

A licensed practical nurse (LPN) who wishes to expand her/his role in the nursing field can earn an associate degree in nursing through an advanced placement process. This process permits the LPN to receive credit in escrow for certain ADN courses. In addition, the LPN must complete the general education prerequisites comparable to the generic ADN student at the point she/he wishes to enter the program.

The LPN has two options for advanced placement. Option I would permit entry into the second semester of the first year of the program. Option II would permit entry into the first semester of the second year of the program.

Program Contacts at Sauk Valley Community College

Academic Advising, 815/835-6354

Dr. Mary M. Evans, Dean Health Professions, 815/835-6376

Option I

1. Complete the College's general admission procedure.

•

Complete the following courses with a grade of "C" or above:

- BIO 109 - Human Anatomy & Physiology I (4 Semester Hours)
- MAT 081 - Intermediate Algebra (4 Semester Hours)

OR

HIGHER (MAT 240 RECOMMENDED FOR BSN COMPLETION.)

- NRS 141 - Pharmacology for Nursing (2 Semester Hours)
- PHL 101 - Intro to Logic/Formal Reason (3 Semester Hours)
- PSY 103 - Introduction to Psychology (3 Semester Hours)

4. Skill Level Assessment.

The applicant will be required to register for a two credit hour Independent Study (IDS). This course will orient the applicant to the Nursing Skills Lab and the skills testing procedures. In addition, the student will receive an assessment of their skill level in relation to first semester ADN students through participation in the skills testing for NRS 140 - Fundamentals of Nursing Practice. This course will be graded as pass/fail. In order to receive a passing grade, the applicant will be required to complete the orientation for and the skills testing/performance. The applicant will not be required to pass the skills testing/performance. The student must register for the IDS and skills testing/performance by October 1. It is recommended that this process be completed during the fall semester immediately prior to the spring semester the applicant wishes to be admitted to the ADN program. (LPNs who graduated from SVCC's program after July, 1991 may be exempt from this requirement.)

5. Credits in escrow.

The applicant will receive 9 credits for NRS 140 Fundamentals of Nursing Practice upon completion of NRS 142 Medical Surgical Nursing I with a grade of "C" or better. Note: All requirements must be completed by the end of the fall semester of the year before the applicant wishes to be admitted to the program.

Note:

All requirements must be completed by the end of the fall semester of the year before the applicant wishes to be admitted to the program.

OPTION II

1. Complete the College's general admission procedure.

2. Submit a transcript from a school of practical nursing.

3. Complete the following courses with a grade of "C" or above:

- BIO 109 - Human Anatomy & Physiology I (4 Semester Hours)
- BIO 110 - Human Anatomy & Physiology II (4 Semester Hours)
- MAT 081 - Intermediate Algebra (4 Semester Hours)

OR

HIGHER (MAT 240 RECOMMENDED FOR BSN COMPLETION.)

- NRS 141 - Pharmacology for Nursing (2 Semester Hours)
- PHL 101 - Intro to Logic/Formal Reason (3 Semester Hours)
- PSY 103 - Introduction to Psychology (3 Semester Hours)

4. NRS 201 Bridging Nursing Concepts

NRS 201 is a two credit hour course. The lab portion of this course will consist of orientation to the Nursing Skills Lab and the skills testing procedures. In addition, the applicant will receive an assessment of their skill level in relation to generic students at the end of the second semester of the ADN program through participation in the skills testing/performance of NRS 142 - Medical-Surgical Nursing I . The lab portion of the course will be graded as pass/fail. In order to receive a passing grade for the lab, the applicant will be required to complete the orientation and the administration of the skills testing/performance. The applicant will not be required to pass the skills testing/performance. This exam is only offered during the spring semester. (LPN's who graduated from SVCC's program after July 1991 may be exempt from this requirement). The applicants must pass NRS 201 Bridging Nursing Concepts with a grade of "C" or better to be eligible for admission into the second level courses of the ADN program.

5. Credits in escrow.

The student will receive 18 credits in escrow for NRS 140 Fundamentals of Nursing Practice and NRS 142 Medical Surgical Nursing I upon the completion of NRS 201. These credits will be awarded upon receiving a grade of "C" or better for the nursing courses in the first semester second level of the ADN program.