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GREEN RIVER COLLEGE

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Application **ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE** PRACTICAL NURSING



APPLICATION DUE BY 4 PM ON JUNE 1st

No exceptions will be made for late or incomplete applications.

Nursing is a dynamic field with many career paths available. They work in a variety of settings, including clinics, hospitals, long-term care facilities, and community centers. The Practical Nursing program consists of 90 credits, which includes classroom instruction, campus lab practice, and community lab experiences. Upon successful completion of the program, graduates are eligible to apply for the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses. Passage of this exam is the mechanism by which to receive a license to practice as an LPN.

LPN APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Thank you for your time and efforts in applying to Green River's Associate of Applied Science in Practical Nursing program. Please read and follow the instructions carefully and completely. Applicants who do not follow the instructions may be disqualified from consideration or may receive reduced application scores. You don't want that, we don't want that, so please be thorough when you apply. Thank you!

- 1. Complete the LPN application and gather the required materials in PDF file format. There are many free online tutorials and free online conversion tools if you need to convert non-PDF files into the PDF file format. Be sure to only use Websites from trusted sources.
- 2. Merge your application materials into one PDF file, and name your file using your last name and first name. In example, the name of your merged file should look like this: Student-Sally.pdf. If you have multiple files you can use the free tool <u>Kami</u> to combine your files into one file.
- 3. Arrange your completed application materials in the following order:
 - a. LPN application pages 1-4 in sequential order. Do not include pages 5-9.
 - b. Cover letter. Refer to page 6.
 - c. 1 page resume. Refer to page 6.
 - d. Reflective goal statement. Refer to page 6.
 - e. Unofficial transcript(s) of completed pre-requisite course work (including GRC). Refer to page 5.
 - f. Copies of Immunization tests and COVID vaccination. Refer to page 7.
 - g. Color copy of valid state or federal issued identification (ID). Refer to page 8
 - h. Proof of AHA BLS certification. Refer to page 8.
 - i. Proof of personal health insurance. Refer to page 8.
 - j. Bonus point(s) supporting materials (i.e. DD214). Refer to pages 1 and 6.

4. Review your application file to ensure that it is complete, legible, and that the materials are in order.

5. If you are applying to MA to LPN program, you MUST submit unofficial transcripts from your MA program showing your degree or certificate was earned, and a copy of your active, unencumbered license.

6. Submit your application using the <u>Upload Completed Application</u> link on the Practical Nursing Webpage; go to greenriver.edu/nursing, click on the Practical Nursing link at the center of the page, then click on the "Upload Completed Application" button link on the right side of the page, under the Green River Nursing logo.

Applicants will be notified of their application status between June 17 - June 21. Admitted students and the top 10 wait-listed applicants are required to attend a mandatory orientation scheduled for July 10th. Those that fail to attend forfeit their seat to the next applicant on the wait-list.



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ctcLink ID	
Date	
MM/DD/YY	
Program Type	
LPN Program	MA to LPN Program*

Applicant Signature

Electronically

Signing above you verify that the information contained in this application and the accompanying materials is true and accurate to the best of your knowledge.

In-Person

Mail

APPLICANT INFORMATION

First Name	Middle Initial	
Last Name	Date Of Birth	
		MM/DD/YY
Street Address		
Phone	Zip Code	
E-Mail	City, State	

COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS SUBMITTED FOR EVALUATION

List all official transcripts submitted for evaluation. Please include Green River College if you are/were a student.		
College El	lectronically	Mail In-Person

College _____ Electronically Mail In-Person

ACTION REQUIRED Submit online <u>Transcript Evaluation Request form</u>, located at greenriver.edu/otr.

Application Bonus Points

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You can earn up to 15 bonus points on your application. To receive bonus points you must check the box next to each applicable item below and include supporting documents when relevant.

	Student Qualifies for State/Federal Assistance (3) Examples: SNAP, TANF, SSI, Pell Grant, Washington Opportunity Grant, Child Care Subsidy Programs, etc.
	Military or Veteran (2) Must include DD214 or DD215 with application materials to receive point.
	Multilingual (2) Languages must be noted on your resume to receive point.
	1st Generation Student (2)
	Graduate of a Green River College Nursing Certificate Program (5) Include your unofficial transcript with your application materials.
	Former or current registered member of Green River's Nurse Org student club (1).
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	BACK	GROUND CHECK		
First N	lame		Middle Name	
Last N	ame		Date Of Birth	
				MM/DD/YY
Prior A	lias(es)			

