

RIBN Student Handbook

Regionally Increasing Baccalaureate Nurses



Lenoir-Rhyne University

Caldwell Community College & Technical Institute

Catawba Valley Community College

Gaston College

Mitchell Community College

Western Piedmont Community College

Wilkes Community College

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Mission and Philosophy

RIBN Mission Statement

The mission of Regionally Increasing Baccalaureate Nurses is to improve the health and health outcomes of North Carolinians by enhancing the educational preparation and diversity of the nursing workforce.

Lenoir-Rhyne College of Health Science Mission Statement

The College of Health Sciences, as a unit of service within the community of Lenoir-Rhyne University, supports the philosophy and values of the greater University. The College of Health Sciences actuates the University values of excellence, integrity, care and curiosity through its programs and curricula. Programs serve to stimulate intellectual, physical, and spiritual growth through support of academic rigor, personal responsibility, service to others, and openness of mind to diverse perspectives.

The mission of the College is to prepare learners for professional careers in the health related fields of health and exercise science, physical education, exercise physiology, athletic training, and sports management; occupational therapy; and nursing. The College of Health sciences offers undergraduate and graduate courses of study that are based on liberal arts, grounded in a Christian perspective, and cultivate a sense of community and service to others. The College strives to promote leadership specifically within athletic,

Finance

Financial Aid While Dually Enrolled

Students are not allowed to receive Financial Aid from two institutions at a time, so while students are dually enrolled, they will apply for financial aid through their community colleges. Students should indicate their community college as their "home school" when completing their FAFSA. Students should contact the community college financial aid departments for additional assistance or questions.

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Wilkes	Roberta Harless	336-838-6139	rjharless610@wilkescc.edu

Financial Aid the Final

Paying Community College Tuition

Students will manage their Community College accounts through WebAdvisor. This is where they can view and pay tuition. Students also have the option of setting up payment plans to pay community college tuition. Students can view additional information regarding payment plans on the following webpages:

CCC&TI	_____
CVCC	_____
Gaston	http://www.gaston.edu/pay-for-college/payment-plans-facts/
Mitchell	http://www.mycollegepaymentplan.com/mitchell
WPCC	http://www.wpcc.edu/online-tuition-payment-plan/step-step-enrollment-instructions/
Wilkes	https://www.nbspayments.com/signin/4K0JP

Refund Policy

According to the consortium agreement (which is in place for CVCC, Gaston, Mitchell, and Wilkes), a student will only be entitled to a refund in the event s/he ceases enrollment at both LRU and the community college during the payment period. Students who drop classes but continue to maintain enrollment in at least one class (either at the community college or LRU) receive no refund. If a student ceases enrollment at both LRU and the community college completely, s/he will follow the University Refund Policy published in the Lenoir-Rhyne Undergraduate University Catalog.

Students enrolled in schools in which there is no consortium agreement in place (CCC&TI and WPCC) will follow the University Refund Policy published in the Lenoir-Rhyne Undergraduate Catalog.

After Acceptance

Orientation

Information about registering for new student orientation will be outlined in the student's acceptance letter. Students will be required to pay enrollment fees of a \$50 deposit and \$35 application fee for a total of \$85 before attending orientation. During this time, first-year students will have a chance to register for classes, get an ID badge, and meet their peers.

Health Records

All incoming students are required to complete Lenoir-Rhyne's health packet and submit immunization records. After a student is accepted into the program, s/he will receive information located on the student's application portal to complete the Student Health Packet. Failure to complete the student health packet prior to classes starting may result in the student being removed from the program.

Advising

In addition to Lenoir-Rhyne University's RIBN Student Success Advocate, students will have academic advisors at their community colleges. Students may need to meet with these advisors each semester prior to registering for classes. Lenoir-Rhyne and the community colleges work together to ensure students stay on track and are taking the appropriate classes each semester. Registering for coursework the first semester may vary depending on community college. Directions on how to register for classes their first semester in the RIBN program will be communicated with students at orientation.

Schedule

After paying the enrollment fees, each student will be given a unique 3 or 4 year plan outlining the classes required to take during the duration of the RIBN program. Courses may be moved or switched around slightly depending on availability. If a student has any questions, or wants to make any changes to his/her schedule, s/he should contact the RIBN Student Success Advocate.

