



Advanced Placement Nursing - Program Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is advanced placement at GilaCC?

Advanced placement allows LPNs or transfer students to **enter the nursing program beyond the first semester**, based on evaluation by the nursing committee and clinical availability. LPNs have the opportunity to come into the third nursing block.

2. Is advanced placement guaranteed?

No. Placement is:

- **Reviewed individually**
- Based on **multiple factors**
- Dependent on **faculty/nursing committee approval**

3. What are the basic eligibility requirements?

You must:

- Be admitted to Gila Community College
- Submit a **nursing program application**
- Provide all required documentation for evaluation

4. What testing is required for placement?

Students must:

- **Pass a skills evaluation**
- **Pass a placement exam with Level 2 proficiency or higher**

Examples of required exams:

- NUR 120 - ATI Fundamentals
- NUR 230 - ATI Medical-Surgical

5. What happens if I don't pass the placement exam?

If you do not meet the required score:

- You may be placed **one semester lower**, OR
- You may apply as a **new (first-semester) student**

6. What preparation is recommended before testing?

The program provides:

- **Skills lab preparation and rubrics**
- Practice opportunities with instructors
- Access to **ATI materials/modules** for exam prep

7. How is final placement determined?

Final placement is decided after:

- Transcript evaluation

- Skills validation
- Placement exam results
- Nursing committee review

8. Key advice for LPN advanced placement students

- Review **fundamentals and med-surg content (ATI-based)**
- Practice required **clinical skills before testing**
- Be prepared for **RN-level expectations and evaluation standards**
- Understand that placement is **not automatic even with experience**

Additional questions? Please read the nursing student handbook.

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