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MESSAGE FROM THE CEO OF ACCELERATED LEARNING CENTER

Welcome to Accelerated Learning Center.

We all strive to excel in our professional careers and to do this we realize that education plays a large role. Striving to reach new levels in our education is both challenging and rewarding. Achieving a higher level of education will aid you to excel in your professional career and to have the realization of your dream of a higher degree and all that comes with it. I would appreciate you choosing our tutoring services here at Accelerated Learning Center as your means of achieving that dream, and we would be proud to have you as a member of our learning community. Rest assured we will do everything we can to help you achieve academic success.

There are many reasons to choose our non-traditional blended tutoring program as your avenue for higher education. One being, that work and family make attending traditional and online classes almost impossible to manage, some traditional programs have a huge waiting list for acceptance and traditional education is increasingly more expensive. Secondly, Online classes lack the personal touch and you can easily be distracted. You want value and convenience for your money, but equally as important, you want an accredited, recognized degree from an institution of higher learning you can trust. Accelerated Learning Center, aids you in achieving that goal. We are different from other non-traditional companies that just offer study guides, online classes and online chats. We offer the assurance that you are getting the highest quality education through our program with our highly qualified academic staff of PhD and Masters degree level instructors. As well as, current and up to date, materials that are specifically designed to meet your curricular needs. Our accelerated classes and the study material allow you to achieve and enjoy the benefits of your academic success in the most expedient time possible. Accelerated Learning Center's program excels above all others with over a 95% exam pass rate. Our program is so successful that, we guarantee you will pass your exams.

Moreover, we have the academic support available to guide you through your education. Our Academic Staff have years of educational and practical experience in both traditional education and healthcare environments. They are committed to meeting your academic needs and aiding you in achieving your academic and professional goal. Whether it's Tutoring, finding supplementary information, helping coordinate your class schedule, study time schedule, or answering specific questions about class topics or study materials, our knowledgeable and experienced staff are always there for you.

We are excited to have the opportunity to help you and all of our students *"Accelerate to Excel in Life."* We would appreciate your commitment to join us today! As you start your first class, open your first tutorial and prepare to take your first exam, please know that I and all of the staff here at Accelerated Learning Center will be with you every step of the way aiding you in achieving your goal of academic success.

– *Stephen Jones*
Chairman / CEO
Accelerated Learning Center, Inc.
Nashville, TN

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— *Stephen Jones, CEO*

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Excelsior Exam Line.	1-888-723-9267
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CLEP Testing	1-800-257-9558
CLEP Web Site	https://clep.collegeboard.org/
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Dantes Web Site.	www.dantes.doded.mil/Programs/ Exams_DSST.html



▶ ACCELERATED LEARNING ADVANTAGES

▶ THINGS STUDENTS WANT AND NEED TO KNOW



There are several advantages in choosing Accelerated Learning Center (ALC) as your accelerated alternative in achieving your academic success an ASN or BSN and RN License.

“Your Success is our Success” - with that in mind, we constantly work with our students in helping them be successful, giving them the tools and personal tutoring that will consequently earn them an ASN or BSN degree and pass their NCLEX-RN State Boards.

▶ THE ACCELERATED ADVANTAGES TO SUCCESS

Accelerated - You can earn a degree in less time than a traditional program and in most cases in less time than most non-traditional online programs. Our courses are designed to meet for 4 hours once a week for 4, 6, 8, or 10 week sessions, depending on the course. We have courses on Monday through Thursday, both in the mornings from 9:00am to 1:00pm and in the evenings from 5:00pm to 9:00pm and from 9:00am to 1:00pm on Saturday mornings. Currently, we do not have classes on Fridays, but we are flexible enough that if participation and need arises we can schedule courses on Fridays. With our accommodating schedule of courses, you may also take multiple courses to accelerate your program and achieve your degree and become an RN sooner.

Accredited - The Excelsior Program is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education and by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), formerly known as the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC).

Affordable - Comparatively, you can expect at least 45-60% overall savings with our combined program instead of Excelsior's online program and in less time. With ALC, there is up to 80% savings versus a traditional program and in less time. Accelerated Learning Center's program is also less expensive than most competitors' online programs.

Achievable - Accelerated Learning Center is committed to assuring that you are getting the highest quality education through our program with our highly qualified academic staff of PhD and Masters degree level instructors. As well as, current and up to date materials that are specifically designed to meet your curricular needs. Our accelerated classes and the study material allow you to achieve and enjoy the benefits of your academic success in the most expedient time possible. Accelerated Learning Center's program excels above all others with over 97% exam pass rate. Our program is so successful that, we guarantee you will pass your exams, receive a degree and become a licensed RN sooner.

Awarding - You will have the peace of mind in knowing that you are receiving a quality education with the support of qualified instructors and with up to date and current study material. One of the greatest rewards is in the fact that there is a 35.3% wage difference on a national average from an LPN to an RN. With the confidence and knowledge that you have gained through achieving your degree and license as an RN, you will not only enjoy the opportunity of a higher compensation, but you should be assured that, you have just made yourself more marketable to excel in your professional career. Also, achieving this degree and license has now allowed you finally realize your dream.