The following section must be completed and turned in with your application. Do not pay to run the background check. We will contact you when it is appropriate for us to run a background check. Clinical fieldwork is integrated throughout the program and is required for all students. Placement can occur but is not limited to, the following settings: long-term care, rehabilitation care, outpatient clinics, school districts, pediatric clinics, hospitals, and home health. Disqualifying factors on a criminal background check limits or prevents Community Lab/clinical placement and employability. If you have cause for concern regarding your criminal history outcome or any charges related to vulnerable populations (i.e., children, vulnerable adults), contact the <u>Department of Health</u> to receive clarification about the background as it pertains to licensure. Final admission to the program is dependent upon the results of this background check. See <u>Washington State DSHS Secretary's List of Crimes and Negative Actions</u>.

CHILD/ADULT ABUSE INFORMATION ACT RCW 43.43.830 THROUGH 43.43.845

All students who will be placed in practicum education sites for Green River College's nursing programs are requested to complete the below, Washington State Patrol Abuse Clearance section. The purpose of this abuse clearance is to ensure the safety and well-being of patients, clients, and children who come into contact with students. Practicum education sites are expecting that Green River students will not pose undue risks to the safety of patients/children.

The Washington State Patrol, abuse clearance request, is for the following: "Child/Adult Abuse Information: Response limited to convictions against children or other persons, dependency proceedings, abuse of vulnerable adults, and DOL disciplinary board final decisions and any subsequent criminal charges associated with the conduct that is the subject of the disciplinary board final decision." Please be aware that information on other felony and misdemeanor convictions may be reported from the State Patrol office. This abuse clearance is used only for the purpose of practicum education placement, determination and further dissemination or use of the record is prohibited.

As stated earlier, all students are required to complete this form. Any student choosing not to complete this process must be aware that the ability of faculty to arrange practicum education experiences will be severely restricted and, in some instances, impossible. All facilities utilized in the LPN program require proof of this clearance before students are allowed to participate in any practicum and clinical activities.

By signing this document, I verify that this application packet for the LPN program is accurate and has been completed to the best of my knowledge. I, at this moment, authorize Green River College to perform criminal background checks, maintain the record(s) until I graduate or withdraw from the program, and share the information as requested by clinical sites. I have read and understand the information about the Washington State Patrol Abuse Clearance.

Signature

Date:



ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Please read the statements below, and sign your initials next to each statement to confirm that you have read and understand each statement. For questions, contact Green River Nursing at nursing@greenriver.edu.

I understand that I may request reasonable accommodations to meet the standards of the LPN program. Refer to the <u>Disability Support Services</u> Web	Initial	
page for information about accommodations.		
I understand that I must successfully pass a drug test and will be fingerprinted for clinical placements.	Initial	
I read the disqualifying factors located on the <u>WA State DSHS website</u> . I understand any questionable records/incidences in my past can prevent me from completing clinical and therefore, without clinical I cannot complete this program.	Initial	
I understand that I am responsible for following the instructions of this application and that my candidacy for a seat in the LPN program may not be considered, or my application score may be negatively impacted by submitting an incomplete application, and or materials that are not legible, and or deviating from the application instructions.	Initial	
I understand that I must submit my complete application in one PDF file, and that Green River Nursing will only retain my completed application file, and will not retain partial applications or related materials.	Initial	
I will review my application once it has been compiled into one PDF file to confirm that it is complete, and that all the documents within the file are legible, and that the materials are in the sequence described in the Application Instructions on the cover page of this application.	Initial	
I understand that I am responsible for submitting clear and legible information (i.e. photos, hand writing, document scans, etc), and that information that is not clear and or legible may impact my application score and or consideration for the LPN program.	Initial	
I understand that I have 1.5 months to submit this application, starting on April 15th, and that it is due by 4 pm on June 1st, without exception.	Initial	
I understand that Green River Nursing will only accept my application submission via the <u>application upload</u> link which is located on the Practical Nursing Page at greenriver.edu/nursing.	Initial	
I understand that by submitting my LPN application I am confirming that it is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge, and I understand that Green River Nursing is not obligated to notify me should I submit an incomplete application, and or materials that are not legible.	Initial	
I understand that I will forfeit my offer into the program if I do not attend the mandatory orientation scheduled for July 10th.	Initial	

By signing below you acknowledge that you have read and understand the above statements on this page.