Each student will be given a link to an online workbook. This online workbook will provide the student's schedule, a degree check sheet for their Associates Degree Nursing, and a degree check sheet for their Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Anyone with this link is able to view the document, so students should keep the link confidential. The student, Student Success Advocate, Director of Nursing at Lenoir-Rhyne University, and community college advisors will have access to these workbooks.

Courses should remain in order as they appear. Changes to a student's schedule cannot occur without academic advisors at both institutions involved. Courses scheduled to be taken through LRU must remain through LRU to be eligible throughout the RIBN program.

Prior to Starting Nursing Courses

Patches

Once students enroll in nursing courses at the community college, they will purchase RIBN patches. These patches should be worn on the left sleeve of their community college clinical scrubs. They may be ironed on or stitched.

Certified Nurse Aide: (CNA) I Requirement

Prior to starting NUR 111, students must:

Provide documentation of successful completion of a NC approved Certified Nurse Aide I Program which includes theory, lab-B, and clinical components*. (A copy of a college transcript or a notarized course completion certificate will be acceptable documentation.) *Challenging the Nurse Aide I examination will not meet this requirement*, AND

Be listed on the NC Registry: Hold a documented, current, unrestricted credential as a Nurse Aide I (NAI) from the North Carolina Nurse Aide Registry <https://www.ncnar.org/index1.jsp> and the Division of Health Service Regulation. (A copy of current listing on the NC DHSR Nurse Aide Registry Website will be acceptable documentation.)

Wilkes students must have this completed by the last week in July prior to starting NUR 111. All other students have until the first day of NUR 111.

Sigma Theta Tau

The Mu Alpha Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, Inc. was chartered in April 1990. Members of the Mu Alpha Chapter may be selected at the completion of the senior year. Basic candidates must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 on a four-point scale and be in the upper 35% of their nursing class. In addition, candidates shall have demonstrated evidence of professional leadership potential, academic integrity, and/or marked achievement in the field of nursing.

Community leaders with a minimum of a baccalaureate degree, who have demonstrated marked achievement in nursing education, practice, research or publication shall be eligible for membership. The majority has degrees in nursing, but exceptions can be made for bachelor's degree in other fields if achievement is outstanding.

The purposes of Mu Alpha are to:

(1) recognize superior achievement, (2) recognize the development of leadership qualities, (3) foster high professional standards, (4) encourage creative work, (5) strengthen commitment to the ideas and purposes of the profession.

Because members must have a minimum of a baccalaureate degree to join, eligible students will be invited to join Sigma Theta Tau at the end of their senior year. However, students are welcome to attend Sigma Theta Tau events during their entire duration of the RIBN program. Students will be invited to these events through email.

Honors

According to Lenoir-Rhyne University's catalog, students who took at least 64 credit hours at Lenoir-Rhyne University with a minimum GPA may be recognized as Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, and Summa Cum Laude. Because RIBN students only take around 40-50 hours from LRU, they do not qualify for recognition. They will still be eligible to graduate with honors at the community college when they receive their Nursing Associate Degrees if they have maintained the appropriate GPA.

Additional Information

Email

Email is the primary means of contact. Students are expected to check their Lenoir-Rhyne and Community College emails daily.

Textbooks

For classes taken at the community college, students should visit the community college's bookstore website for purchasing information. For classes taken at LRU, students can access textbook information at: <http://www.bkstr.com/lenoirrhynestore/shop/textbooks-and-course-materials>.

Holidays and Breaks

While dually-enrolled, students will follow the calendar for both their home community college and Lenoir-Rhyne University. This includes holidays, breaks, and final exam schedules. Academic calendars can be found on the institutions' websites.

Inclement Weather

Students will be required to follow the inclement weather policy at both, the community college and Lenoir-Rhyne University. Community college inclement weather policies are published on their websites.

Lenoir-Rhyne University Inclement Weather Policy: Class cancellations and delays for Lenoir-Rhyne University will be posted on the webpage and available by calling 828-328-SNOW (828-328-7669). During periods of inclement weather when the University operates either on a delayed schedule or on a regular class schedule, students who are unable to attend classes due to road conditions will not be penalized. Students should exercise good judgment in deciding whether to attempt to travel to the campus and are encouraged not to do so when conditions might threaten their safety. It is fully the responsibility of students to ensure their safety. It is fully the responsibility of students on a regular class