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▶ **ACCELERATED LEARNING CENTER, INC.**

Accelerated Learning Center, Inc., was created in the fall of 2005 and ever since it has provided an outstanding RN Bridge Program for LPNs, Paramedics and Respiratory Therapists that would like to achieve an ASN or BSN degree. As well as, to achieve their State Board NCLEX-RN License. Accelerated Learning Center, provides both degree level Nursing courses and General Education courses need for all degree disciplines. Courses are scheduled for attendance once per week. The courses run at an accelerated pace for 4 to 10 weeks with the average course being 6 week long. We provide you with quality classroom tutoring sessions, focused and current study materials, and flexible course schedules that you will need to achieve you degree and license. Our schedule of classes is flexible enough to accommodate any work shift – even paramedics working 3 days on, 3 days off.

Accelerated Learning Center gives you the highest quality non-traditional education through our program with our highly qualified academic staff of PhD and Master level instructors. As well as, current and up to date, materials that are specifically designed to meet your curricular needs. Our accelerated classes and the study material allow you to achieve and enjoy the benefits of your academic success in the most expedient time possible. Accelerated Learning Center's program excels above all others with over a 97% exam pass rate. Our program is so successful that, we guarantee you will pass the exams needed to achieve your degree.

▶ **THE ACCELERATED LEARNING GUARANTEE**

Accelerated Learning Center, Inc. **Guarantees** that you will pass your exams utilizing our proven program and study materials. In order to achieve this guarantee there are certain conditions that must be met. These conditions are that you must have a Seventy-five (75)% course attendance and take the exam within sixty (60) days of course completion.

At Accelerated Learning Center we are proud of our program and the proven success of over a 97% pass rate on most exams. It would be a rare occasion that you would not pass an exam. But if you don't pass an exam, don't worry and certainly don't give up. Call Accelerated Learning Center the next day to report your score and discuss the questions and content areas you struggled with. We will do everything we can to bolster those weak areas so that the next time you take the exam you will be more confident and prepared. Remember, Accelerated Learning Center has given you a **Guarantee** that you will pass the exam. As long as you have met all the requirements, we will re-enroll you into the class and concentrate on the issue that are needed to aid you in achieving a passing grade the next time. Even if you fail and have not met the requirements, you have our commitment to assist you at a substantially reduced rate.



ACCELERATED LEARNING CENTER, ACADEMIC INFORMATION

ACCELERATED LEARNING STAFF AND STUDY MATERIAL



Currently our students utilize study material, workbooks and practice exams, that are exclusively licensed to and published for Accelerated Learning Center, Incorporated. Our publisher has years of experience to back up our products. They know and understand the curriculums of higher educational institutions, as well as the needs of our students. Their knowledge is partly due to the fact that many of their dedicated staff are non-traditional students as well. Accelerated Learning Center will always strive to provide the best possible and most up to date material to help you succeed.

Accelerated Learning Center's Academic Staff are the most qualified in the business and they are dedicated to the success of all our students. Our highly qualified instructors, unlike most non-traditional online and/or tutoring programs, have a Masters or PhD degree and years of both educational and practical hands-on experience in their respective field of study. Therefore, our staff has been instrumental in assisting in the creation of our tutoring program as well as our Nursing and General Education study materials. Our professional educators are always available in assisting you and to answer your questions, to select appropriate courses, and to help you make the right choices in your study habits.

Accelerated Learning Center's publishers spend months creating material that is specifically designed for each test. Their staff members and expert authors are authorities in the subject matter they are developing. Every author takes the examination prior to writing the tutorial, selects any necessary textbooks, collaborates with our academic staff and tailors the materials to cover what you need to know to pass the exam. Our study material, workbooks and practice exams are *specifically geared toward the course final exam*, and are designed to earn you that passing grade and the credits that comes with it.

Accelerated Learning Center's Academics Department offers hard copy study guides, workbooks, flash cards and practice exams, for all general education and ASN courses. In some cases we offer a CD that will provide you with supplemental study materials, study tips and test taking tips not found in the study guides, as well as other pertinent testing information.

STUDENT ACADEMIC EVALUATIONS

At Accelerated Learning Center, your program needs are evaluated by our sales administrator from information and transcripts, exchanged during the sales evaluation process. A second evaluation is done by the Institution of higher education's Academic Admissions Department. Sharing this information with both will give you additional confidence that your plan matches the curriculum that will help you earn your degree. For that reason it is important that you submit copies of your transcripts to us as soon as possible. Your personalized academic plan can only be completed if we have received all of your transcripts. Originals are not necessary. We can accept copies by email (info@rnsooner.com), by fax to 615-742-8079 or by US mail.

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COLLEGE ENROLLMENT

As you begin your academic studies with Accelerated Learning Center, it is important to note that you did not enroll in any college or university. However, you have made a legally binding agreement to obtain your academic tutoring study material and instruction from Accelerated Learning Center, Incorporated. You will still need to enroll in the college where you plan to earn your degree. We usually refer students to Excelsior College, and while you can complete your general education courses and Nursing 214 course before enrolling, we encourage you to enroll early in your program.

EXCELSIOR COLLEGE AND ACCREDITATION

Formerly known as Regents College, Excelsior is accredited by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, 3624 Market St., Philadelphia, PA 19104, 215-662-5606. The Commission on Higher Education is an institutional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA). The associate and baccalaureate degree programs in nursing are accredited by Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN) formerly known as the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, Inc. (NLNAC), 61 Broadway, New York, NY 10006, 800-669-1656. All the College's academic programs are registered (i.e. approved) by the New York State Education Department. Excelsior College Examinations are recognized by the American Council on Education (ACE), Center for Adult Learning and Educations Credentials, for the award of college-level credit.

