

Fortis Institute
And
Marywood University

Licensed Practical Nursing Program to Bachelor of Science: Nursing

Fortis Institute and Marywood University have entered into an agreement for Fortis Institute's Licensed Practical Nursing graduates to enter the Bachelor of Science: Nursing program at Marywood University as students with advanced standing. Subject to the terms of this agreement, a Fortis student who satisfactorily completes the requirements of the Licensed Practical Nursing program and has passed NCLEX-PN will be granted advanced standing 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 and any applicable fees that would normally apply to other new students at Marywood University.
- 2) The student must have successfully completed the LPN program at Fortis Institute
- 3) Nursing students must have a minimum GPA to be accepted into the BSN program. Students with a GPA under 3.0 may be admitted as Undeclared with Interest in Nursing, and are not eligible to take Nursing classes until a 3.0 GPA is achieved at Marywood. Students will be evaluated on a case-by case base.
- 4) All transcripts must be sent to the Admissions office for processing and evaluation prior to beginning the BSN program at Marywood University.
- 5) The student must have passed the NCLEX-PN.
- 6) The graduate must not attend another higher education institution between graduating from Fortis Institute and enrolling at Marywood University.

This agreement may be terminated at any time by either Marywood University or Fortis Institute 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 begun or been accepted into the LPN to BSN program at Marywood University.

Advanced Placement Policies

Marywood's Nursing program is committed to multi-level entry points for Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN). For cognate courses and certain nursing courses, challenge examinations are available for LPNs.

Validation for LPN students: Requirements and Criteria

The LPN student must meet the published requirements for undergraduate admission at Marywood University.

Cognate Courses

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

(NLN) Anatomy & Physiology I & II plus labs	8 credits
(NLN) Microbiology plus lab	4 credits
(NLN) Nutrition	3 credits
(CLEP) Chemistry plus lab	4 credits
Total: 19 credits	

Challenge examination for cognate courses are done utilizing the NLN content specific exams and the CLEP exam (chemistry only). A decision score is determined by the Marywood nursing faculty. These exams may only be taken once and must be completed prior to registration for the first nursing course at Marywood. If the student does not achieve a passing score on the exam, the LPN student must take the respective course, which could potentially delay degree completion time.

Students are required to complete the Fundamental Skills assessment prior to NURS 253 (Health Assessment) and any other upper level nursing courses. These nursing skills include vital signs, Foley catheterization, mini-assessment, medication administration (oral and parenteral), and wound care.

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 Exams: NACE II (Care of the Adult Client) to validate knowledge for NURS 350 (Adult Health I with associated clinical) & NURS 351 (Adult Health II with associated clinical) and NACE II (Nursing Care of Child) plus NACE II (Nursing Care of Childbearing Family) to validate knowledge for NURS 450A and NURS 450B (Peds/OB with associated clinical).

These exams may only be taken once and must be completed prior to registration of upper level nursing courses (>NURS 400). If the student does not achieve a passing score on the NACE II exams, the student must take: NURS 350 (Adult Health I with associated clinical) & NURS 351 (Adult Health II with associated clinical). If the student does not pass the NACE II (Nursing Care of Child) plus NACE II (Nursing Care of Childbearing Family), the student must take NURS 450A and NURS 450B (Peds/OB with associated clinical and lab) prior to taking NURS 455, NURS 453, and NURS 456.

In summary, LPN students enrolled in Marywood University's BSN program may receive advanced placement credits upon successful completion of the NLN NACE II Test for the following courses:

NURS 350: Adult Health I plus clinical (6 credits)

NURS 351: Adult Health II plus clinical (6 credits)

NURS 450A: Peds plus clinical (3 credits)

NURS 450B: OB plus clinical (3 credits)

Non-Challenge Credit Awards for Selected Nursing Courses

LPNs may be granted selected Nursing credits **without** taking challenge examinations.

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

Note: Advanced standing credits will be held in escrow until successful completion of the three credit NURS 200: Bridge – LPN to BSN or NURS 250: Nursing Concepts course. Student will then will be awarded 6 additional credits.

NURS 252/252C/252L: Foundations of Nursing/Clinical/Lab (6 credits)

Procedure

Students are admitted to Marywood University for the BSN degree according to current admission policy and procedures. Students must meet with the LPN to BSN Coordinator 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.

To register for Marywood Nursing courses, the LPN must show evidence of:

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