dismissed from the program at that point**); and
- Earn a Satisfactory as a final evaluation in clinicals; and
- Maintain an acceptable attendance record (see Attendance Policy).

Note: While there is no final minimum grade required in Life Sciences, the Life Sciences grade must be high enough that when averaged with the final grades in Anatomy and Physiology and Nursing Fundamentals, a minimum of 79.5 is earned.

All sections of Basic Nursing must be completed in the same enrollment period for any credit to be earned.
No credit is earned for passing individual sections of Basic Nursing.

Candle Lighting Ceremony

Upon successful completion of Basic Nursing, students are recognized in a Candle lighting ceremony. The inspirational ceremony marks a milestone, symbolizing the successful completion of the program requirements. As a memento of their success in Basic Nursing, each nursing graduate receives the Florence Nightingale Lamp, the Lamp of Learning.

Advanced Nursing

The Advanced Nursing curriculum includes theory, laboratory experiences, supervised clinical experiences and observational/enrichment opportunities. These courses explore the themes of altered states of health, and integrate life span considerations, issues of contemporary society and vocational growth. Students are expected to progress in the application of classroom theory to clinical practice and to demonstrate increasing refinement of nursing skills. Maslow's Theory and the nursing process are utilized as tools to help shape understanding.

The clinical courses offered in Advanced Nursing are:

Care of the Client Throughout the Lifespan Part 1 and 2.

Special enrichment and observation experiences in Advanced Nursing are also integrated to enhance student learning and may include:

Assisted Living
Home Care
Blood Pressure Clinics
Acute Care
Birthing Center
Special Needs Care

Long Term Acute Care
School Nursing
Rehabilitation
Behavioral Health
Hospice
Residential/Day Camp

Medical Examiner/Coroner
Senior Programs
Flu Clinics
Health Fairs
Precept Experience
Long Term Care

Course 201 Care of The Client Throughout the Lifespan Part 1 (TLS1)

Students who successfully complete Basic Nursing progress to this first Advanced Nursing course. In this didactic and clinical course, the student will utilize the nursing process and Maslow's Theory to meet the needs of maternal, pediatric, adult and geriatric clients with health deviations experiencing a variety of increasingly complex medical, surgical and/or behavioral disorders. Health promotion techniques are also incorporated. Clinical experiences take place in a variety of contracted facilities. Critical thinking and clinical decision-making skills are strengthened to enhance the student's ability to meet client needs. Leadership, pharmacology, and intravenous therapy concepts are integrated throughout the course. The student is expected to correlate the theory explored in the classroom with the safe delivery of care to the client, continuously building on previous didactic and clinical experiences.

Intravenous Therapy

Principles and practices of intravenous therapy related to the practical nurse's Scope of Practice in Ohio will be explored in the classroom and implemented in the clinical and laboratory environments. This content thread is integrated throughout Basic and Advanced Nursing. Each student must satisfactorily complete the Intravenous Therapy laboratory experience to pass Care of the Client Throughout the Lifespan Part 1.

Course 202 Care of The Client Throughout the Lifespan Part 2 (TLS2)

Enrollment in TLS2 is initiated after successful completion of TLS1. TLS2 is a didactic and clinical course in which students are expected to demonstrate progressive development and refinement of the skills learned in TLS1. Successful completion of a medication administration experience and demonstration of entry-level leadership skills are required for successful completion of this course.

Successful completion of TLS1 is necessary for progression to TLS2. Successful completion of TLS2 fulfills a portion of the requirements for graduation.

Pharmacology

Pharmacology is an integrated curricular theme throughout Basic and Advanced Nursing. A planned medication administration experience is incorporated into Care of the Client Throughout the Lifespan Part 2. Each student must perform satisfactorily in the administration of medications by the close of this experience to successfully complete the course.

Math Proficiency

Math proficiency is a critical requirement for ensuring safe and accurate medication administration in the Practical Nurse (PN) program. To uphold this standard, all students are required to complete and pass a math quiz prior to each clinical rotation. These quizzes will evaluate the student's ability in basic arithmetic, measurement conversions (including metric, household, and apothecary systems), dosage calculations, IV flow rates, and other key areas of medication math. A minimum score of 90% is required to pass the math quiz. If unsuccessful, students will be allowed up to two additional attempts to pass the

quiz. Following each unsuccessful attempt, students will be offered remediation as prescribed by course faculty. All retakes must be completed within one week of the original quiz, unless otherwise approved by the instructor.

Failure to pass the math quiz within the allotted three attempts will result in the student being ineligible to participate in the associated clinical rotation. Because clinical participation is required for program progression, this will constitute a course failure and thus result in dismissal.

GRADES AND EVALUATION

Classroom Grades

Letter grades are assigned to the student's academic progress, as follows:

100-94%	A
93% - 87%	B
86% - 80%	C
79% AND BELOW	NI

If a student exits the program after having completed a minimum of one section of Basic Nursing, an official grade transcript is generated. See Curriculum description above for the minimum academic requirements for retention and promotion for each section/course. Students will periodically be given grade reports to allow self-monitoring of progress.

Clinical Grades

Clinical Experience - Progress Reports will be completed by Clinical Instructors at the end of each week in Basic Nursing and Throughout the Life Span Part 1 to summarize the student's clinical achievement. A Final Clinical Evaluation will be completed at the end of each rotation. In these evaluations, students will be assigned "Satisfactory," "Needs Improvement," or "Unsatisfactory."

Definition of terms are as follows:

- **S - Satisfactory** – Consistently accurate or correct in relating to health, safety, knowledge base, and delivery of care. Punctual, displays a positive effect of a personal and vocational nature, desirable behavior and work habits. Meets objectives of the course with minimal or no guidance.
- **NI - Needs Improvement** – Inconsistent performance, incorrect, inaccurate, not punctual, undesirable behavior or work habits, application of knowledge base, delivery of care and issues relating to health, safety, or effect of a personal and vocational nature, needs considerable guidance to meet objectives of course.
- **U - Unsatisfactory** – Unsafe practices, lack of application or transfer of knowledge, carelessness, undesirable practices in delivery care and issues relating to health, safety, affect, habits or skills of a personal and vocational nature - may necessitate immediate dismissal from program.

Each student will meet with their clinical instructor or designee in conference to receive feedback

on their performance during the previous rotation. During this meeting, the student's Clinical Progress Report is discussed, reviewed and signed, acknowledging receipt. Students may respond in writing to the summative and evaluative statements.

A student who receives a clinical evaluation of "Needs Improvement" or "Unsatisfactory" at the midpoint of the clinical rotation will be placed on clinical warning status and required to meet with the Clinical Instructor, Lead/Operations Faculty, and Nursing Program Supervisor to develop an action plan. This plan may include remediation in the skills lab for additional practice.

If a student receives an "Unsatisfactory" evaluation at the end of the rotation, or if remediation efforts are unsuccessful, the student will not pass the clinical section/course and will be dismissed from the program.

If the student attends less than 90% of the planned clinical experience, a Needs Improvement is earned. If this situation occurs at the close of the course and thus results prevents promotion or retention, the situation is automatically referred to the Admissions and Promotions Committee for a decision of promotion versus dismissal. Each circumstance is considered on a case by case basis.

Anecdotal notes, formative and summative evaluations, critical incidents and attendance records are part of the student's records and therefore confidential. These documents are maintained in an active student's records, and not shared outside the School. The exception to this policy is when student has a governmental sponsor and this information is contractually required to be shared with the supporting agency or subpoenaed by the court.

Written and/or verbal evaluations will be shared among Faculty to monitor the student's progress in developing appropriate professional behaviors.

When students graduate, an "S" is recorded on the official grade transcript for clinical achievements, alongside the letter grades earned. Progress reports, notices of corrective action and anecdotal notations are removed from the student's permanent record twelve months after graduation.

Anecdotal Notes

Faculty, the Lead/Operations Faculty, or the Nursing Program Supervisor may issue anecdotal notes at any time to document observed student behavior, whether positive or negative. These notes will be reviewed and discussed with the student as soon as possible. The student is required to sign and return the document to the issuing staff member within 24 hours. Students may attach written comments if they choose.

Code of Conduct Warning Policy

Students are expected to demonstrate professional and respectful behavior at all times in accordance with the program's Code of Conduct and Civility Policy.

