

MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF NURSING

POLICY #C-11

TITLE: ADVANCED PLACEMENT OF LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES (LPNs)
INTO BSN PROGRAM

POLICY: Upon completion of a successful application for upper division placement through Policy A-12, LPNs with a current unencumbered license in Montana will be offered the opportunity to waive NRSG 115 and 220 if they have had this course(s) in their program of study. LPN applicants will also be permitted to challenge NRSG 225, 238, and 258, or alternatively, to take these courses, if desired.

RATIONALE: Content covered in lower division nursing courses may have been covered in the courses taken by LPNs in their previous practical nursing program. Waiving NRGS 115 and 220, as well as providing the option to challenge the other lower division nursing courses, and providing advanced placement for LPNs recognizes their achievements in previous learning.

Reviewed/Approved by:

Level I: UAAC (April, 2017)

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PROCEDURE: LPNs have the opportunity to self-disclose that they are licensed as practical nurses when they apply for an upper division placement through Policy A-12. These students:

1. Indicate that they are an LPN on the Upper Division application form and attach a copy of their current unencumbered license in Montana when submitting the application;
2. Once offered an upper division placement, either request to start the challenge process or request to enroll in NRSG 225, 238, and 258 at least one semester prior to beginning the first semester junior level courses;
3. If unsuccessful in any of the challenges, will need to enroll in the course(s).

CHALLENGE PROCESS: LPN students:

1. Pay a \$50 fee to the College of Nursing for each theory and clinical challenge examination in NRSG 225, 238, and 258 (theory only). A check for \$50 is made payable to: MSU-Bozeman College of Nursing and sent to the Undergraduate Program Assistant in Bozeman prior to taking each exam.
2. Obtain from the Registrar's office an official permission form to take each challenge examination.
3. Prior to taking the examinations, pay an additional \$30/credit Registrar's fee to have the pass/fail grade recorded on their permanent record (transcript). The pass/fail grade will be recorded on the transcript after the student has successfully completed 10 credits of coursework at MSU-Bozeman.
4. Who choose to challenge a course will be given access to the course syllabus, textbook(s) and other regularly utilized course materials by the course coordinator on their campus.
5. Arrange the time and date with the course coordinator to take the theory and clinical challenge examinations. These must be completed in a timely manner so that if the student does not demonstrate competence by passing the examinations, he/she will be eligible to take the course(s) needed prior to starting upper division coursework.
6. Performance on the examinations is the basis used for the pass/fail grade in the course. The original copy of the results of each examination will be sent to the Bozeman campus to be filed in the student's Associate Dean file. A copy of the results will be maintained on the campus where the student successfully completed each examination.