ENROLLMENT IN EXCELSIOR COLLEGE

You can enroll online at <http://www.excelsior.edu/admissions>. If, you would like assistance with the enrollment process, contact an Excelsior admissions counselor toll-free at 888-647-2388 ext. 22, or email admissions@excelsior.edu. Because Excelsior College charges a second enrollment fee after a student has been enrolled for one year, it is to your advantage to complete your nursing courses in a timely manner. Note: An additional transcript evaluation will be required by Excelsior College in order to enroll in their program, and they will require official transcripts. Excelsior College's toll free information number is 888-647-2388.

ASN students: It is suggested that you complete your general education courses before taking the nursing courses. Following that, you may take one nursing exam -- Nursing 214 -- before enrolling with Excelsior College. To sit for remaining nursing exams, you must be enrolled with Excelsior College before scheduling the exam. Please note: Nursing exam scores are good for only five years. In order for your nursing scores to transfer to Excelsior College, they must have been taken within the last five years. Excelsior College expenses are eligible for All Government Grants, Loans, Scholarships and all other traditional academic financial aid.

Accelerated Learning Center, Inc., is not in any way associated or affiliated with Excelsior College. Accelerated Learning Center, Inc., is an institution of academic tutoring that is dedicated in preparing you to pass standardized exams to earn college credits toward a degree.

OTHER COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Credits earned in utilizing Accelerated Learning Center's academic tutoring program, along with our study materials, and successfully passing the challenging ACE recommended examinations, may be transferred to thousands of colleges and universities across the United States. Most institutions will accept thirty semester hours of credit by examination.



▶ CURRENT ALC COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

CURRENT GENERAL EDUCATION COURSE DESCRIPTIONS, SEMESTER HOURS & TEST

(C) = CLEP Exam, (D) = DSST Exam, (E) = Excelsior Exam, (SH) = Semester hours, (LL) Lower Level, (UL) = Upper Level. Exam Fees vary according to the course and are subject to change

▶ HUMANITIES

English Composition I & II E, 6 SH LL

This is a two-semester course in freshman level English Composition. The exam consists of three essay questions that measure:

1. The student’s ability to write a persuasive essay
2. To analyze and respond to material that presents an opposing viewpoint
3. To analyze and evaluate a written essay.

Proposal writing is the persuasive essay and will require students to use their experience and knowledge to encourage the reader to pursue a course of action. For the analysis and response essay, two texts will be presented, each showing opposing viewpoints, and the student will write an essay that will either support one author, find a compromise or suggest a resolution. The writing sample response requires that the student assess the strengths and weaknesses of the text provided.

Exam Time: 3 hours–Essay

Ethics E, 3 SH UL

The major content areas for the Ethics exam are theory (one-third) and practice (two-thirds). Ethical practice questions will deal with social, personal, environmental, medical and professional issues. Ethical theories, moral concepts, judgments and reasoning, meta-ethics (value theory, skepticism, naturalistic fallacy, etc.) and basic ethical concepts will be addressed in the theory portion of the examination. Ethics is not a black and white issue; students must be able to apply ethical knowledge to a variety of situations. The Ethics exam provides students with upper-level (junior or senior) credit.

Exam Time: 3 Hours

110 multiple-choice questions

Humanities C, 6 SH LL

The humanities exam tests the student’s general knowledge of both performing and visual arts, and literature. It is very broad in scope and covers poetry, prose, art history, philosophy, music, theater, architecture, film, and dance. Candidates must demonstrate their knowledge of facts (names, works); understand and interpret literary passages and art works; recognize medium, style, writer’s characteristics and other techniques. Students must show their understanding of humanities by interpreting works of art, recalling specific information, and applying concepts. The test is normally used for high school students seeking college credit in general humanities, therefore having a broad scope.

Exam Time: 90 minutes

150 Multiple choice questions

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World Religion

D, E, 3 SH UL

An upper-level, undergraduate course, the religion exam measures knowledge and understanding of the major world religions, historically as well as socially. Major content areas include religious framework (types of expression, structures, personal beliefs, definitions, and phenomena); sociological, psychological and philosophical perspectives; religious traditions and historical development; and comparative analysis. Major religions include Hinduism, Jainism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Taoism, Shinto, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. The tutorial is a fascinating and excellent course.

Exam Time: 3 hours

Multiple choice questions

▶ SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HISTORY

Lifespan Developmental Psychology E, 3 SH UL

Also Known As: Human Growth and Developmental Psychology C, 3 SH UL

Students will be tested on their knowledge of concepts, principles, theories and applications associated with the study of the life span, birth through death. Emphasis areas include genetics, prenatal development, childbirth, infancy, toddlerhood, early and middle childhood, adolescence, and early, middle and late adulthood.

(An introductory psychology course is a suggested pre-requisite.)

Exam Time: 3 hours

160 Multiple choice questions

Introduction to Psychology C, 3 SH LL

The psychology exam tests the student's knowledge of psychological theory, principles and terminology. Equivalent to a freshman level introductory course, the exam stresses basic facts, concepts and generally accepted principles. The exam covers thirteen areas, in almost equal percentages, that include: history of psychology, biological behavior, sensation and perception, states of consciousness, learning, cognition, motivation, personality, abnormal and developmental psychology, treatment and social psychology.

Exam Time: 90 minutes

100 Multiple choice questions

Introduction to Sociology. C, 3 SH LL

The exam focuses on five major areas: institutions (family, educational, political, economic, communications); social stratification (mobility, power, race and ethnic relations, gender, and aging); social patterns (demography, geography, and community); social processes (groups, change, socialization, culture, and roles); and the history of sociology and sociological theory.

