

Advanced Standing in Nursing

***LPN PATHWAY
SEQUENCE***



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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

LPN PATHWAY SEQUENCE PROGRAM

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND OVERVIEW

The LPN Pathway Sequence is designed for licensed practical nurses who are **currently licensed in the state of Maryland** (must hold an active unencumbered Maryland license or compact state Maryland license) and who meet certain qualifications:

1. Have successfully completed all prerequisite courses, with the appropriate grades and GPA

AND

2. Have successfully completed the Acceleration Challenge Exam I

The LPN Pathway curriculum option is a mechanism which allows the licensed practical nurse who meets the above criteria to bypass the first two semesters of nursing courses in Howard Community College's Associate of Arts Degree in Nursing (RN) Program. Students enter a specially designed course in the summer and, upon passing that course, enter the second year of the program. The specially designed course, NURS-103: Transition into Nursing II, includes content not usually found in LPN programs. Both the theory and clinical experiences are meant to help students bring their knowledge and skills up-to-date and be ready to enter the second year without repeating the basics that they already know. NURS-103 is taught as a Campus Web course, which combines classroom interaction with the use of online resources. Students may use computers in the Nursing Study Lab, campus computer lab, or their home computer with Internet access to complete online course activities.

The Associate in Arts Degree in Nursing (RN) Program at Howard Community College is approved by the Maryland Board of Nursing and accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission. Successful completion of the program will lead to eligibility to be considered by the Board of Nursing to take the National Council Licensing Examination for Registered Nurse licensure. Each student who graduates from the program must complete all of the required nursing and other academic courses. However, there are mechanisms which can be used to gain some of the credit. The method by which we are able to grant credit for past LPN experience and education is a combination of entrance exam, called the Acceleration Challenge Exam I, and a summer transitions course, NURS-103, which lead to transfer credit for the first year of the Registered Nursing Program. This method allows students to demonstrate their background experience and knowledge and validate it so that it can be transformed into college credit.

CLINICAL COURSE SEQUENCE

Summer:	NURS-103: Transition into Nursing II
Fall:	NURS-233: Nursing Care of Patients with Complex Health Problems II NURS-234: Family Centered Nursing II
Spring:	NURS-235: Nursing Care of Patients in Community and Mental Health Settings NURS-236: Advanced Concepts in Nursing
	NURS-230: Trends in Nursing can be taken in Fall, Winter, or Spring

Success in the LPN Pathway program requires an extensive time commitment. It is important to emphasize that the program is very demanding and involves considerable on and off campus preparation time, in addition to scheduled class and clinical hours. The Nursing Department estimates that the amount of time that students must devote to the LPN Pathway Sequence is what they would put into a 40 hour a week job.

Although it is possible to complete the clinical component of the program in one year, the time required to complete prerequisites and other academic courses (co-requisites) differs widely for students depending upon other individual commitments. Students who have major family or work responsibilities or who can only attend evening classes must consider completing the program over a longer period of time than students who do not have other commitments. An academic advisor will be able to help you plan a coursework sequence that will fit your time constraints. It is highly recommended that you complete all corequisite coursework before you begin the clinical nursing classes. Even if you have completed all prerequisites and co-requisites for the LPN Pathway Sequence, it is strongly recommended that you limit your working hours to 20 hours per week or less while completing clinical classes.

IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT CLINICAL SCHEDULING

NURS-103: Transition into Nursing II (Summer I Extended course) is offered only on a daytime schedule. However, applicants for the LPN Pathway Sequence may apply for the Day or Evening/Weekend options of NURS-233/234 for the Fall semester. Students who have been accepted into NURS-103 do not find out if they will be given a space in the Day or Evening/Weekend options of NURS-233/234 until the end of July.

Due to the growth of HCC's Nursing Program, and programs statewide, the Nursing Education Program is no longer able to guarantee that all clinical rotations will be held within the selected option. This is necessary to ensure adequate and appropriate clinical experiences.

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK

Effective Spring 2007, all students enrolled in clinical portions of HCC's allied health programs are required to obtain a criminal background check through the authorized services of Pre-Check, Inc. The timeline for ordering this background check is very specific; students should not order this background check until instructed to do so by a college official.