If a student exhibits behavior that does not align with these expectations, the student may receive a **Code of Conduct Warning** issued by a faculty member. Code of conduct warnings may be

issued for any conduct that is considered unprofessional, disruptive, or inconsistent with program standards.

If a student receives **two (2) Code of Conduct Warnings**, regardless of whether the behaviors are the same or different, the student will receive a **Critical Incident** in accordance with program policies.

Critical Incidents

Faculty, part-time instructors, teaching assistants, and/or administrative staff may recommend to the Admissions and Promotions Committee that a student be issued a critical incident for serious violations of standards or behavior. Examples of behaviors that may initiate consideration of a critical incident include, but are not limited to: failure to provide safe care to clients, violations of school policy in excess of behaviors warranting an anecdotal note, repeated violations of behavior for which an anecdotal note was previously issued, violation of clinical site policies, use of foul/inappropriate language in the clinical or classroom environment, failing to notify the clinical site of absence (“no call/no show”) and any other behavior(s) unacceptable in a developing health care worker. If the Admissions and Promotions committee agrees that a Critical Incident is appropriate, the student will meet either with the Lead/Operations Faculty and Nursing Program Supervisor to review the incident and review the Notice of Corrective Action form. This form will describe the student’s inappropriate behavior and describe the behaviors that the student is expected to demonstrate for the remainder of the enrollment period. The student will be asked to sign the form, indicating receipt and an understanding of future expected behaviors.

A maximum of two critical incidents are permitted during the program. Earning a third critical incident results in immediate dismissal. The three critical incidents culminating in dismissal need not be violations of the same expected behavior.

Immediate Dismissal for Serious Behavioral Violations

Behavior of an egregious or extremely serious nature, including but not limited to, violation of confidentiality, unsafe nursing practice or careless performance, severe foul/inappropriate language, hostile and/or threatening language/actions, academic dishonesty, and illegal and/or unethical behavior may, at the discretion of the Nursing Program Supervisor and Admissions and Promotions Committee, result in immediate dismissal from the program without prior warning.

Any dismissed student is subject to denial of re-enrollment, a notation of the circumstances surrounding the dismissal in the student’s permanent record, and is not entitled to a refund of any monies paid to the school. Any dismissed student also has the continued obligation to pay any outstanding balance for the term.

See Appendix for copies of the Clinical Experience - Progress Reports, Anecdotal Note and Notice of Corrective Action.

Assessment Technologies, Inc. (ATI) Predictor Examination

The School of Nursing at CVCC uses Assessment Technologies, Inc. (ATI), program designed to help students develop their critical and clinical thinking skills in preparation to meet graduation requirements and ultimately pass the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-PN). The ATI program consists of online learning tutorials, case studies and practice and proctored examinations, culminating with the Comprehensive Predictor (i.e. mock NCLEX-PN) examination.

The ATI Comprehensive Predictor is a 180-item assessment of the student's comprehension and mastery of basic nursing principles and concepts via NCLEX-style questions. The predictor will include 80% application/clinical judgement questions and 20% foundational knowledge. The test will be administered twice during Care of the Client Throughout the Lifespan Part 2 (TLS2). The student is expected to take both assessments and remediate and study between the two.

One of the two final Comprehensive Predictor exams must be completed at the recommended benchmark of Level II or better to complete program requirements and be eligible to sit for the NCLEX-PN examination. An individual score of Level II on the Comprehensive Predictor equates to a predicted probability of 80% passage rate on the NCLEX-PN.

If a student is unable to meet the recommended score on the ATI Comprehensive Predictor by the date of graduation, the student will be permitted to graduate and participate in graduation activities, however, the Certificate of Completion and/or official transcript will not be forwarded to the Ohio Board of Nursing (or the students' selected Nursing Board) until the passing score is achieved by the student. The student will be required to retake the Comprehensive Predictor until the recommended score of Level II (or higher) is obtained. It is the responsibility of the student to contact the SOPN to schedule a make-up of the ATI Comprehensive Predictor after graduation. The student will be responsible for the payment of any retakes administered.

Included in the student's tuition is the Virtual ATI review. This individualized review provides students with study/preparation plans to help remediate identified weaknesses and prepare for the NCLEX examination. Students who complete the Virtual ATI Review program and receive the "GREEN LIGHT" to test from their coach have consistently averaged 97% NCLEX pass rates.

To be eligible to sit for the State Board of Nursing exam, the ATI Comprehensive Predictor assessment must be taken and passed by the third Friday of December in the student's graduating year. Failure to pass the ATI Comprehensive Predictor by this date will incur an additional fee as set by ATI.

Classroom Expectations

Cell Phones and Smart Watches

Personal phone calls and texting are not permitted in the classroom or clinical setting. In cases of special circumstances, students may request permission to keep their cell phone on silent mode and step outside the classroom or to a designated area at the clinical site to take necessary calls.

If a student's phone rings or they are observed texting during class or clinical, they may be dismissed for the day at the instructor's discretion and marked with an unexcused absence.

During all quizzes and exams, cell phones must be placed on the designated table designated by faculty in plain sight.

If a student is observed using a cell phone during lecture, clinical, or lab, the student will receive a Behavioral Warning from faculty and may be asked to leave for the remainder of the day.

Headphones And Earbuds

The use of headphones and earbuds during class or clinical is not permitted. If seen being used in class, lab, or clinical, the faculty member will issue a verbal warning. If the student continues to use earbuds, they will be asked to leave class, lab, or clinical for the day. If dismissed from lab or clinical, the hours will need to be made up (see make up policy)

Recording Devices

Lectures may be recorded on a recording device or cell phone with the permission of the instructor. Recordings should be paused when students are sharing personal information. Quiz/exam reviews may not be recorded or photographed.

There will be no recordings or taking photos allowed at any clinical sites for any reason. Doing so may result in immediate dismissal from the SOPN program.

Dress Code

Professional behavior and appearance provide the foundation for the educational and therapeutic relationship and are essential to achievement of high standards in both education and nursing practice. Therefore, the following dress code has been established and will be followed.

Classroom Attire

Students may elect to wear their clinical uniform to class instead of scrubs. However, if they do so, they must wear the entire clinical uniform (top and bottom) and comply with hair and jewelry requirements.

Students are to appear in class dressed as follows:

- Nursing scrubs in gray/burgundy;
- Athletic or nursing shoes with closed toe and heel (no crocs);
- CVCC student identification badge, worn at the lapel at all times. The following rules will also be observed:
- CVCC logo wear may be worn in place of the scrub top, if desired.
- Undergarments will match the student's skin tone.
- All pants are to be worn at waist level.
- All dresses must touch the knee.
- Students may elect to wear a solid color short or long-sleeved T-shirt or turtleneck shirt under the scrub top for warmth.
- Students may elect to wear a solid color sweater, sweatshirt or lab coat over the scrub top.
- No outerwear may be worn in the classroom. An exception may be made for wearing boots in inclement weather, at the discretion of the Supervisor.
- No caps, hats or other headgear may be worn in the classroom, unless required for religious or cultural reasons.
- Solid black, white, grey or maroon scrub caps are permitted

- Small earrings are permitted. However, no other facial jewelry, including but not limited to nasal piercings, eyebrow piercings, tongue piercings or other facial piercings are permitted. Body piercings should not be seen through the uniform.
- Medical alert necklaces/bracelets, if applicable, must be worn.
- Light makeup is acceptable. Gaudy makeup and perfume are not allowed.
- Attire is to be neat, clean, in good condition and fit the wearer.

In the event of a school-sponsored “dress-down” day, students may wear jeans (unfrayed, no holes), CVCC logo sweatpants or capri-length pants and a top which covers the chest and shoulders. Halter tops, cropped tops, shorts, tanks, tubes, halter dresses, open backs, bare shoulders, sleeveless garments, and pajamas are not permitted. Unclothed or exposed breasts, midriffs and midsections are unacceptable. No garments are permitted endorsing drugs, alcohol or weapons, or which display foul language or sexual activity.

Students participating in CVCC-sponsored events prior to receiving their uniforms will wear dress pants or slacks, and a turtleneck, sweater or appropriately fitting tops, or a dress/skirt that reaches the knees, with appropriate hosiery and shoes, light makeup and light-colored nail polish, if any.

