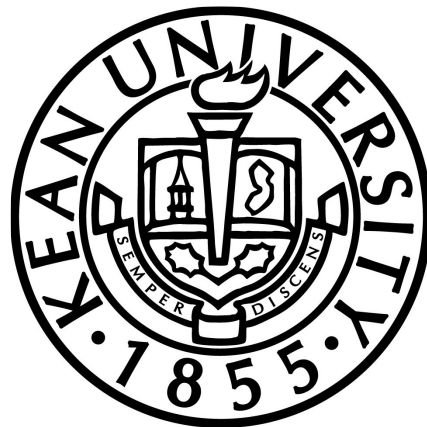


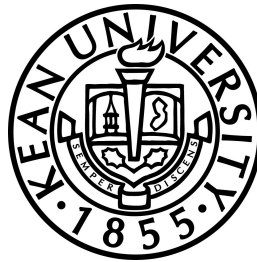
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Off-Site Program

SCHOOL OF NURSING
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RN-BSN
APPLICATION INFORMATION
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Dear Registered Nurse:

Welcome to Kean University School of Nursing. It is my hope that this information packet will be useful to you as you learn about the Kean University Offsite RN-BSN Program at Raritan Valley Community College in North Branch, N.J.

All courses in the Kean University RN-BSN Offsite Program are available at the North Branch campus. The nursing courses (lectures) are predominantly held on Fridays with non-nursing courses offered through RVCC and Kean University at various times during the academic year and summer sessions. Since the inception of the program in January 2005, nurses have found the program to be flexible, affordable, and manageable in balancing their personal, family and career responsibilities.

The RN-BSN program can be completed in approximately twenty months, although most students who work full-time complete the program in three years. In addition, bridge courses to the MSN at Kean University, as well as a BSN program for second degree students are available at the RVCC campus. Beginning Spring 2008, the first required graduate course in the MSN program will be offered at Kean University's offsite RVCC location.

Please call me to discuss this new nursing educational opportunity serving Somerset and Hunterdon counties. I can meet with you to discuss your educational objectives as you plan your path of progression to completion of the BSN, and beyond.

I look forward to meeting you. Please contact me at either Raritan Valley Community College, Hunterdon Hall Room 200, (908) 526-1200, ext 8917 or at Kean University, Department of Nursing, Townsend 116G, (908) 737-3394. My email address is: kneville@kean.edu.

I look forward to meeting with you.

Sincerely,
Kathleen L. Neville, Ph.D., R.N.
Professor and Program Coordinator
Offsite RN-BSN Program @ RVCC

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2009-2010

RN-BSN APPLICATION INFORMATION

WE WELCOME YOUR INQUIRY INTO THE BSN NURSING PROGRAM.
WE HOPE THIS INFORMATION WILL BE HELPFUL TO YOU IN YOUR
PLANNING. PLEASE CALL 908-737-3390 IF YOU HAVE FURTHER QUESTIONS.

This program is for RN's without a Bachelor's degree. If you are an RN with a Bachelor's degree in some other major, please call 908-737-3390 for information about our Bridge Program to the MSN.

BSN ADMISSION PROCESS

- Obtain a Kean University Application from the **Center for Academic Success, 908-737-0300** or www.kean.edu (On-line applications are encouraged). Payment must be included (see online guidelines).
- Submit an application. **Under Admission Status, check TRANSFER**, so you will be admitted as a transfer student, not a freshman. Check RVCC campus.
- Have high school and all college transcripts sent to: **Transfer Student Services
Kean University
Union, NJ 07083
Or submit to Dr. Neville
Hunterdon Hall Room 200
at RVCC**

Required cumulative GPA is 2.0 (C).

- Await a letter of Admission to the University. In this letter you will receive a pin number which will allow you access to check your records. If you have any question please contact Keesha Jackson at 908 737-0315.
- After admission await a copy of your "**Degree Audit**" from the Academic Advisor for the Nursing Department. This degree audit is a summary of courses required for the BSN, and will indicate all the credits accepted and transferred from other colleges you attended.
- Soon after your admission, you will be assigned a School of Nursing faculty advisor. (RVCC advisor is Dr. Neville).

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- Keep all admission and advisement papers pertaining to Kean University in a file and bring this file with you to advisement meetings.
- If you have questions please contact Dr. Neville at kneville@kean.edu or 908 526-1200, ext 8917.
- Once admitted, after completing RVCC courses, you will need to submit official RVCC transcripts to the Kean University registrar's office accompanied by a visitor's student form which can be obtained in Dr. Neville's office.