The cost for this service is currently \$48.50 and must be paid by the student directly to Pre-Check, Inc. The criminal background check will only need to be completed one time as long as the student maintains continuous enrollment in the program. Students who incur any break in the sequence of study will be required to obtain a new criminal background check through Pre-Check, Inc. upon readmission. Students without a current criminal background check will not be eligible to participate in clinical courses.

Based on the criminal background check, the clinical agency to which the student has been assigned will grant approval or disapproval for the student to attend clinicals at that site. Clinical agencies have the right to deny access to any student whose criminal background check does not meet their acceptable minimum standards.

Students who have been deemed ineligible by the agencies affiliated with the course may not be able to progress to completion in the selected program of study.

LICENSURE INFORMATION

Successful completion of all courses in the LPN Pathway Sequence will lead to eligibility to be considered by the Board of Nursing to sit for the National Council Licensing Examination for Registered Nurse licensure. By law, the Board may deny admission to sit for licensure for a variety of reasons. These include conviction of a misdemeanor or felony, if the offense bears directly on the fitness of the person to practice nursing.

ADMISSION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The following steps are the admissions policies and procedures currently in place for the LPN Pathway Sequence. **These policies and procedures are subject to change based on state law, licensing requirements, reaccreditation guidelines, clinical site requirements and other factors for which the college determines that changes are in the best interests of the programs and students.**

Admission to Howard Community College's LPN Pathway Sequence involves several steps:

- a) Submit an application for general admission to the college.
- b) Attend an LPN Pathway information session (required).
- c) Complete placement testing for English and math.
- d) Complete the Acceleration Challenge Exam.
- e) If applicable, submit official transcripts from previous institutions along with HCC's Transcript Evaluation Request Form.
- f) Complete all prerequisite coursework.
- g) Apply for admission to clinical nursing coursework, including verification of legal residency and active unencumbered licensure as an LPN in Maryland (or compact state).

Admission to clinical coursework is selective. Students must satisfy very specific criteria, in addition to general admission, to qualify for admission to the clinical component of the program.

GENERAL ADMISSION TO HOWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Before you begin taking courses at Howard Community College, you must first apply for general admission to the college through the Office of Admissions and Advising (RCF-242). Admission to the college does NOT guarantee admission to NURS-103 or any other clinical nursing course. The following items are required for general college admission:

- A Howard Community College Application for Admission, declaring the LPN Pathway Sequence (#08C) as your learning program. You can apply online or download an application from the college website: https://www.howardcc.edu/admissions/apply_online.html
- Pay the \$25.00 application fee.
- Provide proof of home address.
- Provide proof of immigration status, if applicable.

INFORMATION SESSIONS AND ADVISING

Howard Community College offers information sessions for the LPN Pathway Sequence Program. Dates for these sessions are posted on HCC's website. Go to: <http://www.howardcc.edu/admissions/apply/alliedhealth/lpnpathways.html>. Contact the Office of Admissions and Advising (RCF-242) by phone (410-772-4856) or e-mail alliedhealth@howardcc.edu to register. After attending an information session, students should meet individually with an HCC Nursing/Allied Health admissions advisor to review the admissions process and required coursework and testing. Please refer to the Howard Community College website for information on the current schedule of office hours for the Office of Admissions and Advising: http://www.howardcc.edu/admissions/Contact_Admissions/Index.html.

PLACEMENT TESTING

Detailed information regarding the placement tests is available online and through the Office of Admissions and Advising (RCF-242). To request this information or to schedule an appointment to take the placement tests, call 410/772-4856 (410/772-4023 –TDD). You can also access Placement Test information online: <http://www.howardcc.edu/admissions/advising/testcenter/placement.html>

English Placement Test

All prospective nursing students are required to take the college's English placement test, including those students who have already completed college-level English courses elsewhere or those who have taken standardized exams, such as the SAT or AP exams. Students who have earned a U.S. Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution are exempt from this placement test.