Exam Time: 90 minutes

100 Multiple choice questions



► NATURAL SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

Anatomy and Physiology **E, 6 SH** **LL**

A&P is a required course before taking Nursing Courses. The exam is equivalent to two-semesters of undergraduate course work and deals with the functions of the human body. The major emphasis areas are:

1. Organization and overview of the human body (cavities, planes, cell structure, tissues, skin, and fluid)
2. Chemical basis of life (reactions, organic and inorganic compounds, and atomic structure)
3. Support and motion (skeletal system, supporting tissue, muscle tissue and physiology)
4. Regulatory mechanisms (nervous systems, endocrine systems, and sensation)
5. Maintenance of the body (circulatory, respiratory, and digestive systems)

Exam Time: 3 hours

160 Multiple choice questions

College Math **C, 6 SH** **LL**

The exam covers basic mathematics, basic algebraic operations (factoring, simplifying, powers, and roots); linear equations, in-equalities, and graphs; exponential and logarithmic functions (domain, range, and inverse functions); and real numbers, complex numbers, sequences, and sets. The candidate should be familiar with vocabulary, symbols and notation. No questions require calculator use; however, scientific calculators are permitted. Students must be able to solve both routine and non-routine problems through the application of skills and algebraic concepts.

Exam Time: 90 minutes

70 Multiple choice questions

Microbiology **E, 3 SH** **LL**

Microbiology is a required course before taking Nursing Courses. The microbiology exam tests the student's knowledge of the history of microbiology, lab techniques, microorganisms, disease, resistance, and immunity, as well as infectious diseases. The relationship of bacteria, algae, fungi, protozoa, and viruses to the human body are focus areas. (A general knowledge of anatomy and physiology or biology is helpful.)

Exam Time: 3 hours

160 Multiple choice questions

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CURRENT ALC NURSING COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Exam Fees vary according to the course and are subject to change.

▶ ASN COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

NURX 104: Essentials of Nursing Care: Health Safety E, 3 SH

This examination tests the student's ability to apply concepts and principles related to medication safety, physical safety, emotional safety, and environmental safety. In addition, application of the nursing process to care for patients across the lifespan who are responding to common health needs related to health promotion, wellness, and self-responsibility is tested. The examination requires the student to use the nursing process as a framework for critical thinking and clinical decision making. Evidenced-based nursing care and standards for nursing practice as well as ethical, legal, and regulatory concerns are addressed. In addition, students are required to apply principles, concepts, and theories from nursing science as well as the natural and social sciences, and the humanities to the practice of nursing.

NURX 105: Essentials of Nursing Care: Health Differences E, 3 SH

This examination tests the student's ability to apply concepts and principles relevant to the nursing care of patients across the lifespan with common health differences related to nutrition, elimination, oxygenation, fluid and electrolyte balance, rest and activity. The examination requires the student to use the nursing process as a framework for critical thinking and clinical decision making. Evidence-based nursing care and standards for nursing practice as well as ethical, legal, and regulatory concerns are addressed. In addition, students are required to apply principles, concepts, and theories from nursing science as well as the natural and social sciences, and the humanities to the practice of nursing.

NURX 108 (214): Transition to the Professional Nurse Role. E, 3 SH

This examination tests concepts and principles related to the professional role development of the Registered Nurse. Emphasis is placed on supervisory and delegation functions of RN practice as well as differentiating levels of RN practice. In addition, the examination tests factors affecting the health care system, knowledge and skills necessary for functioning on interdisciplinary teams, legal, ethical, and educational aspects of nursing as well as the influence of history, nursing organizations, and regulatory bodies on nursing practice.

NURX 109 (106): Essentials of Nursing Care: Foundations in Nursing Practice E, 3 SH

This examination tests the student's ability to apply concepts and principles relevant to the nursing care of patients across the lifespan in community settings who are experiencing chronic illness, disability, or end of life, with primary health concerns including, comfort, pain, and sensory impairment. The examination requires the student to use the nursing process as a framework for critical thinking and clinical decision making. Evidenced-based nursing care and standards for nursing practice as well as ethical, legal, and regulatory concerns are addressed. In addition, students are required to apply principles, concepts, and theories from nursing science as well as the natural and social sciences, and the humanities to the practice of nursing.



NURX 209 (107): Essentials of Nursing Care: Reproductive Health E, 3 SH

This examination tests the concepts and principles related to the application of the nursing process to care for patients across the lifespan with nursing care needs related to human sexuality, congenital anomalies, genetic disorders, and reproductive disorders. In addition, this examination tests the student's ability to care for the childbearing family. The examination requires the student to use the nursing process as a framework for critical thinking and clinical decision making. Evidenced-based nursing care and standards for nursing practice as well as ethical, legal, and regulatory concerns are addressed. In addition, students are required to apply principles, concepts, and theories from nursing science as well as the natural and social sciences, and the humanities to the practice of nursing.

NURX 211: Health Differences Across the Life Span 1 E, 3 SH

This examination tests concepts and principles related to the application of the nursing process to care for patients across the lifespan who are experiencing health differences related to cardiovascular and respiratory illness, or abnormal cell growth. The examination requires the student to use the nursing process as a framework for critical thinking and clinical decision making. Evidenced-based nursing care and standards for nursing practice as well as ethical, legal, and regulatory concerns are addressed. In addition, students are required to apply principles, concepts, and theories from nursing science as well as the natural and social sciences, and the humanities to the practice of nursing.