Dress Code In The Virtual Classroom

Online learning attire follows the same guidelines as outlined in the Classroom Attire section. When in a virtual learning environment, students must be seated upright and dressed in appropriate attire. Attendance penalties will be assessed to students in violation.

Dress Code In Clinicals and Lab

Students are expected to wear clinical attire to all classroom, nursing resource lab, and clinical sessions. The following rules have been established and will be followed in all settings.

Required Equipment In Clinicals and Lab

When providing direct client care, students must have the following items on their person:

- Stethoscope (not around neck);
- Bandage scissors;
- Black or blue pen;
- Small pocket notebook

Uniform

- CVCC-approved uniform top, and pants, or dress (clean and ironed)
- On lab days, students will wear grey or maroon scrubs
- CVCC-approved undergarment (long/short sleeve, form-fitting to the arm, white) worn under the uniform.
- Undergarments, that match the skin tone of the wearer;
- White, polished nursing shoes or white, clean athletic shoes with closed toe and heel; If shoes have laces, they are to be clean and white—no mesh athletic shoes
- White hosiery or white socks above the ankle

- If wearing a dress—white, run-free hosiery
 - If wearing pants, socks that reach above the height of the shoe—crew socks, knee socks or run-free hose;
- CVCC and/or clinical site student identification badge, as instructed in clinical orientation, worn at the lapel or as instructed. Requirements will vary by site.
- The following rules will also be observed:
- All pants are to be worn at waist level; the bottom of the pants must cover the top portion of the shoe but must not drag on the floor.
- All dresses must touch the knee.
- All uniform buttons must be secured.
- All tattoos/body art must be covered.
- A fresh uniform is to be worn daily. The uniform is to be neat, clean, wrinkle-free, in good condition and fit the wearer.
- In the event the uniform becomes faded, discolored or permanently stained, the student will be expected to purchase a new uniform.

Professional Grooming Hair

- Hair is to be clean and worn away from the face.
- Hair must be a natural color. Highlighting, if any, should appear natural (colors such as pink, purple, green, etc. are not acceptable).
- Hair that reaches below the nape of the neck must be secured with an elastic or snag-free elastic band.
- Tendrils/ringlets are not permitted. Any hair that falls forward but cannot be secured at the nape of the neck must be secured with a non-ornamental barrette or bobby pin that matches the student's hair color. Alternatively, a student may wear an unornamented plastic or fabric head band no greater than ½ inch in diameter that matches the student's hair color.
- Other hair accessories, such as hair clips/claws, ornamental barrettes, ornamental ponytail holders and/or “scrunchies” may not be worn.
- No head coverings are to be worn, unless for medical, religious or cultural reasons. Color of any such permitted head coverings must be compliant with clinical site rules, if any, and coordinate with the school uniform.
- Wigs or hair extensions may be worn, subject to the above policy.
- Male students must shave daily; neatly trimmed moustaches or beards may be worn.
- False eyelashes of an unnatural length are not permitted.

Jewelry

- Earrings ¼ inch or less in diameter in gold, silver or white, without design, may be worn. Earrings must be worn in pairs, limited to one in each ear. No other earrings may be worn. No other facial jewelry, including but not limited to: nasal piercings, eyebrow piercings, tongue piercings or other facial piercings are permitted.
- One necklace may be worn but must be tucked into the inside of the uniform. All other necklaces must be removed.
- A watch with a second hand must be worn during clinical. Smart watches displayed during a clinical rotation must only be used as a watch. If a student is seen using the smart watch for matters unrelated to the clinical assignment, they may be dismissed and charged with an unexcused absence for the remainder of the day.

- No bracelets may be worn, unless for religious or cultural reasons. No wristbands may be worn.
- Engagement and/or wedding bands may be worn. Students are advised that plain wedding bands are the only safe rings in the clinical setting. If an engagement ring and/or wedding band with a stone are worn, the student assumes all responsibility and liability for loss of the stone or ring, loss of or injury to the hand/finger, or injury to the client. No other rings are to be worn.
- Medical alert necklaces/bracelets, if applicable, must be worn.
- No other jewelry of any kind is permitted.

Hygiene, Makeup And Nails

- Students are to shower/bathe daily and in general observe good hygiene habits.
- Nails must be clean, neat and short. Fingernails must not be seen above the tips of the fingers when the hands are viewed from the palm side.
- Clear or light pink unchipped nail polish may be worn. No other colors are acceptable.
- No artificial nails of any type are permitted while in uniform.
- Light makeup is acceptable.
- Perfume/cologne, strongly scented deodorants, strongly scented lotions and strongly scented after-shave are not permitted.

Consequences for Dress Code Violations

Students who do not comply with these Dress Code requirements may be dismissed for the day and marked with an unexcused absence at the faculty's discretion. Students will receive a "dress code warning". If he or she accumulates 3 dress code warnings in the program, they will receive a critical incident (see critical incident policy).

Food and Beverage

Students are permitted to leave the SOPN on their lunch/dinner break. Students are also provided a refrigerator in which to store meals. It is each student's responsibility to clean up after themselves and to assist in keeping the refrigerator and lounge area clean and sanitary. Day classes may also purchase meals from the CVCC cafeteria. Students are permitted to drink in the classroom and eat light snacks (fruit, granola bars, etc.). However, beverage containers must have a closed lid/top (e.g. be spill proof). Students are expected to complete their lunch or dinner during the designated break period. Food may not be brought back into the classroom to extend a meal break. If a student returns to class with food, faculty may ask the student to leave the classroom until the next scheduled break.

Food and beverage are not allowed in the Nursing Skills Lab (Center for Innovation).

All clinical sites are closed campuses. This means that at all clinical experiences, students may not leave the premises for lunch. Students should thus pack their lunch. Pending availability, meals may be purchased at many of the clinical sites. All food and beverages must be consumed in designated areas away from patient care areas.

Housekeeping

Each member of the class is expected to help keep the SOPN neat and clean. At the end of the day, students should push their chairs in close to the desk for safety and neatness, and pick up any litter. When using the Center for Innovation for practice, students are expected to return all supplies to their proper areas and ensure all beds are made and linens are wrinkle-free. Students are likewise expected to tidy any conference area provided by a clinical site for student use.

Emergencies and Drills

Students are to quietly participate in all CVCC fire, tornado, lock-down and evacuation drills as instructed. Students are to assist with any drill or actual emergency in the clinical area under the guidance of the Clinical Instructor and in accordance with policies and procedures learned in the classroom.

Health Data and Screenings

Student Health Data

All required health data and screening documentation must be submitted on the first day of class. This is to ensure there is enough time for the SOPN, as well as any assigned clinical sites, to organize or request any additional and/or missing documentation that is needed to begin clinicals. Not submitting all completed health data will result in the student not being able to attend clinicals, and will be charged with unexcused absences until all documentation is submitted.

Furthermore:

- Each student is required to have a personal health coverage plan so an illness may be treated quickly and effectively and not impact their level of functioning and enrollment status.
- All students will be expected to show proof of health insurance in order to participate in clinical rotations.
- Students are required to have a physical examination and drug screen completed at their own expense and submitted prior to the first day of school.
- The student is required to obtain all mandatory immunizations at their expense prior to beginning clinicals. (See Physical Examination Record, Appendix.)
- The data on these forms will be reviewed for completeness, and the presence of an illnesses that may require prompt intervention (examples include diabetes, mellitus and epilepsy) will be shared among staff members.
- Vaccination data and negative drug screen results will also be shared with clinical agencies. Otherwise the results of the physical examination and drug screen become part of the student's permanent record and will be kept confidential.
- Any student who fails to give a complete disclosure of health status is falsifying documentation. (See Student Data, above.)
- In the event a clinical facility imposes additional vaccination requirements to allow students to participate in clinicals at their site, students will obtain these vaccinations at their own expense if the vaccine is not provided by the clinical facility.

- Students with known serious allergies must wear a med-alert bracelet or necklace and carry an Epi-pen (if applicable) with them at all times. In case of chronic illnesses that require prompt intervention such as diabetes or epilepsy, students must likewise wear a med-alert bracelet or necklace and carry on their person medications and equipment for emergency use. Student must disclose the presence of any such allergy or illness to their Clinical Instructor at the start of the clinical rotation.

