

Bucks County Community College
Department of Health Sciences
Associate Degree Nursing

Advanced Placement Policy for Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN) in Associate Degree Nursing

Policy:

In keeping with the philosophy, vision, and core values of the College as well as the nursing faculty's philosophy of education, the nursing faculty will continue to seek ways to recognize the prior learning that has occurred and is required for practical nursing licensure.

Purpose:

The purpose of the policy is to ensure that there is continued exploration and evaluation of trends and opportunities for Licensed Practical Nurses. In keeping with the policy, information available to students will be publicly accessible, clearly explained, and continuously updated to best meet student needs.

Procedure:

I. Criteria to Challenge ADRN111

- A. **Eligible** Candidates must be a Pennsylvania Licensed Practical Nurse (a current, valid, unencumbered LPN license that reflects an accurate address which must be available through electronic verification on the PA State Board of Nursing Website).

Once criteria are met, preference is given to Bucks County residents who are graduates from:

- The Bucks County Community College LPN Program
 - Any accredited school of practical nursing by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326.
 - a PA State Board of Nursing-approved School of Nursing
- B. Eligible Candidates must be admitted to the College and the Nursing (2035) or Health Sciences (1108, Nurse Potential) Program of Study
- C. Eligible Candidates must have a pre-entrance exam test score, completed by the application deadline, which meets the requirements of the nursing program:
- TEAS score of PROFICIENT (taken within one year prior to application deadline); OR ACT score of 20 or above (taken within five years prior to application deadline); OR SAT score of above 980 total (taken with five years prior to application deadline);
 - All applicants who use the TEAS, SAT, or ACT, must have an official score sent directly from ATI, The College Board, or ACT, to Admissions, by the application deadline, and posted in the student planning module. If official test score is not posted, applicant will not meet admission criteria.

Please refer to Admission Criteria published in the College Catalog, on the web at:

<http://www.bucks.edu/catalog/majors/health/nursing/>

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- Seek advising during open advising periods
- Meet Bucks County Community College admission criteria
- Meet high school requirements as specified in the admission criteria
- Must have taken, or have been granted a waiver, for the reading, writing, and math assessment tests
- Curriculum Code must be 2035 (Nursing) or 1108 (Health Science, Nurse Potential)
- A final, official high school transcript or a copy of GED in the Admissions Office
- Meet grade requirements for courses attempted in the Program of Study
 - BIOL181, BIOL182, BIOL228: B or better (must be taken within the last 7 years)
 - ADRN113 and ADRN114: C or better (must be taken within the last 5 years)
 - Must have a C or better in all other courses in major (PSYC110 and HLTH120N must be taken within the last 7 years)
- A minimum GPA of 3.0, earned at Bucks County Community College
- Pre-requisite or co-requisite courses **MUST BE COMPLETED AT TIME OF APPLICATION** with a grade and time limit as documented below:
 - ADRN110 – Introduction to Professional Nursing (***EXCEPTION for the May 15, 2023 – July 15, 2023 application period ONLY: ADRN110 does not have to be completed at time of application but MUST be successfully completed by end of 23FA semester.***)
 - BIOL181 – Human Anatomy and Physiology I (Grade of B or better, within the past 7 years)
 - COLL101 – College Success Seminar
 - COMP110 – English Composition I
 - HLTH120N- Nutrition, taught by a Registered Dietician (Grade of C or better, within the past 7 years)
- Apply for advanced placement to complete the challenge examination (applications available May 15-July 15) and can be found at:
<http://www.bucks.edu/academics/department/health/associate/nursing/>
- Course Syllabus for ADRN111 will be emailed to the applicant with acceptance to challenge.
- Prior to the Challenge, Credit by Examination application, with payment in the amount specified, must be completed, and submitted as directed.

Applicants must earn a minimum score of 73% on a **Standard ADRN111 Theory-Based Admission Examination.**

II. Requirements upon successful completion of the challenge of ADRN111

After successfully completing the challenge of ADRN111, **applicants who are Bucks County residents and have completed the highest number of credits at BCCC in the Nursing Program of Study**, with the minimum final grade requirements, or better, will be considered first on a space available basis. After being assigned to the tier of Program of Study and admission requirement credits completed at BCCC, students will be ranked within the tier by their GPA at the time of application deadline.

The LPN who has been conditionally accepted for Advanced Placement to the nursing program must submit the following, **DATED AFTER SEPTEMBER 1** and by a specified deadline, in order to be considered to meet the clinical conditions for admission to ADRN112:

- Health Examination
- Immunization Record
- Driver's License

- 2 Step PPD or other tuberculosis screening (chest x-ray or lab work if positive)
- FBI Fingerprint Background Check
- PA Criminal Record Check
- Child Abuse Clearance
- 10-Panel drug and alcohol screen
- CPR
- Student Profile Packet
- Completed Registration
- Student Uniforms ordered
- Any other criteria required by our current clinical affiliations.

III. Graduation

The following courses, in the Program of Study, **MUST BE COMPLETED per progression requirements** before or with **ADRN112 (Adult and Family Nursing I)** :

- ADRN113 – Health Assessment in Nursing (Grade of C or better, in the last 5 years)
- BIOL182 – Human Anatomy & Physiology II (Grade of B or better, in the last 7 years)
- BIOL228 – Microbiology (Grade of B or better, in the last 7 years)

The following courses, in the Program of Study, **MUST BE COMPLETED per progression requirements** before or with **ADRN210 (Adult and Family Nursing II)** :

- ADRN114 - Pharmacology in Nursing (Grade of C or better, in the last 5 years)
- COMP111 – English Composition II
- PSYC110 – Introduction to Psychology (Grade of C or better, in the last 7 years)

The following courses, in the Program of Study, **MUST BE COMPLETED per progression requirements** before or with **ADRN211 (Adult and Family Nursing III)**:

- ADRN212 – Transition into Nursing Practice
- SOCI110 – Introduction to Sociology
- Arts & Humanities – Refer to the list in the College Catalog

IV. The College Graduation Residency Policy

Requires that a minimum of thirty (30) semester credit hours toward the associate degree **MUST BE EARNED IN GRADED COURSES AT Bucks County Community College**. The four credits awarded for the successful challenge of ADRN111 *are NOT counted in the 30 credits* because the challenge (CREX) is not graded for transcript, nor are Prior Learning Experience (PLE) credits graded, nor are other challenge by exam credits. Therefore, in order for a student to complete the challenge and be eligible to graduate, the student must complete at least three (3) credits here at Bucks County Community College in the AD Nursing Program of Study, in addition to the twenty seven (27) credits earned in ADRN110, ADRN112, ADRN210, ADRN 211, and ADRN212. Please see the policy for CREX, and PLA found on the following website:

<http://www.bucks.edu/academics/pla/testing/> .

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