UPPER CAPE COD REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL
DIVISION OF NURSE EDUCATION
PRACTICAL NURSE PROGRAM

ADVANCED PLACEMENT*

Individuals may apply to enter the program at Semester II/Term I (Medical, Surgical, & Psychiatric Nursing) provided they can supply satisfactory proof of completion of all the Semester I/Term I course content with a passing grade within the past two years if the student is not currently matriculated in a nursing education program. For currently matriculated transfer students, course content older than two years will be considered. An original transcript of grades and detailed course descriptions are required. The Term I courses are Anatomy and Physiology, Fundamentals of Nursing*, Vocational Trends in Nursing, Introduction to Pharmacology, and Nutrition. Entrance into the program will be determined on a space available basis. Applicants eligible for Advanced Placement are not required to complete the admission entrance exam. Individuals cannot transfer into the program at any time after Semester II/Term I.

[*In the event it is necessary to consider multiple clinical courses to determine eligibility based on content, nursing care simulation/nursing skills lab, and clinical hours, Fundamentals of Nursing must have been completed with a "C"/75% or better and the additional course (for example, Medical Surgical nursing) must have been completed with a "C"/75% or better to meet the necessary hours or academic average requirement.]

Cumulative averages do not transfer with students. "Transfer Credit" will appear on the transcript for courses accepted in transfer. A new cumulative grade begins with the commencement of a student's career at UCT and reflects only work completed as a UCT student.

Students entering the Program in transfer from another nursing education program, as an Advanced Placement student into PN 106 Medical, Surgical, and Psychiatric Nursing, will be required to do the following prior to enrolling:

1. Achieve a grade of 90% or better on the required Medication Administration Examination. **Students can retake the *Medication Administration Exam* once.** Failure to achieve a 90% or better will render the student ineligible for advanced placement.
2. Demonstrate retention of competency in clinical nursing skills completed in Fundamentals of Nursing with the nursing program they are seeking to transfer from. Students will receive information on how to prepare for this competency testing and should plan for three to four hours for the testing session. Failure to demonstrate clinical nursing skills competency will render the student ineligible for advanced placement; and
3. Complete a *PN 101 Fundamentals of Nursing* final exam that had been administered to students enrolled in the UCT PN Program. The results of this exam will be used for self-evaluation purposes only to facilitate success in the Program for the students seeking advanced placement.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT or TRANSFER OF MILITARY EDUCATION, TRAINING OR SERVICE FOR A MILITARY HEALTH CARE OCCUPATION*

Applicants who have military health care education, training, or service are eligible for advanced placement or transfer of previously completed course credit in accordance with published policies.

Due to the variety of opportunities for military health care occupation education, training, or service can vary, each applicant will be considered on a case-by-case basis in accordance with the NCSBN Analysis: A

Comparison of Selected Military Health Care Occupation Curricula with a Standard Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Curriculum. Materials that will be required to determine advance placement or transfer include, but not be limited to: Transcripts; Course descriptions; Skills checklists; and/or Evaluations.

TRANSFER CREDIT FOR NON-CLINICAL NURSING COURSES*

A student who has completed Anatomy and Physiology I and Anatomy and Physiology II, Nutrition, and/or Introduction to Pharmacology, from another regionally accredited post-secondary institution – one recognized by the US Department of Education - within the past **two years**, inclusive of Honors Anatomy and Physiology and /or Honors Nutrition completed at UCT, and has obtained a grade of "C" /75% or better are eligible for transfer credit. For currently matriculated transfer students, course content older than two years will be considered. To obtain transfer credit the student must provide the program director with:

1. an official transcript documenting successful completion of the equivalent course within the past two years with a passing grade of "C"/75% or better.
2. a description of the course (catalog, syllabus or similar documentation) which demonstrates the course(s) for which the student is seeking transfer credit is equivalent to the course offered at UCT in content and hours;
3. additional materials that the program director could request to facilitate the transfer of credit.

Students will be notified by the program director when transfer credit is awarded. If the student is eligible for Title IV Financial Aid, the exemption credit could potentially affect the amount of the student's award.

COURSE EXEMPTION*

A student may request an exemption to non-clinical nursing courses. A request for a course exemption must be accompanied by documents to support the request. For example, the course exemption could be requested by the student that has a college degree in a field relevant to the course content.

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