Each student is responsible for his/her own health during the course of the program. In the event a student contracts any easily-transmitted infection, (examples include strep throat & pinkeye) they are expected to stay out of the classroom and clinical environment until appropriate treatment is initiated.

Student Illness or Accidents

In the event a student contracts any easily-transmitted infection, (examples include strep throat & pinkeye) they are expected to stay out of the classroom and clinical environment until appropriate treatment is initiated.

- In case of serious illness or accident on CVCC premises, the Green Team will be notified per CVCC policy. In the event the Green Team is not available, staff on duty may initiate a call to emergency services, if in their sole discretion such a call is warranted. If an injury or accident occurs on CVCC premises, the CVCC incident report is to be completed. This report can be obtained from the School of Nursing Office.
- In the case of sudden illness or accident while at a clinical facility, the student is to notify the Clinical Instructor. If immediate intervention is warranted, the student must be seen in the Emergency Room and not in the Employee Health clinic. The cost of treatment is the student's responsibility. Students are not considered employees of any clinical facility and do not qualify under any clinical facility's Workman's Compensation Policy. (See Release Policy, below.) In case of an accident during clinical experiences, an incident report must be completed to comply with the facility's regulations. The student is required to provide a copy of the report to the School before returning to clinicals. A copy is filed in the student's record.
- In the event a student requires medical or surgical care during the course of the program, this must be disclosed to the Supervisor. A medical release without restrictions is required to return to active participation in the program. In the event a student requires medical or surgical care that will cause them to be absent from clinicals for more than two days, the student must contact the Supervisor to discuss the situation. (See Attendance policy above.)

American Heart Association - Basic Life Support Requirement (CPR)

All students are required to show proof of CPR certification prior to the start of clinical. The certification must be valid for the duration of the student's program. The student is responsible for ensuring any renewal is completed timely to avoid expiration. The School of Nursing only accepts a Basic Life Support class taught by the American Heart Association. The course must include classroom instruction and competency assessment—**an online course will not be accepted**. CVCC provides in-house CPR training courses, (see [the CVCC front desk staff](#) for more information).

Students with expired CPR certification are considered to be out of compliance and will not be permitted to attend clinicals until proof of valid certification is received and will accrue unexcused absences until received.

Clinical Site Denial

Clinical facilities, at which clinical experiences are held, have the right to deny clinical placement to any student for any of the following reasons: negative information on the background check, a previous negative employment experience at the clinical site, and/or inappropriate behavior during a previous clinical placement. If a student is denied clinical placement at a facility, and there is no other available clinical site that will accept the student, the student is withdrawn from the program and forfeits all monies previously paid. Students with insufficient health data on file will not be assigned to a clinical rotation.

Clinical Expectations

Clinical Assignments

Clinical worksheets must be completed and submitted according to the guidelines provided by the Clinical Instructor. At the beginning of each clinical day, students are expected to receive a change-of-shift report from the assigned nursing staff. Students must then provide a report to the Clinical Instructor as part of their daily responsibilities.

Students who attend external rotations may be required to submit written reflections and/or an evaluation of their experience. Failure to submit this written documentation in a timely manner can also affect the clinical grade.

Clinical Tardiness

Students are expected to arrive on time and prepared for all scheduled clinical experiences. Punctuality is essential to ensure patient safety, maintain professional standards, and allow students to fully participate in clinical learning activities.

Any student who arrives late to a clinical experience will be considered tardy. Tardiness may result in missed learning opportunities and may affect the student's ability to meet required clinical objectives for the day.

If a student's tardiness results in their clinical hours falling below the program's required number of clinical hours, the missed time must be made up in accordance with the Clinical Make-Up Policy.

Students who arrive more than **30 minutes late** to a clinical experience will be considered unable to meet the objectives for that clinical day. In this situation, the student will be asked to leave the clinical site, and the day will be counted as a clinical absence (see clinical make up policy).

Repeated tardiness will result in a behavior write up. (see behavior write up and critical incident policies).

Students are encouraged to plan accordingly for travel, parking, and unforeseen delays to ensure timely arrival at their clinical site.

Clinical Make-Up Procedures

Clinical mastery is essential to success in the nursing profession. As such, students are required to complete a minimum number of clinical hours to be eligible for graduation. Any missed clinical time must be made up.

Make-up hours are scheduled outside of the students' regular clinical schedule and may include weekdays, evenings, or weekends, depending on clinical site availability. Make-up days do not erase the original absence; all absences remain part of the student's permanent record. A student is allowed two clinical make up days per rotation. If a student misses more than two clinical days, they will not meet the clinical hours and may be dismissed from the program.

Failure to attend a scheduled clinical make-up day will result in an additional absence, in accordance with program attendance guidelines.

Cell Phones

Personal phone calls and texting are not permitted in the clinical area. Cell phones are to be turned off except during break and lunch periods and out of the direct client care area. Violations of this policy may result in dismissal for the day and being marked as absent. Clinical Instructors may, at their discretion and per clinical site policy, allow cell phones to be used to access reference materials in the clinical setting outside the direct client care area.

- Patient/client phones may not be used by students for any personal reason.
- Clinical site phones may only be used in emergency situations with the express consent of the Clinical Instructor.

Interruption Of Studies And Re-Enrollment

A maximum of two attempts to complete the CVCC SOPN's nursing curriculum are permitted within a 5-year period. This number includes attempts made at other nursing schools. In extenuating circumstances, such as when an accident, illness or other disrupting occurrence has impacted successful completion of a nursing program, a third enrollment may be considered by the Admissions and Promotions Committee.

Withdrawal

A student may withdraw from the school voluntarily at any point in the program. The student is encouraged to meet with the Lead/Operations Faculty advocate and/or Nursing Program Supervisor to explore available options if withdrawal is being considered. A written notification of withdrawal that includes the reason and effective date must be submitted to the Nursing Program Supervisor and will become part of the student's permanent record. Withdrawing from a program does not void the responsibility to pay the full tuition amount. It is recommended that withdrawing students using Federal Financial Aid meet with the CVCC Financial Aid representative to determine how a withdrawal will affect financial aid funding. Withdrawing may result in the student owing a balance to CVCC or the US Department of Education, and the student will thus be responsible for the repayment of these monies.

Transfer Out

A request to transfer from the School of Nursing into another nursing program or course of study begins with a meeting with the Nursing Program Supervisor. A formal written request is thereafter to be initiated by the student with a clear identification of the underlying rationale. Official transcripts will be forwarded to the new institution of study providing all financial obligations to CVCC have been met. The administrative fee for transferring out is \$50, which includes the cost of official transcripts. Students are advised to meet with the CVCC Financial Aid representative to discuss any financial ramifications of transferring.

Excused Absence Policy

CVCC has an excused absence policy. Job and Career Training students are allowed to miss no more than 20% of the scheduled program hours in excused absences for successful completion. Students may have an excused absence for unforeseen personal or family emergencies, funerals, jury duty, illness, religious obligations, etc. Job and Career Training students must attend their program at a 80% attendance rate in order to successfully complete the program.

Practical Nursing: Required attendance rate of 90% is required for classroom lecture courses and 100% for clinical and laboratory experiences.

Temporary Enrollment Interruption Policy

Cuyahoga Valley Career Center does not provide an individual Leave of Absence (LOA) as defined under federal Title IV regulations.

Students who experience extenuating circumstances—such as medical issues, family emergencies, or other serious situations—may submit a written request for a temporary interruption in enrollment.

Each request will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the Adult Education Department. Approval is at the discretion of the school and is not guaranteed.

Students approved for a temporary interruption must comply with all program requirements, including:

- Completion of required clock hours
- Completion of required clinical hours
- Adherence to course progression standards

Failure to meet these requirements may affect program completion and graduation.

Withdrawal Letter

Whether a student withdraws or takes a Leave of Absence (LOA) from the nursing program, a letter must be written and submitted to the CVCC Nursing Program Supervisor requesting the withdraw.

- The letter must address the reason the student is not achieving success in the CVCC SOPN program at the time of the request and what changes will be made to ensure success upon return to the program.
- The Admissions and Promotions Committee will review all requests to return.

