



READING HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES NURSING PROGRAM FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Where Is the Nursing Program Located?

The Nursing Program is located in Reading Hospital's School of Health Sciences. The school is adjacent to Reading Hospital in West Reading, PA. West Reading is approximately one hour from Philadelphia, Allentown, and Harrisburg.

Is the Program Accredited?

Yes. The Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences Nursing Program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) and approved by the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing.

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)

The diploma nursing program at Reading Hospital at the Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences located in Reading, PA is accredited by the: Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)

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

The Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) welcomes comments from interested individuals from the nursing community, students, and graduates, as well as the public-at-large. The Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) provides information on program type and accreditation of nursing programs at www.acenursing.org.

Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing

The diploma nursing program at Reading Hospital is approved by the: Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing PO Box 2649, Harrisburg, PA 17105. Phone: 717-783-7142; Fax: 717-783-0822. Email: ST-NURSE@pa.gov

www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/Nursing

What Is the Program's NCLEX-RN Success Rate?

Graduates from October 1, 2020, to September 30, 2021: 84.38%

What Type of Program Do You Offer?

The School of Health Sciences is a hospital-based registered nurse diploma program. Our graduates will be able to take advantage of our affiliation with Alvernia University for the RN to BSN Completion Program. The RN to BSN Completion Program duration will be dependent on the pace of study and whether the student enrolls full time or part time. Nursing Program students will earn college credits for completing general education courses, which are included in the curriculum.

Can I Transfer Coursework?

Yes. The school will evaluate post-secondary transcripts and course outlines to see if credit can be awarded.

Requests for Clinical Entry: When transferring courses, please be aware that entry into 2nd or 3rd year of nursing cannot be guaranteed. Applicants are encouraged to speak to admissions on any admissions-related matter; however, we may only have general information on clinical waitlist procedures at the time of inquiry. Our transfer credits policy supersedes college vendor decisions.



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How Long Is the Program?

The program is a three year program.

Will I Have Clinical and Simulation Experiences?

With hospital-based learning programs, you are provided with hands-on simulation and clinical experience. By graduation, students will have acquired all the necessary experiences needed to be prepared for application for licensure in the state of her/his choice and complete the National Council Licensure Examination to officially receive the title of Registered Nurse.

The nursing simulation lab is the heart of nursing education. The rooms have been designed to look identical to an actual nursing unit. Simulation works by having students face and act upon real life situations while in a safe environment where no harm – just learning – can take place in a constructive manner. You will be able to use state-of-the-art technology and simulation equipment when you practice your skills in preparation for clinical experiences in the hospital.

What Are the Admissions Requirements?

We evaluate both minimum requirements and preferred criteria in admission decisions. We strongly encourage our applicants to review the current selective admissions policy at reading.towerhealth.org/health-sciences/school-policies/.

What Is the “Selective Admissions” Process?

Admission to the Nursing Program is highly competitive. Applicants need to be aware that meeting the minimum requirements does not assure admission to the program. We utilize an applicant point system to rank our applicants. Applicants will be ranked by total points accumulated based upon the following criteria: personal composition, essay, recommendations, past and current progress in high school and post-secondary level coursework, GPA, and standardized test scores. Acceptance is contingent upon submitting post-acceptance documents and fee in accordance with established deadlines.

Do You Require Pre-Admission Testing?

Yes, unless notified otherwise, all applicants must complete the latest version of the Test of Essential Academic Skills (ATI TEAS), a pre-admission examination. It is a web-based exam that assesses an individual’s skills in Reading, Mathematics, Science, and English Language usage. There is a fee required at the time of registration. Pre-admission testing will begin in the fall and conclude when the cohort is filled.

What Are the Post-Acceptance Requirements?

Upon acceptance, applicants will need to submit a non-refundable confirmation fee of \$300 within two weeks of the acceptance date. Additionally, accepted students must complete all background checks and provide all health information through documentation, screenings, tests, and immunizations. A valid two-year American Heart Association BLS for Healthcare Provider CPR certification is required for clinical experiences.

Do You Require an Interview?

No. A formal interview is not required at this time.

Do You Provide Financial Resources?

Yes. Our financial resources include Title IV Financial Aid, outside scholarships, experienced financial aid advisors, and student financial payment options. All students who wish to be considered for financial aid must complete the online Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Please contact the Financial Aid Office at 484-628-0106 or 484-628-0105. To see the current tuition and fees, go to reading.towerhealth.org/health-sciences/financial-information/tuition-and-fees/.

How Do I Get Started?

For more information, call 484-628-0100. Interested students can attend our Program Discovery events, Admissions Q&A Webinars, or setup a personal meeting with an admissions representative. When you’re ready, you may apply online at reading.towerhealth.org/health-sciences/admissions/application-process/online/.