

**CLARION UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA  
VENANGO COLLEGE  
DEPARTMENT OF NURSING**

**Advanced Placement for Licensed Practical Nurses**

After being admitted to Clarion University and the Associate of Science in Nursing program, Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN's) may qualify for advanced placement. Advanced placement may be granted to Licensed Practical Nurses based on the Pennsylvania Articulation Model. The model provides education progression for Licensed Practical Nurses from state approved and NLNAC accredited schools to progress to the next educational program without repetition. Up to six life experience credits may be granted for NURS 101, 111 and 121. The following criteria apply to applicants seeking Advanced Placement:

1. All applicants must take the NLN entrance exam for registered nursing students.
2. Applicants who have graduated from an accredited program must meet the following requirements:
  - a. A "C" average or higher upon graduation from Licensed Practical Nursing Program. An official transcript must be provided as evidence.
  - b. Letter of reference from director of program addressing applicant's ability to successfully complete an RN program (if applicant has graduated within five years).
  - c. Letter from employer/employers reporting verification of hours worked.
  - d. Must provide copy of LPN licensure.
3. Applicants who have not worked 1,000 hours within the past three (3) years, or have not graduated from an accredited program DO NOT qualify for advanced placement.
4. Applicants who have graduated or will graduate from an accredited program and have not passed NCLEX-PN and/or completed the preadmission requirements may be admitted as Pre-nursing students, and will be considered for admission based on routine admission procedures.
5. To be considered for advanced placement, ALL LPNs must take the NLN Foundations of Nursing Challenge exam by **March 31** of the year seeking admission and **MUST** score 70% or higher.

**Any applicant NOT meeting ALL of the above criteria will not qualify for advanced placement.**