

ADVANCED PLACEMENT/TRANSFER CREDIT POLICY INTO DELAWARE COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOLS PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM

Objective

To allow the individual who is applying to the program for the first time and/or who has had previous health related instruction and experience the opportunity to enter the Practical Nursing Program at various levels.

Target Audience

Certified Nurse Aides, Career and Technical Education Health Occupation Students, Medical Corpsmen, and previous professional and practical nursing students.

Eligibility

Students requesting advanced placement are eligible for placement at the beginning of Levels 2 and 3 only. Please note: Levels 3 and 4 must be fully completed at Delaware County Technical Schools Practical Nursing Program to fulfill graduation requirements.

Incoming Advanced Placement Students must do the following:

1. Submit a letter requesting advanced admission and all supporting documents no later than three weeks prior to the start of the program level to allow for review of all previous transcripts.
2. Submit official transcripts stating hours of instruction and grades received in previous course work. Course syllabus is required.
3. Course work will be considered valid for a period of one year following completion of said course work. A grade of C or higher must be achieved for the course work to be valid.
4. Attend new student orientation.
5. Meet all pre-entrance requirements including a passing score of 44 % or higher on the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS).
6. Complete the application process as a new student for a fee of \$260.00

Process

All credentials and course syllabi will be evaluated by the Delaware County Technical Schools Practical Nursing Program within three weeks of submission of all paperwork. The Practical Nursing Program will determine the advanced level of admission for the student. Students may only test one (1) time.

PLEASE NOTE: Courses waived in any level do not affect tuition cost for that level and hours missed from a waived course will affect student grants and funding and financial aid if the student is not present for the 1500 clock hour program.

Transfer Credit

Level 1 Placement – In order to receive transfer credit placement into level one, the following must be completed for each course considered:

- Fundamentals of Nursing

- Must have successfully completed 175 lab/clinical hours in an approved Allied Health course or a Nursing School Course comparable to Fundamentals of Nursing with a grade of C or higher.
- Pass a Fundamentals of Nursing Test with a competency score of Level 1 or higher.
- Pass a Clinical and Practicum challenge test also known as a “skills” test. See below for description.
- Students may only test one time for a fee of \$100.00.
- Anatomy & Physiology-
 - Must have successfully completed 90 instructional hours in an Anatomy & Physiology course from an accredited postsecondary institution with a grade of C or higher within three years.
 - Pass an Anatomy & Physiology challenge test with a grade of 50% or higher.
 - Student may test only one time for a fee of \$50.00.

Advanced Placement

Level 2 Placement – Student must do the following:

- Pay a testing fee of \$200.00
- Students must come from an accredited nursing program within one year of exiting the program with a minimum of 142 lab/clinical hours in order to be placed in level two.
- Pass a Clinical and Practicum challenge test also known as a “skills” test. See below for description.
- Pass an Anatomy & Physiology test with a grade of 50% or higher.
- Pass a Fundamentals of Nursing Test with a competency score of Level 1 or higher.
- Complete and pass with a grade of 76 or above the 32 hour Personal and Vocational course independently at the student’s expense.

Level 3 Placement – Student must do the following:

- Pay a testing fee of \$200.00
- Students must come from an accredited nursing program within one year of exiting the program with a minimum of 372 lab/clinical hours in order to be placed in level three.
- Pass a Clinical and Practicum challenge test also known as a “skills” test. See below for description.
- Pass an Anatomy & Physiology test with a grade of 50% or higher.
- Pass a Fundamentals of Nursing test with a competency score of Level 2 or higher.
- Pass a Medical Surgical/Nutrition test with a minimum grade of 76% or higher.
- Complete and pass with a grade of 76 or above the 32 hour Personal and Vocational course independently at the student’s expense.

CLINICAL AND PRACTICUM COMPETENCE

All students will be required to demonstrate clinical competence of skills in a Practicum Examination after reviewing the program’s skills videos. A teacher-devised test of nursing skills will be administered to ensure competency. Students will need to successfully perform five (5) randomly selected skills with a pass/fail grade. Only one (1) of the five (5) selections may be repeated. The student will be provided with a complete list of potential practicum competencies prior to the examination.