



Practical Nursing (PN)

Application Booklet with HESI A2 Information Summer 2026

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Indian River State College Overview

INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE is a public, comprehensive college with a statewide and national reputation for excellence. Located in Florida's Treasure Coast region, each of the College's five campuses provide unparalleled educational environments.

Indian River State College serves approximately 30,000 students annually and offers more than 100 programs leading to bachelor's degrees, associate degrees, technical certificates and applied technology diplomas. Continuing a 60-year tradition of responsiveness to community needs, IRSC is committed to advancing educational, cultural, career training, workforce and economic development in its service area.

Indian River State College was distinguished as the 2019 winner of the prestigious Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, an honor that recognizes outstanding quality in the areas of completion and transfer, labor market outcomes, learning, equity and more. Indian River State College is one of the few colleges in the nation to earn the Achieving the Dream™ Leader College designation. The College is identified by the United States Department of Education as the most affordable college in Florida and the third-most affordable college in the country.

EA / EO STATEMENT

Indian River State College provides equal employment and educational opportunities to all without regard to race, color, national origin, ethnicity, sex, pregnancy, religion, age, disability, sexual orientation, marital status, veteran status, genetic information, and any other factor protected under applicable federal, state, and local civil rights laws, rules and regulations. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding non-discrimination policies:

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Vision Statement

IRSC School of Nursing (SON) aspires to be a model of excellence by transforming students through nursing education.

Purpose Statement

The School of Nursing at IRSC is committed to meeting the educational needs of current and future professional and vocational nurses within an ever-changing healthcare system. Faculty facilitates student achievement utilizing various teaching modalities. In our effort to serve the global community and its diverse cultures, we commit to:

- ❖ Develop excellence in nursing education and practice
- ❖ Provide quality, student-centered learning to promote student success
- ❖ Create multi-dimensional learning experiences
- ❖ Foster partnerships within the community that promote cultural enrichment and opportunities to strengthen involvement in local, national, and global health issues
- ❖ Support lifelong learning and ethical practice

Goals

- ❖ To foster communication skills to ensure effective collaboration with patients, families, and healthcare teams.
- ❖ Provide Nursing Assistant students with the essential skills and knowledge required to provide safe, effective, and compassionate care to patients in the various healthcare settings.
- ❖ Encourage ethical behavior, respect for patient dignity, and sensitivity in the Nursing Student.

Philosophy

We believe:

- ❖ Nursing is a humanistic, scientific discipline that encompasses evidence-based practice and critical thinking to improve the quality of the human experience
- ❖ The art and science of nursing embodies the core values of caring, diversity, ethics, excellence, holism, integrity, and patient-centeredness
- ❖ Nursing education focuses on articulating relationships between the following concepts: context and environment, knowledge and science, personal and professional development, quality and safety, relationship-centered care, and teamwork
- ❖ In a culture of excellence that provides individualized, quality care for patients, families, and communities
- ❖ In cultivating an environment of civility, professionalism, equity, and inclusivity



STEPS FOR SUBMITTING A QUALIFIED APPLICATION

1.	Read the entire <i>Practical Nursing (PN) Application Booklet</i> .
2.	Attend a virtual information session (see program webpage for dates and times).
3.	Ensure age requirement is met for clinical rotations. All applicants must be 18 years of age prior to the first day of clinical (i.e., within 2 months of the first day of class). Email IRSCSONprograminfo@irsc.edu for more information.
4.	Ensure eligibility criteria are met for licensure testing in Florida, as identified by the Florida Board of Nursing. Social security numbers, background checks, and drug screens are required for clinical placement by the healthcare facilities.
5.	Meet with a Nursing Academic Advisor or Admissions Counselor (visit irsc.edu/gless to set up an appointment) to ensure you meet the application criteria for the PN program, and to determine if you will need to take the TABE (Test of Adult Basic Education).
6.	Start the Career Training application by visiting www.irsc.edu and selecting the blue "APPLY" button. Pay the application fee and then return to the application page. Click "SUBMIT" to ensure your application is received by the School of Nursing.
7.	All final, official transcripts must be received by Student Records at records@irsc.edu at the close of the application period (see webpage for dates).
8.	Register and pay for the HESI A2 Entrance Exam. Visit https://irsc.edu/programs/hesi-a2-admissions-assessment-exam for information on paying, registering, scheduling, and studying for your test.
9.	Applicants who are veterans of the United States Armed Forces may be awarded five additional points to their total overall score. Applicants must meet with a representative of the Military and Veteran Services Department to submit a copy of their DD-214 Member-4 Form prior to the application deadline.