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SUMMARY OF B.S.N. PROGRAM OF STUDY AT KEAN UNIVERSITY

On admission, all nursing students are awarded 30 credits for nursing education completed at the AS, AAS or diploma level as well as additional credits for courses taken in an approved college.

KEAN UNIVERSITY PROGRAM OF STUDY:

General Education requirements

Thirty to thirty-two credits in general education courses are required for graduation. General education courses are divided into Foundation Requirements (12 S.H.) and Disciplinary & Interdisciplinary Requirements (6 S.H.), Social Science (6 S.H.), Science & Math (8 S.H.) and additional required courses (15-17 S.H.).

Nursing Major Requirements

There are four support courses and nine nursing required courses for the B.S.N. These courses constitute the major in nursing at Kean and can be completed by most full time students in four semesters. Part time students may elect from a variety of patterns to complete degree requirements. Most part-time students complete the program in three to four years.

Support Courses

There are four required support courses totaling twelve credits offered by other academic disciplines. Like the nursing courses, these are scheduled to enable students to attend during the Friday schedule or during the summer. They are as follows:

Sociology of the Family
Life-Span Developmental Psychology
Moral Problems in Health Care
Introduction to Public Health

Nursing Courses

A total of nine nursing courses (31 credits) make up the upper division nursing core. Five have a clinical component, and four are lecture/seminar courses. Kean University Nursing courses at RVCC are offered on Friday during the day and clinical sections are offered on Wednesdays during the day.

Electives

An additional 3-7 credits of courses selected by the student are required for graduation.

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TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED FOR THE B.S.N. DEGREE: 125

KEAN UNIVERSITY – COLLEGE OF
(84100) BSN IN NURSING 125 S.H.
EFFECTIVE DATE: Fall 2009

START TERM: _____

NAME		TRANSFER INSTITUTIONS (X)	Credits:
STUDENT ID#		In Progress	
GENERAL EDUCATION: 30-32 Semester Hours (S.H.)			
Foundation Requirements 12 S.H.		ACADEMIC MAJOR ¹	73 Semester Hours (S.H.)
***ENG 1030 College Composition	Eng. 111	3	***Support Courses 12 S.H.
CPS 1031 Intro to Computers	CISY 102	3	SOC 2100 Sociology of the Family Soc 202
COMM 1402 Speech Comm as Critical Citizenship ¹	COM 102	3	PSY 3110 Life-Span Dev Psy Psy 215
GE 2024 Research and Technology	Eng. 112	3	PHIL 3314 Moral Prob Health Care
			HED 3635 Intro to Public Health
Disciplinary & Interdisciplinary Distribution Requirements:			
Humanities: 6 S.H.			Nursing 1999 (Lower Division)
*ENG 2403 World Literature	Eng. 211 or 212	3	
			30 CBE
Select only one course from:			***UPPER DIVISION NURSING COURSES 29 S.H.
Fine Arts or Art History	1 course from	3	NURS 3000 Conc Found /Inq in Nsg
Foreign Languages	humanities	3	NURS 3010 Health Assessment
Music or Theatre	specified	3	NURS 3020 Found Transcultural Care
Interdisciplinary		3	NURS 3030 Issues in Prof Nsg Prac
			NURS 3200 Prof Nsg: HP/Community
			NURS 4200 Research in Nursing
Social Sciences: 6 S.H.			NURS 4300 Prof Nsg: Living with Ill
*HIST 1000 Civil Society in America	HIS 201 or 202	3	NURS 4400 Prof Nsg: Leadership
PSY 1000 General Psychology ²	Psy 103	3	
			***G.E. and Major Capstone 2 S.H.
Science and Mathematics ¹ : 8 S.H.			NURS 4900 Indep. Pract in Nursing (1 credit from NURS 4400 applied to Capstone)
BIOX 2001 Anatomy and Physiology I ²	Bio 124	3-4	
BIOX 2002 Anatomy and Physiology II ²	Bio 125	3-4	
			FREE ELECTIVES 3-7 Semester Hours (S.H.)
Additional Required Courses ¹ 15-17 Semester Hours (S.H.)			Nurse 211 Trends in Nursing
PHIL 1100 Intro to Philosophy	Phil 101	3	
SOC 1000 Intro to Sociology ²	Soc 101	3	
MATH 1016 Statistics	Math 222	3	
BIOX 2003 Microbiology ²	Bio 133	3-4	
CHEM 1030 Essentials of Chemistry ²	Chem 102	3-4	
			Other Transfer:
			Special Notes:
			* GE Required Course
			*** Eng 1030 and all major courses require a grade of C or better.
			¹ These courses require a grade of C or better.
			² Prerequisites for admission to Nursing.
			>Require advisor permission
			Note: See foreign language requirements
			TOTAL CREDITS:
			Advisor:
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(84100) B.S.N. Nursing – (for RNs only)

Evaluation of prerequisite courses for transfer credit is based on policies established by Kean University and the faculty of the Nursing Department.

