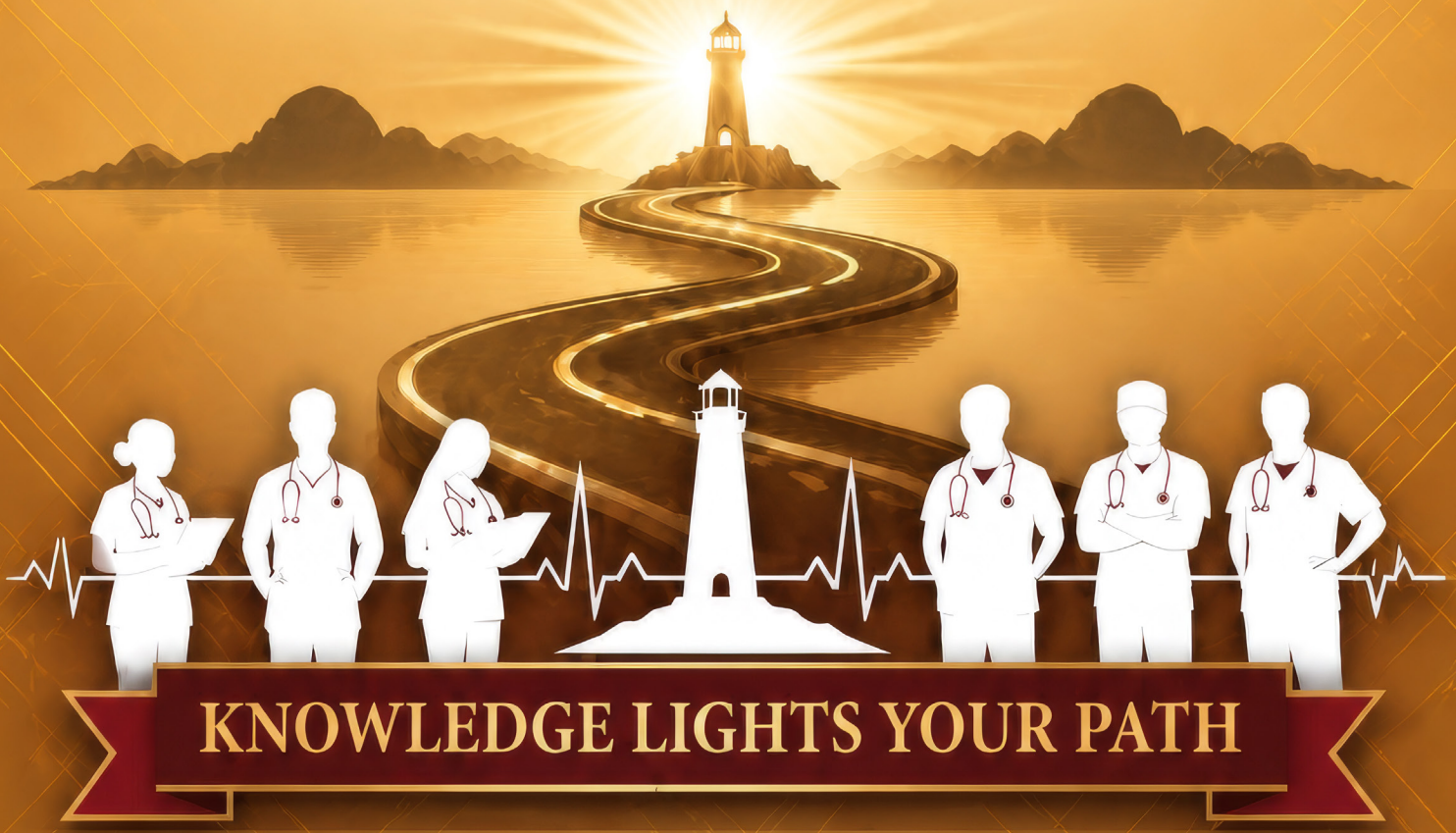
JERSEY COLLEGE
JC
EST. 2002
SCHOOL OF NURSING

FAQs

Frequently Asked Questions



Updated: August 2026

Important Notice

This FAQ provides a high-level summary of key information about Jersey College's academic programs, policies, and frequently asked questions. It is intended as a convenient overview to help prospective and current students quickly understand the essential points related to our programs, admission process, enrollment requirements, and related matters.

