

RN Refresher and RN Return to Work Frequently Asked Questions

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Answers

Q: Which course do I take? RN Return to Work or RN Remediation?

A: If you are currently licensed as an RN in Florida, you take the RN Return to Work course. If you have an inactive license or have taken the NCLEX exam 3 times you take the RN Remediation course. If you are seeking FL endorsement from another state or internationally, contact the Board of Nursing.

Q: What is the time limit to complete the course?

A: You have 90 days from the time you receive your course access to complete the online portion of the course. Your 96 hour clinical begins after you complete the online course. Approximately 2 weeks prior to completing the online component of the course, you will be assigned a preceptor by the hospital. You will attend clinical the first 8 days your preceptor is scheduled. Shifts are 12 hours and may include weekends or be at night.

Q: How much will I have to study?

A: The course is very comprehensive. Students need to allocate 35-40 hours per week to review materials and take tests. Students who do this usually complete the online portion in about 10 weeks. You have access to the course 24/7.

Q: How do I find my clinical site?

A: Prepare your resume and make contact with the recruiter at the facility you would like to work at upon completion of the course. There are no guarantees of employment, however, it is a win-win situation if they see you as a potential employee. Attending job fairs is also a way to meet the recruiter.

Q: What is an acceptable clinical site?

A: The adult medical surgical unit of an acute care hospital is the only acceptable clinical site.

Q: What are the clinical requirements?

- Proof of health insurance
- Current Healthcare provider CPR certification
- Current PPD or Chest X-ray if PPD is positive
- Rubella and Rubeola titer
- Varicella titer

- TDAP
- Flu Vaccine
- Hepatitis B
- Health Examination Form
- Core Performance Standards
- St. Petersburg College - Healthcare Student Background Check
- Any additional hospital specific requirements

A: YOU MUST meet all the health, immunizations, insurance, CPR, Level II background check, etc. requirements no later than one month prior to your clinical. Failure to complete the forms and meet the requirements by the established date may result in you being dropped from the course. You need to complete orientation as directed prior to clinical. Some facilities have online orientation and some have live or a combination of both. Orientation is mandatory. DO NOT complete the clinical requirements until you are officially enrolled in the course. Many are time sensitive.

Q: Should I take the optional IV Therapy course with Lab and the Clinical Skills course?

A: Unless you are proficient in IV Therapy and clinical skills you need to take these courses. You may take these courses at any time and it is suggested you complete the 30 hours online for the IV Therapy course prior to enrolling in the Remediation/Return to Work course and choose a lab date that is occurring during the timeframe you are taking the Remediation/Return to Work course. Most patients have IV's and you are expected to be proficient with management during your clinical.

The Clinical Skills course allows you to practice routine skills in the lab. During your clinical you are expected to be able to perform these skills.