Welcome to the Gateway Community College Nursing Information Session for the 2021-2022 academic year.

We are a part of the Connecticut Community College Nursing Program, known as the CT-CCNP, which is an innovative associate degree program of study offered at six Connecticut Community Colleges.

The common nursing programming offers a four-semester curriculum designed to prepare registered nurses to function in the professional role utilizing current standards of nursing practice.

In addition, students within the program have the same admission and policy standards, which allows for greater student flexibility.

This presentation will cover:

- The nursing program of study
- The application process
- Admission requirements which are the same for all applicants
- The selection process and communication after applying
- Specific program information including program schedule and time management

Please feel free to attend a live Webex Nursing Information Session. Instructions for attending can be found on the college website at www.gatewayct.edu

Please print a copy of the Nursing Information Packet from the college website as this presentation will refer to this packet and it provides additional details about each topic presented here.

Please note: The Nursing Information Packet and this presentation are updated every year and details in this presentation refer to the 2021-2022 academic year.

**Slide 2: Nursing Information Session Sign-In Link** [http://tiny.cc/NURF2020](http://tiny.cc/NURF2020)

Please copy this link: http://tiny.cc/NURF2020

The link will take you to a quick form to fill in your name, contact information and the date you attended an information session or if you watched the pre-recorded session.

We thank you for doing this.
Slide 3: Receive Informative Emails [www.ct.edu/nursing](http://www.ct.edu/nursing)

- If you would like to receive informative emails about the Connecticut State Colleges & Universities Community College Nursing Programs, please visit [www.ct.edu/nursing](http://www.ct.edu/nursing).
- Click on “request more info”.
- You will then be asked to fill in your contact information including your:
  - Name
  - Email
  - Phone number
- Next, you will enter your college of first choice, planned school year entry and whether you are a:
  - CT community college student
  - High school student
  - Transfer student or “other”
- Finally, you will choose how you learned about the nursing program and you will enter your banner ID# if you are a current student.

Slide 4: Program Information

The Gateway Community College Nursing Program is a two year, 4 semester, Associate of Science degree in nursing program.

There are: 65 Total Program Credits

35 Nursing Credits and

30 General Education Credits

Graduates are eligible to sit for the NCLEX-RN board examination

Our program is primarily an evening Program and includes class lectures, college labs, and clinical rotations

More detailed information regarding the program schedule will be discussed later in the presentation.

Slide 5: Program Information: CT-CCNP Locations

- The 6 community colleges in the CT-CCNP offering nursing programs are:
  - Capital Community College in Hartford
• Gateway Community College in New Haven
• Naugatuck Valley Community College in Waterbury
• Northwestern CT Community College in Winsted
• Norwalk Community College in Norwalk
• Three Rivers Community College in Norwich

Slide 6: Program Information (Continued)

There are a few differences between the nursing programs in the CT-CCNP:

• **Capital, Gateway, Naugatuck Valley and Norwalk Community Colleges** offer NUR 120 in the **fall semester** only and follow a traditional fall/spring schedule.

• **Three Rivers Community College** offers NUR 120 in the **fall and spring semesters** and also follows a traditional fall/spring schedule.

• **Northwestern CT Community College** offers NUR 120 in the **spring semester only** and offers an accelerated format that includes the summer semester.

Slide 7: Advisement

• Please contact your college of choice for additional advisement. Please see page 4 of the nursing information packet for additional information.

• The Nursing Program advisors at Gateway Community College are Mary Beth Banks and Heather Henry who can be contacted at 203-285-2388 or by email at mbanks@gatewayct.edu or hhenry@gatewayct.edu.

Slide 8: Program of Study Timeline

• It is important to refer to page 7 of the Nursing Information Packet as it provides a worksheet and detailed information about required prerequisites and corequisites. Admission requirements MUST be completed in order to be an eligible applicant.

