Roxbury Community College
Nursing Department

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Topics Covered

1. Levels of Nursing Education
2. Program Options at RCC
3. Pre-requisite requirements
4. The Testing Center
5. Nursing entrance exam – TEAS V
6. The Admissions Process
7. Why RCC?
Certificate and Undergraduate Levels of Nursing Education

**Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA):** Certificate takes 10 weeks and includes both classroom and supervised clinical practice (patient care). Performs routine tasks under the supervision of nursing and medical staff.

**Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN):** Certificate takes 11 months and includes both classroom and supervised clinical practice (patient care). LPNs provide care under their own license to complex stable patients. LPNs supervise nursing assistants and hold leadership positions in physician offices and long term care settings.

**Associate Degree Nurse Registered Nurse (ADN):** Training may take about 2-3 years and includes both classroom study and supervised clinical practice (patient care). RNs provide care to complex unstable patients. RNs often are in charge nurse positions or leadership roles in hospitals and other health care settings.

**Bachelor’s Degree Registered Nurse (BSN):** Training may take about 4-5 years and includes both classroom study and supervised clinical practice (patient care). The first two years are spent completing general education requirements. BSNs provide care to complex unstable patients in hospital settings. BSNs can work in any health care setting and often hold leadership roles in hospitals and health care systems.
Graduate Levels of Nursing Education

**Master’s level (MSN):** allows a nurse to specialize in a particular area of advanced clinical practice or research.

**Doctoral level:** Prepares nurses for careers in health administration, clinical research, and advanced clinical practice.

***Examples: Nurse Practitioners, Nurse Anesthetist, Midwives – All require advanced practice degrees and certification***
Programs At Rcc

- Nursing Assistant Training (NAT)
- Practical Nursing Certificate (PNC)
- Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN)
- Advanced Placement (PN→ADN)
- Welcome Back Center
Nursing Assistant Training
Roxbury Community College

- 10 week training
- Upon completion – qualified to take the CNA exam
- Day and Evening options available
- Classes meet 4 days/evenings per week
- There are 4 Clinical dates during the day shift (7Am-2Pm) one day per week
Nursing Assistant Training
Roxbury Community College

Requirements:

- English Proficiency
- Self certification of High School Diploma or GED
- CORI Check
- Placement test
- Immunizations
- Interest in a career in Health Care!
The Practical Nursing Program
Roxbury Community College

- Full time, day program
- 11-month certificate program in practical nursing
- Prepares graduates to be eligible to take the NCLEX-PN (National Council Licensure Exam for Practical Nurses)
- 3 Semesters – Fall, Spring, Summer
- Approved by the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing
Most classes held between the hours of 7AM-4PM Monday-Friday.

Program starts in September

Program ends in July

Typical Schedule – Fall and Spring

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The Practical Nursing Program
Pre-requisites

- Attend an information session
- Complete High School Self-Certification form
- Intermediate Algebra (MAT 099) eligible
- Biology 1 (SCI 103) eligible
- Complete the following courses with a “C” or better:
  - English Composition 1
  - General Psychology
  - Human Growth and Development
- TEAS V Exam Completed at RCC
  (All Science course must have been completed within 5 years)
The Practical Nursing Program
Co-requisites

Human Body I & II
OR
Anatomy and Physiology I & II – 4 credit courses with labs (best option)
Associate Degree Nursing Program
Roxbury Community College

TWO FULL TIME OPTIONS

DAY OPTION

and

EVENING OPTION

4 Semesters
Day Option

- Full time.
- New program starts each **September**.
- Lecture, lab and clinicals
- Usual hours between 7AM-4PM
- Some weekend and evening clinical times may be required
- Applications Due in **Spring** for following September.