This document is not a comprehensive or exhaustive statement of College policies. It highlights the main points in a more accessible format, but it does not replace the full details contained in the Academic Catalog, website disclosures, or other official College publications. In the event of any difference between this FAQ and the College's official documents, the official documents control.

Jersey College takes reasonable steps to ensure that the information in this document is accurate and current at the time of publication. Nevertheless, all information is subject to change without prior notice. The College does not guarantee the ongoing accuracy of any information contained herein. Academic programs, admission requirements, course offerings, schedules, prerequisites, clinical placements, accreditation status, and institutional policies may be modified at any time in response to regulatory updates, accreditation standards, faculty availability, enrollment needs, or other operational factors.

For the most current and authoritative information, individuals are directed to consult the official Jersey College website at https://www.jerseycollege.edu and the Academic Catalog available at https://www.jerseycollege.edu/student-resources/college-catalog. These resources contain the official program requirements, curriculum maps, course descriptions, admission and enrollment policies, accreditation details, and other essential information.

Nothing in this document constitutes an offer of admission or a guarantee of enrollment in any specific course or program. Meeting the minimum admission criteria does not guarantee acceptance. Admission decisions, course registration, and seating are determined solely by the College in accordance with its established policies and available capacity.

Jersey College reserves the right to limit, delay, or deny enrollment in a course, and to cancel or restrict registration, based on factors such as enrollment levels, faculty availability, practicum site availability, or other operational considerations. Coursework, instructional methods, clinical placements, schedules, and program structures may change, and students should anticipate that adjustments may occur during their course of study.

Furthermore, nothing contained in this FAQ guarantees that a student will successfully complete a program, graduate, obtain professional licensure, or secure employment upon completion. Academic progress, graduation, and career outcomes depend on individual performance, adherence to all program requirements, external licensing board decisions, and prevailing employment market conditions. Students are solely responsible for monitoring their own academic standing and for verifying all information with the College's official sources.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Q. What programs does Jersey College offer?

A. Jersey College is focused exclusively on nursing education and offers two programs:

The Professional Nursing Program educates and prepares students for entry-level registered nursing positions in a variety of health care settings. The Professional Nursing Program has two options.[1] The generic option is for individuals without existing nursing licenses. The advanced placement option (also known as the LPN to RN bridge) is for individuals holding a current, unencumbered practical nursing license. Students requesting advanced placement in the Professional Nursing Program are required to provide Jersey College with an official transcript from their Practical Nursing education to obtain credit for prior learning. Students earn an Associate Degree in Nursing upon successful completion of the Professional Nursing Program.[2]

The Practical Nursing Program is a diploma program that prepares students to provide support and restorative care. The program includes both theory and clinical components to develop the knowledge, skills, and competencies needed for employment as a Licensed Practical Nurse.

Q. What is Jersey College's accreditation and licensure status?

A. Jersey College is institutionally accredited by The Council on Occupational Education (COE), an institutional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education. COE may be contacted at 7840 Roswell Road, Building 300, Suite 325, Atlanta, Georgia 30350; (770) 396-3898; www.council.org.

The Professional Nursing Program at certain campuses is programmatically accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), a specialized accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education. The ACEN may be contacted at: 3343 Peachtree Road NE; Suite 850; Atlanta, GA 30326; (404) 945-5000; www.acenursing.org. A current list of ACEN-accredited campuses is available at www.jerseycollege.edu/about/accreditation-licensing.

Each campus is licensed, authorized, and/or approved by its respective state education agency, and the Nursing Programs are approved by the applicable State Board of Nursing. Full details are available at www.jerseycollege.edu/about/accreditation-licensing.

