



January 29, 2010

Dear Advanced Placement Nursing Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in continuing your nursing education at Western Wyoming Community College. The admission process is underway for the class beginning August, 2010. We have enclosed the admission requirements for advanced placement with checklist, an application form for advanced placement in the program, and information on registering for the LPN Gap examination.

If you are interested in entering the second year of the Associate Degree Nursing Program this Fall, the nursing application form and checklist must be received in the nursing department by 5:00 p.m. **Thursday, April 22, 2010 or postmarked Thursday, April 22, 2010.** You may also apply on line at [www.wvcc.wy.edu/academics/nursing/](http://www.wvcc.wy.edu/academics/nursing/). College application and transcripts must be to Admissions Office postmarked **April 22, 2010.** The LPN GAP exam must be taken one of the designated test dates. The LPN GAP study guide may be purchased through the WWCC Bookstore.

#### ***Admission Process***

See enclosed Admission Policies and Curriculum Plan. All requirements on the admission checklist must be met before the applicant is considered for admission into the nursing program. *Contact a nursing advisor if you have questions.*

#### ***Pre-Entrance Exam***

Refer to the enclosed LPN GAP exam information sheet.

#### ***Program Orientation***

Faculty will develop an individual orientation plan to the program for accepted applicants.

Admission depends on available space and on adequate number of faculty. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Marlene Ethier, Director of Nursing Program, at 307-382-1801.

#### **Notice to Prospective Nursing Students**

The following history information must be reported in writing to the Wyoming State Board of Nursing (WSBN) when submitting an application for Nursing Assistant certification, or Practical Nurse or Professional Nurse licensure: all charges, arrests, citations or convictions for any criminal offense including, DUIs and felonies even if pardoned, expunged, dismissed or deferred. WSBN also requires notification of admission to a facility for treatment for drug/alcohol abuse within the last 10 years. The WSBN requires an official background check of all applicants. Applicants will not be denied the opportunity to take the competency examination for Nursing Assistants, Practical Nurses or Professional Nurses; however, the WSBN may deny certification or licensure based on history revealed through the background check and history information. Please refer to the WSBN website at <http://nursing.state.wy.us> for additional information regarding the application process and contact information.

# LPN GAP Examination \*\* *Spring 2010 Administration*

This test is required as part of the admission process for entry into the second year of WWCC's Associate Degree Nursing Program. The test is called the **LPN GAP** (General Achievement Profile). The **LPN GAP** covers a variety of nursing content. (Topics are enclosed.) Applicants are encouraged to review NCLEX type questions to prepare for the test.

## **Testing Date:**

The test will be given in Rock Springs and in Rawlins. Testing will not be offered at any other time until Spring 2011. It is critical that you make arrangements if you want to enter the program next Fall. There is no exception. Student may take the test once. The dates of the test administration are as follows:

### **Carbon County Higher Education Center, Rawlins**

Thursday, April 15, 2010: Main campus, 705 Rodeo Street, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

### **Rock Springs Campus**

Thursday, April 22, 2010: 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. - Room 2052

Arrive at the testing site fifteen minutes prior to the scheduled start time. The test consists of 100 questions that determine your body of nursing knowledge. The questions are based on current PN education and practice.

## **Testing Cost/Registration Deadline:**

### ***To register for Rawlins test date:***

- Pay the \$31.00 testing fee & register at CCHEC, 705 Rodeo Street (307-328-9204)
- You must register by **April 12, 2010**.

### ***To register for Rock Springs test date:***

- Pay the \$31.00 testing fee to the WWCC Business Office.
- Take the receipt to the Career Services & Job Placement Office in room 1436 (307-382-1660) to sign up for the test.
- You must register by **April 19, 2009**.

***No late registration will be allowed nor can you register the day of the test. No refunds will be issued.***

**If you live outside of Sweetwater County**, you may register for the examination by phone. Contact Testing Assistant Brenda Haskins at 307-382-1660 in the Career Services & Job Placement Office for instructions.

## **Suggestions for taking the exam:**

We suggest that you arrive at the testing site early. Get an adequate amount of sleep the night before and be sure to wear comfortable clothes that can accommodate a variety of room temperatures. It is always a good idea to bring along a sweater or light jacket. **Make sure you bring a form of picture identification.** You are not allowed to bring any "extra" materials into the testing room. Do not wear a watch that "beeps" as you will have to remove it from the room. During testing, please keep cell phones turned off. LPN Gap study manual is available at a cost of approximately \$40.00. *The bookstore will mail the manual for a fee.*

## **Results:**

Results will be available upon completion of the test. A copy of your score will be forwarded to the nursing department. Remember, this test is part of the admission process, not a sole determinant of acceptance. The Career Services and Job Placement Office **CANNOT** tell you if you are admitted to the program. The decision to admit is made by the nursing department. Applicants must score at or above the national average on the composite score to be considered for admission. The national average will vary from year to year.