Signature



Tuberculosis Testing-Completed by Healthcare Provider

Dear Healthcare Provider,

You are receiving this letter to help us document an applicant or current student's vaccination record. For our nursing programs, we require that students be tested for tuberculosis using one of two options:

- 1. A QuantiFERON test that is negative. If the lab result states the applicant/student is positive, the applicant/student will be required to provide a negative chest x-ray and physician evaluation stating the student has no current symptoms. An asymptomatic applicant/student, whose chest x-ray and assessment indicates no active disease, may attend class/clinical.
- 2. A two-step TB skin test (TST) that is negative, given 7-21 days apart. If at any point in the testing the TST is positive, it indicates that the applicant/student has been exposed to TB. The applicant/student will be required to provide a negative chest x-ray and physician evaluation stating the student has no current symptoms. An asymptomatic applicant/student, whose chest x-ray and assessment indicates no active disease, may attend class/clinical.

For students who received a QuantiFERON Test or those requiring physician's assessment and chest x-ray please attach a signed copy of the medical record indicating the results.

First TB Test		
Placement Date	Location of Placement	
Reading Date 48-72 hrs after placement	Results Documented in MM	
Second TB Test - PLa	aced 7-21 Days Later	
Placement Date Location of Placement		

	Reading Date 48-72 hrs after placement	Results Documented in MM	
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Student Na	ame		

Last	First	
Printed Provider Name and Credentials		
Provider Signature	Data	
	 Date	mm/dd/yy
Address of Healthcare Facility		



ELIGILBLITY TO APPLY

- Be an admitted Green River student. <u>Apply to Green River College</u>, if you are not already a student. Once your application is processed, a ctcLink identification (ID) number will be issued and sent to the email address that you provided on your GRC application.
- Possess valid state and or Federal photo identification. Refer to page 8.
- Complete the required prerequisite courses with a 2.5 (B-) GPA or higher in each course, and have an overall pre-requisite GPA of 3.0. Refer to pages 5.
- Must be Healthcare Provider BLS card certified by the American Heart Association (AHA BLS). Please note that this is different from the standard CPR and can take up to 1 week to complete. It is your responsibility to maintain current AHA BLS certification throughout the program. Refer to page 8.
- Up-to-date immunizations. This can take up to 8 months to complete. Refer to page 4 and 9.
- Possess personal health insurance. Refer to page 8.
- Must be able to pass a background check and drug screening. Refer to page 2.

APPLICATION EVALUATION & ESSAY PROMPT

PREREQUISITE COURSES

Applicants must complete the following prerequisites before admission into the program. One course may be in-progress at the time of application. Green River College Nursing does not limit the number of times an applicant may repeat a course, or have expiration dates for course completions. Applicants must have a minimum grade of 2.5 (B-) in each prerequisite to be eligible to apply. An overall pre-requisite courses GPA of 3.0 (B) is required. Repeated course(s), withdrawals, pending prerequisite, and inconsistent academic performance may make your application less competitive, but you are still encouraged to apply. Prerequisite courses that applicants transfer in from other schools must be equivalent to the Green River courses listed below, as determined by Green River College's Credential Evaluators. Please note that the evaluation of outside courses only occurs through the College's official transcript evaluation process, which can take up to 8 weeks or longer. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that they are completing the correct prerequisite courses, and are submitting evaluation requests for non-Green River College courses in a timely manner.

COURSE TITLE	GREEN RIVER COURSE	
General Biology or Majors Cellular	BIOL& 160 or BIOL& 211	
Anatomy & Physiology 1	BIOL& 241	
Anatomy & Physiology 2	BIOL& 242	
English Composition	ENGL& 101	
Introduction to Psychology	PSYC& 100	
Lifespan Psychology	PSYC& 200	
Introduction to Statistics or	MATH& 146 or	
Statistics for Business & Social Science	MATH 256	
Nutrition	NUTR& 101	
Speech Communication	CMST& 101 or CMST& 210 or CMST& 220 or CMST& 230 or CMST 238	
All prerequisite classes require a minimum grade of 2.5. Your overall pre-requisite GPA must be at least 3.0.		



SCORING

The LPN program utilizes an holistic admissions process when considering applicants for admission to the program. The holistic admission process is a strategy that assesses an applicant's unique experiences alongside traditional measures of academic achievement such as grades. It is designed to help the program consider a broad range of factors reflecting the applicant's academic readiness, contribution to the incoming class, and potential for success both in school and later as a professional nurse.

Final admission to the program depends on the results of the following: prerequisites, reflective goal statement, resume, additional documents, adherence to the application instructions, and passing the Washington State Patrol, Healthcare Agency and National background checks.

