

LPN-RN Transition Track

Thank you for your interest in the Northwest Mississippi Community College Department of Nursing.

The LPN-RN Transition course is an intensive eight week summer course designed to facilitate the transition of the licensed practical nurse to the role of a professional registered nurse. The course content is intended to augment knowledge learned in an accredited practical nursing program and includes an overview of fundamental nursing concepts, essential nursing skills, and culturally competent nursing care of individuals, families and communities. Emphasis will be placed on the provision of quality, evidenced based, patient-centered nursing care while maintaining the highest standard of safety and efficacy. This course includes theory, lab and simulated clinical hours.

As an LPN seeking advanced placement in the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Program, you must meet the following requirements to be eligible for the LPN-RN Transition course:

- 1) Applicant **must** be 18 years of age.
- 2) Applicant **must** be a Mississippi resident with a valid Mississippi LPN license. This license will be verified with the MS Board of nursing and must be active, unrestricted, and include current IV certification.
- 3) Applicant **must** have completed applications to NWCC and NWCC Department of Nursing, including all transcripts submitted to the Office of Admissions and Records. The Department of Nursing application **must** be completed online and will be available from January 1-February 15 for the LPN-RN Transition summer course.
- 4) Applicant **must** have taken the PAX nursing admission entrance test (recommended score 102 or higher) or TEAS test (recommended score 66 or higher) prior to application to the Department of Nursing. Applicant scores of PAX 102/TEAS 66 or higher will be considered first in the admission process.
- 5) Applicant **must** have an enhanced ACT composite score of 18 or above.
- 6) Applicant **must** have a GPA of 2.5 or greater. Grade point average is based on Anatomy and Physiology 1 with lab, Anatomy and Physiology 2 with lab and College Algebra. If a course is taken more than once, all attempts in the past three years will be used to compute the GPA.
- 7) Applicant **must** have completed A&P I /Lab and A&P II/ Lab with a "C" or better within the past seven years.
- 8) Applicant **must** have completed with a "C" or better all pre-requisite courses as outlined in the LPN-RN Transition plan of study.
- 9) Applicant **must** be deemed eligible for the LPN-RN Transition Course by the Department of Nursing LPN Advanced Placement Committee.

LPNs who meet the above criteria are eligible for admission on a competitive basis to NUR 1316, LPN-RN Transition course. After successfully passing NUR 1316 with a grade of "C" or better, the student is eligible to be enrolled in NUR 2119 Nursing III, space permitting, and will complete the last two (2) semesters with the traditional ADN students.. If successful in passing the LPN-RN Transition Course, the LPN must enroll in NUR

2119 within one calendar year or his/her eligibility to enroll directly into the sophomore level nursing course is forfeited.

The above requirements must be met no later than February 15th. All records must be on file in the NWCC Office of Admissions and Records at the time of application to the Department of Nursing. The Department of Nursing LPN Advanced Placement Committee will review all records and notify the applicant via email regarding eligibility to participate in the LPN-RN Transition course. Upon acceptance, the applicant must attend pre-registration and meet with an LPN-RN nursing adviser during the spring semester or acceptance in the Transition course may be rescinded.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

***Students who are enrolled in but do NOT successfully complete the NUR 1316 LPN-RN Transition Course will be offered the option to repeat NUR 1316 the following summer or begin the traditional ADN Program within one calendar year and will need to notify the ADN Admission Committee prior to the next application period deadline.

If you have questions or need further assistance, please contact Stacy Taylor, NUR 1316 course coordinator, at swtaylor@northwestms.edu

LPN-RN TRANSITION PLAN OF STUDY

PRE-REQUISITES for admission to LPN-RN Transition option

BIO 2513, Anatomy and Physiology I	3 hours
BIO 2511, Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	1 hour
BIO 2523, Anatomy and Physiology II	3 hours
BIO 2521, Anatomy and Physiology II Lab	1 hour
MAT 1313, College Algebra	3 hours
EPY 2533, Human Growth & Development	3 hours
ENG 1113, English Composition I	3 hours
At least <u>two</u> of the following required courses:	6 hours
• ENG 1123, English Composition II	
• CSC 1113, Computer Concepts	
• SPT 1113 Public Speaking	
• PSY 1513 General Psychology	
• Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	
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	23 hours

COURSE WORK AFTER ACCEPTANCE to LPN-RN Transition option

<u>First Semester</u>	Summer Term	Hours
NUR 1316, Nursing Transition [†]		6

[†] After successful completion of NUR 1316, student will receive 12 hours credit for NUR 2002 (demonstration of knowledge from previous LPN course work).

<u>Second Semester</u>	Hours
NUR 2119, Nursing III	9
PSY 1513, General Psychology*	3
SPT, 1113, Public Speaking*	<u>3</u>
	15

<u>Third Semester</u>	Hours
NUR 2318, Nursing IV	9
NUR 2313 Trans to Prof Prac	3
Humanities/ Fine Arts Elective*	<u>3</u>
	15

* All listed courses must be completed for graduation from the ADN program. Students must maintain a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester excluding summer term. If these (*) courses were completed prior to second and third semester, the student may substitute additional courses as approved by nursing adviser to meet required credit hours per semester.