Re-Enrollment

Students who have been granted a temporary enrollment interruption, withdrawn from the program, or been dismissed from the program for academic, clinical or attendance issues, may, subject to the above number of attempts permitted, and repayment of applicable financial aid regulations, petition for re-enrollment.

- Students applying after a temporary enrollment interruption must do so within eighteen months from the date their leave was granted.
- An applicant who withdrew or was dismissed from the program prior to the end of Basic Nursing will, if readmitted, restart at the beginning of Basic Nursing, as well as TLS1 and TLS2. Grades from any completed section of the course will carry over to the year of re-admission.
- In order to qualify for readmission, re-enrollment applicants must have completed their Financial Aid Exit Counseling if direct loans were disbursed during their previous enrollment. The Nursing Program Supervisor will conduct a personal interview with the applicant, and, at his or her discretion, may require the applicant to meet with the Admissions and Promotions Committee.
- Readmission depends on a variety of factors, including resolution of the underlying issues necessitating the LOA/withdrawal/dismissal, and available space in the classroom and clinical areas.
- In addition to a written request to return letter, the re-enrollment applicant is also required to submit a written plan of action detailing how any previous academic, clinical or attendance issues will be avoided after re-enrollment.

Transfer Between CVCC Nursing Programs

If, within the **first three weeks** of the full-time program, a student elects to transfer into the part-time program (or vice versa), he or she must notify the Nursing Program Supervisor in writing. The student will restart the program on the first day of the respective program's calendar. Any request to transfer between programs made after the first three weeks of the program will be considered withdrawal and re-enrollment, and the student will be responsible for paying any additional fees and/or tuition due as a result. It is recommended the student discuss the transfer with the CVCC Financial Aid representative to determine financial aid implications of transferring. Current federal financial aid regulations will apply.

Jury Duty

The student will immediately notify the Supervisor of any jury summons. Although serving is a basic civic responsibility, requests to postpone service should be initiated so as not to jeopardize academic and clinical standing. In the event jury duty cannot be postponed, the student will not be counted as absent as long as calls to the school and/or the clinical site are initiated per policy. However, it is the student's responsibility to meet with the Lead/Operations Faculty and Nursing Program Supervisor to set up a schedule for making up missed class work. The student will need to make up any clinical hours missed. In the event of protracted jury duty, a leave of absence may be recommended.

Military Duty Policy

Armed Forces students, if activated by state or governmental action, will be treated on a case-by-case

basis in compliance with Title IV guidelines and all other applicable laws, rules and regulations regarding attendance, re-enrollment, and financial aid issues.

Pregnancy

Pregnancy is to be reported immediately to the Supervisor and the student's Clinical Instructor. If the student wishes to remain in the program, she must meet with her OB/GYN as soon as possible to confirm the pregnancy. The student must disclose her participation in a nursing program and receive a medical release without restrictions allowing her to continue. The Attendance Policy applies to any absence related to pregnancy and the student assumes all personal responsibility for continuing in the program. If the physician does not give unqualified permission to continue in the program, a Leave of Absence may be requested by the student (see Leave of Absence Policy). The student will be expected to continue to function in the clinical setting at the same level expected of her peers. The student must obtain, at her expense, uniforms that accommodate her changing body size.

Tuition, Fees and Expenses

Nursing Tuition And Fees

See the correlating Cost of Education form in the Appendix or the tuition and fees breakdown for the Full-Time and Part-Time SOPN programs.

For Financial Aid information (including loans and scholarships), see the Financial Information section or contact the CVCC Financial Aid Representative.

Other Charges

- There will be a \$35 charge on any check returned for insufficient funds submitted by the student or on their behalf.
- Students using equipment belonging to the school and/or clinical facility assume responsibility for its proper care. When damage or loss of equipment or books is incurred, the student must assume the cost of repair or replacement of the damaged item(s).
- Any intentional destruction of property in the school or clinical site may result in immediate dismissal from The School of Nursing.
- **The diploma, transcripts and letter to the Ohio Board of Nursing regarding final completion of program will be held until all financial obligations to the school and/or clinical site are satisfied.**

Liability Insurance

Students are required to carry \$2,000,000/\$5,000,000 minimum liability insurance as a student practical nurse. This insurance is obtained by the school, and the cost is included in fees. Students are not permitted to go into clinical area unless covered by liability insurance.

Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy (SAP)

Additional requirements for the School of Practical Nursing SAP policy are as follows:

Qualitative Standard (Grades)

Students must maintain a cumulative grade average of 79.5%.

Grading Scale:

Letter grades are assigned to students' satisfactory academic progress, as follows:

94%-100%	A
87%-93%	B
80%-86%	C
79%-0%	F

Pace of Progression

Students must maintain a cumulative 90.0% attendance and complete a minimum of 90% of the possible clock hours in each payment period. Any student who misses more than 10% of total course hours and has no make-up hours available to them will be dismissed. Any student who misses more than 10% of the hours in the program and does have make-up time available must complete those hours within the time frame. The Lead/Operations Faculty and Nursing Program Supervisor will determine the availability of makeup hours. Pace of progression is required to make sure a student completes within the maximum time frame. This is calculated by dividing the number of hours the student has successfully completed by the cumulative clock hours required to complete.

3 Maximum Timeframes

Students must be on pace to complete their program within 111.11% of the published length of the program as measured by clock hours and expressed in calendar time. Students who transfer from another institution or re-enroll must complete within this 111.11% timeframe. The students' clock hours from their previous institution and/or previous enrollment will be counted as both attempted and completed hours.

Official Review of Attendance and Grades

Although attendance and grades are constantly monitored by the instructors, the "official" review of attendance and grades for financial aid purposes is at the end of each payment period, as required by the Federal Department of Education. For example, in a 900-clock hour program, official SAP monitoring would occur at the end of 450 hours. In order for a second disbursement to be issued, a student must have completed half the hours, and half the weeks of their programs defined academic year.

Student Resources and Support Services

Student Participation in Program

Students are provided with multiple opportunities to give feedback about the CVCC SOPN program. Each class will elect Student Council members who will coordinate student-related activities, including Graduation and Candle lighting, fundraisers, parties, and other group functions. Two of the Student Council members will act as liaisons and are invited to share class concerns and feedback at Faculty meetings.

At the close of each course, the student completes both course evaluations and clinical site evaluations. These tools are reviewed by the Supervisor and Faculty to help identify areas in need of change or updating and may be shared with the clinical sites.

Counseling, Guidance & Advocacy

Faculty will be available to the students on an as-needed basis to offer guidance concerning study habits, prioritization, organization, test-taking skills and the like, and will request a formal meeting with students whose grades indicate a student is having difficulty meeting expected standards. The faculty member can also provide support and encouragement with the psychosocial and emotional challenges of balancing school and personal life growing into the nursing role. Students are also welcome to seek advice and support from any other instructor and/or the Lead/Operations Faculty or Nursing Program Supervisor.

Students with specific academic, social, and emotional needs outside the scope of the Concerned faculty may encourage the student to contact the Student Support Services Office, who can address needs either through their office or with a referral to an outside community agency.

Academic, career and personal counseling services are available. Students should contact their faculty, Lead/Operations Faculty, or Nursing Program Supervisor to initiate a request. A variety of resource materials and references are available through the Adult Education Office.

Library Resources

CVCC's E-library may be used by students who need computer access during CVCC High School hours, 7 am to 10 pm. A staff member must be in the building when students are in the library. Sign in at the main reception desk. No food or beverages allowed. The computer lab is also available if not occupied by a high school class.

Lockers and Protection of Property

Students will be assigned a school locker for the storage of outerwear and supplies. Due to limited space, students may need to share this locker with another student. No articles of value or money shall be kept in lockers. The school does not assume responsibility for lost articles. Lockers remain the property of the Board of Education. Lockers and the contents thereof are subject to random search at any time without regard to any reasonable suspicion (Sec. 3313.20, ORC). Such a search must take place in the presence of 2 employees of the school district.

Parking

Students must park in designated areas for all classes, clinicals, and other off-site experiences. Two School parking passes will be issued at the beginning of the program. If a replacement is necessary, there is a \$5 cost payable to The School of Practical Nursing at CVCC. The school parking pass

must be displayed at all times on the rear-view mirror when parking on the school premises. Parking in the wrong area or without the parking pass will subject the student to consequences as per CVCC rules. Parking at the School is currently free.