• The Nursing Program of Study follows the plan outlined here and on page 11 of the Nursing Information Packet:
  
  • Admission and prerequisite requirements include **BIO 211**: Anatomy & Physiology I, and **BIO 212**: Anatomy & Physiology II, and **ENG 101**.

  • The **First Semester** of the nursing program will include **NUR 120**: Nursing in Health & Illness I and, if not already taken, the corequisites **BIO 235**: Microbiology and **PSY 111**: General Psychology.
- The Second Semester will include **NUR 125**: Nursing in Health & Illness II and, if not already taken, corequisites **PSY 201**: Lifespan Development and **SOC 101**: Principles of Sociology.

- The Third Semester will include **NUR 220**: Nursing in Health & Illness III and **ENG 102** or a 200 level English per college specific requirement, if not already taken.

- The Fourth Semester will include **NUR 225**: Nursing in Health & Illness IV, **NUR 226**: Transition to Professional Nursing Practice and an **elective**, if not already taken.

- **Prerequisites** must be completed prior to applying. It is highly recommended that all **corequisites** be completed prior to the start of the nursing program.

**Slide 9: Application Requirements**

- The Nursing Program at GCC is a selective admission program.

- In addition to the general admission application, students must submit a CT-CCNP application which is only available on banner self-service.

- The application period is from Nov. 1st through Feb. 1st of each year.

- Please refer to page 6 of the Nursing Information Packet as this provides the application process checklist. Each step must be completed and submitted by February 1st.

- You must complete a General Application to your **College of Choice** and indicate **General Studies** as your major. If you are NOT currently a community college student, please complete a **Spring** Admissions Application.

- You must submit:
  - Proof of high school graduation
  - Documentation of Immunizations
  - CT-CCNP Application
  - TEAS Test score report
  - High School Transcripts (if applicable)
  - Official SAT or ACT score reports (if applicable)

- It is the responsibility of the **applicant** to have ALL transcripts, test scores, etc. sent to the **college of choice** by February 1st.
Slide 10: Application Process

- Page 6 of the Nursing Information Packet outlines the application process. It is important to use page 6 as a checklist to note completion dates of each task listed.
- It is important to use a personal computer to access and begin your online application.
- Firefox and Google Chrome are the recommended browsers.
- All communication with applicants is to the student’s community college email address. The email must end in “edu.” You may not receive important messages from the college if this guideline is not met.
- More information regarding emails can be found on page 5 of the information packet.

Slide 11: Admission Requirements

- All admission requirements, including prerequisite and corequisite courses, can be found beginning on Page 7 of the Nursing Information Packet.
- Applicants must demonstrate a competency in Math and Chemistry. This can be fulfilled in a few ways:
  - The options for MATH include:
    - The SAT I Math or New SAT Math score of 550 or 570 or higher OR,
    - The ACT Math score of 22 or higher, OR
    - A score of 40 or higher on the College Level Math portion of an Accuplacer test or College of Choice QAS cut score on the Next Generation Accuplacer OR
    - MAT 136 or 137 with a grade of “C” or higher
    - Math will need to be completed before February 1, 2021.
  - The options for CHEMISTRY include:
    - One year of high school chemistry with a lab OR
    - CHE 111 with a grade of “C” or higher
    - This prerequisite must be completed between 12/2015 and 2/1/2021.
    - Chemistry will need to be completed by February 1, 2021.
Slide 12: Admission Requirements – Coursework Needed

- Additional prerequisites include English 101, BIO 211: Anatomy and Physiology I and BIO 212: Anatomy and Physiology II.
- English 101 must be completed before February 1, 2021 with a grade of “C” or higher.
- BIO 211: Anatomy and Physiology I, must be completed between 12/2015 and 2/1/2021 with a grade of “C+” or higher.
- BIO 212: Anatomy and Physiology II must be completed between 12/15 and 6/1/21 or can be in progress during the spring semester of the application year with a grade of C+ or higher.