Students who place into developmental English courses and have no prior college-level English coursework must complete all required developmental courses with a grade of "C" or better as a part of their prerequisites for applying for the LPN Pathway Sequence. Students may retake the test once to attempt a higher placement.

Students who have taken college-level English at another institution and place into developmental English courses at HCC may choose to take the developmental coursework *or* may choose to take a college-level English course to complete the requirement. Students must meet with an advisor to discuss their placement test results.

In each of these cases, students must earn a grade of "C" or better in the above English coursework. Any required English coursework must be completed as a prerequisite before applying for the LPN Pathway Sequence.

Math Placement Test

Students who have not completed an approved college-level math core course or submitted appropriate scores from SAT or AP exams must take HCC's math placement test. Students may retake the test once to attempt a higher placement. Students who have completed the highest developmental math course at another Maryland community college with a grade of "C" or better are eligible to take a college-level math course at HCC, without taking the math placement test.

Students who place into developmental math must complete the developmental math sequence as well as one approved college-level math core course (MATH-121, MATH-122, MATH-131, or higher). All math courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or above.

ACCELERATION CHALLENGE EXAM I

In order to be eligible for the LPN Pathway Sequence Program, students must pass both required components of the Nursing Acceleration Challenge Exam I. This exam is produced and distributed by the National League for Nursing. Students must pass both Book I (Foundations of Nursing) and Book II (Test I: Nursing Care During Childbearing). Students have two opportunities to take and pass this exam. Thorough information concerning the Acceleration Challenge Exam I is on pages 10-11.

CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING

Students may be eligible to receive credit for prior learning. Official transcripts, along with a completed Official Transcript Evaluation Request Form, must be submitted to the Office of Admissions and Advising (RCF-242). Transcript Evaluation Request Forms can be requested from the Office of Admissions and Advising and can be downloaded or submitted online by going to: <http://www.howardcc.edu/admissions/forms/index.html> (see Important Forms).

You will be billed a \$15.00 transcript evaluation fee once your evaluation has been completed. Students must submit a Howard Community College Application for Admission and declare the LPN Pathway Sequence as their learning program (program code #08C) before their transcripts will be evaluated.

REQUIRED COURSEWORK

PREREQUISITE COURSES

The following courses must be completed with an overall 2.0 GPA to achieve eligibility for the LPN Pathway program:

- All required developmental (or college-level) English coursework into which a student places
- ENGL-121: College Composition I, Expository Writing
- MATH-121, MATH-122, MATH-131, or higher (MATH-131 or MATH-138 are recommended)
- BIOL-107: Fundamentals of Microbiology or BIOL-200: Microbiology
- CHEM-103: Fundamentals of General Chemistry or CHEM-101: General Inorganic Chemistry I
- BIOL-203: Anatomy and Physiology I
- BIOL-204: Anatomy and Physiology II
- HMDV-200: Life Span Development
- PSYC-101: General Psychology

All science, math, and required developmental (or college-level English) courses must be completed with a grade of “C” or higher.

CO-REQUISITE COURSES

Completion of the courses listed below is also required to complete the Associate in Arts Degree in Nursing. It is highly recommended that you complete these courses before you begin NURS-103. If you do not, you must take these courses along with your clinical nursing classes.

- ENGL-122: College Composition II: Writing Through Literature (corequisite of NURS-233/234)
- SOCI-101: Introduction to Sociology (corequisite of NURS-233/234)
- Fine Arts Core course (corequisite of NURS-235/236)

TIME LIMITS ON SCIENCE COURSES

Anatomy and Physiology I and II (BIOL-203 and 204) cannot be over five years old by the time a student begins clinical nursing courses at HCC. If your Anatomy and Physiology courses are over five years old, you must either successfully retake the expired course(s) prior to applying to the nursing program or take the HCC competency exam to demonstrate mastery of this material. To be eligible for the competency exam, a student’s original course must have been completed with a grade of C or higher at an accredited institution and the course content must be equivalent to HCC’s content. Upon passing the competency exam(s), credit will be granted for a student’s original Anatomy & Physiology course(s). Student must submit the “Request to Take Anatomy and Physiology Competency Exams” form, available at the Office of Admissions and Advising (RCF-242) or online at <https://www.howardcc.edu/admissions/forms/index.html> (see Important Forms). Students may only take a competency exam one time.

