GENERAL INFORMATION
The nursing faculty at Cape Cod Community College has a long-standing commitment to educational and career mobility for nursing students. In 1985 “The Licensed Practical Nurse in Transition” course was designed and implemented to provide qualified LPN’s advanced standing in the Associate Degree program.

This 8-credit course serves as a bridge to placement in the third semester of the ADN program and is built upon the LPN’s previously acquired skills and knowledge. The Transition course (NUR 132) focuses on the nursing process, role of the RN, and teaching/learning.

Upon successful completion of the course, the LPN is awarded 16 credits, (8) credits for Advanced Standing and (8) credits for the Transition Course – which includes 4 credits for NLN testing.

The Associate Degree in Nursing is accredited by the National League for Nursing and is approved by the Board of Registration in Nursing of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The Nursing Program offers a specific sequence of courses that lead to the Associate in Science Degree. Upon successful completion of the degree program, the Coordinator of the Nursing Program will furnish documentation to the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing verifying that a student has met the legal responsibilities to be eligible for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX). Cape Cod Community College (CCCC) Nursing Program graduates become licensed as Registered Nurses upon successful completion of the NCLEX-RN.

APPLICATION INFORMATION
In preparing your application, the Admissions Office and Nursing Program recommend that you review the following information:

Information Sessions:
All Nursing applicants are encouraged to attend a Group Information Session that will include meeting with Nursing faculty and a CCCC Admissions representative as well as a review of application procedures and details about the Nursing Program. These sessions are scheduled periodically throughout the fall semester. Please go to our website at www.capecod.edu and select Admissions on the left side of the home page. Select Schedule a Campus Visit and follow the directions.

Application Procedures:
A. Nursing applications are accepted ONLY for the Fall semester.

B. Each applicant will be evaluated relative to all other applicants in the current pool.

C. Applicants MUST submit all of the following items to the Admissions Office:
   1. A completed CCCC Application for Admission with the appropriate application fee by January 5.
   2. An official high school transcript or GED diploma.
   3. An official transcript(s) from all colleges or universities ever attended (if applicable).
   4. A letter and/or resume indicating the reasons for selecting the Nursing Program, related experiences, motivation and other pertinent data. Applicants should take this opportunity to provide information covering any special circumstances in their background.

Enrollment is limited to Licensed Practical Nurses who have completed ALL of the prerequisites for nursing students. Documentation is required, and includes:

Current licensure as an LPN
Qualifications for Admission:
Satisfactory performance in the most recent educational experience is required and must include successful completion of:

- Algebra (MAT030), Elementary Algebra or the equivalent.
- NUR100 Pharmacology Calculations within the last two years. At CCCC, MAT030 Elementary Algebra is a prerequisite for this course.
- Successful completion of CHM109 Chemistry for the Health Sciences (or an equivalent college/university chemistry course). At CCCC, MAT030 Elementary Algebra is a prerequisite for this course.
- Human Anatomy & Physiology I with a lab (BIO107 or the equivalent). At CCCC, MAT030 Elementary Algebra and CHM109 Chemistry for the Health Sciences or an equivalent college/university chemistry course are prerequisites for this course.

In addition to the four prerequisites previously stated, successful completion of the following courses is REQUIRED PRIOR TO ADMISSION to the LPN in Transition (LPN to RN) Program.

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*Strongly recommended that students complete both ENL 102 and COM 103.

Nursing applicants with previous college credit may have fulfilled one or more prerequisites at another college or university. Transfer credit may be awarded if official transcripts show equivalent college-level course work required for the Nursing Program, from an accredited college or university, with a grade of C (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) or better.

Assessment Placement:
The Basic Skills Assessment is required of all entering students. These examinations help to assess achievement levels in mathematics, writing and reading skills. The test results will assist in placing students into the correct level courses. Students who are required to study developmental educational courses should anticipate a three year program of study.

