## Policy#109 Licensed Vocational Nurse Admission Options

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**Purpose:**

Licensed Vocational Nurses (LVN) enter the program with some nursing knowledge and experience and have the choice of two options at Westmont College.

**Procedure:**

Option #1: Placement in the ABSN program (when seat is available) with acceptance of prior coursework as transfer credit). In this situation, the LVN would follow the same process as any other student to challenge courses based on prior nursing education and experience and be placed in courses to complete the degree. (See Policy#107)

1. LVN submits application following the same instruction as all applicants.

2. LVN provides transcripts verifying the first baccalaureate degree.

3. The LVN would be required to complete all general education coursework and units for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree.

4. The BSN degree would be conferred to the LVN and he/she would attend graduation.

Option #2: Placement in the ABSN curriculum with acceptance of prior coursework as transfer credit. In this situation, the LVN would follow the same process as any other student to challenge courses based on prior nursing education and experience and be placed in courses to complete to the 30 units to prepare them to take the National Council Licensure Exam (See Policy#107).

1. LVN submits application following the same instructions as any applicant with the exception of the first degree.

2. LVN makes an appointment with the Program Director or their designee to obtain objective counseling about the risks and benefits of the non-degree option.

3. The transcript would have the courses recorded that the LVN completed at Westmont. The BSN degree would not be conferred and the LVN would not attend graduation.