Q. What are the requirements for becoming a nurse?

A. To become a licensed nurse, individuals must typically:

- Graduate from an approved or accredited nursing program
- Apply to their State Board of Nursing
- Pass the NCLEX examination
- Complete a criminal background check

State Boards of Nursing may deny licensure for reasons that include, but are not limited to:

- Incomplete or fraudulent documentation
- Criminal convictions (especially felonies or crimes involving moral turpitude)
- Substance abuse that endangers patients
- Unprofessional or dishonorable conduct

Each application is evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Applicants are responsible for contacting their State Board of Nursing to determine their eligibility.

1 Not all options are available at all campuses.

2 Depending on the State and campus the degree earned is an Associate of Science Degree in Nursing or an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing.

Q. What is the mission, vision, values, goals, and institutional learning outcomes for Jersey College?

A. Mission: Our mission is to bridge the labor gap occurring in demand occupations by educating and developing competent professionals that are well prepared to enter the job market.

Vision: Jersey College will be a nationally recognized institution of higher learning dedicated to excellence and innovation in nursing education and offering pathways for professional growth.

Values: Jersey College seeks to instill "PRIDE" throughout our community. PRIDE encompasses the following characteristics:

- Professionalism: Judiciously use reasoning, knowledge, technical skills, communication, and reflection
- Respect: Value the beliefs, opinions, and contributions of others
- Integrity: Embody and demonstrate honest and ethical behaviors
- Diversity: Appreciate differences through the exchange of ideas, perspectives, and constructive discourse
- Excellence: Embrace challenges, pursue innovative ideas, and strive for academic distinction

Goals: In pursuit of our mission, Jersey College has established the following institutional goals:

- Academic Excellence
- Community Engagement and Recognition
- Diverse Student Experience
- Adaptation to Change

Institutional Learning Outcomes: Jersey College prepares students to be:

- Effective communicators (ISLO 1)
- Critical thinkers (ISLO 2)
- Responsible and ethical individuals (ISLO 3)
- Considerate and passionate community advocates (ISLO 4)
- Intellectually curious and lifelong learners (ISLO 5)

Q. What time commitment is required for the Nursing Programs?

A. The Nursing Programs at Jersey College are academically rigorous. Students should expect:

- Classroom attendance plus significant out-of-class work
- A minimum of two hours of out-of-class study for every one hour of classroom instruction
- Approximately 3–6 hours of daily out-of-class activities (reading, reviewing notes, practicing NCLEX-style questions, projects, etc.)

Students must carefully balance academic responsibilities with work and personal obligations.

Q. Where are the campuses of Jersey College located?

A. Jersey College operates campuses in multiple states through both stand-alone and hospital-based locations. For current campus locations and program offerings, see the Academic Catalog at www.jerseycollege.edu/student-resources/college-catalog.

Q. What is a hospital-based Nursing Program?

A. Hospital-based programs are collaborative partnerships between Jersey College and affiliated hospitals. These programs combine traditional college education with early and consistent exposure to the hospital environment. Key objectives include:

- Providing alternative pathways for individuals seeking to enter the nursing profession;
- Producing competent nurses prepared to enter the acute care setting and other healthcare environments;
- Offering students opportunities to learn about the inner workings of a hospital;
- Assimilating the nursing values and philosophies of our affiliated hospitals into the nursing curriculum; and
- Creating a pipeline of graduates familiar with the hospital's mission and culture.

Jersey College provides the academic education; the affiliated hospital provides clinical access and exposure to evidence-based practice.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Q. What requirements must I meet in order to be eligible for admission?

A. Applicants must meet both general College standards and School of Nursing standards. State-specific requirements may also apply (see the Academic Catalog at www.jerseycollege.edu/student-resources/college-catalog).

General Standards for Admission

To be considered for admission at Jersey College, applicants must:

- Be at least 18 years old.
- Provide proof of high school graduation or equivalent (foreign credentials must be equivalent to a U.S. diploma). Ability-to-Benefit (ATB) admission is not offered.
- Provide proof of U.S. citizenship or permanent residency.
- Complete an admission application.
- Participate in interviews and receive a recommendation for admission.
- Pay the required program deposit (applied toward tuition and fees).

