EXCELSIOR COLLEGE

Chester County Intermediate Unit PNP to RN partnership
History of the College

- Founded in 1971 by the New York State Board of Regents
- Has been and continues to be a private, nonprofit college
- Chartered by the Regents as an independent institution in 1998
- Changed name from Regents College to Excelsior College in 2001
Excelsior College Mission

Excelsior College provides educational opportunity to adult learners with an emphasis on those historically underrepresented in higher education. The College meets students where they are - academically and geographically, offering quality instruction and the assessment of learning.
Accreditations/Approvals

- Approved by the New York State Education Department
- Regional accreditation by Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools
- Specialized accreditation in Nursing by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)
- Nursing theory exams and CPNE are recognized by American Council on Education (ACE)
School of Nursing

NLN Center of Excellence in Nursing Education
- Initial designation: 2005-2008

The American Assembly for Men in Nursing
- Best School of Nursing Award

Sigma Theta Tau chapter
AD Nursing Program

Admission Requirements

- Licensed practical/vocational nurses
- Paramedics
- Military service corpsmen
- Individuals holding degrees in clinically oriented health care fields
Curriculum -- 67 credits

General Education Requirements (31 credits)
- Written English Requirement
- Humanities
- Social sciences/History to include Sociology & Life Span Developmental Psychology
- Natural sciences/ Mathematics to include a college-level Math course
- Information Literacy

Nursing requirements (36 credits)
- Nursing theory series (examinations or online courses)
- Focused Clinical Competency Assessment
- Clinical Performance in Nursing Examination
Nursing Component – 4 Phases

- Phases I and II
  - nursing theory series

- Phase III
  - two simulated clinical assessments

- Phase IV
  - capstone Clinical Performance in Nursing Examination (CPNE)
Phase I – may be completed in any order; prerequisite for Phase II

- Transition to the Professional Nurse Role
- Essentials of Nursing Care: Health Safety
- Essentials of Nursing Care: Health Differences
- Foundations in Nursing Practice
Phase II- may be completed in any order; prerequisite for Phase III

- Reproductive Health
- Health Differences Across the Life Span 1
- Health Differences Across the Life Span 2
- Health Differences Across the Life Span 3
Phase III - may be completed in any order; prerequisite to Phase IV

Focused Clinical Competencies Assessment (FCCA)

- FCCA: Head-to-Toe Assessment/Nursing Process
- FCCA: Managing Multiple Patients/Working in Interdisciplinary Health Care Teams
Phase IV- Capstone

- Clinical Performance in Nursing Examination (CPNE)
Description of the CPNE

- Implemented in 1974
- Objective competency assessment of clinical nursing practice
- Tests application of the nursing process, including clinical reasoning and critical thinking, as well as the technical components of nursing practice in the care of adults and children in the acute care setting
- Real-time performance appraisal
Description of the CPNE

Two Components:

- Nursing Skills Laboratory (NSL)
- Patient Care Situations (PCS)
The Clinical Performance in Nursing Examination (CPNE)

- The capstone of Excelsior College’s associate degree in nursing program
- Administered over 2 ½ days in testing sites throughout the country
- Students must successfully pass:
  - 4 Nursing Skills Laboratories
  - 2 Adult Patient Care Situations (PCS)
    - 18 years of age and older
  - 1 Pediatric Patient Care Situation (PCS)
    - 2 weeks - 17 years of age
This component of the CPNE is a timed experience. It tests four specific sets of competencies that are part of clinical nursing practice and may not be sampled during the patient care situations.

- Wound Management
- Injectable medications: IV Push
- Injectable medications: IM/SubQ
- Intravenous medications: Mini Bag
Patient Care Situation (PCS)

- Each PCS is 2.5 hours long
- The student must be successful with 2 adult and 1 pediatric PCS
- The student is stopped in a PCS if ANY critical element is not successfully performed
- When patient care completed and patient safety and comfort are assured a handoff report is provided to the staff RN by the nursing student
Critical Elements

- Observable behaviors used for measuring the student’s performance of the assigned areas of care
- Based on standards of professional nursing practice
- Level of nursing care equates to what is expected from recent graduate from AD program
CPNE Structure

- Occurs in acute care hospitals
- Small group of students (4-6)
- One clinical associate (CA)
  - coordinates the CPNE activities
- Clinical examiners (CE)- same number as students
- Students are evaluated by a different CE for each PCS
Criteria for Success

- Student must pass:
  - all four nursing laboratory stations within two attempts
  - two adult patient care situations within three attempts
  - one pediatric patient care situation within two attempts
Student Expectations

- Demonstrate the standards of professional nursing practice and core values within an ethical and legal framework.
- Comply with the Academic Honesty Policy
- Perform all aspects of the NSL and PCSs under the direct observation of a Clinical Examiner
How do students preparing for success?

- In addition to the Succeed Program

- EC offers variety of resources
  - Academic Advisors
  - Nursing Faculty
  - Tutorials
  - Discussion boards
How Do Students Prepare for the CPNE?

- CPNE Study Guide
- Recommend a minimum of 3 months to adequately prepare
- Excelsior College learning resources
Excelsior College learning resources

- In-person workshops
- Online conferences
- Skills bag with workbook
- DVD with workbook
- CPNE message center
- Phone advisement with nurse faculty
- Virtual chats through electronic peer network
Post CPNE resources

NCLEX-RN Preparation

 Assessment Technologies Institute (ATI)
   tutorial products
     Nurse Logic
       Test taking strategies
     Learning Systems
       Focuses on content areas

 Virtual ATI NCLEX Review Course
   Post-graduation online review
   Individualized feedback from personal coach
Next Steps

- More information - contact Excelsior’s Admission Office to discuss enrollment options at 888-647-2388 extension 2.

- Apply - $100
  - determines eligibility to enroll.
  - determines transfer credit toward degree
    - Transcripts will be requested for you

- Go to Excelsior College’s website
  [http://www.excelsior.edu/web/partners/chester-county-intermediate-unit-pnp](http://www.excelsior.edu/web/partners/chester-county-intermediate-unit-pnp)
Welcome Chester County Intermediate Unit PNP students

The Application Process

When you are ready to apply to Excelsior College, here are the steps you’ll take.

Step 1: Create a MyExcelsior account

Setting up your MyExcelsior account is easy! Answering a few quick questions, selecting your academic interest, and choosing a username and password is all it takes!

MyExcelsior gives you access to key resources, including admissions forms and an online course demonstration so that you can see what our courses are like—before you apply.

Create a MyExcelsior account

Step 2: Begin your Excelsior application

Start by answering a few quick questions on our admissions Web page. This leads you to the appropriate online application and admissions requirements for your preferred program.

Begin your application online

You may also choose to download an application and send it by mail.

Download Undergraduate Degree Application
The fee for the undergraduate Application for Admission will increase to $100 starting November 3, 2014. The new fee includes the Admissions Office obtaining all official transcripts from any degree granting institution you have attended. Once all are received, the Admission’s Counselor will prepare a preliminary review of your credits and inform you how they will apply toward your selected Excelsior College degree.

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Fees subject to change without notice.