

SHENANDOAH UNIVERSITY

School of Health Professions Division of Nursing

ACE EXAM 2010

Shenandoah University's Division of Nursing offers advanced placement for LPNs applying to obtain a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN). LPNs who successfully pass the designated National League for Nursing (NLN) standardized test may receive up to 16 credits and advanced placement in the LPN to BSN program.

These tests are only given to individuals who wish to apply to Shenandoah University's Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program.

Nursing Acceleration Challenge (ACE) **1 PN-RN Foundations of Nursing**

Purpose: Assesses fundamental skills needed to meet physiological and psychosocial needs of clients who are in stable condition. Tests reflect the steps of the nursing process and include questions on nutrition, pharmacology and therapeutic communication.

Format: 180-item, four-option multiple choices

Administration: Can be administered in 3 ½ hours.

Scoring: A decision score of 78 or above the 50th percentile is passing. A total score (decision score) is provided to be used when awarding credit for advanced placement in an RN nursing program.

Pharmacology Credits Challenge

Purpose: Evaluates the student's ability to utilize safe practice with medication administration.

Includes questions on understanding dosage calculation, general principles of medication administration, and the effects of commonly prescribed medications.

Format: 100-item, four-option multiple choice.

Calculations: 26 items; Principles: 37 items; Effects: 37 items

Administration: Can be administered in 2 ½ hours

Scoring: A raw score of 78 or 50th percentile is passing

DATES AND DEADLINES

Registration deadline is two weeks prior to each exam

Exam Times

Friday, February 26	9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Friday, March 19	9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Friday, April 9	9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Friday, April 23	9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Friday, May 14	9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

- **Registration form must be received two weeks prior to the exam.**
- **Space is limited to 17.**
- **No late registrations will be accepted.**
- **Students may only take the exam two times.**

ACE EXAM REGISTRATION FORM

SU ID# (if known): _____

First Name: _____

Last Name _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

LPN License # _____

1st Date: _____

Alternative Date: _____

Make Checks Payable to: Shenandoah
University

Challenge (ACE) Exam \$100.00

Pharmacology Exam \$ 100.00

CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION

I authorize and agree to have the following charges billed to my Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express account by Shenandoah University for the ACE Exam or Pharmacology Exam.

Type of Bankcard:



Card # _____

Expiration Date: _____

Name on Card: _____

Cardholder Signature: _____

Date: _____

Amount: _____

To Register

- Complete registration form
- Mail registration form with payment to:
Shenandoah University
Business Office
1460 University Drive
Winchester, VA 22601
Phone: 540-665-4514
Fax: 540-665-5433

To register, via phone or fax, you **MUST** pay by credit card.

STUDYING FOR THE EXAM

For the ACE 1 PN-RN Challenge Exam

1. Buy a LPN NCLEX Review book. *Study the sections on fundamentals of nursing care, pharmacology, medication administration, basic nursing skills and procedures, and adult medical surgical nursing.
2. When you are 80 to 85% successful with the LPN review questions, you are ready to take the ACE 1PN to RN Exam.

For the Pharmacology Exam

Do same as above except focus on general principles of medication administration, drug classifications, therapeutic reasons for administration, dosage calculation, adverse reactions and side effect of medications.

If you do not pass the exam:

You are allowed to take the exam twice. If you do not pass the test after two attempts you can be considered for the transfer 5- semester track which takes place only on the Winchester campus.

See your admissions counselor for more information.