School of Nursing Standards for Admission

Applicants must also meet minimum scores on one of the following:

	Minimum Score by Program	
	Professional Nursing	Practical Nursing
American College Test (ACT)	19 Composite Score	17 Composite Score
Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)	990 CR-M (taken on or after March 5, 2016) 910 CR-M (taken before March 5, 2016)	900 CR-M (taken on or after March 5, 2016) 820 CR-M (taken before March 5, 2016)
Jersey College Entrance Exam	Combined score of 165 in reading and mathematics (with a minimum of 80 on the reading section)	75 on Reading and Math

The Jersey College Entrance Exam covers Math (whole numbers, decimals, fractions, ratios, percentages, and conversions) and Reading Comprehension (main idea, inference, and predicting outcomes). We strongly recommend that prospective students attend our complimentary tutoring sessions, which are offered at no cost to anyone who registers for the exam. Please contact your Admissions Representative for the upcoming tutoring schedule and for information on arranging to take the exam.

In lieu of demonstrating minimum skills through an aptitude test, applicants may seek admission into the Professional Nursing Program by submitting proof of successful completion of prior nursing education from an approved/accredited Practical Nursing Program and proof of a current, active, unencumbered LPN license. These students may receive advanced placement.

Q. How are applicants evaluated?

A. Admission decisions consider application materials, interview results, entrance exam scores, prior academic performance, and other factors. Applicants are notified of acceptance or denial by letter.

Q. How often do new classes start?

A. Start dates vary by campus and program. Many campuses offer multiple start opportunities throughout the year. Prospective students should contact the Admissions Office at their preferred campus for the current schedule of upcoming start dates.

ENROLLMENT AND REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS:

Q. What is required to enroll and register for courses?

A. To enroll and register in courses at Jersey College, students must:

- Arrange payment of tuition and fees
- Sign an Enrollment Agreement
- Attend orientation
- Pass a background check
- Determine course sequence
- Complete all required enrollment paperwork

Additional requirements for clinical courses:

- Current physical examination (within 6 months) and documentation of fitness for healthcare work
- Current immunizations and titers (Mantoux, Tetanus, Hepatitis B or waiver, MMR, Varicella)
- Current American Heart Association BLS for Healthcare Providers certification
- Current, active, unencumbered LPN license (if applicable)
- Ability to meet the Technical Standards
- Any additional requirements imposed by clinical facilities (drug screening, COVID/flu vaccination, mask fit testing, facility orientation, etc.)

Students are responsible for all associated costs. Students who cannot meet clinical requirements will not be permitted to participate and may be placed on leave or withdrawn.

Other enrollment limitations:

- No overlapping course times
- Day and evening classes may not be combined without College approval
- The College reserves the right to limit, delay, deny, or cancel enrollment based on academic, operational, or capacity factors

Q. What are the Technical Standards for the Nursing Programs?

A. Students in clinical courses must be able to, among other things:

- Communicate effectively in spoken, written, and electronic formats
- Stand for at least 2 hours and walk for at least 6 hours
- Stoop, bend, and twist repeatedly
- Lift or assist in transferring a 40-pound person
- Demonstrate fine motor skills and sensory abilities needed for patient care
- Respond to verbal cues and equipment signals
- Remain calm and decisive in crisis situations
- Maintain professional behavior and personal hygiene

These standards may be met with or without reasonable accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504.

Q. What technology is required?

A. The Nursing Programs require a computer to access the learning management system (Canvas), complete assignments, create presentations, and conduct research. Minimum computer specifications are listed in the Academic Catalog.

Q. What is the attendance policy?

A. Regular attendance is required in both didactic and clinical courses. Nursing education involves sequential learning and clinical experiences that cannot always be made up. Excessive absences may result in a student being unable to meet course objectives and can lead to course failure or withdrawal. Specific attendance requirements and the consequences of absences are detailed in the Academic Catalog and course syllabi.

Q. How are clinical sites assigned? Will I have to travel?

A. Clinical placements are assigned by the College based on site availability, program requirements, and educational objectives. Students should expect to travel to clinical facilities and may be assigned to sites that require a reasonable commute. Clinical schedules can include early morning, evening, night, and weekend shifts. The College does not guarantee placement at any particular facility or location.