Parking at clinical sites may or may not be free. Payment of any parking fees imposed by the clinical facility is the student's responsibility. Students are also required to obtain any required parking permit and to park in designated areas as required by the clinical site. Students who fail to do so are subject to both clinical site consequences and School disciplinary action. Students are encouraged to carpool whenever possible.

Student Records

The school maintains a secure file for each student in accordance with the Rules set forth by the Ohio Board of Nursing. These records will only be available to authorized people. A written Release of Information form must be signed by the student before any data from this file is released. The following items are included in each permanent file:

- Application Information Form
- Confidentiality Statement
- Transcript Release Form
- Release Policy
- Reference Forms
- Audit Request Forms
- Contract
- Photo Permission
- Transcript Release Requests
- Graduation Photo
- Articulation Requests
- Official School of Nursing at CVCC Transcript
- Physical Exam & Health Data Requirements
- Computer Network / Internet User Agreement

Financial Aid file is maintained for five (5) years from date of program completion and then is destroyed. If a student is in a default status with the Federal Financial Aid Program Title IV, grade transcripts and references will be withheld until corrective action is taken. All other documents/paperwork regarding the enrollment period are removed from the permanent record.

Transcripts

Official grade transcripts are available for a fee. A Transcript Request Form can be found on the CVCC website, www.cvccworks.edu, completed and returned to the nursing office with the required fee. Allow 7-10 business days for processing. Only grade transcripts are released; all other documents are the property of the school and will not be copied unless required by court order.

Student Data

Each student is to provide complete and accurate information for their school record. Any student who has a change of name, residence and/or phone number(s) must notify an administrative assistant or program coordinator immediately so that the student file can be updated. This data will become a part of the permanent record and will not be shared with other students.

If a student knowingly offers false or misleading information or submits false documentation, he or she is subject to disciplinary action, up to and including immediate dismissal.

Student Conduct

Confidentiality

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Civility Policy

The School of Nursing at CVCC promotes high standards of academic excellence. To be effective, instruction must take place in an atmosphere that recognizes the uniqueness of each individual within our learning community, and a culture in which students, instructors, and staff communicate openly with one another and work together collaboratively. Concepts and ideas may be explored that challenge held beliefs and provoke emotional responses. Clinical success depends on students working well with one another and with the Clinical Instructor. Students are beginning professionals and are expected to demonstrate professional behavior at all times.

One component of professional behavior is civility. Civility is behavior that:

- Shows respect toward others.
- Causes another to feel valued; and
- Contributes to mutual respect, effective communication and team collaboration.
- Examples of civil behavior in the classroom and clinical area include, but are not limited to:
 1. Use of common verbal courtesies such as “please”, “thank you” and “excuse me”.
 2. Raising a hand and waiting to be acknowledged during classroom discussions.
 3. Avoiding distracting behaviors that affect others’ learning such as side conversations and distracting movements.
 4. Offering to assist peers; and
 5. Using appropriate language.Examples of uncivil behavior include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Demeaning, bullying, intimidating or harassing others.
 - b. Initiating or spreading rumors or gossip about a classmate, instructor or staff member.
 - c. Habitually interrupting as others speak.
 - d. Not paying attention to or listening to others when addressed.
 - e. Failing to respond to requests for meetings with instructors or the Supervisor.
 - f. Sending e-mails, text messages or creating Facebook or other social media posts that harass, demean or bully a classmate, instructor or staff member.
 - g. Speaking with a condescending attitude or eye-rolling.
 - h. Raising one’s voice to peers, instructors, other CVCC staff or clinical staff.
 - i. Temper tantrums.
 - j. Threatening others: this refers to physical threats, verbal/nonverbal threats, and implied threats.

- k. Not completing a fair share of assigned group work.
- l. Not responding to a peer's legitimate request for assistance.
- m. Failure to respect the property of the school, staff, instructors or peers.
- n. Comments or conduct of a sexual nature where such behavior creates an intimidating, humiliating or hostile learning environment.
- o. Eating food in unauthorized areas; and
- p. Using foul, obscene or abusive language.

The School of Nursing at CVCC does not tolerate exclusion or rudeness based on gender, marital status, pregnancy, race, color, ethnicity, national origin, age, disability, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression. Rude, disrespectful behavior is unwelcome and will not be tolerated. Uncivil behavior may be addressed by a simple verbal comment, anecdotal note, dismissal for the day, critical incident, or dismissal from the program, depending on the severity of the behavior. (See Evaluation)

Alcohol and Drugs

The School of Nursing at CVCC has a zero-tolerance policy regarding the use and distribution of illegal drugs and the abuse of alcohol and/or prescription drugs. Possession, distribution or sale of alcohol or any illegal or illegally obtained drug at the school, any clinical site, school function, or while in uniform will result in recommendation for immediate dismissal.

Students are expected to stay physically and mentally fit for all curricular experiences. If at any time a faculty or other School staff member, CVCC staff member, nursing service personnel or other clinical site employee, or client/client observes in a student signs and/or symptoms of the effects of mood-altering drugs, including but not limited to: euphoria, altered judgment, impaired motor coordination, inability to concentrate, memory loss, tremors, confusion, anxiety, delusions, agitation, disorientation, profuse diaphoresis, convulsions, slurred speech, emotional instability, delirium, hallucinations, depression, paranoia, hostility, hyper-reflexia, and/or lethargy, a drug screen will be required of the student. The student will be dismissed, sent out of the class or clinical area, and be required to undergo immediate alcohol and/or drug screening at the student's cost. Documentation of all findings must be released by the student to the school.

Results of these screenings will be reviewed by the Admissions and Promotions Committee. Evidence of illegal use of drugs or intoxicating beverages will be sufficient grounds for dismissal from the nursing program without consideration for re-enrollment, loss of all monies paid to CVCC, the continuing obligation to pay any incurred financial obligation, and with a notation of the circumstances surrounding dismissal in the student's permanent file. Additionally, the School will communicate the facts of any incident to CVCC Administration, law enforcement and/or the Ohio Board of Nursing if indicated or required by applicable law. The Admissions and Promotions Committee has the final determination, subject to law and CVCC policies, if the student is to remain active in the program.

Students participating in a bona fide chemical dependency program may be permitted to continue or re-enroll at the school. The student must provide verification of active participation by providing reports every 2-3 weeks, submitting to random urinalysis, breath analysis, and/or blood testing at their own expense, and release these test results to the school. Any recurrence of use/abuse will be grounds for immediate dismissal.

Other Impairment

In the event the student presents to the clinical area with any other type of impairment that renders him or her physically, mentally, emotionally or psychologically unfit to provide safe care, the Clinical Instructor may, at his or her sole discretion, dismiss the student from the clinical area and record the student as absent for the day. Examples of this type of impairment may include sleep deprivation, physical/mental effects of prescribed or over-the-counter medications (such as cold or allergy medications), severe emotional distress, or evidence of any other psychological disturbance.

Smoking

Smoking is prohibited on the CVCC campus, including in the parking lots. Clinical sites have likewise become non-smoking facilities. In addition to incurring disciplinary action from the School, smoking at a clinical facility may lead to the student being banned from that clinical site.

Release Policy

The student voluntarily desires to participate in this curriculum experience which includes classroom, laboratory and clinical experiences in the healthcare community. The student is duly aware of risks and hazards which may arise through participation in activities/ experiences that may result in loss of life and/or limb and/or property. In consideration of being afforded the opportunity to participate and receive the educational benefits of this curricular experience, each student hereby voluntarily assumes all risks of illness/accident or personal damage to his person or property. Any costs pursuant to potential injury or injury are the responsibility of the student.

While at the clinical facility and/or in the school environment, the student will not be considered employees or agents of the clinical facility nor the school district. Therefore, they will be ineligible for remuneration and will not be covered by the clinical facility's social security, unemployment compensation, workers' compensation, malpractice insurance coverage, or any other benefits.

The student will indemnify and hold harmless the clinical facility, and the school district, school board members, its shareholders, officers, trustees, employees, and agents from any and all liability, claims and damages, including but not limited to attorney fees and costs arising out of or related to the student's actions or activities. This release shall be binding with the signing of the Release Policy on the student, any heirs, administrators or executors. This Release Policy is a permanent part of the file. See Appendix for a copy of the Release Policy.

