



# Central

SCHOOL OF PRACTICAL

# Nursing

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**LICENSED  
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IN 46 WEEKS



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Independence, Ohio

# welcome to Central



**Michelle Altshuler,**  
MSN-Ed, RN, CNE  
Executive Director

## INNOVATION IN NURSING EDUCATION

Central School of Practical Nursing (CSPN) was an innovation in nursing education in 1937 when two Cleveland philanthropists founded the program to fill a local need for licensed home care nurses. Central School of Practical Nursing was the first licensed practical nursing program in the state of Ohio, and was one of the first few programs of its kind in the entire United States.

CSPN operates as a blended (a hybrid model of both in-person and online classes) practical nursing program. CSPN's nursing program has earned and maintained a reputation of excellence in the Northeast Ohio healthcare community. The curriculum, techniques, and mission have evolved to reflect the complex and fast-changing world of healthcare.

CSPN is accredited by the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES). CSPN is approved by the Ohio State Board of Career Colleges & Schools and the Ohio Board of Nursing (OBN).

**The mission of Central School of Practical Nursing is to educate a diverse group of adult learners from Cleveland and its surrounding areas in the field of practical nursing, thereby increasing the capacity of Cleveland's healthcare workforce.**



# FAQs



## **When is your next available class?**

CSPN enrolls twice per year. Classes begin on or around April 1st and October 1st.

## **How long is the program?**

One calendar year, with 46 weeks of coursework and clinical.

## **Do you have a waiting list?** No.

## **Where is CSPN located?**

Our address is 4700 Rockside Road, in the Summit Park Offices in Independence, Ohio. We are in Summit 1, Suite 250. CSPN has no other locations and does not offer housing. Parking is free.

## **Is your school accredited?**

Yes. CSPN is accredited by the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES). CSPN is approved by the Ohio State Board of Career Colleges & Schools and the Ohio Board of Nursing (OBN).

## **Who is eligible to apply?**

CSPN is an adult program. You must be 18 years old and have a high school diploma or GED, minimum GPA of 2.0.

## **What are the hours of the program?**

Class hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Clinical hours vary from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Hours and clinical sites are subject to change.

## **What do students wear to clinicals?**

Students wear CSPN selected nursing whites to lab and clinicals. In the classroom, students wear scrubs of their choice.

## **Do you offer evening or weekend, or part-time classes?**

No. CSPN is a full-time, daytime, blended program (hybrid model of both in-person and online). Course work is presented in a virtual classroom (online) and/or on campus. Students are required to attend all course, clinical and lab hours at the time found on the CSPN student schedule.



## **Do you offer an RN program?**

No. CSPN is an LPN program only.

## **Are there any prerequisites?**

We do not require any prerequisite coursework. Applicants must, however, apply to the program and be accepted. CSPN is a private institution and reserves the right to select the best applicants.

## **How does an applicant get accepted?**

In making admission's decisions, CSPN looks carefully at the applicant's admission file. CSPN reserve the right to accept the most qualified applicants. See eligibility criteria on our online application through our website.

## **How many students are in a class?**

Each class has seating for up to 52 students.

## **Does your program offer IV therapy?**

Yes, IV therapy is an integral part of the program throughout all four levels. Upon nursing licensure in the State of Ohio, you will be allowed to perform IV therapy as part of your scope of practice.

## **What happens after I complete the program?**

Upon program completion and prior to receiving a certificate of completion, the graduate is required to submit a 'graduate exit survey'. The certificate provides eligibility to take the National Council of Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN).

APPLY ONLINE TODAY AT:

[www.cspnohio.edu](http://www.cspnohio.edu)

# curriculum

CSPN's program is forty-six (46) weeks in length. There are four (4) levels in the program:

- **Level 1: Eleven (11) weeks**
- **Level 2: Twelve (12) weeks**
- **Level 3: Eleven (11) weeks**
- **Level 4: Twelve (12) weeks**

In each level, there is an average of two (2) days of classroom instruction, and two (2) days of clinical experience per week.