INFORMATION SESSIONS

Monthly virtual information sessions provide applicants with the opportunity to ask about the Practical Nursing program and understand how to become a qualified applicant. Registration and attendance of one virtual info session is expected (see webpage for dates and times).

INTRODUCTION TO PRACTICAL NURSING

SELECTIVE ADMISSIONS PROCESS

Indian River State College provides equal employment and educational opportunities to all without regard to race, color, national origin, ethnicity, sex, pregnancy, religion, age, disability, sexual orientation, marital status, veteran status, genetic information, and any other factor protected under applicable federal, state, and local civil rights laws, rules and regulations.

Welcome to the Practical Nursing Program at Indian River State College! Our program offers two learning tracks that rotate annually to accommodate different lifestyles and commitments. For 2026, we provide a daytime, part-time program designed to integrate seamlessly with your outside responsibilities, while offering a comprehensive educational experience. In 2027, we will transition to an evening/weekend schedule to support those who have daytime commitments. In 2028, we will return to a daytime schedule, and the cycle will continue thereafter.

Attainment of the Vocational Certificate for Practical Nursing consists of completing 1,350 clock hours, in 17 months. See the College Catalog for a complete list of certificate requirements. If you have a change in contact information (e.g., name, address, phone number, email), submit the changes to Student Records at records@irsc.edu and the School of Nursing at IRSCSONhealthforms@irsc.edu. The SON will use the email address listed on your application for all communication, including admission letters. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure their contact information is accurate and the application process is complete.

Applications are open from October 1st to February 28th. Meeting admission criteria does not guarantee acceptance, as our program aims to select highly qualified candidates. To ensure your application is considered, all requirements must be completed by the deadline. We recommend attending a virtual information session before applying – check our webpage for available dates and times. This session provides useful insights and helps you prepare for the application process. Meeting with an admissions counselor can help verify you meet all admission requirements. Only final, official transcripts submitted to Student Records at records@irsc.edu by the application deadline will be evaluated.

LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS

Indian River State College offers several different degrees and certificates leading to professional licensure in the state of Florida. Some professions require both a degree and the successful completion of additional criteria, such as licensure exams, field placements, or clinical hours. Student eligibility to apply to sit for the NCLEX-RN exam in the State of Florida is defined in 464.008, F.S., and includes possession of a valid form of identification and a social security number. Please visit the Florida Board of Nursing <https://floridasnursing.gov/> to ensure your eligibility.

Students admitted to the PN program are expected to take licensure examinations after graduation to become licensed nurses. If your plans include achieving licensure or certification, you should know requirements vary by state. For the Practical Nursing, completion of program requirements grants eligibility to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) in Florida or one of the current other nursing compact

states, if you apply for a multi-state license under the enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC). A list of current compact states can be located on the National Council of State Boards of Nursing website <https://www.ncsbn.org/nurse-licensure-compact.htm>

If you are a student who may choose to reside outside of Florida, or one of the compact states after graduation, Indian River State College cannot confirm whether this degree program meets the educational requirements for professional licensure in your state. Since the ADN program at Indian River State College is nationally accredited, the curriculum should meet the requirements of other states; however, some states have requirements in addition to the program's curriculum. If you wish to take the NCLEX-RN exam in a non-compact state, please contact the Board of Nursing in the state to determine whether this degree will meet their licensure requirements.