CURRICULUM AND SCHEDULING:

Q. How are academic credits calculated in the Nursing Programs?

A. The Professional Nursing Program is offered on a semester and quarter term basis. The semester plan involves approximately 16 weeks of classes each term with 1 credit equaling 15 hours of didactic instruction, 30 hours of lab instruction and 45 hours of practicum instruction. The quarter plan involves approximately 12 weeks of classes each term with 1 credit equaling 10 hours of didactic instruction, 20 hours of lab instruction and 30 hours of practicum instruction. The Practical Nursing Program is offered on a clock hour basis with approximately 12 weeks of instruction in the day schedule each term and 16 weeks of instruction in the evening schedule each term.

Q. How long does each Nursing Program take to complete?

A. Program length varies by campus, schedule (day or evening), term structure (semester or quarter), and the individual student's pace. The Professional Nursing Program typically takes between 15 and 36 months to complete, depending on whether a student is in the generic track or the advanced placement (LPN to RN) track, and whether they attend day or evening classes. The Practical Nursing Program generally takes between 12 and 18 months, depending on whether the student attends day or evening classes.

Actual completion time can be longer if a student takes a reduced course load, repeats coursework, or takes a leave of absence. Students should discuss the expected timeline for their specific campus and schedule with their Program Administrator.

Q. Are the Nursing Programs offered on a part-time basis?

A. Jersey College understands that many students balance school with work, family, and other responsibilities. Students are welcome and encouraged to enroll on a part-time basis if that better fits their personal situation.

A reduced course load will extend the time needed to complete the program and may affect eligibility for certain types of financial aid. Anyone considering a part-time schedule should speak with their Program Administrator and a financial aid representative to understand both the academic and funding implications.

Q. What courses are included in each Nursing Program and what does a typical schedule look like?

A. Sample schedules and course descriptions are available on the College website and in the Academic Catalog.

Q. When are classes scheduled?

A. Classes and clinicals are generally held between 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m., Monday–Friday (weekends typically 6:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.). Schedules vary by term and campus. Clinical experiences may include early morning, evening, night, or weekend shifts and may exceed eight hours.

Q. What are the End-of-Program Student Learning Outcomes for the Nursing Programs?

A. Graduates of Jersey College's Nursing Programs are expected to demonstrate the following competencies:

Professional Nursing Program:

- Apply Roy's Adaptation Model as a systematic problem-solving approach to provide effective care to culturally diverse individuals, families, and groups across the lifespan.
- Develop individualized plans of care that address the client's values, customs, culture, religion, and/or beliefs.
- Communicate effectively using interpersonal skills and information technology to support positive client outcomes.
- Integrate evidence-based, bio-psycho-social-cultural and spiritual nursing interventions to promote optimal client health.
- Prioritize nursing care for individuals and groups across the continuum of care.
- Employ critical thinking to provide safe and effective nursing care.
- Utilize professional values and ethical standards as the foundation for nursing practice.
- Adhere to the legal scope of practice and professional boundaries of the registered nurse.
- Coordinate with the interdisciplinary health care team in planning comprehensive care.
- Leverage technology to support the delivery of quality nursing care.

Practical Nursing Program:

- Apply the holistic nursing process as a systematic problem-solving method to provide therapeutic care to culturally diverse individuals, families, and groups across the lifespan.
- Implement established plans of care that incorporate the client's values, customs, culture, religion, and/or beliefs.
- Communicate effectively using interpersonal skills and information technology to support positive client outcomes.
- Incorporate evidence-based, biological-psychological-social-cultural and spiritual nursing interventions to promote optimal client health.
- Provide nursing care for individuals and groups using core clinical skills.
- Employ critical thinking to provide safe and effective nursing care.
- Utilize professional values and ethical standards as the foundation for nursing practice.
- Adhere to the legal scope of practice and professional boundaries of the licensed practical nurse.
- Collaborate with members of the interdisciplinary health care team in the provision of care.
- Leverage technology to support the delivery of quality nursing care.

