



## **Nunez Community College (NCC) CNA to PN Articulation Credit Effective Spring 2011**

A Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) may receive credit for NURS 1010 Nursing Fundamentals I and NURS 1020 Nursing Fundamentals Clinical in the Practical Nursing (PN) Program.

### Overview:

- Through Act 818 of the 1991 Louisiana Legislature, the Nursing Supply and Demand Commission (NSDC) was established. In 1993 the NSDC adopted an articulation model entitled Articulation Plan for Nursing in Louisiana. The Board of Regents and other educational management boards were charged with the implementation of the legislation.
- The model enhances upward mobility in nursing education within Louisiana.

### Louisiana Articulation Plan CNA to LPN:

Practical Nursing programs will award a minimum of 3 semester credit hours or the equivalent to a certified nursing assistant upon validation of clinical competencies.

- Must meet admission requirements for the program
- Must be certified as a nursing assistant in Louisiana
- Competency testing may be required
- Work experience may be required

### Definition:

- Articulation is defined as a process through which academic programs facilitate the educational process with minimal loss of credit and duplication of knowledge and skill.

### To qualify, the CNA must:

- Meet the admission requirements of the PN program
- Hold an active certification in Louisiana (verified by the online verification system).
- Have a current CPR certification (BLS for Healthcare Providers from American Heart Association).
- Submit a transcript from the accredited program that provided the training, demonstrating a minimum of 3 credit hours and an overall grade of "C" or better.
- Submit a letter of good standing from the certifying program (if other than NCC).
- Meet the college requirements for "Credit by Examination" (see college catalog).

### Previous PN students must:

- Have a grade of "C" or better in NURS 1010 and a "P" in NURS 1020.
- Have no documented disciplinary actions in their student record.
- Meet the re-application guidelines of the PN program.
- Hold an active certification in Louisiana (verified by the online verification system).
- Have a current CPR certification (BLS for Healthcare Providers from American Heart Association).

- Meet the college requirements for “Credit by Examination” (see college catalog).

Testing process:

- Apply for and schedule an examination date with the PN Program Director.
- Pay the fees for Credit by Examination per NCC fee schedule prior to testing.
- The student must receive a minimum score of 80% on the exam.
- The exam will include: infectious disease specific precautions and reporting, vital signs, patient positioning, proper hand hygiene, bed bath, changes in patient conditions- reporting and intervening, pulse locations, activities of daily living, managing patients with special needs, feeding techniques and precautions, and resuscitation orders.
- If the student makes an acceptable grade, she or he will be allowed to take the practical skills evaluation, which will include: bed bath, occupied bed making, hand washing, body mechanics, measuring intake and output, vital signs, isolation precautions, and administration of a soap suds enema. Students **MUST** pass **all components** of the skills evaluation and examinations.
- Students are allowed to take the examination and skills component only once.
- If the student is unsuccessful, she/he must enroll in the required courses.

Grades:

- The student will receive a “P” on the official college transcript with no quality points earned for NURS 1010 and NURS 1020.
- The official LSBPNE transcript will contain the actual score earned on the written examination as the course grade for NURS 1010 and a “P” for NURS 1020.

Cost:

- Credit by examination fees per NCC fee schedule (currently \$8.00 per credit hour)
- Lab fees for NURS 1010 must be paid even if the student is successful at obtaining the articulation credit.
- Unsuccessful students are responsible for the all applicable tuition and fees for the required courses.