Microbiology and Chemistry courses cannot be over 10 years old by the time a student begins clinical nursing courses at HCC. If your Microbiology or Chemistry course is over ten years old prior to applying for the LPN Pathway Sequence Program, you will need to successfully retake the expired course(s). Competency exams are not available for Microbiology and Chemistry; however, a CLEP exam is available for Chemistry.

CLINICAL APPLICATION INFORMATION

Students may submit a LPN Pathway Sequence Supplemental Application from **September 15 through February 15**. **To be eligible to apply, you must complete all prerequisite courses with the appropriate grades and overall GPA and pass the Nursing Acceleration Challenge Exam I by the end of the Spring semester. The February 15 application deadline is final and strictly upheld.** The date on which your supplemental application is submitted has no bearing on your acceptance into the program as long as the application is submitted by the deadline date.

You can obtain a LPN Pathway Sequence Supplemental Application from the Office of Admissions and Advising (RCF-242) or online: <http://www.howardcc.edu/admissions/apply/alliedhealth/lpnpathways.html>. You may also call the Allied Health Information Line at (410)772-4230 or e-mail alliedhealth@howardcc.edu, requesting an application be mailed to you. A non-refundable \$25.00 application fee must be submitted with the LPN Pathway Sequence Supplemental Application.

When you submit your LPN Pathway Sequence Supplemental Application, you must submit photocopies of any two of the following forms of verification of your legal address:

- Utility bill with applicant's name
- Bank statement with applicant's name
- Your Voter Registration Card
- Motor Vehicle Registration Card with applicant's name
- Your Maryland State Income Tax Form
- A letter verifying lease agreement on rental company letterhead or mortgage statement on company letterhead

You will also need to submit a copy of your current Maryland Practical Nurse license along with the supplemental application. **You must be currently licensed as a practical nurse in Maryland to be eligible to apply for NURS-103.** Students must have an active unencumbered Maryland license or a compact state Maryland license.

Students are responsible for ensuring that the Office of Admissions and Advising has received their supplemental application. There is no guarantee that a student who has submitted an application will be accepted.

Students must indicate if they are applying for the Day or Evening/Weekend Option for NURS-233/234. NURS-103 is currently offered during the daytime only.

ACCEPTANCE INTO PROGRAM

Ten seats are available for this program each summer for NURS-103. **Students must have completed all prerequisite courses with the appropriate grades and overall GPA, received passing scores on the Acceleration Challenge Exam I, and submitted documentation of Maryland Practical Nurse licensure by the end of the Spring semester in order to be eligible for admission.** Submission of an application and completion of all requirements does NOT guarantee acceptance into the LPN Pathway Sequence.

ORDER OF ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION

1. Qualified applicants from the prior year's waiting list will be admitted first.
2. Qualified applicants who have completed all requirements by the application deadline of February 15 will be admitted next. These applicants are selected for admission based on a series of lotteries as outlined below:
 - Howard County residents are selected first
 - In-state, out-of-county residents are selected next
 - Out-of-state residents are selected next
 - International citizens (F-1 students are not currently eligible to apply) are selected next
3. Qualified applicants who have completed all requirements by the end of the Spring semester will be admitted last. These applicants are placed in order based on the above series of lotteries.

Students who have successfully completed all requirements by the end of the Spring semester but for whom a space in NURS-103 is not available will be put on a waiting list for the following summer's class.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Students admitted to the clinical portion of the LPN Pathway program are required to complete specific health requirements before beginning those clinical courses. Students must earn American Heart Association Healthcare Provider CPR certification, provide documentation of immunizations as specified by the Nursing Department, and have a physical examination. Once students are accepted into the nursing program, they are provided a Health Form which must be completed by a healthcare provider and returned to the Health Sciences Division Office.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Nursing is a **Health Personnel Shortage Incentive Grant Program**. Legal residents of Maryland who declare nursing as their learning program are entitled to in-county tuition rates. Verification of the student's legal address is required. Other procedures apply for non-Maryland residents. Though all legal residents of Maryland enjoy this tuition benefit, Howard County residents have initial preference for admission.

