

Lenoir-Rhyne University- RIBN

Frequently Asked Questions

What makes the RIBN nursing model different than traditional two or four year nursing pathways?

For traditional four year students, what sets RIBN apart from other programs is the guaranteed nursing spot at the community college during the second year of the program as long as students maintain their GPA and are successful during the first year of the program. Nursing programs are extremely competitive, and so this is a huge advantage for students graduating high school. The other unique aspect of RIBN is that it allows students the opportunity to take several classes that count toward their BSN at the community college (for Community College tuition!).

I received a scholarship from Lenoir-Rhyne University. Can this money be used for RIBN?

While dually enrolled, students will apply for financial aid through their community college, so students will not be eligible for any scholarships or loans through Lenoir-Rhyne University. Students are encouraged to apply for scholarships through their community college of choice. Students are also able to have private scholarships sent to Lenoir-Rhyne University.

If I've already completed some of the general education courses in the RIBN curriculum, can I start my nursing courses before year two?

If you have graduated high school and have more than 26 transferable college credits, you will apply as a RIBN Transfer. RIBN Transfers start nursing courses during their first year. For more information, review the application packet for your community college listed under the section "HOW TO APPLY" on the RIBN section of the application page.

I am an Early or Middle College Student. Can I complete the program in any less than 4 years?

With the RIBN model, there is no way for a student coming from high school to finish in any less than 4 years because all students graduating from high school must apply to college as freshmen (as opposed to transfers). Many Early and Middle College Students choose to enroll in the program; they just take lighter course loads throughout the program. Early and Middle College students are encouraged to meet with the Student Success Advocate to get a better idea of what their four years in the program would look like.

Am I required to take seated courses at LRU?

Traditional four year RIBN students are required to take FYE 191 and FYE 192 on campus their first year. This course meets one evening a week. After that, all courses are offered online. Transfer students will not be required to take FYE 191 and FYE 192- they will take an online LRU 100, 101, or 102 instead. Please note that while content is taught online, some online courses may have occasional on campus requirements.

Do I have to have my CNA before being admitted to RIBN?

Students are required to have their CNA before starting nursing coursework. Transfers will be required to have their certification upon entering the program, but traditional four-year students will have one year to get certified before starting nursing coursework.