Priority will be given to those applicants who:
- Massachusetts residents who reside in our primary service area: Barnstable, Nantucket and Dukes Counties, and the towns of Plymouth and Wareham.
- Completed the required science courses.
- Completed the required general education courses, i.e., General Psychology, English Composition, Sociology, etc.
- Achieved a high level of academic success.
- Graduated from the CCCC Tri-level Certified Nurse Aide Program with a final grade of A and are recommended by the Nurse Aide Program Director.

Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI)
Students will be required to undergo a CORI check before beginning the nursing courses, pursuant to the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 28 A, Section 1 et seq., and regulations promulgated pursuant to such statutes. Applicants who have been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor by a court of law must comply with the requirements to document “Good Moral Character” through the Massachusetts Board of Nursing before being eligible to take the NCLEX-RN examination to become licensed as a Registered Nurse. An individual who has been convicted of certain designated felonies is permanently ineligible for licensure as a Registered Nurse in Massachusetts.

SCHEDULE, TUITION AND FEES
NUR 132 – The LPN in Transition is conducted every spring during May and June on two days a week for five weeks. Additional information can be obtained by contacting Barbara A, Murphy, RN, MSN, Program Coordinator, at 508-362-2131, ext 4537 or 4359.

The LPN in Transition is self-supporting (neither state-funded nor state-subsidized), and tuition is established by the College (2006 tuition $1750). In 2000, the College dedicated grant and scholarship funds for health career program students. These scholarships are not based on financial need and all students are encouraged to apply. Please contact the Financial Aid Office at ext. 4393 for additional information.
COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Classroom

1. NLN ACE I (Acceleration Challenge Exams):
   The student will be required to achieve a passing score on Book I, *Foundations of Nursing*, and Book II, *Nursing Care During Childbearing and Nursing Care of the Child*. (One retake for each of these exams will be allowed).

2. Case Studies:
   The students will be required to successfully complete (75%) four (4) Common Health Problems – based case studies, which will incorporate Nursing Process, Role of the RN and Teaching/Learning.

3. Seminars and Conferences:
   The students will be required to actively participate in all seminars and conferences.

Campus Laboratory

Health Assessment Skills Competencies:
   The student will satisfactorily demonstrate, after viewing applicable videos and with guided practice time, health assessment skills competencies in the following areas:
   - Health History and Nursing Exam
   - Neurological and EENT/Oropharynx
   - Respiratory and Circulatory
   - Musculo-Skeletal and Integumentary
   - Gastrointestinal & Genitourinary
   - Reproductive

Successful completion of NUR 132 admits the student into the September Sophomore Nursing Class. Sophomore course work includes:

| Third Semester | | | |
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| HEA 200        | Pharmacology              | 3 |
| BIO 201        | Microbiology              | 4 |
| NUR 201        | Physical and Mental Health I | 10 |

| Fourth Semester | | | |
|-----------------|---------------------------|
| NUR 202         | Physical and Mental Health II | 8 |
| NUR 203         | Foundations of the Profession | 3 |
| SOC 106         | Principles of Sociology   | 3 |
| Elective        | Chosen from Fine & Performing Arts or Lang. Arts. Categories | 3 |

FOLLOWING ACCEPTANCE TO THE NURSING PROGRAM THE STUDENT MUST:

The student who receives notification of acceptance to the program will be asked to submit a non-refundable deposit within a specified time period. As a condition of enrollment in the Nursing Program, he or she must:

1. Fulfill the health requirements mandated by the College and Commonwealth of Massachusetts prior to participation in the clinical portion of the program. These include physical exam, immunizations (including Hepatitis B), and accept and meet the "Student Nurse Physical and Mental Criteria".

2. Document and maintain health insurance throughout the nursing program.

3. Sign a statement releasing the College and clinical agencies of responsibility for illness incurred while functioning in the clinical agency as a nursing student.

4. Document and maintain current CPR status and student malpractice insurance throughout the nursing program.

5. Maintain a cognitive grade of 75 or better in each nursing course and a satisfactory clinical evaluation in order to proceed to the subsequent nursing course.

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