Wilkes-Barre Area Vo-Tech School and Marywood University have entered into an agreement for their Licensed Practical Nursing students to enter the Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing program 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 the LPN exam will be granted advanced status in the Marywood University nursing program towards the completion of the degree (see attachment).

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

2. The student must have successfully completed the Licensed Practical Nursing program at the Wilkes-Barre Area Vo-Tech School.

3. The student must have passed the Licensed Practical Nursing Test.

4. The student must not attend another higher education institution between graduating the Wilkes-Barre Area Vo-Tech School and enrolling in Marywood University.

Either Marywood University or the Wilkes-Barre Area Vo-Tech School, via a written notice, may terminate this agreement at any time 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 the Licensed Practical Nursing Program.
ADVANCED PLACEMENT POLICIES

The Nursing Program is committed to multi-level entry points for licensed practical nurses and for Registered nurses. Challenge examinations for LPN's and RN's are available for credit and for advanced placement in certain nursing courses. The University also offers advanced placement by examination in certain General liberal arts courses.

Validation for LPN Students

Description of Validation Process:
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. International students will be evaluated individually.

The Department of Nursing and Public Administration has admitted LPN students since 1976. From experience, the faculty believes that the LPN student generally has sufficient knowledge and skill to challenge E N210, Fundamentals course (6 credits); N208, Communication (1 credit), N202 Pharmacology (2 credits) nd N310, Care of Childbearing/ Childbearing Family (8 credits). LPN students may also choose to challenge y examination in Anatomy and Physiology (8 credits), Chemistry (4 credits), Microbiology (4 credits), and nutrition (3 credits).

Therefore it is possible for an LPN to earn 36 credits by examination or advanced placement and 9 credits by portfolio assessment. Advanced credit for additional courses such as N311: Care of Adult (7 credits)rid N457: Aging (2 credits) is at the discretion of the department chairperson upon review of the applicant portfolio, which considers medical-surgical and geriatric work experiences. Total credits: 45: 19 cognate credits, 17 nursing credits and 9 portfolio credits.

NON-CHALLENGE CREDIT AWARDING FOR SELECTED NURSING COURSES

Licensed Practical Nurses may be granted selected nursing credits WITHOUT taking challenge examinations. Guidelines provided by the Association and adopted by the Department of Nursing and Public administration of Marywood University apply.

The L.P.N. must complete an individual evaluation by the Nursing Department Chairperson. At this meeting the L.P.N. must provide evidence of

1. a current U.S. L.P.N. license,

2. transcripts from an NLNAC-accredited nursing program with evidence of graduation within the previous 10 years, determined from the date of admission to Marywood University, and

3. evidence of **1,000 HOURS OF EMPLOYMENT** in the nursing profession in the previous 3 YEARS, evidence to be provided in a letter from the employer. If the student **GRADUATED** from nursing school within the **PREVIOUS 3 YEARS** from the date of admission to the University, no employer evidence is required.
Advanced standing credits will be held in escrow until successful completion of the two-credit NURS 201 Nursing Concepts course. Student will then be awarded 17 additional credits, to be displayed on the Marywood University transcript as follows:

**ADVANCED STANDING - NLNAC ACCREDITED SCHOOL**

- NURS 202 Pharmacology 2 credits
- NURS 208 Communication in Nursing 1 credit
- NURS 210 Fundamentals of Nursing Practice 6 credits
- NURS 310 Nursing Care of Childbearing/Child-Rearing Families 8 credits
  
  **Total:** 17 credits

**PROCEDURE**

Students are admitted to Marywood University for the B.S.N. 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 assuring 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 L.P.N., listing the credits to be awarded, and the Registrar will authorize their placement on the student's transcript.

Any questions about the application of the above policy should be referred to the Registrar.

**CREDIT BY CHALLENGE AWARDING FOR SELECTED NURSING COURSES**

For L.P.N. students who graduated from an NLNAC accredited program **OVER 10 YEARS** ago, the challenge examination set must be taken.
Based on careful evaluation of the course goals, the faculty has decided to use the NLN Nursing Acceleration Challenges Exam 1 (ACE), (PN-RN) Foundations of Nursing to validate N210/N208 and N202 knowledge and the NLN Nursing Acceleration Challenge Exam (ACE) (PN-RN) Nursing Care during Childbearing and Nursing care of child to validate N310 knowledge. **This test cannot be repeated.**

A decision score of 85 is used as a cut-off score on each of the tests. If the student does not achieve a passing score on the ACE Foundations test the student takes N210 Fundamentals of Nursing, N202 Pharmacology and N208 Communication course. **This test cannot be repeated.**

If the student does not achieve a passing score (85) in the ACE Childbearing/Child test, the student takes N310 Care of Childrearing and Childbearing Family.

LPN students may choose to challenge by examination, the following course:

- Anatomy and Physiology (NLN) 8 credits
- Microbiology (NLN) 4 credits
- Nutrition (NLN) 3 credits
- Chemistry (CLEP) 4 credits

19 credits

In summary, LPN students enrolled in Marywood University BSN program may receive advanced placement credits of the following courses:

**All examinations may be taken one time only.**

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To enter the junior year of the Nursing program, the LPN must show evidence of:

1. a current license as a Licensed Practical Nurse in Pennsylvania or another state.
2. current CPR certification/Health Care Provider.
3. completed clinical requirements.
4. meeting the nursing and cognate prerequisites.
5. a University QPA of 2.0 and a cumulative QPA in combined nursing and cognate courses of 2.5
6. a grade of 2.0 or better in each of the cognate or nursing courses.
7. successfully challenge N210 Fundamentals, N208 Communication, N202 Pharmacology, and N310 Childbearing/Childrearing
8. Liability insurance..

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