

RN Refresher Q & A

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AT PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY

About the program:

- PLU hosts a Washington State approved refresher nursing course. Successful completion of an approved course is required for return to active status of a Registered Nurse license that has been inactive or lapsed three or more years,
- WA State Nursing Commission/DOH lists approved course providers on their website [Commission approved refresher courses \(PDF\)](#)
- Admission to the RN Refresher Course is open to Registered Nurses with an active, unencumbered license, as well as those with an inactive or expired license who apply for reactivation through Washington State Department of Health
<https://nursing.wa.gov/licensing/renew-or-reactivate-license>

Breakdown of hours



- Online, self-study
 - Approximately 130 hours
- On-campus skills lab
 - 5 days, 8 hours a day = 40 hours
- Supervised clinical practical experience with preceptor and
 - 80 hours total

Important Dates

Applications must be in by 1/5/26

You will be notified no later than 1/12/26

2/2/26 “orientation” to self study and communication platforms

2/3/26 On-line asynchronous portion starts, continues through 5/9/26

3/23/26 - 3/27/26 In person hands on didactic and simulation skills lab PLU campus Tacoma WA

5/11/26 Clinicals start

7/1/26 80 clinical hrs. to be completed

Requirements

Hold a current license to practice registered nursing in Washington State with no encumbrances or a **temporary license also known as a Limited Education Authorization (LEA) from WA Nursing Commission**

Show evidence of liability (malpractice) insurance coverage for a minimum of 1,000,000/3,000,000

Show evidence of a major medical, accident or sickness insurance coverage

Completion of CPR for Health Providers that remains valid throughout the clinical experience. CPR must include 1 and 2 person, child, infant choking and AED

Complete the Application and submit prior to 1/5/26

Complete the Washington State Patrol Disclosure Affidavit (WATCH)

Must have access to a computer and internet.

Must have access to a mode of personal transportation.

Requirements, cont.

Complete and sign the Release and Hold Harmless Agreement

Completion of the Personal Health History form and all screening and immunization: TB Screening, MMR, Hepatitis B, Chicken Pox, Tetanus, COVID-19, Flu. To see the specific requirement please fill out the ClinicalPassport form. https://cpnw.blob.core.windows.net/documents/clinicalPassport/Passport_fillable.pdf

Successful completion of all RN Refresher *Lab Skills* sessions, as evaluated by the instructors

Be ready and available for all clinical shifts on any day of the week, including holidays, weekends, night shifts and 8 – 12 hour shifts. To facilitate your successful completion of the clinical experience other **employment during this same 5 weeks as your clinical is highly discouraged.**

Be able to meet the list of Physical and Psychological Expectations of Nurses Returning to Professional Practice

If not already done so complete 6 hrs. of Suicide Prevention education approved by WA State prior to starting your clinical. PLU will provide access to this course.

Miscellaneous considerations

There may be a commute involved to reach your clinical placement facility. However, we will make every effort to secure your clinical placements within 60 miles of the PLU campus in Tacoma. Please consider planning ahead for child care and commute strategies.

The application

<https://www.plu.edu/ccnl/refresher/>

Include a current resume

Final Questions?

Thank you for joining us!