GRADUATION AND PROGRESS REQUIREMENTS:

Q. What is required to graduate from the Nursing Programs?

A. Students must (i) complete all required courses with a satisfactory grade and (ii) satisfy all financial obligations to the College.

Q. What grade in courses must I maintain?

A. Students must earn a "C" or higher in each course and pass the practicum (clinical, lab, etc.) component. Failure to meet these standards may result in academic probation or dismissal.

Q. What happens if I fail a course?

A. Students who fail a course may be permitted to repeat it, subject to the limitations and conditions in the Academic Catalog. Repeated course failures may result in academic probation or dismissal from the program. Students are encouraged to meet with their Program Administrator promptly if they are at risk of failing a course.

FINANCING:

Q. What is the cost of the Nursing Programs?

A. Current tuition and fee schedules are available at www.jerseycollege.edu. Tuition is charged term-by-term (Professional Nursing) or by program (Practical Nursing). Rates are subject to change.

Q. Is financial aid available?

A. Jersey College is approved to offer federal financial aid (also known as Title IV aid). Federal financial aid is available to those who qualify. The financial aid planners at Jersey College are available to assist students with applying for federal financial aid and discussing the types of aid (Stafford Loans and Pell Grants) that they may qualify to receive.

Q. Does Jersey College offer alternative payment options, such as an installment plan?

A. Jersey College does offer installment plans for payment of tuition and fees. These plans typically require a certain upfront payment, with the remainder of the tuition and other fees paid off in monthly installments pursuant to an installment note. The installment note is typically payable over the term of the program. Students can obtain additional information regarding these plans from their financial aid planners.

Q. Does my program require a commitment deposit?

A. A minimum commitment deposit of $500 is due prior to the start of the program. This deposit is required to hold a student's seat. Without paying a deposit, the seat in the upcoming class remains open and may be awarded to another student. The deposit funds are applied against a student's account and the total cost of the program. Financial aid may not be used to pay the deposit, since the deposit is supposed to be paid in advance of the program.

TRANSFER OF CREDIT:

Q. What is the transfer credit policy?

A. Transfer Credits Out: Acceptance of Jersey College credits is determined solely by the receiving institution. Prospective students of Jersey College should consider this fact if they plan to continue their educational studies and desire to obtain credit for course work completed at Jersey College. Students are responsible to confirm whether or not Jersey College credits will be accepted by another institution of their choice.

A. Transfer from Other Institutions: Jersey College may accept college-level coursework completed at other institutions. Transfer credit is awarded only when the course meets the College's academic standards for content, rigor, credit hours, and learning outcomes. All transfer decisions are made by Jersey College and are intended to protect the quality of the credentials we award.

To be considered for transfer credit, a course must meet all of the following:

- Institution: Completed at a post-secondary institution accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.
- Grade: Grade of "C" or better (or equivalent).
- Currency: Completed within the last five (5) years. Courses older than five years may still be considered if you successfully complete a Challenge Exam.
- Equivalency: The course must be substantially equivalent in content, learning outcomes, credit/clock hours, and academic rigor to a specific eligible Jersey College course.
- Eligible courses: Only courses established by program faculty and listed in the Academic Catalog are eligible for transfer.

Important residency rule: Regardless of how much transfer credit is awarded, at least 25% of the total credits required for a student's program must be earned through instruction at Jersey College.

Common reasons a course may be denied: It does not closely match the required Jersey College course (content, depth, or required components such as a lab or research paper); it is remedial or developmental; it is older than five years and a Challenge Exam is not passed; or the credit hours are insufficient.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Q. What is Jersey College's policy on disability accommodations?

A. Jersey College is committed to responding to the needs of students with disabilities in accordance with the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. The College provides reasonable accommodations for otherwise qualified students.

To request reasonable accommodations at Jersey College for testing or other considerations, students must submit an application requesting reasonable accommodations (the application is available at www.jerseycollege.edu/policies) and provide sufficient documentation, including, but not limited to:

- Evaluation by a licensed or credentialed professional with expertise related to the diagnosed condition (the evaluator may not be related to the student)
- A clear diagnostic statement describing the condition, current symptoms, and functional impact
- A summary of the assessment procedures and evaluation results
- Information on the progression or stability of the condition
- A description of how the disability affects learning or other major life activities in an educational setting
- Specific recommendations for accommodations and the rationale for each
- Records of any prior accommodations and their effectiveness, if available

Acceptable qualified professionals are listed in the Academic Catalog. If multiple conditions are present, each must be evaluated by an appropriately qualified professional.