For the 2008-2009 school year, in-county tuition is \$114/credit. The Consolidated Fee is \$19.10/credit. The course costs below include in-county tuition, consolidated fees, and course fees. Figures are estimates only and are subject to change. Students will incur additional costs for any necessary developmental English and/or math courses, as well as for books each semester.

ESTIMATED PROGRAM COSTS (2008-2009)

	LPN Pathway Sequence
General Application	\$25
Nursing Application	\$25
Equipment	\$80
Uniform	\$100
Criminal Background Check	\$50
Acceleration Challenge Exam	\$130
Prerequisite Science/Math Courses	\$2751
General Education Courses	\$2506
Nursing Courses	\$3556
Approximate Total Cost	\$9223

PAYING FOR COLLEGE

HCC offers financial assistance to nursing students through a variety of sources. Students may apply for financial aid from federal and state agencies. Financial aid from these sources includes grants, loans, and work study programs. To determine eligibility for these funds, students must complete both the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and HCC's financial aid application by March 1. Students may also apply for nursing scholarships directly through HCC, the state of Maryland, and for tuition remission programs through local hospitals.

HCC recognizes that interested students may need more information about paying for college. The college has many services to help students manage college costs, including financial aid and a tuition payment plan. To find out more please visit our Pay for College website: <http://www.howardcc.edu/admissions/pay/index.html>

NURSING ACCELERATION CHALLENGE EXAM I

The Nursing Acceleration Challenge Exam I is produced and distributed by the National League for Nursing. It is designed to facilitate LPN-to-RN career mobility and the evaluation of prior learning and experience. The exam is meant to assist with transfer credit and placement decisions for nurses seeking advancement in the field.

What does the Acceleration Challenge Exam I cover?

- 1) Book I: Foundations of Nursing
- 2) Book II : Test I – Nursing Care During Childbearing

These two books may be taken separately or on the same testing day. Students must successfully pass both tests to be eligible for acceptance into NURS-103 (along with completion of other prerequisites). Students are not required to take the Nursing Care of the Child exam.

When can I take the Acceleration Challenge Exam I?

The tests can be taken the first week in January, March, April, September, and November. You must register to take the exam three weeks prior to the testing period.

How do I register to take the exam?

Students must complete the Acceleration Challenge Exam I Request Form (see page 15). Students should pay for the exam at the Cashiers Office at least three weeks prior to the time that they plan to take the exam. Once students have paid, they will receive a receipt. They should bring a copy of this receipt, along with a copy of the Exam Request Form, to an Allied Health Admissions Counselor in the Office of Admissions and Advising in RCF-242. The Acceleration Challenge Exam I will then be ordered for them.

How much does each book cost?

Students must pay a fee of \$65 to take each test. For most students taking the Acceleration Challenge Exam I, the total cost will be \$130.00. Test booklets will not be ordered without payment. Test fees are subject to change.

How much time do I have for the exam?

Students are allowed 3½ hours to take “Foundations of Nursing” in Book I. They are allowed 1 hour 45 minutes to take “Nursing Care during Childbearing” in Book II.

Where do I take the tests?

You will take the tests in HCC’s Test Center (RCF-359). You must bring the receipt that you received from the Cashiers Office to show that you have paid for the tests.

What are the Test Center’s hours?

Monday	9:30AM-9:00PM
Tuesday	1:00PM-9:00PM
Wednesday	9:30AM-9:00PM
Thursday	9:30AM-9:00PM
Friday	9:30AM-3:30PM

Please be sure to allow yourself sufficient time to finish the tests before the Test Center closes.

What score do I need to pass?

A Decision Score is calculated for each test, which is the total percentage of correctly answered items. Scores range from 0-100. Passing or failing scores are set by the Health Sciences Division at Howard Community College and are based upon the requirements of the relevant courses being challenged.

A score of 60% or greater on EACH of the tests is required to qualify for NURS-103.