The Florida Statutes Chapter 464 and the Board of Nursing Rules 64B9, provide applicants for licensure by examination may be denied licensure in Florida for such reasons as:

- Having been convicted or found guilty, regardless of adjudication, of a crime that directly relates to the practice of nursing or the ability to practice nursing.
- Being unable to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety because of illness or use of alcohol, narcotics, or chemicals, or any other type of materials, or as a result of any mental or physical conditions.
- Having been convicted of a felony and civil rights have not been restored. Such an applicant is not eligible for licensure and is not eligible to take the licensing examination. The application is considered to be incomplete. When documentation of restoration of civil rights is received, the Board will consider the application for licensure.

The Florida Legislature has also mandated criminal background checks on all applicants for licensure by examination. An arrest history, by itself, does not disqualify a person from licensure. Falsification of a document and an attempt to obtain licensure by known misrepresentation is a violation of Chapter 464 – the Nurse Practice Act. The Florida Board of Nursing requires any nursing licensure applicant who has an arrest record must have arrest and court records of final adjudication for each offense sent to the Board at the time of licensure application. A nursing licensure application will not be considered complete until these records are received. The Florida Board of Nursing may require the candidate to appear before the Board. A graduate of the Indian River State College nursing program is eligible to apply for nursing licensure, but graduation does not guarantee the Board of Nursing will issue the candidate a nursing license. Additional information is available online at myflorida.com

BACKGROUND CHECK AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Students' background checks, drug screens, and health information are shared with clinical facilities before approval for clinical rotations. This information is collected upon admission, and of students who are out of the program for six months or more. Students who have a convicted offense may be subject to approval by the clinical facility and are not guaranteed clinical placement and/or completion of required coursework for program completion and state certification/licensure. The clinical facility holds the right to request additional information regarding the criminal offense and may decline the student's admission for clinical placement. All

students are expected to visit the Florida Board of Nursing website <https://floridasnursing.gov/> to review the requirements for licensure.

The Florida Board of Nursing requires additional criminal checks on all applicants for licensure and any nursing licensure applicant who has an arrest history to present those records. The Florida Board of Nursing is the state agency authorized to issue nursing licenses (<https://floridasnursing.gov/licensing/>). As part of the licensure application process, graduates will be required to submit a signed statement verifying compliance with the Agency for Health Care Administration Florida Board rule 64 B 9-3.0.

BACKGROUND CHECK AND REQUIREMENTS

Standards for background checks with and without fingerprints were developed in conjunction with the Indian River State College School of Nursing Advisory Committees, where our clinical partners assist in determining clinical agency requirements, compliance with Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) standards of human resource management, and Florida Statutes on licensure requirements. Competency extends beyond technical skills to an individual's criminal history.

Level II background checks for all newly admitted nursing students are required. Students will receive directions at General Orientation on how to complete their background checks. Should a student sit out of the program for six months or more, a new background check will be required upon return.

If the background check results in denied admission to a clinical agency and or access to patients, the academic requirements for the nursing program cannot be met, and the student will be denied admission to (or will be withdrawn from) the program.

Disqualifying Background Check Results

The following histories will disqualify an individual from consideration for a clinical rotation, and thus, for admission to a School of Nursing program.

1. Offenses outlines in Florida Statutes, 435.04, 456.039, and 464.018.
2. Registered sex offenders or sex predators.
3. Health and Human Services – Office of the Inspector General List of Excluded Individuals; US General Services Administration's Excluded Parties List; Employee Misconduct Registry; US Treasury Office of Foreign Assets Control's (OFAC) List of Specially Designated Nationals (SDN); Texas Health and Human Services Commission (TX HHSC); the Office of Inspector General (OIG) Exclusion List.
4. Felony offenses regardless of adjudication
5. Probation pending for any offense
6. Any offense not acceptable to an affiliating agency

FS 464.018 Disciplinary actions, includes:

- Procuring, attempting to procure, or renewing a license to practice nursing or the authority to practice practical or professional nursing pursuant to s. 464.0095 by bribery, by knowing misrepresentations, or through an error of the department or the board.
- Having a license to practice nursing revoked, suspended, or otherwise acted against, including the denial of licensure, by the licensing authority of another state, territory, or country.

- Being convicted or found guilty of, or entering a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, a crime in any jurisdiction which directly relates to the practice of nursing or to the ability to practice nursing.

