

# Northwest Mississippi Community College

## LPN Challenge

Thank you for your interest in the Northwest Mississippi Community College School of Nursing. As an LPN seeking advanced placement in the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Program, you must meet the following requirements to be eligible for the LPN Challenge Exam:

- 1) Applicant **must** be 18 years of age.
- 2) Applicant **must** have passed NCLEX-PN as shown by submitting LPN License number on the NWCC Nursing Division application. This license will be verified with the MS Board of nursing and must be active and unrestricted.
- 3) Applicant **must** have completed applications to NWCC and NWCC Division of Nursing, including all transcripts submitted to the NWCC Office of Admissions and Records. The Division of Nursing application **must** be completed online and will be available from August 1-September 15 for the Spring semester and January 1-February 15 for the Fall semester.
- 4) Applicant **must** have qualifying score on the nursing admission entrance test prior to application to the Division of Nursing.
- 5) Applicant **must** have an enhanced ACT composite score of 18 or above.
- 6) Applicant **must** have a GPA of 2.5 or greater. Grade point average is based on Anatomy and Physiology 1 with lab, Anatomy and Physiology 2 with lab and College Algebra. If a course is taken more than once, all attempts in the past seven years will be used to compute the GPA.
- 7) Applicant **must** have completed A&P I /Lab and A&P II/ Lab with a “C” or better within the past seven years.
- 8) Applicant **must** have completed with a “C” or better all pre-requisite courses as outlined in the LPN Challenge plan of study.
- 9) Applicant **must** be deemed eligible for the LPN Challenge by the Division of Nursing LPN Advanced Placement Committee.

LPN’s who meet the above criteria are eligible to take the LPN Challenge Examinations. If successful, the student is then eligible to be enrolled in NUR 1318 Adult Health I, space permitting. If successful in passing the Challenge exams, the LPN must enter the Nursing Program within one calendar year or his/her eligibility to enroll directly into NUR 1318 is forfeited.

**The above requirements must be met no later than September 15<sup>th</sup> for the Spring Semester and no later than February 15<sup>th</sup> for the Fall Semester. All records must be on file in the NWCC Office of Admissions and Records at the time of application to the Division of Nursing.** The LPN Advanced Placement Committee will review all records and notify the applicant via email regarding eligibility to participate in the LPN Challenge. If eligible, the applicant must contact the Nursing Division office via email by the date stated in the eligibility email.

### **WRITTEN EXAMINATIONS (2 parts):**

1. Foundations of Nursing Exam
2. Pharmacology DOSAGE CALCUATIONS

\*Preparatory materials for these exams will be provided by the LPN Advanced Placement Committee.

\*Applicant must pass BOTH exams by scoring 78 or better in order to successfully complete this portion of the LPN Challenge.

### **PRACTICUM EXAMINATION:**

Once BOTH of the above exams are passed, the applicant must pass the practicum examination. This exam will include fundamental nursing skills that will be demonstrated by the applicant in the presence of (2) Division of Nursing faculty. Each skill should be demonstrated according to the text, *Fundamentals of Nursing*, by Craven et al (current edition). This and other reference textbooks are available for use in the Division of Nursing Lab. A skills review guide and access to skills video demonstrations and procedure checklists will be provided to students who progress to the practicum examination. The applicant will have 15 minutes to successfully demonstrate each required skill in the presence of (2) Division of Nursing faculty. If an applicant fails one or more of the skills, he/she will have the opportunity to re-check that skill on another day in the presence of (2) Division of Nursing faculty. Failure to pass these skills the second time will result in failure of the LPN Challenge.

Please note: The Division of Nursing Lab is open Monday- Friday from 8 a.m.to 3:30 p.m. for use of reference materials, equipment, practice time, and/or viewing videos if desired. The Nursing Clinical Skills Lab Coordinator, Monica Williams, should be contacted for an appointment prior to coming to the Nursing Lab. She may be reached by email, [mwilliams@northwestms.edu](mailto:mwilliams@northwestms.edu) or by calling 562-3289.

### **FEES:**

LPN Challenge Exam – \$100 money order made payable to NWCC paid in the NWCC Division of Nursing office by the stated deadline.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

Each applicant will have no more than TWO opportunities to participate in the LPN Challenge examination. Should the applicant not satisfactorily complete ALL portions of the challenge on the first attempt, the applicant may repeat the LPN Challenge one time, beginning the NEXT entry period. If a student does not pass ALL portions of the challenge on the second attempt, the student will NOT be eligible for LPN advanced placement (LPN Challenge or LPN-RN Transition). Once a student enters the program through LPN Challenge and incurs a failure in NUR 1318, the student is NOT eligible for LPN-RN Transition admission.

**NOTE: Eligibility to participate in the LPN Challenge does NOT guarantee admission into the Nursing Program.**

If you have questions or need further assistance, please contact Monica Williams, LPN Challenge coordinator, at [mwilliams@northwestms.edu](mailto:mwilliams@northwestms.edu).

**NWCC  
DIVISION OF NURSING  
LPN CHALLENGE PLAN OF STUDY**

**PRE-REQUISITES**

BIO 2513, Anatomy and Physiology I	3 hours
BIO 2511, Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	1 hour
BIO 2523, Anatomy and Physiology II	3 hours
BIO 2521, Anatomy and Physiology II Lab	1 hour
ENG 1113, English Composition I	3 hours
MAT 1313, College Algebra	3 hours
CSC 1113, Computer Concepts*	<u>3 hours</u>
	<b>17 hours</b>

**\*This course is interchangeable with SPT 1113 (Public Speaking) PSY 1513, General Psychology and the Humanities/fine Arts Elective.**

LPN Challenge Examinations

First Semester

NUR 1318 Adult Health I	8
ENG 1123, English Composition II	3
EPY 2533, Human Growth and Dev**	<u>3</u>
	<b>14</b>

**\*\*EPY 2533 must be completed with a “C” or better before NUR 2128.**

Second Semester	Hours	Third Semester	Hours
NUR 2128, Maternal Child Nursing	8	NUR 2318, Adult Health II	8
PSY 1513, General Psychology	3	NUR 2222, Nursing Seminar	2
BIO 2923, Microbiology **	3	SPT, 1113, Public Speaking	3
BIO 2921, Microbiology Lab **	<u>1</u>	Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	<u>3</u>
	<b>15</b>		<b>16</b>

**\*\*Microbiology/Microbiology lab must be completed with a “C” or better before NUR 2318.**