

RN Refresher

Restart your career in nursing.

This program is for U.S. registered nurses who have been out of clinical practice for five or more years or for those trying to renew or obtain an Illinois state license.

Gain practical, hands-on skills and confidence in a program with 68 classroom hours and 80 clinical hours (includes orientation). Ideal for registered nurses working in non-hospital settings, nurses returning to the workforce, or nurses who want to further their education in the most current medical practices. To take the class, you must complete the online questionnaire, located on the “Nursing” page of the “Healthcare Careers” program at ce.harpercollege.edu.

The Nursing Practice Update Digital Badge is designed for RNs and radiology nurses working in non-hospital settings such as nursing homes and schools, nurses returning to the workforce, or those working in the most current medical practices. The Badge authenticates and documents your achievements in completing the RN Refresher program.

Requirements for Harper College Digital Badge

- RN Refresher Program

Prerequisites

- Complete the online questionnaire.
- Attend an Upcoming Information Session

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Which course do I take if I hold an inactive or active US nursing license?

A: If you hold a US nursing license (active or inactive), you should enroll in RN Refresher, LNU0004. Students participate in classroom learning, skills day and clinical practice.

Q: Which course do I take if I hold a foreign nursing license?

A: If you hold a foreign nursing license enroll in RN Refresher Theory and Skills Review, LNU0005. Students participate in classroom learning and skills day.

Q: Which course do I take if I have never taken or passed the NCLEX exam?

A: If you have never taken or did not pass the NCLEX exam, enroll in RN Refresher Theory and Skills Review, LNU0005. Students participate in classroom learning and skills day.

Q: Am I able to earn CEs to renew my nursing license?

A: Yes. Nurses who hold a license (active or inactive) and successfully pass the classroom requirements of their course will receive a certificate verifying 20 CEs earned, the total needed to renew RN license in Illinois.

Q: What are the tuition/fees for each of the two courses offered (LNU0004 and LNU0005)?

A: \$2449 RN Refresher (LNU0004) - Must hold US nursing license (active or inactive)

\$1049 RN Refresher Theory and Skills Review (LNU0005) - Foreign licensed nurses or those who have not passed the NCLEX exam

Students buy a non-refundable, non-returnable book bundle and skills kit.

Q: What expenses are not included in the tuition and fees?

A: Students purchase non-refundable, non-returnable instructional supplies and non-refundable, non-returnable disposable lab supplies. For those in RN Refresher (LNU0004) there are also varying expenses related to clinical practice requirements.

Q: How do I get started with the approval process?

A: Inquiring students must complete RN Refresher Questionnaire. Next, we recommend attending a complementary information session to meet an instructor who can answer your questions.

Q: When can I register?

A: After you are approved, you may enroll when the semester registration opens. Since there are a limited number of seats available, we recommend registering as early as possible.