Please visit the Florida Board of Nursing <https://floridasnursing.gov/> for a complete list of requirements, as listed in FS464.018.

Admission to a nursing program does not ensure eligibility for licensure or future employment. Clinical agencies reserve the right to deny any student placement. Clinical agencies may conduct additional background checks at their discretion. If an enrolled student is found either through self-disclosure, or public record, to be ineligible for clinical placement due to being arrested or charged with a crime, the student is not able to meet clinical learning objectives and will be withdrawn from the program, pending resolution of the situation.

Any student who is arrested while enrolled in a School of Nursing program must notify the Dean of Nursing immediately, regardless of what is stated in the disposition.

Process

Background checks will be reviewed ONLY for applicants given provisional acceptance, or provisional alternate acceptance. Results of all background checks are reviewed by the Dean of Nursing and may be reviewed by any affiliating agency. Results of all background checks become the sole property of the College and will not be available for copying or for use to meet the requirements of outside employers or other educational institutions.

A student may be required to provide additional information regarding a listed offence on their criminal background. Most clinical agencies require their Human Resources Department's approval prior to clinical placement. Clinical agencies have the right to ask for a new criminal background at any time. Once accepted to a program, the student will be informed of the facility clearing processes.

DRUG SCREEN

Healthcare agencies are drug-free places of employment. All healthcare agencies require a negative drug screen before hiring a new employee. The IRSC School of Nursing has been asked by our healthcare partners to require a negative drug screen for program applicants who will be placed for clinical rotations. Applicants are required to obtain a substance abuse drug screen and may be subject to random drug screens throughout the program.

Should an applicant receive a positive drug screen, the applicant may reapply and be considered for application to a nursing program after a positive reference from a treatment team; the team should follow the applicant **for two years**, and have dealt specifically with the applicant's problem of chemical dependence.

Disqualifying Drug Screen Results

1. Tampered submissions; only the applicant's urine may be used.
2. Positive drug screen, including medical marijuana.
3. Medications for which the applicant cannot provide a prescription for from a healthcare practitioner.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- ❖ HESI A2 Entrance Exam.
- ❖ All FINAL, OFFICIAL transcripts submitted to Student Records by the application deadline.
- ❖ Students must be 18 years of age by the start of clinical (approximately two months after the semester start date).

HESI A2 ENTRANCE EXAM

The Practical Nursing program requires applicants to demonstrate competency in anatomy and physiology, basic math, biology, reading comprehension, and vocabulary and general knowledge. Health Education Systems, Inc. (HESI) specializes in developing testing products, such as the A2 Exam, for nursing programs.

Results from this exam are components of the selective admissions process. IRSC provides assistance in preparing for this examination. The HESI *Admission Assessment Exam Review* book (latest edition) is available for purchase at the IRSC bookstore (The River Shop) at the Massey Campus and most major book retailers. The Tutoring Center offers free tutoring, study sessions, and study materials for the exam. Attendance is not required. Visit <https://irsc.libguides.com/tutoringcenters> for more information or join an information session.

About

The HESI A2 is a multiple-choice exam comprised of five primary subject areas and an assessment to determine your preferred learning style (e.g., visual, auditory, kinesthetic). Applicants are given three hours to complete the exam; no breaks are provided. Exams are completed at an Indian River State College Campus Testing Center. There is no remote testing available. Visit the HESI A2 Entrance Exam information webpage at <https://irsc.edu/programs/hesi-a2-admissions-assessment-exam> for the most current information about scheduling the HESI A2 exam after you submit your application.

Applicants may take the HESI A2 once per application period. Scores are valid for one year from the date the most current test was taken. Notify the School of Nursing via email to have previous HESI A2 scores applied to an application. HESI A2 exam holds will be removed from Workday by SON staff. Scores from other institutions will not be accepted.