The following expected student behaviors are set forth in Chapter 4723-5-12 Section C 1-26 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) and are expected of all students in the Program:

- (C) In addition to the policies required in paragraph (A) of this rule, the program administrator and faculty shall implement policies related to student conduct that incorporate the standards for safe nursing care set forth in Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code and the rules adopted under that chapter, including, but not limited to the following:
 - (1) A student shall, in a complete, accurate, and timely manner, report and document nursing assessments or observations, the care provided by the student for the patient, and the patient's response to that care.
 - (2) A student shall, in an accurate and timely manner, report to the appropriate practitioner errors in or deviations from the current valid order.
 - (3) A student shall not falsify any patient record or any other document prepared or utilized in the course of, or in conjunction with, nursing practice. This includes, but is not limited to,

case management documents or reports, time records or reports, and other documents related to billing for nursing services.

- (4) A student shall implement measures to promote a safe environment for each patient.
- (5) A student shall delineate, establish, and maintain professional boundaries with each patient.
- (6) At all times when a student is providing direct nursing care to a patient the student shall:
 - (a) Provide privacy during examination or treatment and in the care of personal or bodily needs; and
 - (b) Treat each patient with courtesy, respect, and with full recognition of dignity and individuality.
- (7) A student shall practice within the appropriate scope of practice as set forth in division (B) of section [4723.01](#) and division (B)(20) of section [4723.28](#) of the Revised Code for a registered nurse, and division (F) of section [4723.01](#) and division (B)(21) of section [4723.28](#) of the Revised Code for a practical nurse;
- (8) A student shall use universal and standard precautions established by Chapter 4723-20 of the Administrative Code.
- (9) A student shall not:
 - (a) Engage in behavior that causes or may cause physical, verbal, mental, or emotional abuse to a patient.
 - (b) Engage in behavior toward a patient that may reasonably be interpreted as physical, verbal, mental, or emotional abuse.
- (10) A student shall not misappropriate a patient's property or:
 - (a) Engage in behavior to seek or obtain personal gain at the patient's expense.
 - (b) Engage in behavior that may reasonably be interpreted as behavior to seek or obtain personal gain at the patient's expense.
 - (c) Engage in behavior that constitutes inappropriate involvement in the patient's personal relationships; or
 - (d) Engage in behavior that may reasonably be interpreted as inappropriate involvement in the patient's personal relationships.

For the purpose of this paragraph, the patient is always presumed incapable of giving free, full, or informed consent to the behaviors by the student set forth in this paragraph.

- (11) A student shall not:
 - (a) Engage in sexual conduct with a patient.
 - (b) Engage in conduct in the course of practice that may reasonably be interpreted as sexual.
 - (c) Engage in any verbal behavior that is seductive or sexually demeaning to a patient.
 - (d) Engage in verbal behavior that may reasonably be interpreted as seductive or sexually demeaning to a patient.

For the purpose of this paragraph, the patient is always presumed incapable of giving free, full, or informed consent to sexual activity with the student.

- (12) A student shall not, regardless of whether the contact or verbal behavior is consensual, engage with a patient other than the spouse of the student in any of the following:
 - (a) Sexual contact, as defined in section [2907.01](#) of the Revised Code.
 - (b) Verbal behavior that is sexually demeaning to the patient or may be reasonably interpreted by the patient as sexually demeaning.
- (13) A student shall not self-administer or otherwise take into the body any dangerous drug, as defined in section [4729.01](#) of the Revised Code, in any way not in accordance

with a legal, valid prescription issued for the student, or self-administer or otherwise take into the body any drug that is a schedule I controlled substance.

- (14) A student shall not habitually or excessively use controlled substances, other habit-forming drugs, or alcohol or other chemical substances to an extent that impairs ability to practice.
- (15) A student shall not have impairment of the ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of safe nursing care because of the use of drugs, alcohol, or other chemical substances.
- (16) A student shall not have impairment of the ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of safe nursing care because of a physical or mental disability.
- (17) A student shall not assault or cause harm to a patient or deprive a patient of the means to summon assistance.
- (18) A student shall not misappropriate or attempt to misappropriate money or anything of value by intentional misrepresentation or material deception in the course of practice.
- (19) A student shall not have been adjudicated by a probate court of being mentally ill or mentally incompetent, unless restored to competency by the court.
- (20) A student shall not aid and abet a person in that person's practice of nursing without a license, practice as a dialysis technician without a certificate issued by the board, or administration of medications as a medication aide without a certificate issued by the board.
- (21) A student shall not prescribe any drug or device to perform or induce an abortion or otherwise perform or induce an abortion.
- (22) A student shall not assist suicide as defined in section [3795.01](#) of the Revised Code.
- (23) A student shall not submit or cause to be submitted any false, misleading or deceptive statements, information, or document to the nursing program, its administrators, faculty, teaching assistants, preceptors, or to the board.
- (24) A student shall maintain the confidentiality of patient information. The student shall communicate patient information with other members of the health care team for health care purposes only, shall access patient information only for purposes of patient care or for otherwise fulfilling the student's assigned clinical responsibilities, and shall not disseminate patient information for purposes other than patient care or for otherwise fulfilling the student's assigned clinical responsibilities through social media, texting, emailing or any other form of communication.
- (25) To the maximum extent feasible, identifiable patient health care information shall not be disclosed by a student unless the patient has consented to the disclosure of identifiable patient health care information. A student shall report individually identifiable patient information without written consent in limited circumstances only and in accordance with an authorized law, rule, or other recognized legal authority.
- (26) For purposes of paragraphs (C)(5), (C)(6), (C)(9), (C)(10), (C)(11) and (C)(12) of this rule, a student shall not use social media, texting, emailing, or other forms of communication with, or about a patient, for non-health care purposes or for purposes other than fulfilling the student's assigned clinical responsibilities.

Five Year Review (FYR) Dates: 12/19/2016 and 12/19/2021 Promulgated Under:

[119.03](#) Statutory Authority: [4723.07](#)

Rule Amplifies: [4723.06](#)

Prior Effective Dates: 2/1/96, 4/1/97, 2/1/02, 2/1/04, 2/1/07, 2/1/08, 2/1/12, 2/1/14

Application Requirements for Nurse Licensure

Each applicant for licensure will be required to answer questions on the Ohio Board of Nursing application related to certain past behaviors or legal history. Applicants must report to the Board if they have been convicted of, found guilty of, pled guilty to, or pled no contest to certain crimes, including crimes that have been expunged if the crime has a direct or substantial relationship to nursing practice. Applicants must also disclose a past history of substance abuse or behavioral health disorders. It is critical that all questions on the application for licensure be answered honestly, since misrepresentation may constitute fraud or deception and may result in permanent denial of a nursing license. Students are urged to seek legal counsel if applicable.

The student may view the complete application for Ohio licensure at www.nursing.ohio.gov. Each student is urged to carefully read the compliance page from the Ohio Board of Nursing Application for Licensure by Examination to Practice Nursing in Ohio. (Also see Appendix for a copy of the Compliance page.) The Ohio Board of Nursing cannot advise an individual before entry into a nursing program concerning ability to take the licensure exam at the completion of the program.

Ohio Board Of Nursing Criminal Records Check/Felony Convictions

According to, Ohio Revised Code Section 4723.09 (2)(b), the Law Regulating Nursing Practice , an applicant who entered a pre-licensure nursing education program on or after June 1, 2003 must complete a criminal record check by the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (BCI) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) before applying for licensure in Ohio. The applicant will not be granted licensure to practice nursing in Ohio if the applicant has been convicted of, plead guilty to, or had a judicial finding of guilt for violating any of the following sections of the Ohio Revised Code or a substantially similar law of another state, the United States, or another country:

2903.01 (aggravated murder)
2903.02 (murder)
2903.03 (voluntary manslaughter)
2903.11 (felonious assault)
2905.01 (kidnapping)
2907.02 (rape)

2907.03 (sexual battery)
2907.05 (gross sexual imposition)
2909.02 (aggravated arson)
2911.01 (aggravated robbery)
2911.11 (aggravated burglary)

If an applicant has been convicted of, pleaded guilty to, or had a judicial finding of guilt for violating the above sections of the Ohio Revised Code, the applicant will not be able to complete the clinical requirements related to long term care facilities or engage with geriatric or pediatric clients, and as such will not be licensed. Therefore, the applicant will not be admitted to the program. In the event such a violation takes place after admission, the student will be immediately dismissed upon discovery.