- B. All prerequisite courses and major requirements must be completed with a grade of “C” or higher.
- C. Lower division nursing credits are granted upon admission.
- D. It is strongly urged that required major support courses (CPS, Sociology of the Family, Life-Span Dev. Psychology, etc.) be taken at Kean. With the exception of CPS 1031 and SOC 2100, these required courses are at the upper-division level.
- E. A minimum of 32 credits must be taken at Kean.
- F. Fifty percent (50%) of the nursing major credits must be completed at Kean
- G. Before taking General and/or Subject CLEP exams, contact your faculty advisor regarding policies and procedures. Any General Exam must be taken before earning a total of 30 credits towards your degree (Kean and/or transfer credits). Any Subject Exam must be taken before earning a total of 86 credits (Kean and/or transfer credits).

Comments:

Students must bring the degree audit to all faculty advisement sessions.

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CATALOGUE DESCRIPTIONS OF NURSING COURSES

NURS 3000 Conceptual Foundations and Inquiry in Nursing (3 credits) Fall/Spring Semesters

A comprehensive exploration of historical and contemporary nursing and related knowledge, including systems, the metaparadigm, philosophies, conceptual models, middle and grand theories as fundamentals of research-based nursing practice. Recognition of the scholarly role of the nurse and the value of theory and theory development as an essential basis for professional nursing practice with diverse populations. Focus is on health promotion/risk reduction as the essence of all activities is the care of individuals, families, groups and populations in all health and settings.

NURS 3010 Health Assessment (2 credits with lab) Summer Semester

Introduction to holistic health assessment and physical examination. Comprehensive health assessment to include physiological, cultural, development, nutritional, genetic and mental status assessment. Focus is on data gathering techniques, therapeutic communication skills, and use of a body systems approach to physical examination. Documentation of findings and use of the nursing process will facilitate clinical decision making in designing health promotional, risk reduction, and disease prevention activities for diverse client populations across the life span.

NURS 3020 Foundations of Transcultural Health Care (3 credits) Spring Semester

An introduction to concepts and theories relevant to healthcare for diverse populations. Diversity is examined relative to social organization, role and expectations, communication patterns and values/ beliefs underlying health-illness behaviors between western and non-western cultures. Emphasis on development of knowledge and skills in culturally congruent communication and cultural assessment. Comparative approach to global healthcare by understanding similarities and differences among commonly encountered diverse population groups.

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NURS 3030 Issues in Professional Nursing Practice (3 credits) Spring/Summer

In-depth analysis of professional nursing history as it related to an exploration of contemporary trends and issues in professional nursing. The importance of national nursing organizations, ethical imperatives, legal principles and standards of care are emphasized. The interrelationship of nursing education, healthcare delivery and practice dimensions are stressed. Dialogical and dialectical approaches as well as web-enhanced technology facilitate the development of critical thinking skills.

NURS 3200 Professional Nursing Practice: Health Promotion in the Community (5 credits with lab) Fall Semester

Continued study of nursing models and application of relevant theories to guide nursing practice as it pertains to health promotion and risk reduction. Using the family as the essential unit of care within the community, critical thinking and clinical decision-making processes will facilitate the design, management and provision of care to modify risk factors, and promote engagement of healthy lifestyles among individuals and families within the community. Specific clinical activities are related to prevention and reduction of health disparities across the life span through the conduct of community assessment and the development and implementation of culturally appropriate nursing strategies reflecting professional values and behaviors.

NURS 4200 Research in Nursing (3 credits) Fall semester

Introduction to systematic investigation of nursing problems. Includes historical overview of research in nursing and current research priorities. Classroom practice in critical appraisal of research reports, and systematic review of research findings for evidence upon which to base nursing practice.

