Career Technology Center of Lackawanna County

And

Marywood University

Licensed Practical Nursing Program to Bachelor of Science: Nursing

The Career Technology Center of Lackawanna County and Marywood University have entered into an agreement for CTC’s Licensed Practical Nursing students to enter the Bachelor of Science: Nursing program at Marywood University with advanced standing. Subject to the terms of this agreement, a student who satisfactorily completes the requirements of the Licensed Practical Nursing program and has passed NCLEX-PN will be granted advanced status in the Marywood University Nursing program towards the completion of the BSN degree. The following terms and conditions apply:

1) The student must meet the deadline dates for applications, payment of fees, etc. that would normally apply to other new students at Marywood University.

2) The student must have successfully completed the LPN program at the Career Technology Center.

3) The student must have passed the NCLEX-PN.

4) The student must not attend another higher education institution between graduating from the Career Technology Center and enrolling at Marywood University.

This agreement may be terminated at any time by either Marywood University or the Career Technology Center via a written notice thirty days in advance of the effective date of termination. It is understood that any termination will not apply to students who have already started or been accepted into the LPN to RN program at Marywood University.
Advanced Placement Policies
Marywood’s Nursing program is committed to multi-level entry points for Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN) and Registered Nurses (RN). Challenge examinations for LPNs and RNs are available for credit and for advanced placement in several ways, through work experience, and challenge exams for certain Nursing and cognate courses.

Validation for LPN students: Requirements and Criteria
The LPN student meets the same requirements for admission, as does any other Marywood University applicant. An LPN student holding a valid license as a practical nurse in Pennsylvania, or in another state, may seek advanced placement in the program. International students will be evaluated individually.

Cognate Courses
LPN students may choose to challenge by examination, the following courses:
- Anatomy & Physiology (NLN) 8 credits
- Microbiology (NLN) 4 credits
- Nutrition (NLN) 3 credits
- Chemistry (CLEP) 4 credits

Total: 19 credits

Challenge examination is done utilizing the NLN content specific exams and the CLEP for chemistry only. A decision score of 50th percentile ranking is used as a cut-off to score on each of the tests. These exams may only be taken once and must be completed within the first year of enrollment at Marywood. If the student does not achieve a passing score on the exam, they must take the respective course.

Nursing Courses
Credit by Challenge Awarding for Selected Nursing Courses

Based on careful evaluation of the course goals, the faculty has decided to use the NLN Nursing Acceleration Challenges Exam I (ACE), (PN-RN) Foundations of Nursing to validate N350/351 knowledge.

A decision score of 50th percentile ranking is used as a cut-off to score on each of the tests. These exams may only be taken once and must be completed within the first year of enrollment at Marywood. If the student does not achieve a passing score on the ACE Foundations test, the student must take N350 and 351: Med/Surg I and II. This exam must be completed prior to the student enrolling in N455: Med/Surg III.
In summary, LPN students enrolled in Marywood University’s BSN program may receive advanced placement credits upon successful completion of the NLN ACE Test for the following courses:

N350: Med/Surg I (7 credits)
N351: Med/Surg II (7 credits)

**Non-Challenge Credit Awards for Selected Nursing Courses**

LPNs may be granted selected Nursing credits **without** taking challenge examinations. Guidelines provided by the Association and adopted by the Department of Nursing at Marywood University apply.

The LPN must complete an individual examination by the Nursing department chairperson. At this meeting, the student must provide evidence of

1) **a current United States LPN license**
2) **transcripts from an NLNAC accredited Nursing program with evidence of graduation within the previous ten years, determined from the date of admission to Marywood University**
3) **evidence of 1000 hours of employment in the Nursing profession in the previous three years** (evidence provided with a letter from the employer).

**Note:** if the student graduated from Nursing school within the previous three years from the date of admission to Marywood University, no employer evidence is required.

Advanced standing credits will be held in escrow until successful completion of the three credit NURS 250: Nursing Concepts course. Student will then will be awarded 15 additional credits, to be displayed on the Marywood University transcript as follows:

N251: Health and Wellness (2 credits)
N252: Fundamentals (6 credits)
N450: Peds/OB (7 credits)
Total: 15 credits

**Procedure**

Students are admitted to Marywood University for the BSN degree according to current admission procedures. Students must meet with the department chair to plan their academic program and challenge schedule.

The Nursing program is responsible for ensuring the student meets the criteria for awarding of advanced standing credits.

The chairperson of the Nursing program will send a memo to the Registrar for each individual LPN, listing the credits to be awarded. The Registrar will authorize their placement on the student’s transcript.
To enter the junior year of the Nursing program, the LPN must show evidence of:

1) a current license as an LPN in Pennsylvania or another state
2) completed clinical requirements
3) having met all the Nursing and cognate pre-requisites
4) a cumulative GPA of 3.0
5) a grade C or better in each of the cognate or Nursing courses
6) successfully challenge or completion of all cognate courses