Applications will be evaluated for minimum eligibility and then ranked based on the five categories listed below, with an opportunity for an additional 15 bonus points. Each category is carefully considered and valuable in the application process:

- Prerequisite / Competitive GPA (45 out of 95 points): After grades for any in-progress courses are received, the GPA for prerequisite courses will be calculated. One course may be in-progress during the time of application. Each course GPA must be 2.5 or higher, with an overall pre-requisite GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Reflective Goal Statement (20 out of 95 points): Complete a two-page essay (to be included in your application packet), typed in Times New Roman, double spaced, size 12 font with 1-inch margins, responding to the the following prompt:

One of the goals of Healthy People 2030 is to eliminate health disparities, achieve health equity, and attain health literacy to improve the health and well-being of all. What would a more equitable health care system look like to you? How do you plan to incorporate this goal into your nursing practice?

- Resume (10 out of 95 points): Submit a 1-page resume describing the specific activities and responsibilities of your professional and academic experiences. Include any activities, certifications, and skills relevant to healthcare. For students seeking bonus points for being multilingual, please indicate any languages spoken and proficiency on the resume. The font size needs to be 12-point Arial or Times New Roman with 1-inch margins across the page.
- Health Related Work Experience (10 out of 95 points). Positions within the healthcare industry, excluding dental. Please document your healthcare experience on your resume.
- Cover Letter (10 out of 95 points): Submit a 1-page cover letter that highlights your experience, strengths, the value that you would add to the LPN program, and why the LPN program is a good fit for you.
- Bonus Points: Up to 15 bonus points will be awarded. Applicants who do not check the boxes for the applicable points will not be awarded points, Refer to page 1.

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IMMUNIZATIONS AND ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS AND TESTS

In order to participate in the Community Lab/clinical courses, students need to have all of the immunizations and tests completed. Documentation must be from a healthcare provider and include signature, credentials, and date (mm/dd/yyyy). This can take up to 8 months to complete. Please refer to the <u>Green River Nursing Website</u> for directions. Green River College will not attempt to locate an alternative location for clinicals for those that do not have the required immunizations and tests.

Tuberculin Status [PPD(TB)]: Must have 2-step TB noting placement location and results with dates (4 visits total), or a Quantiferon blood draw.

If no records or more than 12 months since last Two-Step TST, a Two-Step TST must be done before enrollment in the program. The 2-step process is explained as follows:

- First visit: Get the TB shot (make sure you get documentation for this date and signature).
- Second visit: Two days after visit #1 you go back to get the TB Test Reading (results) this should be given in millimeters (mm), which will determine whether the test is positive or negative.
- Third visit: No sooner than one week after visit #1 (1st TB shot), no later than two weeks after visit #1. You will get the whole process done over again. This visit you get your 2nd TB shot.
- Fourth (final) visit: Two days after visit #3 you will get the 2nd TB shot reading. Again, you need documentation stating the results in millimeters (mm) and whether the effect is positive or negative.

Note of Caution: Be aware that a 2-step TB has 4 total components, the TB shot and TB reading, both done twice. You must have 2 separate TB Tests within the proper timeframe. For your convenience, a form is available on Page 5 that can be filled out by your provider and follows the above guidelines for timed 2-step TB testing.

If an applicant has a medically documented history of prior BCG vaccine, an IGRA test will need to be obtained. If the results are positive, they will be required to get a clear chest x-ray and provide a negative symptom check from a healthcare provider. (IGRA should be drawn on the same day as live-virus vaccines or weeks after administration of live-virus vaccines.). Students with a history of positive TB results must provide proof of a clear chest x-ray and submit an annual negative symptom check from a healthcare provider.

Hepatitis B: The Hepatitis B vaccination is a series of 3 intramuscular injections completed at appropriate time intervals (I and 6 months after the initial dose) and a post-vaccination titer (blood draw) at 6-8 weeks after the series completion. If the titer is negative, then the series is repeated, and another titer is drawn 6-8 weeks after the completion of the second series. This vaccination can be obtained through your healthcare provider. Students may also provide documentation of a positive titer (anti-HBs or HepB Sab) or sign a vaccination declination. However, specific healthcare institutions may require vaccination without exception; alternate clinical rotation arrangements will not be made. Can take up to 8 months to complete.

Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (Tdap): Must have one adult dose of Pertussis (Tdap) after age 18. And a Tdap or Td within 10 years.