NURS 4300 Professional Nursing Practice for Clients Living with Illness (5 credits with lab) Spring semester

Intensive study of the care of the sick in and across all environments. The comprehensive impacts of illness, including the bio-psychosocial and cultural aspects on the individual, family, group and community will be explored. Designing, coordinating, and managing care of the sick with emphasis on client groups as the modality of care. Includes therapeutic communication, health counseling and education of special population with the goal of maximizing optimal health states throughout the trajectory of illness across the life span.

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NURS 4400 Professional Nursing Leadership in Health Care Settings (5 credits with lab) Fall Semester

Application of systems theory as the basis for designing, managing and coordinating client care in an evolving health care environment. Focus on expanding knowledge and skills of leadership and management theories for direct and indirect nursing care. Special emphasis on delegation, development of nursing team personnel, and evaluation of outcomes. Exploration of legal/ethical issues, licensure, health policy, politics and role of professional nurse as a leader in health care will be addressed.

NURS 4900 Independent Practicum in Nursing (2 credits) Fall semester

Concluding course in which students integrate the knowledge they have gained to select, develop and implement project with clinical nursing foci. Emphasis on facilitating students' transition to role of baccalaureate prepared nurse practitioners and preparing them for future roles in professional practice.

PREREQUISITE COURSES AND WAYS TO MEET THESE REQUIREMENTS:

General Psychology (3 credits)
General Sociology (3 credits)
Microbiology (3-4 credits)
Anatomy and Physiology (6-8 credits)
Chemistry (3-4 credits)

Credit will be awarded for above courses taken at the college level. Student must have received a minimum grade of C (2.0).

Students who do not meet prerequisite requirements may do one of the following:

Psychology (3 credits):

- Take or repeat Psychology 1000
- Pass CLEP exam in psychology with grade of 49 (CLEP pamphlets in Bruce 102-C)

Sociology (3 credits):

- Take or repeat Sociology 1000.
- Pass CLEP exam in sociology with grade of 50 (CLEP pamphlets in Bruce 102-C)

Microbiology (4 credits) **(passing is a score of 45)**

Anatomy and Physiology I and 2 (8 credits) **(passing is a score of 45)**

Chemistry (4 credits) **(Passing is a score of 60)**

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Exams are scheduled by the Department of Nursing in T-116 908 737-3390), between the hours of 9 AM and 3 PM.

November 11, 2009
April 14, 2010
June 16, 2010
August 18, 2010
November 17, 2010

YOU MUST SIGN UP FOR THESE EXAMS ONE MONTH AHEAD OF TIME IN THE KEAN UNIVERSITY NURSING DEPARTMENT (at the above telephone number) AND PAY THE \$25 EXAM FEE.

The Challenge Exam may be taken at RVCC. Please contact Dr. Stich at (908)-526-1200 Ext. 8231 to schedule exams at RVCC.

- The National League for Nursing prepares the Microbiology and A&P exams. There are **no** study guides for these exams. Please obtain a recent A&P and Microbiology textbook for review.
- Kean's Chemistry Department prepared the Chemistry exam. There is a study guide available from the secretaries for this exam. Tutoring is available, but must be arranged several months before the exam. In order to prepare for the Chemistry Challenge exam, students may purchase the current edition of a college level textbook that deals with General, Organic and Biological Chemistry for a copy of suggested textbooks see the Secretaries from the Nursing Department for a copy.
- Students have two chances to pass each exam.

CLEP EXAM INFORMATION

CLEP (College Level Examination Program) exams are offered through the College Board and there are two types of these exams: **General** and **Subject**. Information about these exams can be obtained through the CLEP website at www.collegeboard.com/clep. Please note that Kean is not a testing site, but there are many testing sites in New Jersey.

You are eligible to take the CLEP **General** Exams *before you have earned 30 credits*.
The English

Composition exam with Essay will fulfill the Kean requirement for English 1020. The other General exams fulfill varying requirements.

You are eligible to take CLEP **Subject** Exams *before earning 86 credits*. *Please check with your Academic Advisor before scheduling any exams.*

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' TRANSCRIPT EVALUATION

While Kean University does not necessarily endorse these services, we have found that the World Education Services does an excellent job of transcript evaluation for international students. You may reach them at: World Education Services

PO Box 5087

Bowling Green Station

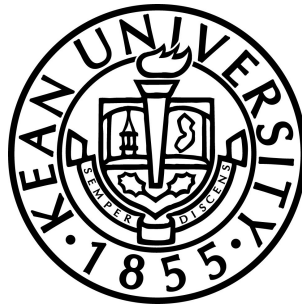
New York, NY 10274-5087

212-966-6311

Fax: 212-739-6100

www.wes.org

Applications may also be obtained at Kean University in the Admissions Office.



