

The University of New Brunswick offers an LPN BRIDGE PROGRAM (Saint John campus) and an [LPN PATHWAY \(Fredericton campus\)](#). Both programs recognize the prior learning of Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) graduates from NB based LPN programs. Both programs allow students to transition into year three of a Bachelor of Nursing (BN) Degree Program at UNB.

PLEASE NOTE: Students accepted to the LPN BRIDGE are connected to the Saint John campus. Students accepted to the LPN PATHWAY are connected to the Fredericton campus. Transfers between campuses and programs are NOT available at any time.

Admission Requirements

Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) will be able to gain access to an LPN Bridge, a cluster of required university courses that, upon successful completion, qualify them to apply for admission to the Bachelor of Nursing (BN) degree if they (1) hold current memberships in the Association of New Brunswick Practical Licensed Nurses (ANBLPN) in good standing, and (2) are a graduate of either a) Oulton College (2014 to present) or b), the 18-month or two-year NBCC Practical Nurse program. NBCC graduates of the 18-month program must be graduates from 2004 and onward and NBCC graduates from the 2-year program must be graduates from 2009 and onward. Students must have achieved a minimum grade of 75% in every course in their previous LPN program and in each of the additional courses identified, if applicable. Finally, students require successful completion of High School MATH 112 (a) with a minimum grade of 60%. Since there are non-academic requirements associated with the next step in the admission process, namely being admitted to the BN program, students are advised to familiarize themselves with all admission requirements before applying to the Bridge Courses.

APPLICATION DEADLINE FEBRUARY 15

Application Instructions

To apply to the Bridge, begin by completing the standard UNB application form available online at [Applying to UNB](#). There is a **\$65 application fee**. In addition to the online application, students must provide the following documentation:

1. Official High School transcript
2. All Official post-secondary transcripts
3. Copy of current membership with the Association of New Brunswick Licensed Practical Nurses (ANBLPN) in good standing

Seats are limited and considered extremely competitive. It is crucial that all required documentation be submitted by the application deadline. Applications will be reviewed by the Office of the Registrar.

What's Next?

To subsequently be admitted to the BN Program, LPN Bridge applicants must meet the following requirements: (1) a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 on the six successfully completed Bridge courses with no grade less than C in any one course, (2) and provide proof of current registration with the Association of New Brunswick Practical Licensed Nurses (ANBPLN) in good standing.

APPLICATION - LPN to BN Bridge students must apply to enter the BN program for the upcoming year following successful completion of the Bridge. Once admitted, students will join an existing BN class for the third and fourth year of the BN program. BN students who enter the program through the LPN BN Bridge must complete the BN program requirements within four years of starting the BN program.

Successful applicants will receive an offer of admission and have 2 weeks to confirm their seat. The \$250.00 admission deposit is due at this time. **All other applicants** will be contacted by the Office of the Registrar with an update on their status.

Confirmed students should plan to be available for courses in the next Fall and Winter terms. An academic term at university (part time or full time) is a considerable time commitment and students should be prepared to make their academics a top priority.

Program Courses

- NURS 2132** Pharmacology*
- NURS 2051** Clinical Decision Making*
- NURS 2011** Concepts for Professional Nursing Practice*
- PSYC 1003** Introduction to Psychology I
- BIOL 2831** Pathophysiology I
- STATS 2263** Statistics for Health Sciences

* Courses must be taken at UNB Saint John campus.

Online Options – Students may choose to take available courses through the UNB College of Extended Learning. Potential CEL courses may include: Psyc 1013, Biol 2509 and Stat 2263. Online courses carry separate costs and require approval from the Program Coordinator. All courses (regardless of UNB CEL rules) must be completed with marks submitted by the last day in June. NURS courses are not available for online delivery.

Course Registration & Advising – LPN Bridge students register for courses via their MYUNB account which is created as part of the acceptance process. The [Program Coordinator](#) can assist you with academic advising or any other general questions regarding the program.

Transfer Credits - Prior accredited post-secondary courses (outside of the PN program courses) may be assessed for potential transfer to the program. Courses must meet the standards and conditions of the UNB Nursing Program. All courses must have a C grade or higher to be transferable. Non-Nursing courses must be no older than 10 years. Specific NURS content courses will not be transferable. Course transfers may be requested via the Office of the Registrar.

Cost – The LPN Bridge program represents a full time term at UNB. Costs for a full time term are updated each year and can be reviewed at [Undergraduate Tuition and Fees](#).

Services – LPN bridge students have access to [all services available to UNB full time students](#).

After a student has successfully transferred to the BN program

Important Dates

- **June 30 – All Courses Complete / Transfer Application Deadline**
- **July (3rd Monday) – All critical documents and course registration for upcoming year must be complete – instructions will be provided for this.**

CRITICAL DOCUMENTS

1. Criminal/Vulnerable Sector Verification
2. Proof of CPR - HCP Level C
3. Horizon Documentation
4. Horizon Confidentiality Declaration of Understanding Agreement
 - a. Horizon Code of Conduct Agreement
 - b. Horizon Information Sheet
 - c. Horizon ELearning – Signed checklist
 - d. McKesson Elearning Confirmation
5. UNB Code of Conduct
6. UNB Immunization Form
7. UNB Medical Information Form
8. N95 Mask Confirmation

A student who does not meet the deadline for submission of their critical documents or clinical course registration will be withdrawn from clinical courses by the Office of the Registrar for the upcoming year as well as any associated prerequisite or corequisite theory courses.

Upon successful completion of the above steps, students will receive an email from the Office of the Registrar confirming transfer to the third year of the BN Degree Program. A block of transfer credit will be coded to the student's official UNB record.

Students will be advised in class on the transfer to BN Year 3 process. For more information on BN Program courses please consult the UNB Academic Calendar. For more information on the LPN Bridge Program, please contact:

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