Slide 13: Admission Requirements: COVID Implications

- In response to the COVID pandemic, Gateway Community College will accept online science courses if the course is taken at one of the four Connecticut State Universities or at one of the twelve Connecticut Community Colleges in the CT State Colleges and Universities (CSCU) System.
- If the online science course is taken somewhere other than a Connecticut State University or Connecticut Community College, the course syllabi will need to be reviewed by the GCC science faculty to determine transferability.

Slide 14: Admission Requirements: Transfer Credits

- All official transfer credit evaluations are done in the Admissions office at GCC.
- Credits must be from a regionally accredited college or university.
- A minimum grade of “C” is required to transfer credits unless otherwise stated in the admission requirements (For example, a “C+” or higher is required for both BIO 211: Anatomy & Physiology I and BIO 212: Anatomy & Physiology II).
- Official Transcripts from every college and / or university ever attended must be submitted electronically, if possible, to the GCC Admissions Office, regardless of age of transcripts and applicability to the nursing program. Failure to do so by the application deadline of February 1st will result in an ineligible application for admission.
- CLEP or AP exam information for each College of Choice can be viewed on page 13 of the Nursing Information Packet.

Slide 15: Admission Requirements: Nursing Admission GPA

- The Nursing Admission GPA is based only on the college courses with grades that meet the nursing admission and nursing program curriculum requirements. See page 7 of the
Nursing Information Packet for more details and a checklist of prerequisites and corequisite courses.

- The Nursing Admissions Requirements include the 3 required science courses - BIO 211, BIO 212 and CHE 111 (all taken within the past 5 years), as well as ENG 101 and MAT 136/137.

- Program Curriculum Requirements include: BIO 235, ENG 102, PSY 111, PSY 201, SOC 101 and a Humanities or Fine Arts Elective. See the bottom of page 7 and pages 12 & 13 of the Nursing Information Packet for more details.

- The **Nursing GPA** is a specific calculation for the nursing program. It is not the GPA at the bottom of your transcripts.

- The Nursing GPA must be a **2.70 or higher** to be eligible for admission.

- If an applicant repeats a course, the highest eligible grade will be used in the Nursing GPA.

- Please remember: **ALL** transcripts from every college and/or university ever attended **must be submitted**.

- Page 8 of the Nursing Information Packet provides additional details about the Nursing GPA.

**Slide 16: Admissions CRT Options**

Applicants who have selected the CRT option for course grading will be given a “C” in the calculation of the Nursing Admission GPA.

For more information on grade conversion, please visit:

https://www.ct.edu/academics/convert

**Slide 17: Admission Requirements: TEAS Test**

The TEAS test, as mentioned earlier, is another admission requirement.

The TEAS tests knowledge in English, math, reading & science.

The test takes approximately **3.5** hours to complete.

Adjusted individual total score of **53.3%** or higher is required.

**TEAS** scores prior to November 1, 2017 will not be accepted.

GCC will accept ATI TEAS tests that are remote proctored by Proctorio.

Students can visit [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com) for a complete list of test dates and to register for a TEAS test.
Review materials are also available at [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com).

All TEAS tests offered at GCC are remote proctored.

**Slide 18: Admission Requirements: TEAS Continued**

- For TEAS testing schedules and registration, go to [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com).

- You will log onto this website to create a profile in order to take the TEAS Test at the community colleges. When you get to the “Institution Info” section, you must follow these steps:
  1. To ensure you can access the TEAS test dates at the CT-CCNP colleges, you must select one of those colleges as your “institution.”
  2. For test scores to be delivered electronically to the CT-CCNP, you must enter your NetID/Banner ID number as your student ID.

- When registering, it is very important to select your **college of choice**.

- Finally, you must click **SAVE**.