IF YOU ARE AN RN WITH A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN ANOTHER MAJOR

The MSN-Bridge Program is available for non-nursing baccalaureate degrees.

All non-BSN applicants may apply for the MSN degree with the condition that a minimum of 9 undergraduate credits be completed prior to full admission.

NURS 3010 Health Assessment (2credits).

NURS 3200 Professional Nursing Practice: Health Promotion in the Community (5 credits).

NURS 4900 Independent Practicum in Nursing (2 credits).

Dependent on the portfolio the student might need to also take (NURS 4702) for 2 credits.

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Kean University Sample 2-Year RN-BSN Path

1st SPRING	1st SUMMER I/II	1st FALL
NURS 3000 (3 credits) Conceptual Foundations and Inquiry in Nursing	NURS 3010 (2 credits) Health Assessment	NURS 3000 (3 credits) Conceptual Foundations and Inquiry in Nursing
NURS 3020 (3 credits) Foundations of Transcultural Health Care		NURS 4200 (3 credits) Research in Nursing
	NURS 3030 (3 credits) Issues in Professional Practice	NURS 3200 (5 credits) Professional Nursing Practice: Health Promotion in the Community <i>Lecture / Clinical</i>

2nd SPRING	2nd SUMMER I/II	2nd FALL
NURS 4300 (5 credits) Professional Nursing Practice for Clients Living with Illness <i>Lecture / Clinical</i>	HED 3635 (3 credits) Introduction to Public Health NURS 3030 (3 credits)	NURS 4400 (5 credits) Professional Nursing Leadership in Health Care Settings <i>Lecture / Clinical</i>
NURS3030 (3 credits) Issues in Professional Practice	PHIL 3314 (3 credits) Moral Problems in Healthcare	NURS 4900 (2 credits) Independent Practicum in Nursing

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Promise of Payment Terms

Kean University will accept a letter from a third party as promise of payment if the letter is on company letterhead signed by the appropriate authority and meets the following criteria:

The letter must state:

1. The name and social security number (or student ID) of the student,
2. The term for which the student is applying
3. Whether payment will be for tuition only or tuition and fees.
4. The \$ amount that will be paid, or the percent of tuition and/or fees that will be paid, or the number of credits that will be paid for if paying full tuition and fees.

A separate letter must be submitted for each student for each semester by the billing due date for each term.

** The letter will not be accepted if it states that there are conditions under which payment will be made, such as successful completion of the course, continued employment, or a specific grade.

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STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES REQUIREMENT:

All students must supply proof of immunization or immunity for Measles, Mumps, and Rubella.

Records may be obtained from the following sources:

1. An official school immunization record which contains information indicating compliance with the requirements.
2. An official record from any health department which contains information indicating compliance with the requirements.
3. A record/document signed by a physician, licensed to practice medicine or osteopathy in any jurisdiction of the United States or foreign country; or any licensed health professional approved by the NJ State Department of Health. The health care provider may complete and sign the attached form.
4. A laboratory document proving immunity to Measles, Mumps, and Rubella.

Copies of your originals are accepted. **DO NOT SEND ORIGINALS**, They cannot be returned.

*****Health Services must receive this information! Failure to do so may affect your status as a student at Kean University*****

<http://www.kean.edu/~health/forms/Fall%202005%20Immunization%form.doc>

If you should have questions contact:

Kean University, Health Services
1000 Morris Ave
Union, NJ 07083
Phone 908 737-4880
Downs Hall, room 126

Thank you.

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ACCESSING THE KEAN UNIVERSITY OFFSITE RN-BSN PROGRAM
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1. Go to www.Kean.edu
2. Click on *College of Natural, Applied and Health Sciences* (in the middle of the page)
3. Click on *Academic Departments* (located on the left hand side of the page)
4. Scroll down and click the *Nursing* link
5. Click on <http://www.Kean.edu/nursing>
6. On *Welcome to Nursing Homepage*, scroll down and access the KEAN UNIVERSITY@RVCC Offsite Program page.

* This is an excellent resource for accessing course announcements and program forms.

Withdrawal from Courses

To withdraw from courses after you have submitted the offsite green registration form, please e-mail Cherrylon Brown, Registrar @ cbrown@kean.edu. Please include your student ID number, or your last four digits of your Social Security number, and the name and number of the course that you are dropping. You are responsible for following add/drop deadlines as cited in the Kean catalog.