

NOTICE TO ALL HEALTH SCIENCE – NURSING MAJORS
Notice of Admission Requirement Changes for LPN to RN Advanced Placement Option
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As recently posted on the nursing program website, changes have been made to the admission requirements and processes for LPN's requesting admission to the LPN-RN Advanced Placement Program Option. These changes are effective for students applying for Spring 2016 and beyond for acceptance into the LPN-RN Advanced Placement Option (with the exception of the passing score requirement for the HESI Admission Assessment Exam which is currently in effect).

The LPN-RN Advanced Placement Option offers licensed practical nurses (LPNs) the opportunity to gain experiential credit for their LPN license. LPN licensure gives six (6) credits for Concepts of Nursing Practice I (NRS112).

Applicants must:

- possess a high school diploma (or equivalent).
- have graduated from an accredited LPN school.
- possess a valid New Jersey LPN license.
- complete all the prerequisite course and admission requirements for the nursing program.

Admission to the professional phase of the nursing program, as an LPN, also requires:

- cumulative GPA (transfer or MCCC) of 2.5 or higher. **GPA's are not rounded.**
- a passing score (80% or higher) in the English Language Composite and 80% or higher on the Math portion of the HESI Admission Assessment Exam in three (3) attempts or less. **Scores are not rounded.**
- successful completion of the Clinical Reasoning in Nursing Practice course (NRS111) with a C+ or higher. (first course offering for NRS111 will be Fall 2015)
- completion of the HESI Fundamentals of Nursing Exam. Students who achieve below an 800 on this exam will be required to complete an academic success plan, including HESI remediation, with their advisor.
- passing a comprehensive Skills Assessment exam in two attempts or less.
- passing a Dosage Calculation Exam with 90% or higher in two attempts or less.

Six academic credits are given for Concepts of Nursing Practice I (NRS112). The student is then able to apply for acceptance into the second semester nursing courses, Concepts of Nursing Practice II (NRS125). Students must earn a minimum grade of "C+" in BIO103, BIO104, BIO201 and all nursing courses to graduate.

Please note that admission to the LPN-RN Advanced Placement Program Option is on a space available basis only. Students are ranked utilizing an admission rubric. A copy of the admission rubric can be found in the Nursing Program Admission Information Packet.

Students who apply for this option must submit a letter, requesting admission to the second semester of nursing as an LPN. This letter must be submitted by the petition deadlines outlined in the Admission Information Packet. The daytime program option for LPN students begins in

spring and the evening/weekend option begins in fall. The letter must be submitted along with your HESI Admission Assessment and Fundamentals of Nursing exam score reports, Dosage Calculation exam report, and Skills Assessment score report. Please contact the nursing office to arrange for skills assessment, dosage calculation and HESI exams.

Once accepted into the professional phase of the nursing program, students must:

- obtain a physical examination from a licensed practitioner on a form provided by the nursing program.
- provide proof of current CPR certification for Healthcare Providers or Professional Rescuer.
- obtain professional liability insurance for a Registered Nurse student.
- complete a criminal background check with the company utilized by the nursing program.
- provide proof of immunity for Rubella, Rubeola, Hepatitis B and Varicella by providing lab report of titers.
- provide proof of current flu shot vaccination. Students must provide proof of vaccination and update with the new season vaccination by October 15th each year. Flu shots are available from September through April each year. No flu vaccine is available during the summer.
- provide proof of current health insurance.

Once accepted into the Nursing Program, students are expected to successfully complete all professional phase nursing courses within six (6) semesters of starting the professional phase of the nursing program for the first time. Failure to successfully complete all required professional phase nursing courses within the six (6) semesters will result in dismissal from the nursing program.

Students who are unsuccessful with the Skills Assessment exam, Clinical Reasoning in Nursing Practice course and/or the Dosage Calculation exam, may apply for a seat in NRS112, with no experiential credit being given.

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Students who complete the college's Nursing program earn the Associate in Science (A.S.) degree and are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN).