NURSING

Advanced Placement Policy

The Nursing Department offers an Advanced Placement track of study in recognition of the prior educational and work experiences that Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) have acquired. Students in this track enter the program in the second semester course, Basic Medical-Surgical Nursing (NUR 123).

The Advanced Placement option applies only to LPNs and is compatible with the New Jersey Articulation Model for Nursing Education.

Admission into the Advanced Placement track is competitive and limited by space availability, so applicants are not guaranteed a seat. A student can be admitted to the Advanced Placement track only one time.

REQUIREMENTS:

- An interview with the Advanced Placement Program Advisor.
- Admission to County College of Morris as a matriculated student in the Nursing Major.
- Completion of all general education and science pre-requisites for the nursing program. Grades must be a "C" or better and the science courses cannot be greater than 7 years old. Ranking for entry into the program is based on grades in all pre-requisites and current GPA.
- Institutional GPA 2.5 or greater.
- Completion of the Advanced Placement Application.
- Graduation from an accredited LPN program.
- A current New Jersey LPN license.
- A letter of reference from a nursing professional.
- Graduation from their LPN program within 12 months
  - o **OR** have graduated from a LPN program within 13 and 36 months and been employed as a LPN for a minimum of 1000 hours during the past 12 months
  - o **OR** have graduated from a LPN program more than 36 months ago and been employed as a LPN for a minimum of 2000 hours during the past 24 months.

AP TRACK PROGRESSION AND COMPLETION:

- Accepted students must successfully complete Nursing Transition (NUR 012) prior to entering Basic Medical/Surgical Nursing (NUR 123).
- Students who fail NUR 012 cannot begin NUR 123. They can be placed into Fundamentals of Nursing (NUR 121) and continue the program on the traditional track. Placement into NUR 121 is limited by seat availability. There is no guarantee that the student will have a seat in the current semester. Placement may be in a subsequent semester.

- Foundations of Nursing, NUR 105, must be taken as a co-requisite to NUR 123 or NUR 121.
- Students who fail NUR 121 may be reinstated into NUR 121 in a subsequent semester if their course exam average is 67% or greater and they are passing all other course components. Students can be reinstated into the program only one time. Students with an average of less than 67% are not eligible for reinstatement and must exit the program.
- Students who pass NUR 012 will enter NUR 123. They will have six (6) credits for NUR 121 placed into escrow. Upon successful completion of NUR 123, the student will receive credit for NUR 121.
- Students who fail NUR 123 may be reinstated into NUR 123 in a subsequent semester if their course exam average is 67% or greater and they are passing all other course components. Students can be reinstated into the program only one time. Students with an average of less than 67% are not eligible for reinstatement and must exit the program.
- Traditional students who are ineligible for reinstatement can earn their LPN and apply to the program as an Advanced Placement student. Advanced Placement students who are ineligible for reinstatement cannot apply to the traditional track.
- All other requirements for successful program progression and completion are the same as for all students and are outlined in the nursing student handbook.

LPNs who are interested in advanced placement should contact the Program Advisor or the Nursing Department at NursingDepartment@ccm.edu. Those interested in being admitted to NUR 123 in the evening program (fall start) must submit the Advanced Placement Application by March 15th and those who wish to be admitted to NUR 123 in the day/traditional program (spring start) must submit the form by September 15th.

Advanced placement applications can be accessed here:
https://www.ccm.edu/academics/divdep/health-professions-natural-sciences/department-of-nursing/professional-phase-applications/

REQUIREMENTS, (PLACE CHECK MARK IF COMPLETED):

1. _____ Interview with the Program Advisor
2. _____ Admission into the County College of Morris and Nursing Major
3. _____ Completion of the Advanced Placement Application
4. _____ Copy of LPN Diploma with date
5. _____ Copy of LPN License
6. _____ A letter from employer verifying hours worked (if required)
7. _____ A letter of recommendation from a nursing professional
8. _____ Completion of all general education and science classes
9. _____ Institutional GPA 2.5 and above