HESI A2 Subjects

- ❖ Anatomy and Physiology: 30-item exam. Provides coverage of general terminology and anatomical structures and systems.
- ❖ Basic Math: 55-item exam. Focused on math skills needed in healthcare fields, including basic addition, subtraction, multiplication, fractions, decimals, ratios and proportions, household measures, and general math facts.
- ❖ Biology: 30-item exam. Covers biology basics: water, biological molecules, metabolism, cells,

cellular respiration, and photosynthesis.

- ❖ Reading Comprehension: 55-item exam. Provides reading scenarios to measure reading comprehension, identifying the main idea, finding meaning of words in context, passage comprehension, and making logical inferences.
- ❖ Vocabulary and General Knowledge: 55-item exam. Contains vocabulary terms that are commonly used in both general English-speaking settings and in healthcare fields.
- ❖ Learning Styles: 14-item assessment. Helps to identify your preferred method of learning and provides insight into the most beneficial study techniques for you, as an individual. The score from this section is NOT included in the Cumulative Composite score, or as a factor in the admissions process.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be completed after provisional acceptance/alternate acceptance letter is received:

- ❖ 10-panel drug screen
- ❖ Level II Federal Bureau of Investigations National Background Check (FBI/NBC)

Once the **drug screen** and **background check with fingerprints** are accepted by the School of Nursing, provisional applicants will receive instructions regarding Complio, a third-party platform used to store student health records and clinical onboarding. Instructions for creating a user account are included with acceptance letters. Do not complete admission requirements without being instructed to proceed, as doing so may result in unnecessary expenses.

Details regarding requirements for submission of medical records will be provided at General Orientation (see website for dates). Please note, failure to submit the following requirements may cause applicants to be moved to the bottom of the alternate list:

- ❖ Annual physical exam, indicating applicant meets Performance Standards for Admission and Progression
- ❖ American Heart Association certification for BLS/CPR
- ❖ Immunizations:
 - Annual influenza vaccination
 - Annual tuberculosis screening
 - Varicella
 - MMR
 - TDAP
 - Hepatitis B

ADMISSIONS POINTS

Admission to the PN program is based on calculated points. Points are determined using the table below. Scores from the HESI A2 Entrance Exam are converted to a whole number when factored in points (e.g., 80% = 80 pts). No points are awarded for “S” grades.

Applicants who achieve a minimum score of 75 points in the Cumulative Composite, Anatomy & Physiology, and Basic Math sections on the HESI A2 will receive a seat first. Remaining applicants are selected based on the highest total points calculated until all available seats are filled.

CALCULATING ADMISSIONS POINTS

HESI A2 Subject Areas	Points Earned
Anatomy & Physiology	
Basic Math	
Biology	
Reading Comprehension	
Vocabulary & General Knowledge	
TOTAL (sum of subject areas)	
Cumulative Composite Score (x2)	
Additional Points	
8417100 Health Science Foundations I	
8417110 Health Science Foundations II	
841717121 Allied Health Assisting	
8417191 Home Health Aide	
8417211 Nursing Assistant	
Valid State Certification (Nursing Assistant/Medical Assisting)	
Work verification letter from Nursing Administrator (1000 work hours)	
Military Veteran (add 5 points)	
TOTAL POINTS EARNED	
FINAL TOTAL (number used in selective admissions process): (Sum of HESI A2 Subject Areas) + (Cumulative Composite Score x2) + (Sum of Additional Points)	

PROVISIONAL ACCEPTANCE / PROVISIONAL ALTERNATE

The School of Nursing will notify applicants via email regarding the status of their application approximately 2 weeks after the application closes. Qualified applicants are selected as *provisional accepted* or *provisional alternate* using the point system on the previous page.

Provisional alternate applicants will receive a seat in the PN program as they are relinquished. Students will be notified by telephone and/or email when they are removed from the alternate list and given a provisional accepted seat. Provisional alternate status expires on the second day of class. Remaining applicants will receive an email confirming the applicant pool has closed. Provisional alternate applicants are not moved to future applicant pools; an application must be submitted for each cohort for which students wish to be considered.