NURX 212: Health Differences Across the Life Span 2 E, 3 SH

This examination tests concepts and principles related to the application nursing process to care for patients across the lifespan who are experiencing health differences related to behavioral, regulatory, and metabolic dysfunction. The examination requires the student to use the nursing process as a framework for critical thinking and clinical decision making. Evidenced-based nursing care and standards for nursing practice as well as ethical, legal, and regulatory concerns are addressed. In addition, students are required to apply principles, concepts, and theories from nursing science as well as the natural and social sciences, and the humanities to the practice of nursing.

NURX 213: Health Differences Across the Life Span 3 E, 3 SH

This examination tests concepts and principles related to the application of the nursing process to care for patients across the lifespan who are experiencing health differences related to musculoskeletal disorders, infectious, and communicable diseases, tissue trauma, and neurological dysfunction. The examination requires the student to use to nursing process as a framework for critical thinking and clinical decision making. Evidenced-based nursing care and standards for nursing practice as well as ethical, legal, and regulatory concerns are addressed. In addition, students are required to apply principles, concepts, and theories from nursing science as well as the natural and social sciences, and the humanities to the practice of nursing.

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► PREPARING FOR THE CPNE ®

CPNE Preparatory class

Accelerated Learning Center has one of the most competitive and successful CPNE Preparatory classes. We are very proud of our 99% CPNE pass rate.

You are eligible to attend the CPNE Workshop when you have completed all the Nursing Theory exams, 21 out of the 31 required general education credits and the Focused Clinical Competencies Assessment Examination.

We STRONGLY recommend that you submit your CPNE application to a test site before you participate in a workshop.

Overview: These three-day interactive workshops are lead by two of our Master level nurse faculty. The class is held in our Accelerated Learning Center on-site clinical lab. The workshop helps familiarize you with the structure and process of the CPNE and provides feedback on your readiness to successfully complete the exam. Prior knowledge of the contents in the CPNE Study Guide* will enhance your understanding during the workshop and make the outcome more successful.

The skills portion of the workshop is designed to provide you an opportunity for hands-on practice of specific clinical skills tested in the CPNE. Some clinical management/assessment skills include, neurological assessment, medication administration (NG, IM, SubQ, IV, IV push), wound management (wet to moist dressing change), peripheral vascular assessment, patient teaching, respiratory assessment, and vital signs. Our nursing faculty will assist you to evaluate your ability to perform in a group setting, simulation lab skills and patient care situations. There will also be opportunities to critique your documentation of the nursing care performed.

Duration: Three Days.

* CPNE Study Guides are to be purchased separately from Excelsior College.

CPNE Preparatory Class Schedule

Students are advised to keep checking the website calendar to find out when the CPNE Preparatory class will be scheduled. Secondly, contact Accelerated Learning Center when you are ready so that Accelerated Learning Center can notify you when a class is scheduled.

REMEMBER: Believe in yourself. You can do it!!



▶ ASN NURSING COURSE REFERENCE TEXT BOOKS (Not Included with ALC Study Material)

NURSING 104, 105, 108(214),109(106), 209(107)

Fundamentals of Nursing Concepts: Process and Practice; Barbara Kozier, Glenora Erb, Audrey Jean Breman, Shirlee Snyder (*Prentice-Hall, Inc., 9th edition, 2011*)

NURSING 104, 105,109(106), 209(107), 211, 212, 213

Mosby's Guide to Nursing Diagnosis; Gail B. Ladwig and Betty J. Ackley (*Mosby Elsevier, 3rd edition 2011*)

NURSING 105, 209(107), 211, 212, 213

Pharmacology: a Nursing Process Approach; Joyce LeFever Kee, Evelyn R. Hayes and Linda E. McCuistion (*Saunders, 7th edition, 2008*)

NURSING 105

William Essentials of Nursing & Diet Therapy; Eleanor D. Schlenker and Sara Long (*Mosby Elsevier, 10th edition, 2011*)

NURSING 108(214)

Nursing in Today's World; Janice Rider Ellis and Celia Love Hartley (*Lippincott, Williams, and Wilkins, 10th edition, 2012*)

NURSING 108(214)

Leading and Managing in Nursing; Patrica S. Yoder-Wise (*Mosby Elsevier, 5th edition 2011*)

NURSING 109(106)

Community Health Nursing; Mary Jo Clark (*Pearson Education, 5th edition, 2003*)

NURSING 109(106), 209(107), 211, 212, 213

Phipps' Medical-Surgical Nursing, Health and Illness Perspectives; Wilma J. Phipps, Frances D. Monahan, Judith K. Sands, Marianne Neighbors and Jane F. Marek (*Mosby Elsevier, 8th edition 2008*)

NURSING 209(107)

Olds' Maternal-Newborn Nursing and Women's Health Across the Lifespan; Michelle Davidson, Marcia L. London, Patricia A. Wieland Ladewig (*Pearson, 9th edition, 2012*)

NURSING 212

Foundation of Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing; Elizabeth M. Varcarolis, Verna Benner Carson, and Nancy Christine Shoemaker (*Saunders Elsevier, 6th edition 2006*)

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▶ GENERAL EDUCATION COURSE REFERENCE TEXT BOOKS (Not Included with ALC Study Material)

ENGLISH COMPOSITION I & II

Sticks and Stones and Other Student Essays; **Thompson, Ruthe**
(*Bedford Books 7th edition 2011*)
Literature for Composition; **Barnet** (*Pearson 10th edition*)
Keys for Writers; **Raimes, Ann** (*Wadsworth Inc. 5th edition*)

