

## Nursing, Advanced Standing to AAS for LPNs

### School of Health Professions

Admission to the nursing program is selective and enrollment is limited by the clinical placement necessary to complete the nursing course requirements. All applicants must meet specific criteria before being admitted to any of the program options.

The program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), 3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400, Atlanta, GA 30326; phone 404-975-5000; acenursing.org. The ACEN is responsible for the specialized accreditation of nursing education programs: Associate Degree. The ACEN is nationally recognized as a specialized accrediting agency for both postsecondary and higher degree programs in nursing education.

The Nursing program utilizes standardized testing to evaluate student performance.

### Advanced Placement for Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) into the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Program Guidelines

**Purpose:** Admission to the nursing program is a selective process as enrollment is limited by the clinical placement necessary to complete the nursing course requirements. Therefore, all applicants applying for advanced placement admission must meet the criteria.

**Guidelines:** Graduate and licensed practical nurses may apply for advanced placement admission into the second year of the associate degree nursing program if they meet the following criteria before being fully accepted:

#### Application Criteria

- Must hold a current Pennsylvania Practical Nursing license
- Students must attend a placement assessment and educational planning session and complete any developmental courses that may be required based on the placement evaluation
  - Students who test into developmental courses must complete all courses with a C grade or above prior to application deadline.

#### Criteria for Advanced Placement for LPNS

- Graduate of accredited secondary school program or hold a graduate equivalency degree (GED) certificate
- High school validating the successful completion of academic work equivalent to a standard high school program with a minimum of 16 units:
  - English (4 units)
  - Social studies (3 units)
  - Mathematics (2 units, one in algebra required)
  - Science (2 units, on each in chemistry and biology with related laboratory)
- A "C" grade or better must be attained in high school algebra, chemistry, and biology; if a "C" grade or better is not attained, applicants may meet these application requirements by completing MTH 052 or 052A, CHM 107, and BIO 107 and must attain a "C" grade or better

- Applicants who have completed credit courses must attain a 2.5 GPA
  - Only credit courses necessary to meet the requirements for the nursing program are considered when calculating GPA
  - If GPA is less than 2.5, one or more of these courses may be repeated to meet the requirements before testing
  - Students must earn a "C" grade or better in all nursing and corequisite courses to be eligible for pre-entrance testing.
  - Transfer courses are not calculated into GPA
- Applicants must take the I PN-RN Foundations of Nursing examination administered by Westmoreland; eligible applicants will be notified of the testing date and fee
- LPN applicants must submit an Application for Admission Form and Allied Health Programs Application to the Admissions Office

#### Level 2 (LPNs)

Day Program Option	
Application Deadline	January 12 prior to fall start
LPN Transition Course: NSG 200/ NSG 114	Summer semester prior to fall start
Start Nursing Classes	Fall Semester
Evening Program Option	
Application Deadline	May 15 prior to spring start
LPN Transition Course: NSG 200/ NSG 114	Fall semester prior to spring start
Start Nursing Classes	Spring Semester

#### Pre-Testing Criteria and Required Documents

- Proof of completion of required courses or enrollment in equivalent courses via high school and or college transcripts. It is the students responsibility to provide transcripts to admissions office.
- Westmoreland transcript must include the following courses and GPA must be at least 2.5 and a C or better in the following courses:
  - BIO 171 – Anatomy and Physiology I
  - BIO 172 – Anatomy and Physiology II
  - PSY 160 – General Psychology
  - ENG 161 – College Writing
  - ALH 120 – Pharmacology
  - CPT 150 – Microcomputer Concepts
- Additional required documents:
  - LPN Program Transcript
  - Copy of Current LPN License

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#### Final Admission Criteria

Students accepted into the School of Health Professions including Nursing, Dental Programs, Radiology, Sonography, Medical Assisting, Phlebotomy and Specimen Processing are required to have a criminal background check, child abuse history and drug screening at the student's expense.