Can I retake the test if I don't pass?

Each test may be retaken one time. Students need to retake and pay again for only those tests in which they scored below 60%.

How will I find out whether I passed?

The tests will be sent to the National League for Nursing (NLN) for scoring. The Health Sciences Division should receive students' test scores within four weeks following receipt of the tests by the NLN. Two copies of the results will be sent to the Health Sciences Division. That office will, in turn, send one copy to the students, notifying them of their scores.

For how long are the test results good?

Students must be ready to enter the NURS-103 bridge course within two years after successfully completing the Acceleration Challenge Exam I.

How can I prepare to take the Acceleration Challenge Exam I?

The Office of Admissions and Advising (RCF-242) has informational bulletins from the National League for Nursing that gives a general overview of the topics that may be covered on the tests. It is also recommended that students review NCLEX materials designed for students preparing to take the Practical Nurse licensing exam.

Appendix 1

LPN PATHWAY SEQUENCE CURRICULUM

PREREQUISITE COURSES			
Course Number	Course Name	Credits	Suggested Semester
BIOL-107	Fundamentals of Microbiology (or BIOL-200)	4	Prerequisite
CHEM-103	Fundamentals of General Chemistry (or CHEM-101)	4	Prerequisite
BIOL-203	Anatomy and Physiology I	4	Prerequisite
BIOL-204	Anatomy and Physiology II	4	Prerequisite
MATH-121 or MATH-122 or MATH-131 or higher	Finite Math or Ideas in Math or College Algebra or higher	3	Prerequisite
HMDV-200	Life Span Development	3	Prerequisite
ENGL-121	College Composition I: Expository Writing	3	Prerequisite
PSYC-101	General Psychology	3	Prerequisite

COREQUISITE COURSES*			
ENGL-122*	College Composition II: Writing Through Literature	3	Corequisite of NURS-233 NURS-234
SOCI-101*	Introduction to Sociology	3	Corequisite of NURS-233 NURS-234
Fine Arts Core*	Fine Arts Core Course	3	Corequisite of NURS-235 NURS-236

REQUIRED COURSES RELATED TO MAJOR			
NURS-103	Transition into Nursing II	6	Summer
NURS-230	Trends in Nursing	1	Fall (can also take Winter or Spring)
NURS-233	Nursing Care of Patients with Complex Health Problems II	4	Fall
NURS-234	Family Centered Nursing II	4	Fall
NURS-235	Nursing Care of Patients in Community and Mental Health Settings	4	Spring
NURS-236	Advanced Concepts in Nursing	4	Spring

***Due to the demanding nature of the clinical coursework in the Nursing program, it is strongly recommended that you complete the corequisite classes prior to beginning NURS-103.**

Appendix 2

LPN PATHWAY SEQUENCE CHECKLIST (BEGINS WITH NURS-103)

APPLICATION PERIOD: SEPTEMBER 15 – FEBRUARY 15

To be eligible for the LPN Pathway Sequence, you must be currently licensed in the state of Maryland as a practical nurse (hold an active unencumbered Maryland or compact LPN license)

In order to submit an LPN Pathway Sequence Supplemental Application, you must complete the following requirements:

