

County College of Morris
Department of Nursing
Advanced Placement Policy

The Nursing Department recognizes that potential students come to us with prior educational and life experiences. We believe these experiences can be evaluated and if they are equivalent to current course requirements, the candidate may receive advanced placement into the Nursing Program. Admission into the advanced placement program is very competitive and students are not guaranteed a seat. A student can be admitted as an advanced placement student **only one time**.

This advanced placement option applies only to Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) and is compatible with the New Jersey Articulation Model for Nursing Education. The following requirements are necessary for advanced placement.

REQUIREMENTS:

- An interview with the Advanced Placement Program Advisor.
- Admission into the County College of Morris and the Nursing Major.
- Completion of all general education and science pre-requisites. Science grades must be a C or better and not be greater than 7 years old. Ranking for entry into the program is based on grades in all pre-requisites and current GPA.
- GPA 2.5
- Completion of the “Application for Advanced Placement”
- 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
 - **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
 - **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.

LPNs who are accepted as advanced placement (AP) students into the Nursing Program will have six (6) credits for Fundamentals of Nursing, (NUR-121), placed into escrow. They will be required to successfully complete Nursing Transition, (NUR-012), a transition course for AP students, prior to entry into Basic Medical/Surgical Nursing, (NUR 123). Foundations of Nursing (NUR-105) must be taken as a co-requisite to NUR123. Students are admitted to the above nursing courses on a space available basis. Only upon successful completion of NUR 123, will the student receive credit for NUR 121.

LPNs who are interested in advanced placement should contact the Program Advisor at breilly@ccm.edu 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 APPLICATION FOR ADVANCED PLACEMENT by March 1st and those who wish to be admitted to NUR 123 in the day 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 "APPLICATION FOR ADVANCED PLACEMENT"
4. _____ Copy of LPN Diploma with date
5. _____ Copy of LPN License
6. _____ 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. _____ GPA 2.5 and above