# ***LPN Gap* \* General Achievement Profile**

## ***Phases of Nursing Process***

Assessing - establishing a database for a client

Analyzing - identifying client=s health needs & selecting goals of care

Planning - designing a strategy to achieve the goals established for client care

Implementing - initiating and completing actions necessary to accomplish goals

Evaluating - determining the extent to which the goals of care have been achieved

## **Areas of Client Needs**

Safe Effective Care Environment - provide coordinated, goal-oriented care

Physiological Integrity - evaluate needs of client=s basic physiological care

Psychosocial Integrity - psychosocial adaptation/coping adaptation needs of client

Health Promotion and Maintenance - clients' growth & development & disease prevention skills

## **Critical Thinking Skills**

Prioritizing/Discriminating - remembers facts, discriminate and then prioritize

Inferential Reasoning - discovers and then discerns nature of relationships

Interpretive Reasoning - determines how & why concepts are related

Goal Setting - reflects process of establishing goals

Application of Knowledge - implementation of knowledge in problem solving

Evaluating Predicted Outcomes - reflects ability to measure goal outcomes

## **General Achievement Nursing Topics**

Basic Care and Comfort

Coordinated Care

Coping and Adaption

Growth and Development

Pharmacological Therapies

Physiological Adaption

Prevention and Early Detection

Psychosocial Adaptation

Reduction of Risk Potential

Safety and Infection Control

## **Medical Model Topics**

Pharmacology

Mental Health

Adult Medical

Adult Surgical

Gerontology

Pediatrics

Nutrition

Maternity

## Western Wyoming Community College Prospective Advanced Placement Nursing Students \* April 2010

The result of your LPN GAP is one component of the admission criteria for the WWCC nursing program. Your LPN GAP score does not indicate if you will be admitted; however applicant must score at or above the national average to qualify. The other components taken into account are GPA on prerequisite and nursing courses and additional points for taking other general education courses required for the associate degree nursing program. All points are added and scores are ranked. Qualified applicants with the highest points are admitted into the nursing program on a space available basis.

### Admission Criteria:

- LPN GAP test - Composite Final Score = **100 points maximum**
- GPA (prerequisite & nursing courses) = **80 points maximum** (GPA X 20)  
General Biology I, Human Anatomy & Physiology I & II, General Psychology, English I, and Problem Solving or higher & nursing courses
- Completed required general education courses = **4 points maximum** (1 point each course)  
English II requirement, Cultural Anthropology or Principles of Sociology, US Government course, Computer Information Systems

**TOTAL possible points = 184 points**

### For example:

60 LPN GAP Composite Final Score  
 + 59.524 GPA points (see below for configuration)  
 + 3 General education course points  
**122.524 Applicant's total points**

Prerequisite Courses	Credits	Grade	Credits x grade points = points
Gen Biology I (BIOL 1010)	4	B	4 x 3 = 12
Human A&P I (BIOL 2010)	4	A	4 x 4 = 16
Human A&P II (BIOL 2015)	4	A	4 x 4 = 16
Gen Psychology (PSYC 1000)	4	C	4 x 2 = 8
English Comp I (ENGL 1010)	3	B	3 x 3 = 9
Problem Solving (MATH 1000)	3	A	3 x 4 = 12
Nursing I (NRST 1610)	10	B	10 x 3 = 30
Nursing II (NRST 1620)	9	C	9 x 2 = 18
PN Roles (NRST 1985)	1	A	1 x 4 = 4
<b>Total</b>	42		125
(Points divided by credits = GPA) <b>125 / 42 = = 2.97619 = 2.9762 GPA</b>			
(GPA x 20 = GPA points) <b>2.9762 x 20 = 59.524 GPA points</b>			

General Education courses	Grade	Points
English Composition II (ENGL 1020)	C	1
American & Wyoming Government (POLS 1000)	B	1
Computer Information Systems (COSC 1200)	A	1
Cultural Anthropology (ANTH 1200) or Sociological Principles (SOC 1000)	Not completed	--
<b>Total General Education course points =</b>		<b>3</b>

**If you have questions, contact a nursing department.**

**Western Wyoming Community College**  
**Admission Criteria Associate Degree in Nursing**  
***Advanced Placement \*\* 2010-2011***

Graduates of practical nursing programs may apply to enter the second year of the nursing program as advanced placement students, based on space availability if requirements are met. The nursing department provides information to all students who express an interest in the program. In addition to the regular college admission requirements, prospective nursing students must meet applicant requirements of the nursing program to be considered for admission. Admission into the program is granted only in the fall semester. Interested applicants should contact the Nursing Department for specific requirements.

