Cabrillo College Nursing Program Transfer and Challenge Policy

The Cabrillo College Associate Degree Nursing Program accepts qualified transfer students from other accredited nursing programs and has challenge options for persons with related education and/or experience, including military education and training.

Applicants will be admitted on a space available basis. All transfer and challenge applicants must meet prerequisite course and G.P.A. requirements which are current at the time of application (see current Associate Degree Program brochure.) A minimum of a “C” grade is required in each non-nursing course listed in the Associate Degree Nursing curriculum. A prerequisite G.P.A. of 2.0 in vocational nursing courses is required for entry into the Associate Degree Nursing Program. An applicant’s request for transfer credit or advanced placement will be evaluated by the nursing department which will recommend further action, plan for remediation and/or appropriate placement in the Associate Degree Nursing Program. All potential transfer or challenge candidates are to have a preliminary planning appointment with the Nursing Counselor and the Nursing Director.

Transfer or Advanced Placement Credit:
Persons with related previous education, including military service, may be eligible for course credit and, hence, advanced placement in the Associate Degree Nursing Program. Advanced Placement applicants must demonstrate completion of the Nursing Program prerequisites. Please see the Application and Selection Information page for prerequisite and GPA requirements. Applicants must also demonstrate that they are a graduate of an accredited Vocational Nursing Program or transferring from an accredited ADN program.

The Cabrillo Nursing Program offers positions to Advanced Placement students on a space available basis only. Spaces are made available in our program when current students withdraw from our program. Consequently it is difficult to predict when, or how many, Advanced Placement positions will be available for any given semester.

Once accepted students will be placed on a waitlist based on the certified mail postmark of their complete application. Placement in the class is based on space availability; a student’s wait list position, and their Advanced Placement Level Testing results.

Students requesting Advanced Placement must complete/submit the following:
1. Completed Advanced Placement Application Packet mailed via certified mail to the Nursing Program office.
2. Written identification of courses to be considered for transfer credit.
3. Official transcript (s) from accredited institution (s) of higher education attended.
4. Course descriptions for all course work under consideration.
5. Course syllabi, if requested by the nursing department.
6. Transfer applicants must demonstrate that they have been separated from their previous ADN program for no more than two years in order to be eligible for transfer to our program.
7. Transfer applicants must demonstrate that they separated from their previous Nursing program in good academic standing in order to be eligible for transfer as an advanced placement student.
Students planning to enter the second year of the ADN program must also demonstrate competence in the nursing process and the Neuman Systems Model. Competency in all nursing skills may also be required.

Credit by Examination for Advanced Placement:
Please review the current Cabrillo College catalog regarding Credit by Examination. Examination method will be determined by the Director in consultation with the nursing faculty and by current college policy. The applicant may be requested to take one or more Standardized Tests(s) such as the N.L.N., the ACT-PEP and must make the arrangements and bear the cost of such examination. The results of these examinations must be on file in the Nursing Office at least one week prior to the beginning of anticipated course work. Students may prepare for challenge examinations offered by the Nursing Program by checking the following materials in the nursing department office:

1. Nursing course outlines and objectives.
2. Textbook list and bibliography.
3. Style and format of the exam.