Measles (Rubeola), Mumps, & Rubella: Proof of vaccination (2 doses at appropriate intervals) or proof of immunity by titer, showing resistance to all three.

Varicella (Chickenpox): Proof of vaccination (2 doses at appropriate intervals) or proof of immunity by titer.

Flu: Annual season flu vaccination is required for community clinics. Typically offered beginning in August/September and available through April.

COVID-19: We require the two-step Moderna or Pfizer OR one-step Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine in order to participate in the program as well as at least one booster.



ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Medical Insurance: Provide a copy of your medical insurance card.

Liability Insurance: Purchase insurance during the first week of the fall quarter from Green River College's Cashier's Office, located on the second floor of the Student Affairs and Success Building.

Healthcare provider CPR (BLS): All applicants must be Healthcare Provider BLS card certified by the American Heart Association (AHA BLS) to apply. Please note that this is different from the standard CPR commonly offered. It is the student's responsibility to maintain current AHA BLS certification throughout the program. Failure to do so will result in failure to progress in the program. To find a course near you visit: <u>Basic Life Support</u> (BLS) Course Options | American Heart Association CPR & First Aid.

Drug screening: All students will be required to submit a drug screen after acceptance into the program and before attending community clinical. The student will be provided with the name and location of an authorized agency who will conduct the screening. The student is responsible for all costs associated with the drug screening. If the screen comes back ineligible, a medical review may be done for an additional fee (some Rx drugs will cause a positive drug screen). If a student fails to produce the requested sample by the date and time designated, the student will be ineligible.

Veteran/Military Experience: Submit proof of military service.

Color copy of valid state or Federal issued identification (ID). Cannot be expired, and must be government issued photo identification.

NOTIFICATION AND MANDATORY ORIENTATION

If you have questions about the application or any of the processes listed in this application, please email Green River Nursing at nursing@greenriver.edu. Please note, due to the high volume of student emails, it may take 1-2 business days for a response.

Students assume all responsibility for reviewing and following instructions. There will be no exceptions to the admission process. Applications will be accepted beginning December 1st and must be received no later than 4:00 pm on January 15th. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Applicants will be notified of their application status between June 17 - June 21. Admitted students and the top 10 wait-listed applicants are required to attend a mandatory orientation scheduled for July 10th. Those that fail to attend forfeit their seat to the next applicant on the wait-list.

Some applicants may receive conditional acceptance if any of the following apply: in the process of taking prerequisites, pending official transcript(s) review, pending Washington State Patrol, Healthcare agency and National background checks.

COST

Please refer to the Green <u>River College Website</u> for the current tuition rates and fees.



EXPENSES	APPROXIMATE COST
Green River Tuition Per Credit-In State	Refer to <u>Website</u> for Current Rate
Green River Tuition Per Credit-Out of State	Refer to <u>Website</u> for Current Rate
Supplies, Textbooks, Course Fees, and Misc.	\$2500+
WA State Application & National State Exam (NCLEX) License	\$250-\$300
Approvimate Tetal Cost - Decod on 00 Dreaver Credite	In-State: \$7,700
Approximate Total Cost - Based on 90 Program Credits	Out-State: \$8,200

Funding Options

Green River College and it's partners offer a variety of financial aid programs to assist eligible students with the costs associated with their education. Please note that each type of funding option has its own application process and deadlines that you must be aware in order to secure any funding for which you may be eligible. Contact Green River's Financial Aid Office for questions about funding.

<u>Workforce Education</u>: Workforce Education programs provide financial support to help connect students with a path into a high- demand, high wage career. If eligible, Workforce Education Grants may provide funding for tuition, books, childcare, transportation, and specialized tools/equipment. Students must meet with a Workforce Education Coordinator to determine eligibility.

<u>Scholarships</u>: Please refer to the Green River College Website to view your scholarship options, and to access the Foundation Scholarship Application. Foundation Scholarship applications are typically due in April.

<u>FAFSA</u>: To be considered for grants, student loans, and Work Study, submit your Free Federal Application for Federal Student Aid. Documented residents will also be considered for State aid after filing the FAFSA.

<u>WASFA</u>: Undocumented residents should complete the Washington State Application for State Financial Aid application to be considered for State aid.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Candidates for the LPN Nursing Program are required to certify that accommodations are being provided so that the standards of the LPN program can be met. Applicants who need accommodations to meet standards may request accommodations. Eligibility for accommodations are identified through the Disability Support Services office. Additional information about requesting accommodation is available at <u>www.greenriver.edu/DSS</u>.

END OF APPLICATION