The Program Director of each Health Profession Program gives the accepted student directions for setting up a password-secure Castle Branch Account.

Castle Branch is the background screening and compliance tracking company, which provides Westmoreland County Community College Health Profession Programs with student background screening services.

Castle Branch background screening and compliance management includes:

- Background Checks (FBI Fingerprint Check, Criminal Background Check and Child Abuse Clearances)
- Urine Drug Screen
- Immunization and Record Tracking
- Houses PPD (TB screening)
- CPR Training Documentation
- Liability Insurance (if applicable for program)
- Houses the results of the Required Health Physical.

Final admission is conditional pending receipt of Urine Drug Screen and receipt and evaluation of Criminal Background Check to determine if there is any conviction that may bar the applicant from entering the Health Profession Programs.

- Positive Urine Drug Screen will result in denial of admission.
- Any record of child abuse will result in denial of admission.
- According to federal sentencing guidelines, any punishment over one year indicates a felony.
- Any felony conviction within the past 10 years will result in denial of admission to any Health Profession Program.
- Any misdemeanor will be evaluated based on the nature of the offense, length of time since the offense and explanatory letter/material submitted by the applicant.

#### Essential Cognitive, Physical and Behavioral Functions

The Westmoreland County Community College Health Profession Programs including Nursing, Dental Programs, Radiology, Sonography, Medical Assisting, Phlebotomy and Specimen Processing require that students meet certain functional abilities essential to each program. A detailed list is available in each program's handbook.

#### Program Learning Outcomes

##### Caring (QSEN: Patient Centered Care)

- Provide safe, quality, evidenced-based, patient-centered care with respect for diversity across the lifespan.

##### Competency (QSEN: Safety)

- Implement technical aspects of care by following the standards of safe, professional practice.

##### Communication (QSEN: Teamwork and Collaboration)

- Implement therapeutic and professional communication when participating in the collaborative care of patients and their families.

##### Clinical Judgment (QSEN: Evident-Based Practice and Informatics)

- Use the nursing process, critical thinking, and clinical reasoning to manage patient care.
- Use information technologies to coordinate safe care for individuals and their families.

##### Commitment (QSEN: Quality Improvement)

- Incorporate nursing actions within the legal and ethical framework of nursing practice by conducting self in a civil and professional manner.

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#### Daylight Program

Sugg. Term	Seq #	Course ID	Course Title	Cr.	Term Offered	Prereq(s)	Options Available
1st Fall	1	BIO 171	Anatomy & Physiology I	4	F, Sp, Su	CHM 107, 155, 264 or HS Chemistry & ENG 095 or Placement	
	2	CPT 150	Microcomputer Concepts	3	F, Sp, Su		
	3	ENG 161	College Writing	3	F, Sp, Su	ENG 085 or Placement	
1st Spring	4	BIO 172	Anatomy & Physiology II	4	F, Sp, Su	BIO 171	
	5	ALH 120	Pharmacology	3	F, SP, Su	MTH 050, 050A or Placement	
	6	PSY 160	General Psychology	3	F, Sp, Su		
Apply to Nursing Program by January 12 for Fall Start							
Credit for Prior Learning	7	NSG 112	Intro to Professional Nursing & Healthcare Across the Lifespan	3	F, Sp	BIO 171 & CPT 150	
	8	NSG 116	Foundations of Nursing Care	7	F, Sp	BIO 171 & CPT 150	
	9	NSG 124	Medical Surgical Care of the Adult	9	F, Sp	BIO 171, 172, CPT 150, NSG 112, 114 & 116	
1st Summer	10	NSG 114	Health & Physical Assessment	3	F, Sp, Su	BIO 171 & CPT 150	
	11	NSG 200	LPN Transition into Associate Degree Nursing	3	Su	All Level I ADN Nursing Support Courses. Must be an LPN and accepted into ADN program.	
2nd Fall	12	BIO 265	Microbiology	4	F, Sp, Su	BIO 155 or 171; CHM 107, 155, 264 or HS Chemistry; & ENG 085 or Placement	
	13	NSG 225*	Nursing Care of the Childbearing Family/Infant/Child	4	F, Sp	All Level I ADN Nursing Support Courses	
	14	NSG 240*	Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing	3	F, Sp	All Level I ADN Nursing Support Courses	
	15	NSG 255*	Advanced M/S Aging Adult	3	F, Sp	All Level I ADN Nursing Support Courses	
2nd Spring	16	NSG 260*	Advanced M/S Care of Chronically Ill	3	F, Sp	All Level I ADN Nursing Support Courses	
	17	NSG 270*	Advanced M/S Care of Acutely Ill	3	F, Sp	All Level I ADN Nursing Support Courses	
	18	ENG 164	Advanced Composition	3	F, Sp, Su	ENG 161	
	19	Elective	Mathematics Elective: MTH 157 or 160 Recommended	3	F, Sp, Su	Placement	
	20	NSG 280**	Manager of Nursing Care	4	F, Sp	All Level I & II ADN Nursing Support Courses	

