KINGSBOROUGH
BROOKLYN'S COMMUNITY COLLEGE

TO: Fall 2026 Curriculum Committee

FROM: Prof. Joan Zaloom, Chair, Department of Nursing

DATE: 9/10/2026

RE: Change in Admission Criteria for the A.A.S. Nursing

The Department of Nursing is proposing the following changes and clarifications of the Admission Criteria for A.A.S. Nursing as well as providing one pathway for LPNs to receive credit through the LPN to RN Bridge Program (LRN).

Changes:

FROM:

To be considered for the Clinical component of the Program, students must comply with the following:

1. ~~be enrolled in the Pre-clinical Component. Students must complete an application for Pre-Clinical Nursing during the period noted on the Academic Calendar. This application is obtained in the Registrar's Office, A-101. The student must see a nursing counselor to discuss their academic performance and obtain a counselor's signature on the application. The application is submitted to the Nursing Department;~~
2. ~~be~~ English and Math proficient as determined by the CUNY Proficiency Index, unless otherwise exempt, or successful completion of any required developmental course(s) before completion of the four (4) courses in the Pre-Clinical Sequence;
3. complete the four (4) courses in the Pre-Clinical Sequence: ENG 1200, PSY 1100, BIO 1100 and SCI 2500;
4. complete the four courses in the Pre-Clinical Sequence with at least a grade point average of 2.80 and earn at least two (2) "B's" (one of which must be in SCI 2500 or BIO 1100);
5. students who have repeated and/or withdrawn from any of the Pre-Clinical Sequence courses may not be considered for admission to the Nursing program;
6. all grades received for courses taken in the Pre-Clinical Sequence at Kingsborough will be included in the Pre- Clinical average computation;
7. ~~submit transcripts from other colleges (NOTE:~~ Letter grades received in the Pre-Clinical sequence courses at other colleges will be used to determine eligibility for admission); any biological sciences course more than 10 years old will not be accepted for exemption or credit;
8. perform ~~satisfactorily on~~ the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) ~~and~~;
9. ~~transfer students from other colleges must be in good academic standing~~. ~~Students who are on academic probation or~~ have been administratively dismissed from a Nursing program at a previous school are not eligible for admission to the Nursing program.

10. ~~The~~ student must earn a minimum of "C" in all ~~pre- and~~ corequisite courses inclusive of BIO 1200, BIO 5100, ENG 2400, PSY 3200, and SOC 3100. ~~Students who have repeated and/or withdrawn from these courses may not be considered for admission to the Nursing Program~~.

~~11. Students are permitted to defer for one (1) semester only and with the approval of the Chairperson of the Nursing Department. Upon approval the student must enter the program the following semester. Failure to do so will result in the need to reapply to the program following all the criteria for admission, inclusive of retaking the TEAS.~~

TO:

To be considered for the Clinical component of the Program, students must comply with the following:

1. **Complete a Pre-Clinical Application. It is strongly recommended that you meet with your advisor to review your progress toward clinical eligibility.**

2. ~~be~~ **Meet** English and Math proficient as determined by the CUNY Proficiency Index, unless otherwise exempt, or successful completion of any required developmental course(s) before completion of the four (4) courses in the Pre-Clinical Sequence;

3. Complete the four (4) courses in the Pre-Clinical Sequence: ENG 1200, PSY 1100, BIO 1100 and SCI 2500 with at least a grade point average of 2.80 and earn at least two (2) B's (one of which must be in SCI 2500 or BIO 1100). Students must earn a minimum of "C" in other prerequisite courses.

    a. **Applications of students who have** repeated and/or withdrawn from any of the Pre-Clinical courses **at KCC or elsewhere are reviewed on a case-by-case basis and** may not be considered for admission to the Nursing Program.

    b. All grades received for courses taken in the Pre-Clinical sequence will be included in the Pre-Clinical average computation; letter grades received in Pre-Clinical sequence courses at other colleges will be **calculated in determining eligibility for admission.**

4. must earn a minimum of "C" in all corequisite courses inclusive of BIO 1200, BIO 5100, ENG 2400, PSY 3200, and SOC 3100. Students who have repeated and/or withdrawn from **any of the corequisite courses at KCC or elsewhere are reviewed on a case-by-case basis and** may not be considered for admission to the Nursing Program.

5. Any **science course (BIO, PHY, CHEM, SCI 2500)** more than 10 years old will not be accepted for exemption or credit; students must repeat the course for program consideration.

6. **Pass individual parts of** the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) **exam** and **earn at least an overall proficient score.**

    a. The Maximum attempts: A student can take the TEAS exam only two times total (no per year or per school, but in total).

    b. Frequency: You may take the TEAS exam, only once per semester during the official testing period established by Kingsborough Community College (KCC).

    c. Testing Location and Format: Students must take the TEAS exam <u>in-person</u> at a PSI testing site. PSI site *Testing Conditions* will include ID verification and Audio and Video recording while the exam is in progress. <u>Only</u> TEAS exams that are registered through PSI and taken in-person at a PSI testing site with the listed testing conditions will be accepted.

    d. Tracking: You are only allowed two attempts for the TEAS exam. Every time you take the TEAS exam - no matter where you take it (for KCC or another nursing program) and

whether or not you send your scores to KCC - each attempt sill counts toward your two allotted attempts.