ETHICS

Ethics: Theory and Contemporary Issues; **Barbara MacKinnon**
(*Wadsworth, Cengage Learning, 7th edition*)

WORLD RELIGION

Ways to the Center: An Introduction to World Religions; **Denise L. Carmody and T.L. Brink** (*Wadsworth, Cengage Learning, 6th edition 2006*)

ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY I & II

Fundamentals of Anatomy and Physiology; **Frederic H. Martini and Judi L. Nath** (*Benjamin Cummings, 9th edition, 2012*)

MICROBIOLOGY

Microbiology: An Introduction; **Gerald J. Tortora, Berdell R. Funke, and Christine L. Case, eds.** (*Pearson Benjamin Cummings, 11th edition, 2013*)

COLLEGE MATH

Mathematical Excursions; **Aufman Lockwood, Nation, Clegg**
(*Brooks/Cole Cengage Learning, 3rd edition, 2013*)

NO TEXT BOOKS ARE REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING COURSES

INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY

No Text Book Required

INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY

No Text Book Required

LIFE SPAN DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY

No Text Book Required

(In Effect as of July 1, 2013)



STUDENT INFORMATION

EXCELSIOR COLLEGE EXAMINATIONS

To earn your accredited Associate Degree in Nursing from Excelsior College you will challenge up to 17 end-of-course standardized exams and a clinical performance exam. Accelerated Learning Center, Inc., is not affiliated with, nor has any control over, third-party examination or college entities, their policies, and/or fees. Policies regarding scheduling, rescheduling, and/or fees may be subject to change.

Excelsior gives letter grades only for their exams. **Excelsior recognizes only a letter grade of a “C” and above as passing.** Excelsior Exams for distance learning are taken at an approved, accredited, certified and licensed contract testing site in your area. Excelsior has an exclusive contract with Pearson Vue for all Excelsior Exams. Excelsior Exam results are immediately available to you at the testing site.

Pearson VUE is a part of Pearson plc, an \$8 billion corporation that is the largest commercial testing company and education publisher in the world. The primary Pearson VUE operations facilities are located in the United States, the United Kingdom, and India, with satellite operations in China and Japan. You can find out more about Pearson Vue, scheduling exams, and locations by contacting either Excelsior College at 888-647-2388 or online at <http://www.excelsior.edu/> or Pearson Vue at <http://www.pearsonvue.com/>.

Some of the exams for required courses can be taken through a CLEP Exam and taken at a local College or University of your choice that administers the CLEP Exams. CLEP exams test mastery of college-level material acquired in a variety of ways, through general academic instructions, significant independent study or extracurricular work. You can find out more about scheduling CLEP Exams, and locations by contacting either Excelsior College at 888-647-2388 or online at <http://www.excelsior.edu/> or by contacting College Board at 800-257-9558 or by email at clep@collegeboard.org. (For all CLEP exams, 50 is the minimum passing score; no letter grades given. Exam results are immediately available.) The Excelsior code for CLEP Exams is 2899.

Some of the exams for required courses can be taken through a DSST Exam and taken at some local College or Universities or a testing center of your choice that administers the DSST Exams. The DSST program is an extensive series of 38 examinations in college subject areas that are comparable to the final or end-of-course examinations in undergraduate courses. ACE recommends 3 semester hours of credit per test. DANTEs funds paper-based DSST testing for eligible Service members and civilian examinees at Base Education Offices and at National Test Centers (NTC) offering the Internet-Based Testing (IBT) DSSTs. http://www.dantes.doded.mil/Programs/Exams_DSST.html. Military or government identification is required for DANTEs-funded testing. To find a testing location, please visit www.getcollegetcredit.com/search. The Excelsior code for DSST Exams is 9370.

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STUDENT INFORMATION

REPORTING YOUR SCORE

Accelerated Learning Center is not given a copy of your test scores by the testing facility. Therefore, we rely on you to provide us with a copy of your score for our records. Please let us know how you did on an exam and the exam date. You can do this by dropping by the Academic Coordinators office at Accelerated Learning Center and allowing us to make a copy of your results or you may fax, email or mail a copy of your results to the Accelerated Learning Center Office.

The results of your Excelsior Exam taken through Pearson Vue will be automatically shared with Excelsior College or your designated degree granting institutions. Other testing sites will share the results if supplied with the degree granting institution school testing exam code. But it is your responsibility to confirm that Excelsior or your degree granting institution receives your exam scores.

PASSING / NOT PASSING AN EXAM

At Accelerated Learning Center we are proud of our program and the proven success of over a 97% pass rate on most exams. It would be a rare occasion that you would not pass an exam. But if you don't pass an exam, don't worry and certainly don't give up. Call Accelerated Learning Center the next day to report your score and discuss the questions and content areas you struggled with. We will do everything we can to bolster those weak areas so that the next time you take the exam you will be more confident and prepared. Remember, Accelerated Learning Center has given you a **Guarantee** that you will pass the exam. As long as you have met all the requirements, we will re-enroll you into the class and concentrate on the issues that are needed to aid you in achieving a pass grade next time. Even if you fail and have not met the requirements, you have our commitment to assist you at a substantially reduced rate. Also keep in mind that there is a substantial waiting period before you can retake an exam, so in that time we strongly recommend you study another course.

