

The University of West Alabama
Ira D. Pruitt College of Nursing

Clinical Exemption Plan for
Licensed Practical Nurses

Purpose

The Clinical Exemption Plan for Licensed Practical Nurses provides the LPN an opportunity to validate proficiency in critical skills required in the curriculum of the Ira D. Pruitt College of Nursing.

Policies and Procedures

1. The LPN must meet the admission requirements of the Ira D. Pruitt College of Nursing and:
 - a. present evidence of licensure as a licensed practical nurse to the Dean.
 - b. submit transcripts verifying completion of all prerequisite course requirements with a minimum grade of C.
 - c. have completed a minimum of one year of clinical practice in a hospital setting within the past three years. Written validation from the employer must be presented at the time of application.
2. Following acceptance, the student is eligible to challenge the clinical component of NS 102.
3. In order to challenge the clinical component of NS 102 the student must complete the following procedures:
 - a. Establish the date and time for the challenge of required skills with the course coordinator.
 - b. Obtain the required skills checklists from the course coordinator at the beginning of the semester.
 - c. Demonstrate proficiency in all of the following required skills in the course on the first attempt.
 - d. Required Skills
 1. Medication Administration
 2. Vital Signs
 3. Dosage Critical
 4. Physical Assessment
4. A rating of pass on all required skills is necessary for successful challenge of the clinical component of NS 102. If successful on the clinical challenge, the student is not required to attend the clinical component of the course, but must meet all classroom requirements.
5. Students will be required to attend one clinical session in the spring semester (NS 102) in order to validate skills related to the nursing process and develop a care plan.
6. Students will be required to attend Human Patient Simulation session.

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