



Nursing Program LPN→RN Entry Process

Chemeketa has a process in place by which LPN's who are currently licensed in Oregon can become eligible to be on a wait list for possible openings into the second year of Chemeketa's Associate Degree Nursing Program. After completion of the steps below, transfer students will be placed on the wait list for fall term of the second year of the program. Students need to complete the following:

- 1) **LPN License**—Possession of a current, unencumbered LPN license. For applicants from another state, check with the Oregon State Board of Nursing at 503 731-4745 or www.osbn.state.or.us for information on transferring a license to Oregon.
- 2) **Work experience**—For applicants who have completed their practical nursing curriculum more than one year before applying. Documentation of work experience as an LPN requires a letter from an employer stating the dates of employment in an LPN position and verifying that performance is satisfactory.
- 3) **General education coursework**—Transfer all general education coursework to Chemeketa and have these transcripts evaluated by Admissions (503 399-5006) to determine if coursework meets Chemeketa's requirements for graduation from the Nursing Program. Only coursework from accredited programs can be considered. Depending upon the results of this review, there may still be general education courses students will need to complete. Submit official transcripts of courses completed through other colleges and/or universities along with the "[Request for Evaluation and Transfer of Previous Credit.](#)"
- 4) **ACE exam**—For transfer students (students who did not graduate from Chemeketa's LPN program), register for and pass the National League for Nursing Accelerated Challenge Exam (ACE) exam. This exam has two components: Foundations of Nursing (75) and Nursing Care During Childbearing/Nursing Care of the Child (70). This exam is offered twice per year (the first Wednesday in November and the first Wednesday in May). **It is recommended that applicants who need to take this exam make an appointment with the Associate Dean (503 399-5058) to discuss approaches for studying for it.** Registration is required by the timelines as noted in the spring or fall schedule of classes. Applicants who do not achieve acceptable scores on the test can re-test. There is no limit on the number of re-tests and applicants do not have to re-test on a part of the exam on which they have already achieved an acceptable score. Students must pay the test fee for each re-test. Scores remain current for five years after the exam is taken.
- 5) **Wait List**—After all general education coursework is in place, either through transfer or by taking classes at Chemeketa, and after an applicant have successfully completed the ACE exam, they will need to meet with the Associate Dean of Health Sciences (503 399-5058) to review their request to be placed on a wait list for into NUR206 during fall term at the RN level of the program. This offer of admission will be based upon space available. This is determined in large part by the number of students moving directly from the first year into the second year of the program.

For further information, contact Chemeketa's Counseling and Advising Office at 503 399-5120 or Nursing at 503 399-5058.