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-Stephen Jones, CEO



▶ CLEP EXAMINATIONS

CLEP EXAMINATIONS			
<i>(For all CLEP exams, 50 is the minimum passing score; no letter grades given. Exam results are immediately available.)</i>			
COURSE	"A" SCORE	"B" SCORE	"C" SCORE
American Government	69	58	50
Biology			50 (pass)
College Algebra	60	54	50
College Math	60	54	50
History I, American	59	55	50
History II, American	59	54	50
Humanities			50 (pass)
Literature, American	64	55	50
Literature, Analyzing and Interpreting	60	53	50
Literature, English	67	55	50
Macroeconomics	61	54	50
Microeconomics	60	54	50
Principles of Management	60	56	50
Principles of Marketing			50 (pass)
Psychology, Educational			50 (pass)
Psychology, General	58	54	50
Psychology, Human Growth and Developmental	58	54	50
Sociology			50 (pass)
Western Civilization I & II			50 (pass)

▶ DANTES EXAMINATIONS

DSST (DANTES) SUBJECT STANDARDIZED TESTS			
COURSE	"A" SCORE	"B" SCORE	"C" SCORE
Business Law II	55	53	44
Intro to Business	56	50	46
Art of the Western World			48
Statistics			48/400
World Religion			48/400

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ESTIMATED EXAM FEES

CLEP EXAMINATIONS	
Algebra	\$95.00
American Government	\$95.00
American History I	\$95.00
American History II	\$95.00
American Literature	\$95.00
Analysis of Literature	\$95.00
Biology	\$95.00
Chemistry	\$95.00
English Literature	\$95.00
Humanities	\$95.00
Macroeconomics	\$95.00
Microeconomics	\$95.00
Natural Science	\$95.00
Psychology	\$95.00
Sociology	\$95.00

CLEP Examination: \$80.00 + up to \$15.00 in discretionary college administration fee.

DSST (DANTES) EXAMINATIONS	
Art of the Western World	\$95.00-\$120.00
World Religion	\$95.00-\$120.00
Statistics	\$95.00-\$120.00

DSST Examination is \$80.00 plus \$15-\$25 in testing site fees

Testing Centers may charge a \$15-\$25 additional fee.

*ECE Practice Exam: \$75
FCCA (3 parts): \$350 total
CPNE: \$2,225*

ECE EXAMINATIONS	
Abnormal Psychology	\$325.00
Anatomy and Physiology	\$440.00
Developmental Psychology	\$325.00
English Composition	\$440.00
Ethics	\$325.00
Foundation of Gerontology	\$325.00
Microbiology	\$325.00
Organizational Behavior	\$325.00
Pathophysiology	\$325.00
Psychology of Adulthood	\$325.00

Effective July 1st, 2013.

ECE NURSING PROGRAM	
N104 ENC: Health Safety	\$325.00
N105 ENC: Health Differences	\$325.00
N108(214) Trans.to Reg.Prof.Nurse	\$325.00
N109(106) ENC: Chronicity	\$325.00
N209(107) ENC: Reproductive Health	\$325.00
N211 Health Diff. Lifespan 1	\$325.00
N212 Health Diff. Lifespan 2	\$325.00
N213 Health Diff. Lifespan 3	\$325.00

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▶ ACCELERATED LEARNING CENTER ADDITIONAL ADVANTAGES

Unlike most traditional and non-traditional online programs, all the staff at Accelerated Learning Center is student oriented. We understand that our success is the result of the success of our students and the attention they receive. That is why we limit our class size to a minimum of five (5) and a maximum of fifteen (15) students. We continue to improve the quality of our educational program based on our students input through Course and Instructor Evaluation Forms, daily interaction and their solicited and non-solicited feedback. You have a voice in your education and we listen because we care.

DIRECT INTERACTION WITH THE CEO

The CEO interfaces with the students daily, unlike other non-traditional, self-study tutorial and online programs. Our CEO is available to our students 24/7. He is always interested in what they have to say and available to help students if any issue should arise.

Students do not have to deal with a high pressure sales representative, listening to their sales rhetoric, then giving them your money and never see or hear from them again. If there is an issue, we do not pass you from one person to other person and waste your valuable time. At Accelerated Learning Center, we will always be there to assist every step of the way. From the CEO to the Administrative Staff, as well as the Master and PhD degree level instructors, students get unhindered attention and the promise of dedication to always be there for them.

INSTRUCTORS & STAFF

Master and PhD degree level instructors. Accelerated Learning Center's Academic Staff are the most qualified in the business and they are dedicated to the success of all our students. Our highly qualified instructors, unlike most non-traditional online and/or tutoring programs, have a Masters or PhD degree and years of both educational and practical hands-on experience in their respective field of study. Students can immediately interact with the instructor of their course in our traditional classroom setting, without waiting for a chat or email response. Students also have the option of additional consultation outside of the classroom if needed, through the instructor's rnssooner email account, phone or personal appointment. Our staff will always assist you with your needs, from course registration and changes to additional course instruction.

COMMUNICATION

A student can always check our web site (rnssooner.com), and/or Student Blog (rnssooner.com/wp) for information on course outline, and/or additional material, if a class missed. You may also email or phone your instructor on course related matters, or any staff member for additional support or concerns.

FREE SITE WI-FI

We offer free wi-fi for students. You can use web based or online reference and/or study material by connecting to the internet.