## LEVEL 1 CURRICULUM

*Course Number 140*  
Clinical Experience

*Course Number 121*  
Mathematics for Nursing

*Course Number 131*  
Nutrition

*Course Number 134*  
Human Growth and Development

*Course Number 143*  
Anatomy and Physiology I

*Course Number 162*  
Introduction to Patient Care

## LEVEL 2 CURRICULUM

*Course Number 250*  
Clinical Experience

*Course Number 242*  
Nursing Care Procedures

*Course Number 243*  
Anatomy and Physiology II

*Course Number 244*  
Pharmacology I

*Course Number 251*  
Medical-Surgical Nursing I

## LEVEL 3 CURRICULUM

*Course Number 350*  
Clinical Experience

*Course Number 332*  
Psychological Aspects of Nursing

*Course Number 335*  
Advanced Nursing Procedures

*Course Number 344*  
Pharmacology II

*Course Number 353*  
Medical-Surgical Nursing II

## LEVEL 4 CURRICULUM

*Course Number 480*  
Clinical Experience

*Course Number 426*  
Home Care/Community Nursing

*Course Number 422*  
NCLEX-PN Review Course

*Course Number 434*  
Pediatrics

*Course Number 435*  
Geriatric Nursing

*Course Number 436*  
Obstetrical Nursing

**"I genuinely love being a nurse, and my residents love me too! Thank you and all the staff for your dedication."**

Marguriet Sims, LPN —  
CSPN Class 157



## admission's policy & applying

### Application requirements

- Applicants submit 'Eligibility Criteria Form' through the online application.  
High school diploma or GED required
- Pre-entrance exam — reading comprehension and math. Requires a minimum score of 70% on each section to pass. Schedule this free exam at [cspnohio.edu](http://cspnohio.edu).
- Applicants must be 18 years old to apply.
- If an applicant's high school grades/GPA were achieved in another country, they must be translated to English prior to submission (translated at applicant's expense). CSPN does not offer translation services.
- Previously attended nursing school transcripts, if applicable.
- College transcript(s) (if applicable)
- Student Nursing Perspective (Applicant writing sample)
- Background check and drug testing executed through Integrity Verifications (independent company) at applicant's expense.
- A minimum high school GPA of 2.0 is required, unless college GPA meets or exceeds 2.0 (no online or home-school transcripts accepted unless 6 academic college hours have been obtained).
- Non-native English speakers are required to provide TOEFL iBT scores prior to pre-entrance testing (scores must be no older than 2 years). See below for minimum scoring requirements:  
18 listening | 18 reading | 26 speaking | 17 writing

To be considered for enrollment, the applicant must apply online by submitting the information listed above (Application Requirements). Each applicant is reviewed on an individual basis by the Admissions and Promotions Committee. The Admissions and Promotions Committee does not guarantee enrollment, as CSPN is a private, non-profit school, and reserves the right to select the best candidates.

### Enrollment Requirements

- Physical exam, including immunization records or titers
- TB bloodwork (QuantiFERON Gold, QFT); if bloodwork not possible, then 2-step TB test
- CPR certification (includes infant, child, adult)
- The COVID and flu vaccines are required in order to attend clinicals as a student at CSPN
- Signed Enrollment Agreement
- Signed Administrative Paperwork



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# financial aid

## GENERAL FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

Central School of Practical Nursing (CSPN) has procedures in place that will help you complete your financial aid application in ample time prior to the start of class.

Pell Grants are based on need and are available to qualifying students. Pell Grants do not have to be repaid. You must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to apply for a Pell Grant. ([www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)) After submission of the application you will receive a "pre-approval" of aid. If you decide not to attend CSPN the applications and "pre-approval" will simply expire. If you decide to attend a different school your application will be good for that school.

Direct Loans (aka Stafford Loans) are available to qualifying students. You must repay a student loan. These loans are not based on credit history. In general, the maximum loan you can borrow while attending CSPN is \$9,500 (\$3,500 subsidized and up to \$6,000

additional in unsubsidized loans if you qualify). In order to borrow \$9,500 you cannot have more than \$9,300 in student loans already outstanding that originated in the current year. The bank will deduct fees. It is estimated that the fees will be 1% of the loan amount, but they may be higher. It is highly recommended that you borrow the lowest amount possible.

The School's tuition scholarship is offered to Cuyahoga County residents due to the generosity of The John Huntington Fund for Education. Applicants who reside in Cuyahoga County and apply per the Fund's guidelines for a scholarship may receive at least \$1000. This scholarship can only be used for tuition at CSPN and is non-transferable.

Alternative Student Loans may also be available to you through banks. CSPN does not endorse these banks or their programs and is not associated with them in any way.