Graduation

To successfully complete TLS2 and thus be considered eligible for graduation, a student must achieve the following:

- Earn a minimum final grade of 79.5% in each course.
- Obtain individual score of a Level II (or greater) on the ATI Comprehensive Predictor Assessment.
- Earn a Satisfactory as a final evaluation in clinical.
- Maintain an acceptable attendance record.
- Met all financial obligations to CVCC.

Upon satisfactory completion of Care of the Client Throughout the Life Span Part 2 (TLS2), achieving a score of Level II on the ATI Comprehensive Predictor, and fulfillment of all financial obligations, the student will receive a Certificate of Completion in Practical Nursing, a school pin, and individual and class composite photos. Prior to the graduation date, students will have completed the application to sit for their licensure exam (NCLEX-PN) and Ohio Board of Nursing application for licensure in the state of Ohio. Upon graduation, these applications will be forwarded to the Ohio Board of Nursing. All current students are expected to attend the graduation ceremony.

Student Survey

All Program graduates will receive a survey approximately one year after graduation. These surveys provide valuable information necessary to fulfill State and Federal requirements, allow the School to continue to provide financial aid and often provide information to improve the SOPN's program. Alumni are asked to complete the survey and return them either electronically or by mail.

Career-Technical Credit Transfer - (CT)2

Students at The School of Nursing at CVCC are eligible to earn college credit for completion of the Practical Nursing program at CVCC upon graduation and becoming licensed by the Ohio Board of Nursing. Credit is granted through the Ohio Department of Higher Education Career-Technical Credit Transfer (CT)2 system. Eligible students who plan to attend a public college or university in Ohio can request the Adult Education Director to submit official documentation to the admissions office. Throughout the course of the Practical Nursing Program, students will have the opportunity to meet with representatives of various Registered Nursing programs to discuss ongoing educational plans. CVCC wishes to enable a smooth transition for those graduates who wish to continue their education. Working with Cuyahoga Community College, CVCC has college credit classes available on site that support the degree requirements for nursing and other career specific degrees Cuyahoga Community College offers. Information is available on the CVCC website, and through the nursing and adult education offices.

Alumni

ALUMNI are welcome to visit the School and share stories about their new careers. Visiting graduates may be invited to speak to current students to offer advice, encouragement and support.

Practical Nursing Organizations

The School of Nursing at CVCC supports student and graduate involvement in vocational organizations. Each Licensed Practical Nurse is encouraged to become members in a professional organization which advocates for and promotes practical nursing.

National Federation of LPNs

111 West Main Street, Suite 100
Garner, NC 27529 <http://www.nflpn.org/contact.htm>

LPN Association of Ohio

1310 Saint Paris Road Springfield, OH 45504 <http://www.lpnao.org/>

National Association for Practical Nurse Education and Service, Inc.

(NAPNES) 1940 Duke Street, Suite 200
Alexandria, VA 22314 <http://napnes.org/>

The School of Nursing at Cuyahoga Valley Career Center

School Calendar Full Time Day Class of 2027

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The School of Nursing Cost of Education

The School of Nursing at Cuyahoga Valley Career Center Full-Time FY26-27-Cost of Education		
<u>Tuition</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>	<u>Date Due</u>
Tuition Payment #1	\$ 5,362.50	August 26, 2026
Tuition Payment #2	\$ 5,362.50	December 3, 2026
Tuition Payment #3	\$ 3,575.00	April 6, 2027
Total Tuition:	\$ 14,300.00	
<u>Book Payment</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>	<u>Date Due</u>
Adult Health Nursing, Edition 10	\$ 78.00	August 26, 2026
Foundations of Nursing, Edition 10	\$ 77.00	August 26, 2026
Structure and Function of the Body, Edition 17	\$ 61.00	August 26, 2026
Total Book Payment:	\$ 216.00	
<u>ATI Curriculum</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>	<u>Date Due</u>
Complete Essentials LPN Package Payment #1	\$ 764.00	August 26, 2026
Complete Essentials LPN Package Payment #2	\$ 763.00	December 3, 2026
Complete Essentials LPN Package Payment #3	\$ 763.00	April 6, 2027
Total ATI Curriculum Cost:	\$ 2,290.00	
<u>Required Fees and Costs</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>	<u>Date Due</u>
ACT Work Keys exam	\$ 38.25	August 26, 2026
Fingerprinting #1	\$ 68.50	August 26, 2026
Lab Fees	\$ 50.00	August 26, 2026
Student Supply Kit	\$ 68.00	August 26, 2026
Fingerprinting #2	\$ 68.50	December 3, 2026
Malpractice Insurance	\$ 16.00	December 3, 2026
Portfolio	\$ 20.00	December 3, 2026
Total Fees and Costs:	\$ 329.25	
Total Financial Aid Eligible Costs	\$ 17,135.25	
<u>Student Costs</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>	<u>Date Due</u>
Non-Refundable Administrative Seat Fee	\$ 200.00	Upon Enrollment
Uniforms - 2 uniforms per year & white shoes*	\$ 200.00	August 26, 2026
Physical Exam*	\$ 100.00	August 26, 2026
Drug Screen*	\$ 45.00	August 26, 2026
CPR*	\$ 75.00	August 26, 2026
Total Out of Pocket Costs	\$ 620.00	
*Estimated costs; actual expenses may vary by student.		
Total Program Cost	\$17,755.25	
Financial aid processed for eligible candidates Claudette Knestrick, Student Support Services Terri Lynn Brosseau, Adult Education Director		

The School of Nursing at Cuyahoga Valley Career Center Part-Time FY26-28-Cost of Education		
<u>Tuition</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>	<u>Date Due</u>
Tuition Payment #1	\$ 5,362.50	09/21/2026
Tuition Payment #2	\$ 5,362.50	05/13/2027
Tuition Payment #3	\$ 3,575.00	01/22/2028
Total Tuition:	\$ 14,300.00	
<u>Book Payment</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>	<u>Date Due</u>
Adult Health Nursing	\$ 78.00	09/21/2026
Foundations of Nursing	\$ 77.00	09/21/2026
Structure and Function of the Body	\$ 61.00	09/21/2026
Total Book Payment:	\$ 216.00	
<u>ATI Curriculum</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>	<u>Date Due</u>
Complete Essentials LPN Package Payment #1	\$ 764.00	09/21/2026
Complete Essentials LPN Package Payment #2	\$ 763.00	05/13/2027
Complete Essentials LPN Package Payment #3	\$ 763.00	01/22/2028
Total ATI Curriculum Cost:	\$ 2,290.00	
<u>Required Fees and Costs</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>	<u>Date Due</u>
ACT Work Keys exam	\$ 38.25	09/21/2026
Fingerprinting #1	\$ 68.50	09/21/2026
Malpractice Insurance #1	\$ 16.00	05/13/2027
Lab Fees	\$ 50.00	09/21/2026
Student Supply Kit	\$ 68.00	09/21/2026
Fingerprinting #2	\$ 68.50	05/13/2027
Malpractice Insurance #2	\$ 16.00	05/13/2027
Portfolio	\$ 20.00	1/22/2028
Total Fees and Costs:	\$ 345.25	
Total Financial Aid Eligible Costs	\$ 17,151.25	
<u>Student Costs</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>	<u>Date Due</u>
Non-Refundable Administrative Seat Fee	\$200.00	upon enrollment
Uniforms - 2 uniforms per year, white shoes*	\$200.00	09/21/2026
Physical Exam*	\$100.00	09/21/2026
Drug Screen*	\$45.00	09/21/2026
CPR*	\$75.00	09/21/2026
Total Out of Pocket Costs	\$ 620.00	
*Estimated costs; actual expenses may vary by student.		
Total Program Cost	\$17,771.25	
Financial aid processed for eligible candidates Claudette Knestrick, Student Support Services Terri Lynn Brosseau, Adult Education Coordinator		

