

Bridging the Gap

at Lake Regional

Welcome to Nursing!

Lake Regional's Bridging the Gap program supports new nurses as they move from the classroom to the clinical setting. All new graduate nurses caring for patients in Med/Surg, Float Pool and Skilled Nursing participate in this 12-month orientation program, which includes:

- Lake Regional General Orientation
- Online orientation
- Nursing orientation on clinical units (6 weeks in Med/Surg and 12 weeks in critical care)
- Clinical preceptors
- Customer service training
- IV therapy
- Mock code review
- Pharmacy information
- Wound care

Bridging the Gap also provides lectures and hands-on skills lab for pulmonary, cardiac, diabetic, surgical, neurologic and orthopedic patients.

Critical Care Classes

Modules cover the diagnostic tools; diseases and disorders; and patient management principles common in the critical care environment. A case-based approach immerses learners in real-world situations, while interactive elements encourage critical thinking and decision-making about patient care. The course offers a safe environment for learners to explore and make mistakes, reinforced with correct decisions and rationale.



Program Benefits

- ACLS/PALS/TNCC/ENPC/NRP certifications paid for if required for home department
- Clinical Ladder points
- Preceptorship