

## **PALOMAR COLLEGE**

### **NURSING EDUCATION ADVANCED PLACEMENT FOR LVN to RN STUDENTS**

Individuals who have a current LVN license and at least 6 months employment as a LVN will receive credit for the LVN education and experience, or advanced placement into the nursing program. Applicants must provide documentation of license, education and experience qualifying for the advanced placement.

1. Applicants must meet all general entrance requirements of the Associate Degree Nursing Program, including completion of science prerequisite courses, general education courses for the Nursing Major, and the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) exam to apply to the LVN to RN program.
2. Acceptance of LVN to RN students into the nursing program is contingent upon space availability. The LVN to RN student applicants will be started in the second semester of the program.
3. Students must complete and provide documentation of the implicit bias training module in N217-MS.
4. In Addition, LVN to RN students who meet the above criteria and have documented 6 months clinical experience in the specialty areas of Obstetrics or Pediatrics, within the last five years, may be eligible to challenge either of the second semester courses of N118-OB obstetrics or N118-P pediatrics.

#### **PROCEDURE:**

##### **Application Period:**

Interested candidates must apply for and be accepted to the LVN to RN program prior to the closing of the LVN to RN application period. LVN to RN students are admitted on a space-available basis.

##### **Eligibility Requirements:**

A current LVN license and documentation of at least 6 months employment as an LVN will allow the student to be eligible to start in the second semester of the program in the N-118 courses.

If the student has at least 6 months employment as a LVN in either Obstetrics or Pediatrics, the student may wish to challenge one of the second semester courses of N118-OB or N118-P. If the LVN to RN student wishes to challenge N118-OB or N118-P, please see the Challenge Process for N118-OB or N118P.

**Challenge Process for N118-OB or N118-P through Credit for Prior Learning**  
**website: <https://www.palomar.edu/cpl/apply-for-credit-for-prior-learning/>**

1. The student must communicate the intent to complete the challenge process upon acceptance to the program.
2. The student's documentation and work experience will be reviewed for eligibility.
3. The student will start the program in N118-BH. While in N118-BH, the student will arrange a time with the instructor to test out of the skills and take the final exam for the class being challenged.
4. Materials such as the course syllabus, topical outline, textbook list, skills checklists, and example format of the examination will be made available to the student.
5. Credit for prior learning will be given for N118-OB or N118-P if the applicant meets the following criteria:
  - Acceptance to the nursing program as an LVN to RN Advanced placement student.  
AND
  - A score of "C" or better on the final exam for the course being challenged.  
AND
  - Passing of all tested skills taught in the challenged semester.

If the Challenge/ Advanced placement student is unsuccessful in meeting the requirements or completing the process, the student will be eligible to continue the program by taking the challenged N118-OB or N118-P course.