

CONTRA COSTA COLLEGE
LAVA DIVISION
ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM

**CHALLENGE OF NURS 210 (FUNDAMENTALS OF NURSING) BY EXAM
AND
CHALLENGE OF NURS 211 (DEVELOPING COMPETENCY IN NURSING PRACTICE)
BY DEMONSTRATION EXAM**

POLICY:

A **nursing applicant who has previous nursing education and experience, including military education and experience, may choose** to challenge the Fundamentals of Nursing (NURS 210) or the Developing Competency in Nursing Practice (NURS 211) by completing the following procedure. A **nursing applicant** who chooses to challenge these courses and successfully passes the challenge requirements, will receive a notation on the official transcript that states that the course was challenged (This is not transferrable to another academic institution). The **nursing applicant** will not receive any unit credit or grade for the course. There is no fee for the challenge examination. The challenge examination must be taken prior to enrollment in the course. A **nursing applicant** who has taken NURS 210 or NURS 211 is not eligible to take the challenge exam(s).

*****Admission into the nursing program is based on space available.*****

PROCEDURE:

The procedure for challenging the Fundamentals of Nursing course or the Developing Competency in Nursing Practice course by exam is as follows:

1. The **nursing applicant** must obtain and complete the Challenge Petition form available in the Admission and Records Office or in the Nursing Department.
2. In order to qualify for the exam, you must have done one of the following:
 - studied similar content in a LVN or other nursing program
 - had equivalent training or work experience, including military education and experience.
3. Upon successful completion of the N210 challenge exam (75% passing score), the instructor will complete the Challenge Petition form.
4. Upon successful completion of the N210 challenge exam (75% passing score), the nursing applicant may proceed to challenge N211.

Information for those who are interested in taking a Challenge Examination for

- NURS 210 (Fundamentals of Nursing)
 - NURS 211 (Developing Competency in Nursing Practice)
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Thank you for your interest in challenging the Fundamentals of Nursing (NURS 210) course or NURS 211 (Developing Competency in Nursing Practice). Please read the following to see if this option is appropriate for you.

The NURS 210 challenge exam is offered each semester. In order to qualify for the exam, you must have one of the following:

- studied similar content in a LVN or other nursing program
- had equivalent training or work experience, including military education and experience.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Prerequisite courses (Group A and Group B listed in the Basic Nursing Bulletin) must be successfully completed prior to challenging NURS 210 Fundamentals of Nursing.
- NURS 211 Developing Competency in Nursing Practice may only be challenged after successfully passing the N210 challenge exam with the required score (75%).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- **You may take the challenge exam one time only.** The challenge exam must be taken prior to enrollment in NURS 210/NURS 211. You will not be granted units, nor will you be given a grade on the transcript. There is no fee for the challenge exam. This is not transferrable to another academic institution.
- You are not eligible to take the challenge exam if you have taken the NURS 210/NURS 211 course.

N210 CHALLENGE EXAM INFORMATION: The NURS 210 Fundamentals of Nursing challenge exam consists of **100 questions**. **The exam includes theory content covered the N210 course, including drug dosage calculations. The exam will consist of multiple-choice questions and alternative type test questions such as: select all that apply, interpretation of graphs, images, etc.**

- The exam is computerized and you will be allowed 3 hours to complete the exam. Accommodations as identified by the Disabled Student Program Service are provided for students under the Disabled Student Program Services Department.
- In order to be successful with the N210 challenge exam, you must achieve a 75% score. This is the passing score required in all nursing courses.
- A list of the N210 theory content will be provided to assist you to prepare for the challenge exam.

N211 CHALLENGE INFORMATION: The exam for NURS 211 Developing Competency in Nursing Practice will require you to demonstrate the safe performance of seven skills: urinary catheterization, sterile dressing change, wound assessment and care, administration of non-parenteral medications, IM and ID, administration of insulin, ostomy management. (To review the skills, please refer to the required skill text: Potter & Perry, *Nursing Interventions and Clinical Skills*, [current edition]. Elsevier.).

- The exam for NURS 211 can only be challenged after successfully passing the N210 challenge exam.
- The challenge exam takes place in the nursing skills lab.
- In order to be successful with the N211 challenge exam, you must achieve a “Pass” on the performance demonstration of the required skills. This is the score required in all nursing skill lab courses.

If you are interested in taking the challenge exam, please obtain contact the Nursing Department (510) 215 -4103.