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HOURS OF OPERATION & CLASS SCHEDULES

Keeping in mind our career oriented students we offer classes Monday through Thursday from 9:00am to 1:00pm in the morning and 5:00pm to 9:00pm in the evening and on Saturday Mornings 9:00am to 1:00pm. We have the flexibility to change course schedules to meet the needs of our students. The administrative offices hours are Monday through Friday, from 8:30 am to 6.00 pm. It is important to emphasize that your attendance is required for the program to be a success. Class size is limited to a minimum of five (5) and a maximum of fifteen (15) students to better aid you in being successful. NOTE: Class schedules are subject to change based on the class size. Also, please check our Course Calendar on site or on the blog site.

CLASS REGISTRATION

Accelerated Learning Center understands that most of our students are working adults and parents that need several options to aid them in their academic success. Therefore, we offer students in good standing several ways to register for classes. Students may register online electronically at rnsouthern.com/class-registration/, or by manually filling out a form at the offices of Accelerated Learning Center, or you can always contact the staff at Accelerated Learning Center for assistance as well, whichever is convenient. Students are not limited to registering for one class at a time a student may also schedule all of their courses they need at one time. Registration must be no later than three (3) weeks prior to the first scheduled day of class. For the students convenience we have notification reminders on all electronic and manual calendars.

PROXIMITY TO EXAM SITE

There are two (2) Pearson Vue Exam sites for your (ECE) Excelsior exams that are less than a mile from Accelerated Learning Center's office. Students may also request a complete list of exam sites from our office coordinator. Most of our students utilize Nashville State Community College as their site for CLEP Exams. NSCC is within 5 miles of our office. Our staff is always available to assist you in finding or supplying you with a list of exam sites that are near and/or convenient to you.

STUDY ROOM

We encourage our students to form study groups and we provide those groups with a classroom or study room to meet and study together. Our students also have the option to study on campus in building "C" in a serene environment of greenery and the serene sound of water. Students may also meet in the on-site cafeteria or cafeteria patio, also located in building "C".

BREAK ROOM

Coffee, Tea (hot and cold), filtered water are provided to ALC Students are complimentary. The break room is also equipped with a refrigerator and microwave oven for students' convenience.



▶ ACCELERATED LEARNING CENTER CAMPUS AMENITIES

Accelerated Learning Center, is located on a beautiful campus in the Metro Center of North Nashville, Tennessee at: **1 Vantage Way in Building E, Suite 110, Nashville, TN 37228** of the Nashville House complex.



SECURITY AT SITE

Site is locked down at 6:00pm and patrolled regularly. The parking is well lit and bright with security cameras and security guards patrolling 24/7.

There are door Security Sensors on all Entry and Exit Points.

OTHER AMENITIES

- There is a Cafeteria and cafeteria patio on site that opens at 7:00am and closes at 3:00pm located in building “C”.
- The site is serene with duck ponds, outside seating and inside seating around the scenic greenery, water fountains.
- There are exam sites for Excelsior exams less than a mile away from our offices and a CLEP exam site is within 5 miles of Accelerated Learning Center offices.
- There are USPS, FedEx, and UPS pickup and delivery on site daily in Building “C”.





▶ ACCELERATED FINANCIAL OPTIONS

Accelerated Learning Center offers a quality tutoring program for an accredited ASN/BSN degree RN bridge nursing program through Excelsior College. The cost of the program is divided into two parts and some of the cost are eligible for Government assisted financial aid and scholarships. Part one is the cost for the ALC Tutoring Program and part two is the enrollment and clinical cost for Excelsior College. Most of the cost for both program parts are not due right away. The ALC Tutoring Program Cost are not eligible for Government assisted financial aid or scholarships, whereas most of the fees for Excelsior College are eligible. Accelerated Learning Center offers several options to purchase our program. They are as follows:

- **Pay As You Go Option** - ALC will allow you to pay for each course as you register for them.
- **Guaranteed Financing Option** - ALC will underwrite you a loan through a third party Billing Company.

ALC will allow a 10% Discount on the guaranteed financing program package depending on the amount of the down payment.

- **Paid in Full Option** - Pay for your full Tutoring Program up front and receive a 10% Discount.

ALC will assist you in applying to Ascend Federal Credit Union for a line of credit.

ALC will accept Cash Payment, Check, Cashier's Check, Money Order, Debit or Credit Card (There is a 4% Processing Fee for Bank Cards).

ALC's Pay As You Go Option allows the Student to pay for each course separately and at the time each course is being registered. With this option, no price discounting will apply. Course registration and payment are due at any time prior and up to the close of registration, which is three (3) weeks prior to the scheduled first day of the course.

ALC will aid you in applying as an Ascend Federal Credit Union Member. If you are qualified as an Ascend Federal Credit Union Member, you will be allowed a line of credit up to a \$15,000.00.

ALC's Guaranteed Financing Option is a loan underwritten by ALC through a third party billing company, Jena Mae, Inc., of Greenwood, IN. All Jena Mae accounts will be set up for automatic payments with your employer from your employee payroll account, recurring credit/debit card payments or ACH payments directly from your bank account.

Most of All **expenses paid to Excelsior College (including the Excelsior Exams @ Pearson Vue and required Text books) may be eligible for all Government Grants and Loans (FAFSA, Pell, FSEOG, TEACH, Military GI Bill, Perkins Loan, and Stafford Loan) Scholarships and all other traditional academic financial aid.** Please contact Excelsior College for further information about their financing options. ALC is in no way associated, affiliated and/or entered into a partnership with Excelsior College.

Accelerated Learning Center, will be happy to assist you, with any other questions you may have regarding your Financing.



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