

## Associate in Applied Science Degree ADVANCED PLACEMENT FOR LPN

The Nursing Department has developed a process to award credit for the Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) for previous learning and work experience. This process allows eligible LPN candidates to advance beyond the fundamental and basic nursing courses that are covered in the early portions of the ADN program.

The Nursing and Practical Nursing programs are approved by the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation Board of Nursing and are accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN), 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, Georgia 30326, Phone (404) 975-5000, Fax (404) 975-5020, [www.acenursing.org](http://www.acenursing.org).

### PROGRAM INFORMATION

#### Specific Admission Requirements for Program

Applicants will be accepted for Advanced Placement for LPNs by completing the Associate Degree Nursing Application for LPN Advanced Placement, in addition to the following requirements. The form is available on the Health Science web page, as well as current application deadlines for the next available class.

A waiting list of applicants is not maintained. An applicant who receives notification that s/he was not admitted must resubmit the Associate Degree Nursing Application for LPN Advanced Placement during the published application period in order to be considered for the program admissions for the next available class.

For eligibility for LPN Advanced Placement requirements, applicants must have:

- Current LPN licensure in South Carolina;
- Note: HGTC Practical Nursing Graduate, who has not taken boards, with at least a 2.75 GPA for both the general education requirements and the PNR program is eligible for admission. These students must follow a four semester enrollment plan. Students who are not licensed LPNs in SC by the deadline will be withdrawn from the program.
- Submitted all documentation to meet HGTC admission requirements;
- Transfer students must meet College transfer student admission requirements;
- Minimum placement test scores from one of the following tests: SAT, ACT, or ACCUPLACER, the College placement test. The Developmental Studies sequence is required if minimum placement test scores are not achieved;
- Students must pass a criminal background check and urine drug screening 30 days prior to starting clinical each semester.
- Submit a Health Sciences Division Student Health Record Form indicating the candidate has the ability to perform the physical tasks required in the program prior to enrollment in the first nursing course.
- Successful completion (minimum grade of C) of the 9 Nursing core courses (BIO 210, BIO 211, BIO 225, ENG 101, ENG 102, MAT 110/120, PSY 201, SPC 205, and Humanities) with a GPA of at least a 2.75. (BIO 211 and BIO 225 - 5 year time limit and MAT - 10 year time limit).

Once applicants have completed these requirements, they will be granted acceptance into Advanced Placement for Practical Nurses, based on selection for available class seats.

Upon successful completion of NUR 201, LPNs are granted credits for previous nursing courses in the first two semesters of the ADN program. LPNs also have the option to apply for regular acceptance to the ADN program.

#### Course Sequence and Progression Requirements

A minimum grade of C or better is required for all PNR-prefixed courses for progression and graduation. Grade below "C" are considered course failures. Any student who fails to meet the requirements for progression will be dropped from the nursing program and must apply for re-acceptance. For further information regarding re-acceptance, see the ADN PN Student Handbook.

#### SUGGESTED CURRICULUM SEQUENCE

##### First Semester

NUR 150	Chronic Health Problems*	6
NUR 162	Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing	3
NUR 201	Nursing Transition*+	3
	TOTAL	12

##### Second Semester

(Continued)

NUR 161	Basic Concepts in Pharmacology	2
NUR 220	Family-Centered Nursing	7
	Humanities**	3
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Third Semester</b>		
NUR 217	Trends Issues in Nursing*	2
NUR 221	Advanced Nursing Concepts	5
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7</b>
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>31</b>

\*Courses prepare students in basic computer applications.

+13 nursing credit hours (NUR 101 and NUR 120) for prior PN work are awarded upon completion of NUR 201 with a grade of "C" or better.

\*\*Any University Transfer Humanities course.