

Policy and Procedure for
ADVANCED STANDING
for Licensed Practical Nurses

I. ADVANCED STANDING POLICY

1. LPN applicants may earn Advanced Standing credit for NURS 1119 and NURS 1129.
2. Advanced Standing credit will NOT take into account the accreditation status of the LPN program in which the applicant received their degree. Out-of-state LPN active licenses will be accepted.
3. Advanced Standing credit will be given to ALL LPN applicants for NURS 1119 utilizing their LPN fundamentals coursework obtained through their technical school.
4. Advanced Standing Credit will be given to LPNs for NURS 1129 based on their ability based on the following requirements:
 - A. Pass the HESI LPN – ADN Entrance Mobility Exam with a minimum passing score of 750, better overall, as well as 550, or better in the Maternity and Pediatric areas.
 - B. A desired minimum score of 750 or better in all areas and overall is desired
 - C. Students who earned a minimum overall score of less than 850 will need to remediate in NURS 1123 as assigned by the course faculty.
5. Cost \$ 79.00 (price include exam and Proctor_U fee) (*prices subject to change*)
6. To schedule examination, email the director of nursing at nursing@wosc.edu , addressing email as ATTN: LPN to RN Mobility Examination Scheduling.
7. The HESI LPN – ADN Entrance Mobility examination is designed to evaluate LPN graduate’s knowledge of basic nursing content that LPN mobility students encounter in ADN programs in order to assist with the placement of LPNs that are seeking educational mobility (Evolve Elsevier, 2021).
8. Any NCLEX-RN Comprehensive Review books/materials and/or HESI exam NCLEX-RN exam study materials may be utilized to prepare for this exam. This exam can be taken anytime during the academic year –fall, spring, or summer semesters, 24/7 from home once the exam is purchased and the student schedules testing. ***Students may email the WOSC Nursing Education Department at nursing@wosc.edu on business days M – F 9am to 3:30pm to receive information on how to pay and schedule the HESI LPN – ADN Entrance Mobility Exam.*** Emails and calls will be addressed within 24 - 48 business hours depending on amount of inquiry. **DO NOT** call the Academic Dean or Vice President Offices related to nursing admission, as these offices do not handle nursing admission processing. You may call (580) 477-7830 and leave a message. Someone will return your call at the next available time and date during business hours.
9. Applicants that successfully complete the HESI LPN – ADN Entrance mobility exam with the minimum desired score of 750 or better in the required areas are eligible for placement in NURS 2219 based on space availability. All LPNs that are eligible for Advanced Standing Entry are

given prior learning credit for NURS 1119. LPN applicants that successfully pass the mobility exam receive credit for NURS 1129 and are eligible to for placement NURS 2219 in the fall semester after successful completion of the summer LPN to RN Transition course (NURS 1123).

10. LPNs that do not wish to enter NURS 1129 at this point do have an option of re-testing. The HESI LPN – ADN Entrance Mobility Exam may be taken up to two (2) times in an application period. Repeat testers may retake the exam (HESI LPN – ADN Entrance version 2) no sooner than 3-weeks from the first attempt in the application period. Applicants are strongly encouraged to complete 25 % or more of their remediation packets generated by the examination prior to rescheduling and re-taking the HESI LPN – ADN Mobility exam. If an applicant fails both attempts, they may attempt the exam no earlier than 6 months or the following application year (i.e. whichever comes first).
11. **All LPN applicants that are admitted to the program that scores less than 850 on the overall and in the Maternity and Pediatric portion of HESI LPN – ADN Entrance mobility exam will be required to complete remediation as assigned by the course faculty in NURS 1123.**
12. The HESI LPN – ADN Entrance exam scores will be valid for a period of 2 years from the date in which the exam was taken. Applicants attempting to apply to the nursing program whose HESI Mobility exam scores are greater than 2-years old will be required to repay and retake the exams prior to program admission.
13. A fee of \$8.00 per credit hour (*fee subject to change*) will be charged to all LPN applicants who take advantage of the advanced standing procedures. This fee will be charged by the Admissions Department during the student’s final semester in the WOSC nursing program to ensure that NURS 1119 and/or NURS 1129 is annotated on the student’s transcript.

II. PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATION

1. To receive advanced standing credit, LPN applicants must graduate from a State Board of Nursing approved nursing program; hold a valid, unencumbered LPN license in good standing, and currently practice as a LPN.
2. A **cumulative** GPA of 2.25 out of a possible 4.0 is required for acceptance.
3. The following prerequisites must be completed prior to starting the summer LPN to RN Transition course (NURS1123):
 - A. Functions & Modeling, Human Anatomy, Human Physiology, English Composition I, and General Psychology completed prior to Nursing III.
 - B. All prerequisite courses with a minimum grade of “C” or better
 - C. All Technical Occupation Related and Support Courses completed within 10-years of applying to the program, i.e. Anatomy, Physiology, and Chemistry.
4. Applicants attempting to enter the nursing program as an LPN to RN advancing entry student must submit or complete the following admission criteria:
 - A. A WOSC application if they have never attended or apply to the college ([Apply to Western](#))
 - B. Complete and submit the online **Nursing Student Application** nursing admission

- application (<https://www.wosc.edu/index.php?page=nursing-admission#admissions>)
- C. Application fee of \$35 due at the time of submitting the online nursing application. Subject to change.
 - D. Complete the **HESI A² with Critical Thinking pre-admission nursing assessment Exam** with a Math score of 74 or better and a Reading score of 82 or better
 - E. Seeking Entry into Nursing III - complete **HESI LPN - ADN Entrance Exam** in addition to HESI A2.
 - F. Seeking Entry into Nursing II -go to step G.
 - G. Submit **ALL official transcripts** for all colleges attended with a cumulative undergraduate pre-nursing GPA of 2.25 or better out of 4.0, high school, and PN school transcripts to the WOSC Nursing Department.
 - H. Submit a copy of current LPN license Verification
 - I. Submit **Two (2) Professional Reference Forms**, one references Must be from current supervisor or PN program director (form provided by nursing program)(see [Forms & Resources Page](#) on the wosc nursing website for the form)
 - J. Submit **Academic Success Plan Essay**. See Academic Success Plan criteria for requirements.
5. Designated decision scores of 82 in the Reading section and a 74 in the Math section must be obtained on the HESI A² Pre-Admission Assessment Exam for program acceptance.
 6. Students accepted will be admitted under the degree plan that is currently in effect. Please visit <https://www.wosc.edu/nursing> for the program's current RN degree plan.
 7. Applicants will be ranked to determine acceptance into the nursing program based on completion of the application process, the student's Cumulative GPA, general education and nursing support courses completed, and a pre-admission RN examination with designated decision scores.