**Spring 2022 Class Special:**  
*Administration fee reduced to \$300 AND free clinical uniforms and clinical supplies.*

## TUITION AND FEES

Tuition and fees total \$18,500 for the entire program and are payable as follows:

1. A \$500 Refundable Administration Fee, *Spring 2022 Enrollment Special: Administration fee will only be \$300.* This fee is payable within 10 days after notification of admittance into the program.
2. \$9,000 represents payment for the first half of the Program.
3. \$9,000 represents payment for the second half of the program and is due after successful completion of the first half of the program.

Additionally, uniforms, books, and miscellaneous expenses are approximately \$930 and are not included in the \$17,500 tuition and fees. Tuition and fees may increase at the discretion of the School. *Clinical uniforms and clinical supplies will be provided at no charge for the Spring 2022 class.*

Drug screening: All applicants must submit a drug test (\$40) and BCI (\$30) through Integrity Verifications at an assigned time.

Proof of Cuyahoga County residency is required to qualify for The John Huntington Fund Scholarship.

## Faculty & Staff

Michelle Altshuler, MSN-Ed, RN, CNE  
Executive Director

Wendy J. Staffilino, Director of Operations /  
Student Services (504 Coordinator)

Thomas Vickroy, Financial Officer

Danielle Danzy, RN, Instructor  
Melissa Morgan, BSN, RN, Instructor  
Julie Paonessa, RN, Instructor  
Sarah Paradis, RN, Instructor  
Julie Patton, RN, Instructor  
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**“The entire staff at CSPN is very unique and special, each in their own way, and they all are very passionate and caring women. I feel CSPN has not only given me the tools and knowledge to be successful, but also the inspiration to be a good nurse.”**

Christine Linde, LPN —  
CSPN Class 153



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**Conveniently located with easy access to east and west suburbs.**

**Directions**

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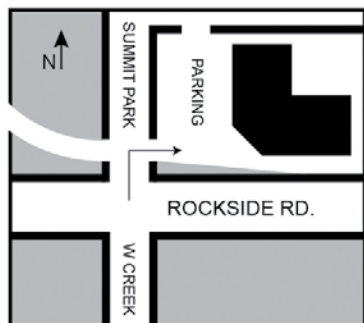
**Directions from the north:**

Follow I-77 South to the Rockside Road exit  
Turn right at the end of the ramp and get into far left lane  
Turn left onto Summit Park Drive at the next light (look for the large Summit Office Park rock)  
Make an immediate right into our entrance  
Turn left into the parking lot  
Enter the building and the CSPN suite will be on your left

**Directions from the south:**

Follow I-77 North to the Rockside Road exit  
Turn left at the end of the ramp  
Turn left at the second light (look for the large Summit Office Park rock)  
Make an immediate right into our entrance  
Turn left into the parking lot  
Enter the building and the CSPN suite will be on your left

Note: MapQuest/Google Maps/GPS directions can be confusing, and may not direct you to our main entrance. We recommend using the map, and/or watching our video online.



**“I work on a skilled unit, and our residents come and go with so much of exactly what we learned. The other nurses I work with are always surprised to hear that I’ve only been a nurse for 3 months, and I thank Central and all the wonderful staff for that. I love my new career.”**

Kelly Armbrecht, LPN — CSPN Class 157



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**DISABILITIES SERVICES**

Please visit the **STUDENT** tab at [cspnohio.edu](http://cspnohio.edu) for all inquiries related to disability services. Wendy J. Staffilino 504 Coordinator, is reachable at: [wstaffilino@cspnohio.edu](mailto:wstaffilino@cspnohio.edu).

**STATEMENT ON NON-DISCRIMINATION**

CSPN is committed to diversity and inclusion, and adheres to all applicable laws that prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, age, genetic information, disability, veteran status, and any other protected classifications under federal, state or local law. CSPN does not consider any applicant’s protected classification in making admission or other decisions relating to students.

**NON-HAZING POLICY**

CSPN will not tolerate any form of hazing (harassment, abuse, and/or humiliation) of any faculty, administrator, student, or staff member. Student(s) will be subject to immediate dismissal should an event occur on campus, through social media, or any other means directly associated with CSPN.

Ohio State Board of Career Colleges and Schools: School Registration No. 2159

For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed the program and other important information, please visit our website at: <http://tinyurl.com/cspn-disclosure-statement>