***To apply for the nursing program:***

- ✓ Complete WWCC admissions process. Receive acceptance to the college.
  
- ✓ Submit a completed nursing application form directly to the nursing department by application deadline. Application packet available February - April.
  
- ✓ Be a graduate of practical nursing program with transferrable credit. Graduates from vocational, technical, or other programs with non-transferrable credits must take the Nursing I and Nursing II finals and pass with a AC@ or better. The grade earned on each final will be the grade earned for each nursing course and will be calculated into the grade point average. License of LPN (licensed practical nurse) must be unencumbered.
  
- ✓ Achieve a grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale for prerequisite and nursing courses required to earn the Practical Nursing (PN) certificate. (Nurse assistant course not included in GPA.)
  
- ✓ Complete prerequisites and nursing courses with a “C” or better.
  
- ✓ Take the LPN GAP test. Result must be at or above the national average on the Composite Final Score to qualify.

***Admission Criteria:***

- LPN GAP test - Composite Final Score
- Grade point average - prerequisite and nursing courses
- Completed required general education courses - 1 point for each course

**\* Applicants are encouraged to contact a nursing advisor periodically to ensure the appropriate classes are taken and to communicate program changes. \***

***Admission Process:***

Students are notified in writing of admission criteria and application deadlines. Admission into the nursing program is competitive and based on the cumulative score of points the applicant receives for grade point average from prerequisite and nursing courses, LPN GAP test, and completed required general education courses. Qualified applicants with the highest points are admitted into the nursing program on a space available basis. Applicants will be notified in writing of the results of the admission process. Qualified applicants who have not been admitted are ranked (according to cumulative points) and placed on an alternate list. If positions become available to accommodate additional eligible applicants, those on the alternate list will be notified. Applicants not admitted must re-apply for the next year. Re-applicants will be subject to the same scrutiny and consideration as an initial applicant. Applicants who are admitted but decline entrance into the program must re-apply.

# Western Wyoming Community College

## *Program for Associate Degree in Nursing*

### Prerequisites

<b>Prerequisite (three semesters)</b>	<b><u>Credit</u></b>
* General Biology I (BIOL 1010)	4
* Human Anatomy & Physiology I (BIOL 2010)	4
* Human Anatomy & Physiology II (BIOL 2015)	4
* General Psychology (PSYC 1000)	4
* English Composition I (ENGL 1010)	3
* Problem Solving (MATH 1000) or higher	<u>3</u>
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**The only course that can be taken in the summer prior to admission is nurse assistant. All other prerequisites must be completed by the end of spring semester.**

\* Nurse Assistant course

### First Year

<b><i>Fall Semester</i></b>	<b><u>Credit</u></b>	<b><i>Spring Semester</i></b>	<b><u>Credit</u></b>
* Nursing I (NRST 1610)	10	* Nursing II (NRST 1620)	9
Computer Information Systems (COSC 1200)	<u>3</u>	English II (ENGL 1020, 1111, or 2010)	<u>3</u>
	13		12

#### *Summer Semester*

#### **(Optional PN Spin-Off) Credit**

\* Practical Nursing Roles (NRST 1985) ..... 1

### Second Year

<b><i>Fall Semester</i></b>	<b><u>Credit</u></b>	<b><i>Spring Semester</i></b>	<b><u>Credit</u></b>
Nursing III (NRST 2630)	10	Nursing IV (NRST 2640)	9
US Government	<u>3</u>	Cultural Anthropology (ANTH 1200) or Sociological Principles (SOC 1000)	<u>3</u>
	13		12

\* **Required to earn Practical Nursing (PN) Spin-Off Certificate.**

**All above courses must be completed with a “C” or better to earn Associate Degree in Nursing.**

**All general education courses may be taken prior to admission into the nursing program.**

**General education courses taken while in nursing program must be taken evenings, Internet or other asynchronous format.**

**Students must be admitted to the program to enroll in nursing courses**