**Total Program Credits**

**72**

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#### Evening Program

Sugg. Term	Seq #	Course ID	Course Title	Cr.	Term Offered	Prereq(s)	Options Available
1st Fall	1	BIO 171	Anatomy & Physiology I	4	F, Sp, Su	CHM 107, 155, 264 or HS Chemistry & ENG 095 or Placement	
	2	CPT 150	Microcomputer Concepts	3	F, Sp, Su		
	3	ENG 161	College Writing	3	F, Sp, Su	ENG 085 or Placement	
1st Spring	4	BIO 172	Anatomy & Physiology II	4	F, Sp, Su	BIO 171	
	5	ALH 120	Pharmacology	3	F, SP, Su	MTH 050, 050A or Placement	
	6	PSY 160	General Psychology	3	F, Sp, Su		
Apply to Nursing Program by May 15 for Spring Start							
1st Summer	7	BIO 265	Microbiology	4	F, Sp, Su	BIO 155 or 171; CHM 107, 155, 264 or HS Chemistry; & ENG 085 or Placement	
	8	ENG 164	Advanced Composition	3	F, Sp, Su	ENG 161	
	9	Elective	Mathematics Elective: MTH 157 or 160 Recommended	3	F, Sp, Su	Placement	
Credit for Prior Learning	10	NSG 112	Intro to Professional Nursing & Healthcare Across the Lifespan	3	F, Sp	BIO 171 & CPT 150	
	11	NSG 116	Foundations of Nursing Care	7	F, Sp	BIO 171 & CPT 150	
	12	NSG 124	Medical Surgical Care of the Adult	9	F, Sp	BIO 172, CPT 150, NSG 112, 114 & 116	
2nd Fall	13	NSG 114	Health & Physical Assessment	3	F, Sp, Su	BIO 171 & CPT 150	
	14	NSG 200	LPN Transition into Associate Degree Nursing	3	Su	All Level I ADN Nursing Support Courses. Must be an LPN and accepted into ADN program.	
2nd Spring	15	NSG 225*	Nursing Care of the Childbearing Family/Infant/Child	4	F, Sp	All Level I ADN Nursing Support Courses	
	16	NSG 240*	Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing	3	F, Sp	All Level I ADN Nursing Support Courses	
	17	NSG 255*	Advanced M/S Aging Adult	3	F, Sp	All Level I ADN Nursing Support Courses	
3rd Fall	18	NSG 260*	Advanced M/S Care of Chronically Ill	3	F, Sp	All Level I ADN Nursing Support Courses	
	19	NSG 270*	Advanced M/S Care of Acutely Ill	3	F, Sp	All Level I ADN Nursing Support Courses	
	20	NSG 280**	Manager of Nursing Care	4	F, Sp	All Level I & II ADN Nursing Support Courses	

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