

**Nursing Program - LPN to RN**

Application Deadline: January 12 (day, fall start) or May 15 (evening, spring start)

NOTE: Students who complete the application and meet admission criteria before the deadline will be admitted to the program early. Students who complete the application and meet the admission criteria before the deadline, but after the program is full, will be placed on a waitlist. Waitlisted students receive a guaranteed seat when the next day or evening admission cycle opens (student's choice)

Thank you for your interest in Westmoreland County Community College's Nursing transition from LPN to RN program. This program has additional requirements beyond the Application for Admission to the college. Use the checklist below to ensure that you successfully complete all of the requirements to apply to the program.

- Age Requirement** for health professions is to be 18 by June 1st (Fall start) or November 1st (Spring Start) of the year the application is due
- Become** a Westmoreland student by applying at <https://apply.westmoreland.edu/>
- Submit** an official transcript from your high school (or proof of GED) and from any other colleges attended. A final official transcript must be sent after graduation (high school) if accepted. *This includes a transcript from your LPN program.*
- Meet one** of the requirements below:
  1. If you have 15 college-level credits with Westmoreland, **attain** a minimum GPA of 2.5 by the Program's application deadline
  2. If you have less than 15 college-level credits with Westmoreland, **attain** any one of the following by the Program's application deadline:
    - a minimum 2.5 GPA for a student who has earned 15 or more college-level credits at other post-secondary institutions (this GPA will be a composite score representing all institutions attended)
    - a minimum 3.0 GPA from secondary school (high school). If accepted prior to high school graduation, your admission will be contingent on having a minimum 3.0 GPA on your final transcript after graduation.
    - a minimum of 165 on the GED or a minimum of 15 on each subtest of HiSET.
  3. If you graduated from Westmoreland County Community Practical Nursing Diploma Program within the last 16 months, passed the PN-NCLEX, and are currently working as an LPN by the Program's Application deadline, you qualify academically for acceptance and do not need to take the NACE Exam or meet other GPA requirements.
- Pay for, complete, and submit** the National League of Nursing - Nursing Accelerated Challenge Exam (NLN-NACE) to Westmoreland County Community College before the application deadline. The exam assesses your ability to meet the demands of the Nursing Program and assesses your LPN skills in fundamental nursing. You will be evaluated based on the highest of up to two exam attempts submitted to the college per year. There is a 30-day required wait time between attempts. NACE scores are only good for the current admission cycle. Graduates of Westmoreland County Community College's Practical Nursing Program see number 3 in the requirements above
- Obtain** a Westmoreland County Community College student photo ID card
- Schedule** your placement assessment at [https://westmoreland.edu/admissions\\_aid/apply/placement-assessment-educational-planning.html](https://westmoreland.edu/admissions_aid/apply/placement-assessment-educational-planning.html)

NOTE: Completion of developmental courses may be required based on the results of the placement assessment. Developmental courses do not count in your Westmoreland GPA.

ALEKS score of 30 or higher*	If not successful, completion through MTH 052
HS GPA of 2.5 or higher*	If not successful, completion through ENG 095

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- Complete** the following courses with a grade of "C" or better by the Program's application deadline. Only college-level courses taken at Westmoreland are considered when calculating GPA. *BIO 171 and 172 must be taken at the same institution.*

High School Biology with Lab		If no High School Biology with Lab, BIO 107
High School Chemistry with Lab		If no High School Chemistry with Lab, CHM 107
BIO 171		CHM 150/151, 107, 225, or HS Chemistry and ENG 095 or Placement
BIO 172		BIO 171
CPT 150		
ENG 161		Placement
PSY 160		
MTH elective		MTH 052 or Placement

- Submit** a copy of your current PA LPN License before the application deadline
- Complete and Submit** the Health Professions Program Application.

<https://w3cadmin.wufoo.com/forms/health-professionals-program-application/>

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***Be sure to check the college catalog for additional information.***

\*or equivalent placement score on other placement exams such as ACT or SAT

## Additional Courses

The following courses may be completed before entering the program. In order to count for the program, you must get a C or better in each of these courses. Please check the catalog to see when these courses must be completed by once in the program.

BIO 265		BIO 155, or BIO 171 and CHM 107, CHM 150/151, CHM 225, or HS Chemistry and ENG 095 or Placement
ENG 164		ENG 161