**Slide 19: Admission Requirements: TEAS Continued**

For ATI TEAS Test-takers who do not have a Community College student ID:

2 options to pay $35 Remote Proctoring Fee:

1. Call Payments Office at 203-285-2009 to pay the $35 proctor fee.

   OR

2. Schedule an appointment with the Payments Office and pay your $35 proctor fee in person: [https://www.gatewayct.edu/Appointment-Booking](https://www.gatewayct.edu/Appointment-Booking)

   At the bottom of the page under “Payments Office”, please click on “In-person Payments”.

   Please complete the form and schedule an appointment to pay your $35 proctor fee.

   **You must make an appointment to pay in person**. Walk-in’s will not be accepted.

Students will not be allowed to test if their $35 proctor fee is not paid before the test date and time.

Please note: the proctor fee is in addition to the registration fee that students pay on ATI website.

**Slide 20: Admission Requirements: TEAS Continued**

For ATI TEAS Test-takers who have a Community College student ID:
Your name and Banner ID will be sent to the GCC Payments Office.

Please accurately enter your banner ID as your “Student/Employee ID” when setting up your ATI profile.

You will be charged a $15 proctor fee (this fee is in addition to the registration fee that students pay on the ATI website)

Please log onto mycommnet and pay your fee online.

Please note your Banner ID will be sent to the GCC Payments office 24 hours before your test date.

**Slide 21: Admission Requirements: TEAS Continued**

- After completing the TEAS, you will see your scores.
- Click on “Focused Review” (the yellow box will be labeled either “Begin” or “Continue”) for a customized study plan generated to help with content areas you missed on the TEAS test.
- For more information about the TEAS test, please see page 9 of the Nursing Information Packet.

**Slide 22: Communication – How do we stay in touch after you apply?**

- All applicants will have communication sent to the community college email address.
  - You will know that your CT-CCNP application has been successfully submitted when you receive an email **within one hour of clicking “submit.”**
  - All applicants will receive an email with information on how to check Banner Self-Service (BSS) for application items that have been received. It is recommended that applicants check “Nursing Required Items” in BSS at least once a week for updates.
- **NOTE:** Transfer credits from outside the 12 community colleges may have been evaluated by the College of Choice but may not be reflected in Banner Self Service until after February 1, 2021.
  - If the application is **incomplete**, applicants will be notified within the **first 10 days of March 2021**.
  - When **selection is complete and decisions are made**, applicants will be notified within the **first 10 days of April 2021**.
- **Make sure to check your community college email during these timeframes so you do not miss important messages!**
More information can be found on page 10 of the Nursing Information Packet.

**Slide 23: Selection Process**

- If you are an **eligible applicant**, it means you have met ALL application and admission requirements.
- Remember, your Nursing GPA includes ALL prerequisites and corequisites outlined on page 7 of the Nursing Information Packet.
- All eligible applicants are ranked.
- Rank positions are calculated by the following formula:
  - Your Nursing GPA is 50% of your application
  - The TEAS test is 25%
  - BIO 211 (Anatomy and Physiology I) is 25% of your application
- Please see page 9 of the Nursing Information Packet for more information regarding computing rank and the selection process.

**Slide 24: Selection Process Continued**

**GCC accepts 96 students into the nursing program each year.**

- 75% of available seats at each college are given to top ranked students.
- The remaining 25% will be **randomly selected** from remaining eligible applicants.
- All remaining eligible applicants are placed on a **waitlist** at the applicant’s college of choice.
- Waitlisted applicants will be contacted regarding available spaces by **rank order**.
- Please note: The waitlist does not carry over to the next application year.
- Again, please see page 9 of the Nursing Information Packet for more details.

**Slide 25: LPN Advanced Placement**

- For those seeking LPN Advanced Placement, the CT-CCNP participates in the Connecticut League for Nursing Articulation Model for LPNs.
- To be eligible for articulation, the LPN must:
  - Hold a current unencumbered Connecticut LPN license.
  - Must satisfy ALL of the CT-CCNP admission requirements.
  - Must submit a CT-CCNP application and be admitted to the program.
• The application process does not vary for LPN candidates!

