Title: #VI-9A. Admission to AAS in Nursing

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These admission standards and procedures are established in keeping with Series 23 of the WV Council for Community and Technical College Education, “Standards and Procedures for Undergraduate Admissions at Community and Technical Colleges,” Section 5.4.

The Health Sciences program have limited enrollment and a selective review process. Students requesting admission to the nursing program must first meet the requirements for general admission to the college, and be admitted to the college. General Admission standards for West Virginia University at Parkersburg are stated in Board of Governors Policy D-51.

In addition to meeting all general admission criteria for the college, students must complete a separate Health Sciences application, provide an official copy of their high school transcript and any prior college transcripts, and complete the pre-nursing admission exam.

Applicants to the Associates Degree nursing program must be eligible to meet the requirements for licensure in the state of West Virginia as stated in West Virginia Code §30-7-6. These conditions include:

1. Be a high school graduate or equivalent
2. Be a graduate of an accredited school of nursing

Admission to and graduation from the nursing program does not guarantee that the West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses will endorse the graduate as a candidate to sit for the licensure examination. The Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses may deny testing to any applicant proven guilty of certain infraction such as, but not limited to fraud, felony, or moral misconduct. (West Virginia Code §30-7-11.)

Additionally, the applicant must be able to engage in educational and training activities in a manner that does not endanger themselves or others. Technical Standards required for Admission, Progression, and Graduation can be found on the Health Sciences Division website.
Requirements for admission to the Associate Degree Nursing Program

1. High school graduate or equivalent (USA GED)
2. English proficiency
3. 2.5 GPA from high school or college courses
4. Placement in college-level English and Math
5. Pre-nursing admission entrance exam with the required benchmark. Information about the exam can be found online at www.wvup.edu/healthsciences.

Application Procedure

Applications will be accepted year round. Application forms are available in the Health Sciences Division office and online at www.wvup.edu/healthsciences.

It is important to note that completion of the application process does not imply that the applicant will be admitted to the nursing program.

Admission Limitations
Due to space limitations, qualified applicants are ranked according to pre-nursing admission entrance test score and cumulative grade point averages.

The highest ranked students who meet the admission requirements by March 15th for fall admission or September 15th for spring admission are admitted first; other qualified applicants will be placed on a waiting list. The first day of class, the waiting list is deleted. Because of the competition for space, it is possible qualified applicants may not be selected for admission due to competition for space.

Updates to Applications
Students interested in pursuing admission in the next cycle must resubmit a completed Health Sciences application. It is the responsibility of the student to provide appropriate documentation of changes in his/her personal and/or academic record.

Clinical Practice Requirements
Each student admitted into the Nursing Program must meet the requirements for participation in clinical experiences. Students are required to have a physical examination and complete required immunizations, maintain current CPR certification, submit to drug testing and background checks, and adhere to HIPAA regulations and the Professional Standards/Safe Clinical Practice Standards of the Nursing Program. The requirements for participation in clinical experiences can be found online at www.wvup.edu/healthsciences.
Technical Standards for Admission, Progression and Graduation*

Personal Attributes and Capabilities Essential for Admission, Progression and Graduation of WVU Parkersburg Nursing Students:

The curricula leading to a degree in Nursing from WVU at Parkersburg requires students to engage in diverse and complex experiences directed at the acquisition and practice of essential nursing skills and functions. Unique combinations of cognitive, affective, psychomotor, physical and social abilities are required to perform these functions satisfactorily. In addition to being essential to the successful completion of the requirements of a nursing degree, these skills and functions are necessary to ensure the health and safety of patients, fellow students, faculty and other health care providers.

Technical standards describe the non-academic qualifications required in addition to academic qualifications that the college considers essential for entrance to, continuation in and graduation from its nursing degree program can be found on the Health Sciences website at www.wvup.edu/healthsciences. Candidates for a nursing degree must be able to meet these minimum standards with or without reasonable accommodation for successful completion of degree requirements.

The WVU Parkersburg administration reserves the right to amend this document upon recommendation of the Nursing Faculty Organization without notice to insure the integrity of the program and safety of the students, college, and community at large.

WVU Parkersburg’s Associate Degree in Nursing is approved by the West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses and accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc., 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, Georgia, 30326; Phone: 404-975-5000; Fax: 404-975-5020; www.acen.org

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