

Clarion University College of Health Sciences and Human Services
Department of Nursing

POLICY FOR ADMISSION: Associate of Science in Nursing

Questions? Contact Casey McVay, Admissions, cmcvay@clarion.edu or 877-VENANGO (ext. 1229)

Clarion University – Venango’s two-year, on-campus Associate of Science in Nursing program begins every fall. All 2016 ASN graduates passed the NCLEX exam and our 2017 pass rate is 94%! Curriculum and important information: www.clarion.edu/asn

ASN applicants should complete the admissions process before July 1 for consideration. Admissions happens on a rolling basis, so it is best to apply early.

Applicants who are not eligible for admission to ASN may be considered for other opportunities such as pre-nursing or exploratory healthcare. Pre-nursing allows students to get started with the general education and/or required prerequisite courses for the ASN degree program, such as English, math, communication, biology, chemistry, anatomy and physiology, psychology, etc., and work to meet the ASN admissions requirements.

ASN Admission Requirements

- **Cumulative GPA of 2.75+**
- **Successful completion of pre-requisite coursework in Biology, Chemistry, and Algebra**
 - *Courses are accepted if they are within 5 years of high school or 10 years of college and grades are of C’s or better.*
- **Recommended 1030 SAT or 21 ACT score**
 - *Required only for students who have not been out of high school more than three years.*
- **National League for Nursing (NLN) Pre-Entrance Exam score of 110+**
 - *Scores of 120+ are preferred; scores of 105-109 may be considered.*
 - *Students who meet the admission criteria above with the addition of having an A in biology and a cumulative GPA of 3.8+ may qualify for an NLN Exam requirement waiver. Waivers are considered on a case-by-case basis after the applicant’s undergraduate application and all transcripts are received.*

NLN Exam Details

- **When:** Exams are offered every first Friday per month from October through May at 9 a.m. in Montgomery Hall, Room 311 at Clarion University – Venango. Bring a calculator (any type is okay) and two forms of ID.
- **How to register:** Create an account and register for an exam at www.nlnonlinetesting.org.
 - Refer to the Student Guide to the NLN Testing Portal at <https://ondemand.questionmark.com/400030/ext/nlntesting/node/383> for assistance registering.
 - Any registration issues should be directed to NLN at 800-732-8656 or 618-453-3036.
- **Re-testing:** Applicants may re-test after a 3-month waiting period.
- **How to study:** NLN endorses their own practice exams resources. These resources can be accessed by logging into your account on the NLN Exam Portal and selecting “Store” from the blue tabs at the top of the screen. The PAX prep materials are toward the bottom of the page. You can filter results as well.
 - **3 pre-exams** (\$15 each): PAX Prep Verbal Exam, PAX Prep Science Exam, PAX Prep Math Exam
 - *Pre-exams provide 60 days access to PAX study strategies, content-specific review guide, and practice questions.*
 - **3 bonus exams** (\$10 each): PAX Prep Bonus Verbal Exam, PAX Prep Bonus Science Exam, PAX Prep Bonus Math Exam; and you are provided 30 days of access to the timed practice test.

ASN ADMISSIONS PROCEDURES

New Clarion University Applicants

If you haven't already, please complete an undergraduate application at www.clarion.edu/apply.

Arrange to have official transcripts from high school, post-secondary schools, and **all** colleges or universities previously attended sent to the Admissions Office, as well as any SAT or ACT score, if applicable, to Clarion Admissions, 840 Wood St., Clarion, PA 16214.

Transfer Applicants:

- Official transcripts of credit and certificates of honorable dismissal must accompany the undergraduate application. A grade of "C" or better is required on all credits transferred. Transferrable courses must be comparable to courses offered at Clarion.
- Students **must** complete a minimum of thirty (30) credit hours at Clarion University's Venango campus to qualify for an Associate Degree.
- Nursing credits are **only** transferrable if earned in an accredited associate or baccalaureate program **within the preceding two (2) years**. Courses are evaluated by the Department of Nursing Faculty and the Department Chair. Only the courses equivalent to Clarion's NURS 101,102,111,112,121,131 and 132 may be transferrable.
- Nursing students who have complete nursing courses more than two (2) years prior to application **must** take the NLN Acceleration Challenge Exam and achieve a satisfactory score (70% or higher) for transfer of nursing credits.
- Diploma students seeking transfer **must** take the challenge exams for transfer of nursing courses (contact Departments for more information).

Former Clarion University Students

Students who have earned credits at Clarion University **must** apply for readmission:

<http://www.clarion.edu/academics/registrars-office/documents-and-forms/Application-for-readmission.pdf>.

And, students **must** submit a Change of Status Form to Patti Shontz in the Department of Nursing (pshontz@clarion.edu or fax to 814-676-0251), no later than July 1 to be considered for admission. The form can be found at: <http://www.clarion.edu/academics/registrars-office/documents-and-forms/Change-of-status-form.pdf>.

Current Clarion University Students

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LPN's

Please review the LPN Advanced Placement opportunities at <http://www.clarion.edu/academics/colleges-and-schools/venango-college/school-of-health-sciences/department-of-nursing/advanced-placement-lpn-fact-sheet-2012.pdf>.