**Slide 26: LPN Advanced Placement Continued**

For an LPN to begin in the **third semester**, the following requirements need to be met:

• Complete all required general education courses of the first year of the CT-CCNP with a grade of “C” or higher. (BIO*235, PSY*111, PSY*201 & SOC*101)

• Complete the LPN Transition Bridge Course offered by Charter Oak State College (grade of “B-” or higher) **and** the campus-based CT-CCNP LPN transition course.

• **Space and resources may limit the advanced placement options.**

• Please refer to page 14 of the Nursing Information Packet for additional advisement for LPN applicants.

**Slide 27: Program Schedule**

**Monday through Thursday evening program**

If a Friday activity is to be scheduled, students will be given advanced notice

**First Year Nursing Students**

2 days on campus or online (Mondays/Tuesdays) from:

Lectures: 4pm-7pm lectures

Campus Laboratory Sessions: 3pm-10pm or daytime, if available

2 days in clinical – 3pm-10pm or 7am-2pm (if day clinical is offered)

**Second Year Nursing Students**

2 days on campus or online – 4pm lectures followed by on campus laboratory sessions

2 days in clinical – 3pm-11pm or 7am-3pm (if day clinical is offered)

**Peer Learning Experience (PLE) Labs:** scheduled throughout the semester

**All communication through Blackboard Learn using the student Gateway email address.**

**Slide 28: Program Information: Sample Clinical Sites**

• As mentioned in the previous slide, nursing students will attend clinical rotations.

• Clinical sites will be assigned to students and attendance and punctuality are expected.

• Clinical sites may be within an hour radius of the college. Most clinical assignments are at Yale-New Haven Hospital but others may include MidState Medical Center, Gaylord Hospital and The Hospital of Central CT.
• The college does not provide transportation to clinical sites and some hospitals may require a mandatory parking fee. Carpooling with classmates is encouraged as this can help students save money.

**Slide 29: Clinical Rotations**

• Clinical rotations occur twice per week from 3-10pm for 1st year students and 3-11pm for 2nd year students.

• **Occasionally, a daytime clinical may be available** from 7am-2pm (1st year) and 7am-3pm (2nd year). Requests for daytime clinical are not guaranteed and depend upon faculty and clinical site availability.

• Additional information regarding clinical learning experiences can be found on page 16 of the Nursing Information Packet.

**Slide 30: COVID-19 Implications**

Students need to be flexible!

Lab and clinical schedules may vary and be adjusted according to COVID 19 restrictions.

If lab is on campus, the CDC and CT Department of Public Health guidelines will need to be followed related to Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and social distancing.

PPE will be provided to students.

**Slide 31: Classroom Learning (COVID Implications)**

Will be online or live remote.

All students will need a laptop with a camera.

Must have access to the internet.

Laptop and internet must meet specific technical requirements.

**Slide 32: Technical Requirements: Hardware**

A PC or Mac is strongly recommended. Tablets, smartphones and Chromebooks may not have all the features you need.

Processor- 2 GHZ or faster, Dual Core or higher; Macs need an Intel processor

Memory- 2 GB of RAM or higher (4 GB if running 64-bit operating systems)

Hard drive- 128 GB with 20 GB or more of free space

Monitor resolution- 1280 x 768 or higher
Graphics- Windows OS: Graphics hardware acceleration requires DirectX 9 or later, with WDDM 2.0 or higher for Windows 10 (or WDDM 1.3 or higher for Windows 10 Fall Creators Update).

macOS: No graphics requirements.

USB- at least 2 open ports, USB 2.0 or higher

Internet connection- Broadband internet connection with a speed of 4Mbps or higher

*Optional hardware*

USB 2.0 or higher webcam, USB 2.0 or higher OR speaker jack headphones or headset

**Slide 33: Technical Requirements: Software**

Operating System- Windows 10, Mac OS 10.12 or higher

Application software- Office 365 (available through your myCommnet email. You get up to 5 installations of the software.)

