

Luna admitting LPN's into RN program

Students given credit for prior learning

There is some great news for licensed practical nurses who want to become registered nurses. Starting now in preparation for the spring semester, Luna Community College will be admitting individuals who are LPN-licensed into the RN program. Initially, there are seven slots available.

“It’s really an exciting time for us,” said Luna Nursing Director Maxine Hughes. “This is creating more opportunity for a lot of people. LPNs who graduate from our RN program will get an increase in their pay and have more job opportunities.

The first group of LPNs admitted into the program will have to take classes in spring 2019, fall 2019 and spring 2020 to be eligible to take the NCLEX-RN exam.

To be eligible to enter the Luna Associate Degree of Nursing program, an individual must:

- Have a current unrestricted New Mexico LPN license or hold a license from a state that is part of the Nurse Licensure Compact, which includes: Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, Arizona, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Colorado, Oklahoma, Texas, Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas, Kentucky,



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Tennessee, Mississippi, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Delaware, Maryland, Washington (D.C.), Virgin Islands, New Hampshire, and Maine.

- Complete the PN mobility admission exam (ATI Fundamentals Exam obtaining a level 2 or higher)
- Complete a NMNEC Introduction to Nursing Concepts Credit for Prior Learning online module with a score of 77 percent or higher in one attempt or take a level 1 course of Intro to Nursing Concepts.
- Have completed the prerequisite courses required by the program prior to entering.
- Must satisfactorily demonstrate the following skills: medication administration, dosage calculation, medical asepsis, and nasogastric tube placement.

For more information, please call Hughes at 505-454-2523.

Notes: As of the end of October, the Luna RN 2018 graduating class had a 94.4 percent board pass rate.

“I’m very proud of the class of 2018 and all of our students who are providing health care to Las Vegas and the surrounding areas,” said Hughes.