

Practical Nursing Certificate Exit Option

Purpose:

The Practical Nursing (PN) certificate is an exit option of the Arizona Western College (AWC) Nursing Program. It is designed for the student who has received credit for the NUR 221 (Nursing 3) course. A current AWC nursing student who meets the exit requirements is eligible to seek licensure as a Practical Nurse.

Procedure: Transition to PN Competency

1) Exit Eligibility:

- a. Earned credit for successful passing of NUR 221 (Nursing 3).
- b. Submission of the AWC application for graduation for the PN Certificate.

2) Exit Instructions:

- a. Submit the *Transition to PN Competency Packet*. Packet is available online at www.azwestern.edu/nursing

3) Exit Verification:

- a. Director of Nursing (DoN) verifies eligibility of the student.
- b. DoN evaluates *Transition to PN Competency Packet* for accuracy and comprehensiveness.
- c. DoN provides an email response within 2 weeks of submission to the student with exit exam instructions (*note: cost of exit exam is the student's responsibility*).

4) Exit Requirements:

- a. Earned credit for successful passing of NUR 221 (Nursing 3).
- b. Submission of the AWC application for graduation for the PN Certificate.
- c. Successful completion of *Transition to PN Competency Packet*.
- d. Earned score of 900 or higher on the HESI PN Exit exam.
(*Note: If a student does not pass with a 900 on the first try, they must wait 60 days to request to take the HESI PN Exit exam again.*)

5) Exit Completion:

- a. An Arizona State Board of Nursing (AZBN) Certificate of Completion for Arizona Graduates LPN will be submitted to the AZBN.
- b. The completed *Transition to PN Competency Packet*, documentation of HESI PN Exit Exam score, and a copy of the AZBN certificate will be placed in the student's program file.

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