

REGISTERED NURSING (LVN TO RN)

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Registered Nursing (LVN to RN): Associate in Science (AS)

The Associate Degree (LVN-to-RN) Nursing curriculum is approved through the California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) and is designed to prepare students to take the National Council Licensure Examination-Registered Nursing (NCLEX-RN). Upon successful completion of the NCLEX-RN examination, the student becomes a Registered Nurse (R.N.).

Program Admissions Information to the LVN-to-RN Program

The Nursing program is limited in the number of students it can admit each year. Applicants are cautioned that satisfaction of the prerequisite requirements qualifies them only for consideration for admission to the program. There is a selection procedure which assists us to select qualified applicants.

Required Prerequisite Coursework and Certification (prior to admission to the LVN-to-RN Program)

1. High school graduate or equivalent
2. Proof of active LVN license (copy)
3. Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 for all college coursework
4. Satisfactory score on the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)
5. Completion of the LVN-to-RN Course prerequisites listed below with a minimum grade of "C". (18 units)
 - BIO 047: Human Anatomy (5-unit semester course or equivalent)
 - BIO 048: Human Physiology (5-unit semester course or equivalent)
 - BIO 004: Microbiology (5-unit semester course or equivalent)
 - ENG 001A: English Composition (3-unit semester course or equivalent)

NOTE: Applicants must have a minimum overall college GPA of 2.5 and no less than 2.5 GPA for Human Anatomy, Human Physiology, and Microbiology combined, with no grade less than a "C" for each course and no more than one repetition for any of the three courses.

Program Learning Outcomes:

- Students will demonstrate skills required for entry level practice.
- Students will demonstrate the use of theoretical and clinical skills during the performance of patient care to prepare for employment.
- Students will successfully pass the courses required to meet eligibility requirements for licensure and/or certification examination.

Career/Transfer Opportunities:

Employment opportunities following the acquisition of the license include hospitals, clinics, home-care, and community centers.

LVN-RN Program Requirements following Admission

Following admission to the program, the following requirements must be met:

- A Physical Exam documented on the Mission College Health Appraisal form, which considers the student free from communicable disease and ability to function in a hospital setting.
- Proof of Immunity to Rubeola, Mumps, Rubella, Hepatitis B, Varicella.
- Evidence of physical and emotional fitness upon admission and throughout the program is expected and is subject to the opinion of the college physician.
- Current Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation certification, CPR for Health Care Provider or CPR for Professional Rescuer.
- Criminal background check. If you have been convicted of any offense other than a minor traffic violation, you may not qualify to be licensed as a registered nurse. Each case is reviewed and determined by the California Board of Registered Nursing. The Board considers the nature and severity of the offense, subsequent acts or crimes, compliance with the sanctions, and evidence of rehabilitation. (rn.ca.gov)

LVN-to-RN Thirty-Unit Option

The thirty-unit option allows the LVN to sit for the NCLEX-RN examination after completion of a maximum of thirty units of course work in Health Occupations and related disciplines. Students who elect this option will not be a graduate of the Nursing program and will not receive a degree. The student will receive a license to practice only in the state of California after passing the NCLEX-RN examination. Practice outside the State of California may be limited. A conference with the Director of the LVN-to-RN program regarding the option is required before the student may elect this option as an education pathway.

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LVN-to-RN Program Course Requirements

General Education

Students must complete the General Education course requirements to receive a degree. Some of these requirements are fulfilled by the program prerequisites indicated above.

The following General Education courses are mandated by the Board of Registered Nursing must be taken prior to the last semester of the LVN to RN program. These courses are necessary to be eligible to take the NCLEX to become an RN. (10 Units)

- PSY 001: General Psychology or PSY 012: Human Growth and Development or equivalent (3 units)
- COM 001: Public Speaking or equivalent (3 units)
- MAT 010: Statistics or equivalent (4 units)

To complete the General Education requirements student must also complete the following prior to graduation:

- One American History and Institutions Course (Area D: Series 2)
- One Arts and Humanities Course (Area C)
- Fulfillment of Culture, Diversity and Equity (Area F) - can be fulfilled with an aligned course from Area C or Area D: Series 2.

* It is highly recommended that students complete all general-education coursework prior to entry into the LVN to RN program.

LVN-to-RN Program Coursework Requirements

The LVN to RN program consists of 3 terms of work. After completion of the Role Transition Courses (HOC 050 and 050A) the LVN-to-RN program consists of two additional semesters. Classroom instruction is offered concurrently with clinical experience. The Curriculum has been organized under the standards mandated by the State of California Board of Registered Nursing.

LVN-to-RN Program Coursework 24 Units

Role Transition courses Units

HOC 050	Role Transition LVN to RN	2.0
HOC 050A	Role Transition Clinical	1.0

Semester 1 Units

HOC 051	Community Mental Health Nursing	2.0
HOC 052	Intermediate Medical-Surgical Nursing Theory	3.0
HOC 053	Introduction to Clinical Judgment	1.0
HOC 054	Intermediate Clinical Practicum	4.0

Semester 2 Units

HOC 060	Advanced Maternal-Child Nursing	2.0
HOC 061	Advanced Medical-Surgical/Leadership Nursing	3.0
HOC 062	Leadership and Ethics	1.0
HOC 064	Advanced Clinical Practicum	5.0

Additional Requirements

LVN-to-RN Program Prerequisite Courses:

See details in program description 18 units Units

Mandated General Education Requirements: See Above	10.0
LVN Advanced-Placement Credit	12.0

Completion of General Education and electives as needed to reach 72 units.

Required Units for the Major: 64.0

Total Required Units: 72.0