CLINICAL CLEARANCE

Clinical Clearance requires all social security numbers, student backgrounds, drug screens, and medical records to be shared with clinical facilities. This information is collected throughout the admissions process, and for any student out of a nursing program for six months or more. Students who have a convicted offense on their background may be subject to approval by the clinical facility and are not guaranteed clinical placement, resulting in no guarantee of completion of required coursework for program completion and state certification/licensure. The clinical facility does hold the right to request additional information regarding the criminal offense and may decline the student for clinical placement.

All students are expected to review the requirements for licensure on the Florida Board of Nursing website. Applicants with criminal history, or those without a social security number, may not be eligible for clinical placement or to obtain a license. Students will be asked to provide photo ID and an original social security card at General Orientation. Photos/photocopies of a photo ID or social security card will not be accepted. Any changes in criminal history must be immediately reported to the Dean. A complete list of admission requirements can be found on page 8.

The Florida Board of Nursing requires additional criminal checks on all applicants for licensure; any applicant with an arrest history is required to present their records. The FLBON is the state agency authorized to issue nursing licenses. As part of the licensure application process, graduates will be required to submit a signed statement verifying compliance with the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) Florida Board rule 64B9-3.0.

All clinical facilities are drug-free places of employment. IRSC has been asked to require negative drug screens for all program applicants who will be placed in a clinical rotation. Applicants must submit a 10-panel drug screen and may be subject to random drug screens throughout the program. Should an applicant receive a positive drug screen, the applicant may reapply to the School of Nursing after a positive reference from a treatment team who has followed the applicant for a minimum of two years throughout the applicant's chemical dependence. Please email Mandie Finkelstein at afinkelstein@irsc.edu for questions regarding Clinical Clearance.

Medical Records

Applicants will be asked to submit a physical and history of immunizations upon admission (see p. 11 for a complete list of admission requirements). Those who do not meet the Performance Standards for Admission and Progression detailed on page 49 of the *School of Nursing Division Handbook* relating to Standards of Good Physical and Mental Health (no restrictions) may not be eligible for clinical placement and progression in the program. As required by clinical facilities for safe patient care, applicants may reapply after the resolution of the health problem; updated medical records must be submitted to the School of Nursing.

Should a change in health status occur while enrolled in the program, students may be required to obtain medical clearance by a physician, nurse practitioner, or mental health practitioner. Please review the Student Handbook for more information.

HEALTH INSURANCE GUIDELINES

Students in the PN program must have continuous coverage of health insurance. Proof of insurance will be required at the time of admission and at the beginning of each semester. All records must be kept current; any change in health insurance coverage must be reported to the School of Nursing within 24 hours of the occurrence.

DENIAL / DISMISSAL FROM THE APPLICANT POOL

Applicants who are not accepted to the PN program will be notified via email. Applicants should discuss options with a Nursing Academic Advisor or Admissions Counselor. If you are dismissed from the PN applicant pool, you may schedule an appointment with the SON to discuss future options. Students who withdraw from the Practical Nursing program are not eligible to challenge for the NCLEX-PN.

READMISSION PROCESS

Students who were previously admitted to the Practical Nursing program, and either failed or withdrew from PRN004C, can view readmission processes in the *School of Nursing Division Handbook*. Applicants should confirm they still meet the admission requirements before submitting a new application. Applicants who are granted readmission will need to complete a new 10-panel drug screen and Level II background check. All students who fail or withdraw from a PRN course will meet with the Department Chair to discuss return options. HESI A2 scores are valid per one year. Email the School of Nursing to use previous test scores. Previous HESI A2 scores will not be applied to future applications without an email to the SON.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

Program Expenses

A list of approximate costs is located on the Nursing webpage at <https://irsc.edu/program/nursing>. In addition to these costs, the candidate should allow for room and board, transportation, and personal living expenses. Please note that non-Florida resident tuition is a higher rate per credit hour, which will increase total fees accordingly. While in the program, students must also maintain health insurance coverage at their own expense.

Students will create an account with Complio from American Databank, Inc. This platform is used to store students' medical records while they are in the program, and for clinical rotations. Costs for Complio are included in the program expenses listed on the Nursing webpage.

