



## LPN to RN Mobility Guide

### Assets You Bring

- Nursing experience and clinical practice on which to build.
- Motivation for personal and professional growth.
- Personal and professional experience to apply in interactions with patients and families.

### Benefits To You

- Personal and professional advancement leading to more responsibility and accountability.
- Enhanced employment opportunities.
- Increased opportunities for collaboration with nurses and other health care professionals.
- Expanded clinical knowledge and critical thinking skills.
- Strengthened communication skills in interactions with patients, families, and colleagues.

### Selecting Your Educational Mobility Program

- Make a career plan with goals and timelines.
- Identify the schools of nursing that offer RN mobility programs which fit your needs.
- Make an appointment with an academic advisor. Bring a copy of transcript to discuss what course work will apply.
- Determine cost – include tuition, books and fees, travel expenses, child care, reduced work, etc.
- Explore financial aid and/or scholarship options (including tuition reimbursement from your employer).
- Integrate class schedule with work/personal life.
- Submit application. If prior degree is from same university, determine if you need to reapply.

### Support Systems

- Nursing colleagues, fellow students, faculty, advisors, and family
- Flexible scheduling to accommodate working RNs
- Potential financial assistance from employer. Talk with your human resource department.
- Potential scholarships and/or financial aid at the college

## Questions to Ask Your Academic Advisor When Applying to RN Mobility Program

What prerequisites are required?

Which credits will transfer from my previous educational preparation?

How many clinical hours are required and where will I complete them?

Can I attend part-time?

What is tuition rate; other program costs?

How flexible are class options? Are on-site, on-line, evening, weekend and/or summer classes available?

Are there advanced placement options? If so, in what areas?

What financial assistance is available?

## ASN Degree Option and Beyond

**Clinical focus** – ASN programs prepare graduates to serve in entry-level nursing positions and are qualified to provide direct care to individuals and families in a variety of care settings. ASN graduates are prepared to take the NCLEX examination.

**Academic focus** – The ASN curriculum includes college courses in communication, writing skills, humanities, social sciences, physical sciences, and behavioral sciences.

**Further options** – ASN graduates have the option to further their professional education by entering an RN to BSN, or in some cases, an RN to MSN program.

## Length of Program

Determined by each school; based on total number of credits hours required and number of courses transferred.

Dependent upon whether you are a part-time or full-time student.

Associate degree (ASN) and bachelor (BSN) options are available.

## Admission Requirements

High school diploma or Graduate Equivalency Exam ( GED)

Transcript(s) from all colleges or universities previously attended

Copy of LPN license

Specific requirements, such as grade point average, may be requested

## For Educational Mobility Resources

Nursing 2000, Inc.- [www.nursing2000inc.org](http://www.nursing2000inc.org)

National League for Nursing- [www.nln.org](http://www.nln.org)