OTHER COMMON QUESTIONS:

Q. Do I have to already have a college degree to apply to the College?

A. A college degree is not required. Certain options (such as LPN-to-RN) and some state requirements may require prior education or licensure.

Q. Are there prerequisite courses required for admission?

A. No college-level prerequisites are required for general admission. Once enrolled, courses must be taken in the required sequence according to the curriculum plan and Catalog policies.

Q. Where can I find NCLEX Pass Rates for the Nursing Programs?

A. Pass rates are published by State Boards of Nursing and can be accessed through the National Council of State Boards of Nursing at www.ncsbn.org.

Q. Does Jersey College provide NCLEX preparation support?

A. NCLEX-style questions and test-taking strategies are integrated throughout the Nursing Programs. Additional resources and guidance may be available through faculty and campus support services. Students are ultimately responsible for their own preparation and for meeting the requirements of their State Board of Nursing.

Q. Do the Nursing Programs meet educational requirements in all 50 states?

A. Jersey College has made a determination that its Practical and Professional Nursing Program curricula meet the state educational requirements for licensure in certain states. This information is available on our website at www.jerseycollege.edu/policies under the State Authorization Federal Disclosures link.

Q. How can I obtain the Campus Security and Safety Annual Report?

A. The report is available at www.jerseycollege.edu/policies. Paper copies may be requested from the Campus Director's office.

Q. Where can I obtain additional information regarding Jersey College's policies and procedures?

A. The most complete and authoritative information about Jersey College is available on the College website and in its official publications. Key resources include:

- Academic Catalog: Contains full program requirements, curriculum maps, course descriptions, admission and enrollment policies, tuition and fees, refund policies, transfer of credit rules, promotion and graduation requirements, and other institutional policies: www.jerseycollege.edu/student-resources/college-catalog

- Course Offerings and Transfer Policies Brochure: Provides additional details on course availability and transfer of credit guidelines. www.jerseycollege.edu

- Accreditation & Licensing Information: Current institutional and programmatic accreditation status, as well as state authorizations and Board of Nursing approvals: www.jerseycollege.edu/about/accreditation-licensing

- Policies & Disclosures Page: Includes State Authorization Federal Disclosures, the Campus Security and Safety Annual Report, disability accommodation procedures, and other required consumer information: www.jerseycollege.edu/policies

- Secure Assessment / Exam Integrity Information: Details related to testing procedures, academic integrity expectations, and assessment policies are available through the College's official resources and student portals. www.jerseycollege.edu/policies

Students are encouraged to review these materials regularly, as policies, program details, and requirements may be updated. When information in this FAQ differs from the official Catalog, the Catalog controls.

NOTES


PRIDE
Diverse
Academic
Integrity
Bridge
Success
Train
Sacrifice
Ethical
Learners
Thinkers
Advocates
Change
Curious
VISION
Critical
Adaptation
Recognized
Considerate
Engagement
Professionals
Strength
Job Market
Labor Gap
Effective
Intellectually
Understanding
Recognition
Passionate
Support
Diverse
GOALS
Success
Community
Lifelong
Respect
Commitment
Competent
Student
MISSION


Excellence
VALUES
OUTCOMES
Recognition
Nationally
Responsible
Train
Respect
Job Market
Change
Professionals
Professionalism
PRIDE
Effective
Curious
Lifelong
Demand Occupations
Commitment
Success
Strength
Academic
Empowerment
Individuals
Diverse
MISSION


MISSION
Community
GOALS
Engagement
VALUES
Experience
Effective
Individuals
Empowerment
Support
Lifelong
Respect
Labor Gap
Student
Integrity
Passionate
Competent
Recognition
Bridge
Diverse
Academic
Learners
Nationally
Professionalism
PRIDE