

POINT LOMA NAZARENE UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF NURSING

ADVANCED PLACEMENT POLICY FOR LICENSED VOCATIONAL NURSES

PHILOSOPHY

Students with previous education in a school of nursing are eligible to be considered for direct transfer of course credit and/or credit by examination. The principle objective is for the Advanced Placement student to graduate with knowledge and skills equivalent to the generic graduate of the nursing program, without unnecessary repetition of courses or course work. Students who desire advanced placement will receive individual counseling to determine eligibility and to facilitate their progress.

GENERAL OBJECTIVES

A. Criteria for Admission

1. Minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.7 in all college course work
2. Completion of all pre-requisite courses (for entry into the program) with minimum grade of "C" (2.00).
3. Completion of pre-requisite courses needed prior to entering subsequent nursing courses (as designated on the curriculum outline) with a minimum grade of "C" (2.00).
4. Evidence of good health.
Physical exam must be completed within six months prior to entering clinical nursing courses. Form is available in the Nursing Office.

B. Application Procedures

1. Apply to PLNU for admission.
2. Complete separate application process for School of Nursing, including letter of reference.
3. Send one set of official transcripts of all nursing and other college work to:

Point Loma Nazarene University
School of Nursing
3900 Lomaland Drive
San Diego, CA 92106-2899

C. Selection

Students are selected on a "space-available" basis for clinical courses by the School of Nursing Academic and Student Affairs Committee. SPACE IN NURSING COURSES IS LIMITED.

D. Credit-by-Evaluation

THEORY:

1. Eight units of theory credit will be granted for NSG 250/251 and NSG 260/261, through the successful completion of Excelsior Exam 554. A minimum grade of B must be achieved prior to enrollment in any nursing course.
2. Student must make arrangements with Prometric (formerly Sylvan) Testing Centers for taking the examinations. This may be done by calling 888-723-9267 or accessing the Excelsior Web site at www.excelsior.edu. There is an additional required cost for the testing.

CLINICAL

Evaluation of clinical performance may be required from Supervisor of applicant who has at least 1 year recent experience in acute care setting and/or Faculty evaluation.

E. Other Requirements:

1. Advanced Placements Students must:

a. Meet PLNU residence requirements by:

(1) Completing a minimum of 21 upper division units in nursing at PLNU

(2) Taking at least 36 units of degree at PLNU

b. Complete the same pre-requisite and general education courses required of the BSN Generic students.

For further information about the nursing program contact:

Point Loma Nazarene University

School of Nursing

3900 Lomaland drive

San Diego, CA 92106-2899

Phone: (619) 849-7055

LVN 30 UNIT OPTION

The nursing program has an LVN 30 Unit Option. This NON-DEGREE track is separate from the Bachelor of Science Degree program, but does allow the LVN to complete the option courses and take the California State RN license examination. Information is available upon request from the School of Nursing. **ADMISSION IS ON A SPACE-AVAILABLE BASIS.**