

Admission Requirements for LPN to RN Students

Students begin the admission process by being accepted to the Firelands Regional Medical Center School of Nursing LPN to RN program.

The admission requirements for LPN to RN applicants to the School of Nursing are as follows:

- Submission of an application including a \$25.00 admission fee. Contact Diane Fitzthum at 419-557-7110 or fitzthd@firelands.com to obtain an application, or visit firelands.com/school-of-nursing to apply online.
- Graduation from high school or satisfactory performance on the General Education Development (G.E.D.) test.
- Applicants must have achieved high school graduation requirements as delineated by the Ohio Department of Education. Completion of one credit hour in high school Algebra and Chemistry is required.
- Applicants must request that a transcript of their high school records be sent to the Registrar/Bursar at Firelands Regional Medical Center School of Nursing. Each applicant's high school record will be evaluated individually.
- Previous college credit will be evaluated for each individual applicant. An official transcript from the college(s) must be sent to the registrar at Firelands Regional Medical Center School of Nursing.
- A personal interview is required prior to enrollment.
- All applicants are notified by letter of acceptance or rejection.
- After notification of acceptance, each applicant must pay a \$25.00 deposit fee within four weeks.
- The school will complete a criminal background investigation and a drug screen on all accepted applicants at the student's expense.
- The applicant file must be complete before a student may attend classes.
- Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) who apply for advanced standing must request that a transcript of the final record from the school of practical nursing be sent to the school of nursing. A minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.00 in the LPN program is required.
- At least one year's employment as a LPN is required. LPNs with less than one year's employment will be evaluated for admission on a case by case basis. The applicant must request that an evaluation of nursing performance by the employer be sent to the school of nursing. The employer evaluation will be accepted in lieu of character references.
- All accepted applicants who are LPNs, must hold a current, valid, unencumbered license in Ohio; must be authorized by the Ohio Board of Nursing to perform intravenous therapy procedures; must have completed all practical nursing courses with a "C" or better and must successfully complete the Nursing Access (LPN-to-RN Transition Course) prior to enrollment in Medical Surgical Nursing.
- All accepted applicants who are LPNs must enroll in nursing courses within twelve months of completion of the Nursing Access (LPN-to-RN Transition Course).
- Licensed Practical Nurses may take the Nursing Access (LPN-to-RN Transition Course) only once.

- LPN to RN applicants are not required to complete high school biology prior to admission or to complete BGSU Firelands placement tests.
- Applicants, who are LPNs, are considered as admissions with advanced standing.

Individuals with Military Experience

Applicants with experience in the armed forces of the United States, National Guard, or in a reserve component, will have his or her military education and skills training evaluated for equivalency in the FRMC School of Nursing curriculum by the director in consultation with the nursing faculty. Credit will be awarded for any military education or skills training deemed substantially equivalent to courses in the nursing curriculum.

All applicants will be considered regardless of race, color, religion, ancestry, ethnicity, gender/transgender status, sexual orientation, age, national origin, marital status, disability, military and/or veteran status, genetic information or other characteristics protected by the law.