Internet browsers- Firefox- version 57 or higher

Google Chrome- version 63 or higher

Microsoft Edge- version 42 or higher

Safari version- version 12 or higher

*Internet Explorer is no longer supported and is NOT recommended for use*

Plug ins and players:

Adobe Reader

Java version 7 or 8

WebEx

MS Teams

.Net 3.5 or 4.6 or higher

**Slide 34: Unit Exams and Assignments**

- **All nursing students will have required assignments and exams throughout each semester.**

- At the beginning of each semester, all nursing students will take a **medication dosage calculation exam** and a score of at least 90% is required to pass.
  
  - Students will have 3 opportunities to pass a dosage calculation exam within the first 3 weeks of the program each semester.
If a student does not pass the 3rd attempt, they will not pass the course.

Learn to love math and medication dosage calculations!

- Students may have up to 5 Unit Exams each semester consisting of 50 multiple choice questions or 100 multiple questions on the final exam.

- Test reviews may be provided by faculty one week after exams.

- Students will also have clinical assignments due each week.

**Slide 35: Time Management**

TIME MANAGEMENT IS KEY TO SUCCESS IN THE NURSING PROGRAM!

- It is recommended that all corequisite courses are completed before applying to the program or during summer sessions.

- By completing corequisites before applying to the nursing program, students are able to focus on nursing courses and manage time more effectively thereby allowing for greater success.

- If taking corequisite courses while in the nursing program, these courses must be completed according to the program of study timeline discussed earlier in this presentation. If not taken by the expected timeline, students will not advance to the next semester (see page 11 of the Nursing Information Packet).

- If possible, working 24 hours or less per week is also recommended and also allows for greater success in the program.

**Slide 36: Program Recommendations and Expectations**

- Students should establish a time management plan that includes family and work obligations before beginning the nursing program.

- Students should understand that this journey will be challenging. Planning ahead will allow for success.

- It is expected that students will always be on time to lectures, clinicals and exams.

- Students need to achieve a minimum numerical grade of 74% in each nursing course in order to pass and advance in the program.

**Slide 37: Educational Advancement**

- After completing the associate degree, you may want to pursue an RN to BSN or RN to MSN. If so, articulation agreements are in place with:

  - Central CT State University
• Charter Oak State College
• Goodwin College
• Quinnipiac University
• Sacred Heart University (RN-BSN & RN-MSN)
• Southern CT State University
• University of Bridgeport
• University of Hartford
• University of Saint Joseph
• University of Wisconsin – Green Bay
• Western CT State University

More information is available at: www.ct.edu/academics/nursing

Slide 38: Financial Aid

Complete the FAFSA: www.fafsa.ed.gov

Our Financial Aid website: www.ct.edu/admission/finaid

FAFSA School Codes

Capital:  007635
Gateway:   006981
Naugatuck Valley:  006982
Northwestern CT:  001398
Norwalk:  001399
Three Rivers:  009765

Slide 39: Advisement

• In summary, before you apply…
  1. Go to www.ct.edu/nursing
  2. Print the Nursing Information Packet.
  3. Read the Nursing Information Packet.
  4. Read the Nursing Information Packet again.
5. Refer to page 8 to register for the TEAS test.
   • After you apply…
     1. Use page 6 to keep track of your completed items.
     2. Use page 7 & 8 to calculate your Nursing GPA.
     3. Refer to page 10 for the email communication timeline from CT-CCNP regarding your application.

Slide 40: Nursing Information Session Sign in Link

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If you have not done this, please copy the link here and complete the attendance form to let us know you were here today.

Slide 41: Next Steps

• Finally, apply online during the application period.
• Log onto www.ct.edu/academics/nursing for more information
• If you have additional questions please call 203-285-2388 or contact Mary Beth Banks at mbanks@gatewayct.edu or Heather Henry at hhenry@gatewayct.edu
• Thank you for your time and we look forward to helping you.