1. _____ Complete and submit Howard Community College's Application for Admission to the Office of Admissions and Advising (RCF-242). A \$25 application fee is required. Declare LPN Pathway Sequence (code number 08c) as your learning program. Submission of a Howard Community College Application for Admission does not guarantee admission into the LPN Pathway Sequence Program.
2. _____ Request official college transcripts from previous postsecondary institutions and submit an Official Transcript Evaluation Request Form to the Office of Admissions and Advising to have your transcripts officially evaluated. Students will be billed a \$15 Transcript Evaluation fee once the evaluation is completed.
3. _____ Take HCC's English Placement Test. **This is a requirement for ALL prospective nursing students, even those who have already completed college-level English courses or taken college entrance exams. Students who have earned a U.S. Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution are exempt from taking the English placement test.**
4. _____ Place into ENGL-121 on the English Placement Test or complete all developmental English courses that you place into. Students who place into developmental English courses and have transferred in the equivalent of ENGL-121 and/or ENGL-122 have the option of either completing the developmental English courses into which they place or completing ENGL-121 or ENGL-122 at Howard Community College. **You must speak with a Nursing advisor concerning which English courses you will be required to take.** You may retake the English Placement Test one time.
5. _____ Complete MATH-121, MATH-122, MATH-131 or higher.
(MATH-131, College Algebra, or MATH-138, Statistics, is recommended.)
6. _____ Complete BIOL-107 (Fundamentals of Microbiology – 4 credits with lab) OR BIOL-200 (Microbiology – 4 credits with lab). Microbiology cannot be over 10 years old by the time you enter NURS-103.
7. _____ Complete CHEM-103 (Fundamentals of General Chemistry – 4 credits with lab) OR CHEM-101 (General Inorganic Chemistry I – 4 credits with lab). Chemistry cannot be over 10 years old by the time you enter NURS-103.
8. _____ Complete BIOL-203 (Anatomy and Physiology I – 4 credits with lab). Anatomy and Physiology I cannot be over 5 years old by the time you enter NURS-103.
9. _____ Complete BIOL-204 (Anatomy and Physiology II – 4 credits with lab). Anatomy and Physiology II cannot be over 5 years old by the time you enter NURS-103.

10. _____ Complete HMDV-200 (Life Span Development – 3 credits).
11. _____ Complete ENGL-121 (College Composition I: Expository Writing – 3 credits).
12. _____ Complete PSYC-101 (General Psychology – 3 credits).
13. _____ Pass the Nursing Acceleration Challenge Exam I (scores are valid for two years).
All applicants for NURS-103 must take and pass this exam. These tests are offered five times during the year: the first week in January, March, April, September and November. Students must register and pay three weeks in advance to take the exam. There is a \$130.00 fee to take the tests. Students have two opportunities to take and pass the tests. Students must take Book I: Foundations of Nursing and the first test in Book II: Nursing Care During Childbearing. Contact the Office of Admissions and Advising (RCF-242) for more information on this exam.
14. _____ **Complete and submit the LPN Pathway Sequence Supplemental Application between September 15 and February 15.** February 15 is the final deadline for applying for the program. There is a \$25 application fee. This application must be submitted to the Office of Admissions and Advising (RCF-242). **You must complete all prerequisite courses, along with the appropriate grades and overall GPA, receive passing scores on the Nursing Acceleration Challenge Exam I, and complete all other requirements by the end of the Spring semester to be eligible for the program.** Submission of the LPN Pathway Sequence Supplemental Application and completion of all prerequisites, testing and other requirements does NOT guarantee acceptance into NURS-103.
15. _____ Submit a copy of your Maryland Practical Nurse license. You must hold an active unencumbered Maryland or compact state Maryland practical nurse license.

Applicants must have an overall 2.0 GPA in prerequisite and corequisite college courses to be eligible for NURS-103. All science, math, nursing, and required developmental (or college-level English) courses must be completed with a grade of “C” or higher.

Appendix 3

HOWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE ACCELERATION CHALLENGE EXAM I REQUEST FORM

Academic Year _____
Date of Request _____

Cashiers Fee Code: NT-010-100-1210-6135

\$65 Fee Paid Book I: _____

\$65 Fee Paid Book II: _____

TESTING PERIOD SELECTED:

___ January ___ March ___ April ___ September ___ November
(Testing periods are the first week in the above months.)

Name: _____
Student ID Number: _____
Street Address: _____
City, State, Zip Code: _____
Phone Number: Day _____ Evening _____

Tests Ordered:

_____ Book I: Foundations of Nursing (Cost is \$65.00) Price subject to change

_____ Book II: Test I "Nursing Care During Childbearing" (Cost is \$65.00) Price subject to change

Please submit this form to the Office of Admissions and Advising (RCF-242) along with a copy of your receipt from the Cashier's Office.

SCORES:

_____ Book I: Foundations of Nursing Passed _____ Failed _____
_____ Book II (Test I): Nursing Care During Childbearing Passed _____ Failed _____