Evening Option

- Full time.
- New program starts each **January**.
- Lecture, lab and clinicals
- Usual hours between 4PM and 11:00PM
- Some weekend and day clinical times may be required
- Applications Due in **Summer** for following January.
Typical Schedule for the Nursing Courses:

1\textsuperscript{st} Semester: 2 days of class, 1 day of lab and 1 day of clinical

2\textsuperscript{nd} Semester: 2 days of class, 1 day of lab and 2 days of clinical

3\textsuperscript{rd} Semester: 2 days of class and 2 days of clinical

4\textsuperscript{th} Semester: 2 days of class and 2 days of clinical + an online class
Associate Degree Nursing Program
Pre-requisites

- Attend an information session
- Complete High School Self-Certification form
- Intermediate Algebra (MAT 099) eligible
- Complete the following courses with a “C” or better:
  - English Composition 1
  - General Psychology
  - Anatomy And Physiology I
- TEAS V Exam Completed at RCC
Advanced Placement

- 3 semesters (1.5 years)
- Practicing LPN
or
- Graduation within 5 years
- NLN Proficiency Test - 72% (minimum score)
Advanced Placement

Nursing Application

- Math 99 eligible
- Eng Comp I and II
- General psychology
- Growth and Development
- A&P I and II
Advanced Placement

DAY OPTION
- Summer Application
- January Start

EVENING OPTION
- Spring Application
- September Start
Welcome Back Center

- Nurse in another country
- Current Massachusetts resident

Support that may include assistance with:
- Having your nursing credentials evaluated
- Prepare for your English exam
- Prepare for your licensure exam
- Obtain your Massachusetts nursing license

The Boston Welcome Back Center’s objective is to Welcome Back nurses, from around the world, to the nursing profession here in Massachusetts.

Phone: 617-228-ICAN
E-mail: welcomeback@bhcc.mass.edu
New Roxbury Community College students are required to take an Assessment/Placement Test to determine the appropriate course level at which to begin their studies. The Placement Test is used to evaluate students' skills level in English, Math and Science and identify academic strengths and needs. Students do not receive a "passing" or "failing" grade for these tests.
The Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) is an aptitude test that is used as one component for selecting students for admission to the competitive Nursing programs (PN and ADN).

The TEAS exam is administered twice a year. Students applying to these programs MUST take the TEAS at RCC.

Results from other test sites are not accepted.
Applications

Application for RCC
- First time applicants must complete
- Complete High School Self-Certification form (online application are FREE and in person $10.00 fee)

Application for Nursing Program
- Only one program/option can be selected (available on our website during application period)
Nursing Application Process

Transcripts

- Official transcripts
- Foreign transcripts
  - Must be evaluated

- Course must have a ‘C’ or better to be accepted
Nursing Application Process

Science courses

- Within the past 5 years
Nursing Requirements

- The following must be completed upon acceptance into one of the Nursing Programs:
  - Health Clearance and Immunization records
  - CPR Card (Infant/Child/Adult/&AED)
  - CORI
Nursing Requirements

CORI
Criminal Offense Record Information

- Some offenses will prohibit a person from obtaining a license once completing a nursing program

OR

- Placement for clinical
Nursing Information

- All information is on the website

- Program Sheets

- http://www.rcc.mass.edu/Academics/programsheets.aspx
Why RCC?
Our Nursing Lab

- Simulation
- Open lab times for practice several times per week
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Clinical Placements

- Boston Medical Center
- Newton Wellesley
- South Shore Hospital
- Hebrew Rehab
- Shattuck
- VA
- Long term care facilities
- Community Agencies

(just to name a few)
Where do our graduates work?

- MGH
- BWH
- VA
- BMC
- Home Care
- Long term care facilities
- Rehabilitation centers

(just to name a few)
BWH and Roxbury Community College Launch Scholar Program

BWH nursing leadership, nurse mentors and Roxbury Community College graduates gather for a photograph with BWH President Betsy Nabel, MD, and Dr. Jeff Greenberg, RCC Board of Trustees during the program launch celebration.
Other Resources

- Financial Aid Office
  Tel: 617-427-0060 Ext.5322
  Room: 2-201
- Writing Center
  Room: 3-203
- Library
  Second Floor Building 3
  http://library.rcc.mass.edu
- Single Stop
  Tel: 617-933-7459
  Room: 2-101
  Singlestop@rcc.mass.edu