Financial Aid / Scholarships

Financial Aid (e.g., grants, loans, work-study): Available to those who qualify. Complete the FAFSA and the Indian River State College Supplemental Financial Aid Application to determine eligibility. For more information, contact the IRSC Financial Aid Office at 772-462-7450 or join the line with Qless at irsc.edu/qless.

Scholarships: Specific scholarships designated for students in the nursing programs may also be available. Scholarship opportunities are available through the River Portal. The application deadline for all Nursing Scholarships can be found on the College website. Visit www.irscfoundation.org for the exact deadline of each scholarship.

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

A suggested process for resolving complaints within the School of Nursing is as follows: **A student should always discuss the issue with the parties involved, e.g., the Instructor, before contacting their Department Chair and/or Dean.** Academic and disciplinary decisions may be appealed. All IRSC students can request a formal review of their complaint following the "Student Grievance Procedure" outlined in the *IRSC Student Handbook/Planner*.

To submit a complaint to a state regulatory agency, please contact: The **Florida Board of Nursing**, 4502 Bald Cypress Way, Tallahassee, FL 32399. (850) 245-4125. <http://floridanursing.gov> The **Florida Commission for Independent Education**, 325 W. Gaines St. Suite 1414, Tallahassee, FL 32399. (850) 245-3200

<http://www.fldoe.org/policy/cie>

The **Florida Department of Health**, 325 W. Gaines St. Suite 1414, Tallahassee, F: 32399. (850) 245-0505
<http://www.fldoe.org>

ADN / RN PROGRAM: BRIDGE OPTION

Exclusively for Licensed Practical Nurses, Registered Respiratory Therapists, and Licensed Paramedics who want to earn their RN license. Students who bridge into NUR 1034C Nursing Concepts 2 will receive ten competency credits for NUR 1021C Nursing Concepts 1 at the end of the program. Students complete three semesters of nursing courses and general education courses. Applications are accepted for the spring, summer, and fall semesters. Admission in the spring and fall semesters is based on space availability.

Any applicant who has had a license to practice nursing revoked, suspended, or otherwise acted against, including the denial of licensure, by any licensing authority ("Disciplinary Action") will be disqualified from program eligibility. In addition, applicants who have voluntarily relinquished, surrendered, or allowed a license to lapse to avoid Disciplinary Action will also be deemed ineligible to admission. Students who have previous, current, or pending, Disciplinary Action, or who have voluntarily relinquished a license to avoid Disciplinary Action, are required to disclose this information to the School of Nursing upon submission of an application. Failure to disclose Disciplinary Action, or voluntary relinquishment to avoid Disciplinary Action will result in dismissal from the program.

APPLICATION CRITERIA:

- ❖ Certified LPN, RRT, PMD – valid, active, unencumbered Florida state license
- ❖ Track One Application Criteria (see *Associate Degree Nursing (ADN/RN) Application Booklet*)
- ❖ Successful completion of application pre-requisites, with a minimum grade of "C" listed on final, official transcript by close of application date:
 - BSC 2085 Anatomy & Physiology I
 - BSC 2085L Anatomy & Physiology I Lab
 - BSC 2086 Anatomy & Physiology II
 - BSC 2086L Anatomy & Physiology II Lab
 - HUN 1201 Nutrition
 - PSY 2012 Psychology
 - 1 Core Math: MAC 1105 College Algebra, MGF 1130 Mathematical Thinking, STA 2023 Statistics, or MAC 2311 Calculus I
- ❖ Successful completion of Competency Performance Exam:
 - Math/Medication Calculation Exam
 - Written Fundamental Nursing Knowledge Exam
 - Nursing Concepts 1 Performance Skills Competency Exam (with added competency credit fees). Students will be registered for HSC P931 Special Topics in Health to complete skills assessment. Payment must be complete prior to exam date.

Applicants who have completed a Florida Practical Nursing program within the past three years and have an active, unencumbered Florida PN license may be exempt from testing. The Associate Degree Nursing Department Chair will review the requirements with each individual at General Orientation.

Students enrolled in the Associate Degree Nursing program are not eligible to challenge the Practical Nursing exam with the Florida Board of Nursing.