Example:

- **If you take the TEAS once at another college and once for KCC, that's two total attempts, and you cannot take again.**
- **If you take it once in the Fall semester, you must wait until the Spring semester to take it again.**

7. **Clinical Nursing Program Application: You can apply to the Clinical Nursing Program only once per semester. You are allowed to apply a total of two times. After two applications (whether accepted or not), you cannot apply again.**

8. **There will be no deferrals upon acceptance. Students who would like to reapply for clinical nursing may apply for the following semester. Please note, however, that admission to the current semester does not guarantee admission to the following semester. All prospective students will be re-evaluated with the new pool of clinical applicants.**

9. **A student who has not maintained appropriate academic progress,** withdrew while failing or has been administratively dismissed from a nursing program at a previous institution is not eligible for admission to the KCC Nursing Program. **If you have attended a previous clinical nursing program and left in good academic standing, you must submit the *Certification of Withdrawal from a Nursing Program in Good Academic Standing Form*.**

10. **To be admitted or advance into a NYSED-approved nursing program in Fall 2020 and beyond, students must provide documentation for one of the categories listed below. Namely, applicants may demonstrate eligibility through documents that verify that they: 1) are U.S. citizens, 2) have legal permanent resident status, or 3) are in another eligible category set forth in the policy, generally through presentation of an employment authorization document (see the below *U.S. Citizen and Immigration Services List of Documents that Establish Identity and Employment Authorization)***
    - **International student with F-1 status**
    - **Asylee**
    - **Refugee**
    - **Temporary Protected Status (TPS)**
    - **Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)**
    - **Individuals paroled into the United States whose parole has not expired**
    - **Persons residing in the U.S. pursuant to an Oder of Supervision**
    - **Persons granted a stay of deportation/removal**
    - **Persons granted an indefinite voluntary departure**
    - **Persons on whose behalf an immediate relative petition has been approved**
    - **Persons who have filed an application for adjustment of status to permanent resident**
    - **Persons granted Deferred Action Status**
    - **Persons who entered and have continuous residency in the U.S. before 01/01/1972**
    - **Persons granted suspension of deportation or cancellation of removal**
    - **Cuban/Hatian entrants**
    - **Persons with a pending application for asylum, withholding of removal or deportation, protection under the Convention Against Torture (CAT), cancellation of removal, or TPS**
    - **Persons in T or U non-immigrant status**
    - **Self-petitioner under the Violence Against Women Act**
    - **Other persons living in the U.S. who are not unlawfully present**

Rationale for Change:

The Nursing Department is updating the A.A.S. Nursing Admission Criteria to align with current administrative procedures, improve transparency for prospective applicants, and ensure academic recency across prerequisite disciplines:

- **Streamlining & Consolidation:** Several standalone pre-clinical requirements (course completion, GPA, grade thresholds, and repeated/withdrawn course policies) have been consolidated into items to eliminate ambiguity and clarify the current application processes.
- **Science Recency Requirements:** At the recommendation of the Physical Sciences Department Chairperson, the 10-year course recency limit has been expanded beyond Biology to encompass all foundational science requirements, including Chemistry, Physics, and SCI 2500.
- **TEAS & Application Limits:** Specific guidelines regarding the TEAS exam—including individual section proficiency, attempt limits (maximum of two lifetime attempts across all institutions), testing frequency, location, and format, and attempt tracking—have been explicitly detailed. Additionally, clinical application attempts are now capped at two per student to establish clear progression boundaries.
- **Deferral Policy Alignment:** To ensure competitive and equitable cohort selection, deferrals upon acceptance into the clinical component are eliminated; applicants who do not enter the program upon acceptance, must reapply and be evaluated within the new applicant pool. The one-semester deferral option is reserved exclusively for actively enrolled clinical students and has been relocated to the Retention Criteria.
- **Prior Program Standing & Regulatory Alignment:** Specific documentation requirements—including the *Certification of Withdrawal from a Nursing Program in Good Academic Standing Form*—have been incorporated. Additionally, eligible immigration categories for professional RN licensure are explicitly included as an item under the criteria and listed in full compliance with New York State Education Department (NYSED) regulations.

FROM:

~~Licensed Practical Nurses who are accepted into the Clinical phase of the Nursing Program may receive credit for NUR 1800 - Fundamentals of Nursing by earning a score of level two or better on the ATI Proctored RN Fundamentals Exam. Credit for NUR 1700 - Calculations for Medication Administration may be earned by passing the Nursing Department examination with a grade of "B" or higher~~.

Licensed Practical Nurses who are accepted into the Clinical phase of the Nursing Program may apply to the LPN to RN Bridge Program (LRN), an advanced standing pathway for Licensed Practical Nurses, that allows students to receive Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) for NUR 1700 – Calculations for Medication Administration (1 credit), NUR 1800 – Fundamentals of Nursing (7 credits), and NUR 2100 – Nursing the Ill Adult I (9 credits). Applicants must hold a current LPN licensure and complete the LPN to RN Bridge Course (NUR 1000) with a minimum grade of "C".

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he Nursing Department is consolidating LPN admissions into a single advanced-standing pathway via the LPN to RN Bridge Program (LRN). Replacing the former challenge examination model—the ATI Proctored RN Fundamentals exam for NUR 1800 and the departmental exam for NUR 1700—with a dedicated bridge course (NUR 1000) provides incoming LPNs with structured instruction in core medical-surgical, pharmacological, and nutrition, and nursing concepts. Furthermore, completing NUR 1000 with a minimum grade of "C" awards Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) for NUR 1700, NUR 1800, and NUR 2100, enabling LPN students to complete the clinical sequence in three semesters instead of four.