

# PROGRAMS

## REGISTERED NURSING (LVN TO RN) - AS

### Associate in Science in Registered Nursing (LVN to RN)

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 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.

#### Admission 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.

#### Prerequisite Requirements for 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 (18 units):
  - Human Anatomy (one, 5-unit semester course or equivalent, e.g. BIO 047)
  - Human Physiology (one, 5-unit semester course or equivalent, e.g. BIO 048)
  - Microbiology (one, 5-unit semester course or equivalent, e.g. BIO 004)
  - English Composition (ENG 001A or equivalent with minimum grade of "C")

**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.

#### 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 medical 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. ( [www.rn.ca.gov](http://www.rn.ca.gov))

#### LVN-to-RN Program Course Requirements

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.

General Education course requirements mandated by the Board of Registered Nursing:\* The following courses 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.

- General Psychology (PSY 001) or Human Psychology (PSY 012) or equivalent
- Public Speaking (COM 001 or equivalent)
- Intermediate Algebra (MAT 000C) or Statistics (MAT 010) or equivalent

Additional Mission College General Education course requirements:\* The following courses are necessary for the Associate Degree and must be completed prior to graduation.

- U.S. History (HIS 017A) or American Government (POL 001) or equivalent
- Arts and Humanities (3 units)

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

#### LVN-to-RN 30-Unit Option

The 30.0-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 Coursework (24.0 units)

#### Role Transition Courses

| Code     | Class                                   | Units |
|----------|---|-------|
| HOC 050  | Role Transition LVN to RN (2.0 Lecture) | 2.0   |
| HOC 050A | Role Transition Clinical (1.0 Lab)      | 1.0   |

#### Semester 1

| Code    | Class  | Units |
|---------|--|-------|
| HOC 051 | Community Mental Health Nursing (2.0 Lecture)              | 2.0   |
| HOC 052 | Intermediate Medical-Surgical Nursing Theory (3.0 Lecture) | 3.0   |
| HOC 053 | Introduction to Clinical Judgement (1.0 Lab)               | 1.0   |
| HOC 054 | Intermediate Clinical Practicum (4.0 Lab)                  | 4.0   |

#### Semester 2

| Code    | Class  | Units |
|---------|--|-------|
| HOC 060 | Advanced Maternal-Child Nursing (2.0 Lecture)          | 2.0   |
| HOC 061 | Advanced Medical-Surgical Nursing Theory (3.0 Lecture) | 3.0   |
| HOC 062 | Leadership and Ethics (1.0 Lecture)                    | 1.0   |
| HOC 064 | Advanced Clinical Practicum (5.0 Lab)                  | 5.0   |

#### Additional Requirements

#### LVN to RN Program Prerequisites (18.0 units)

| Code     | Class                                  | Units |
|----------|--|-------|
| BIO 004  | Microbiology (3.0 Lecture/2.0 Lab)     | 5.0   |
| BIO 047  | Human Anatomy (3.0 Lecture/2.0 Lab)    | 5.0   |
| BIO 048  | Human Physiology (3.0 Lecture/2.0 Lab) | 5.0   |
| ENG 001A | English Composition (3.0 Lecture)      | 3.0   |

#### BRN-mandated General Education Requirements (10-11.0 units)

Students must take a combination of one Psychology (PSY), Math (MAT) and Communication Studies (COM) classes, totaling three classes.

| Code     | Class                                      | Units |
|----------|--|-------|
| PSY 001  | General Psychology (3.0 Lecture)           | 3.0   |
| PSY 012  | Human Growth and Development (3.0 Lecture) | 3.0   |
| MAT 000C | Intermediate Algebra (5.0 Lecture)         | 5.0   |
| MAT 010  | Elementary Statistics (4.0 Lecture)        | 4.0   |
| COM 001  | Public Speaking (3.0 Lecture)              | 3.0   |

#### Required Units for the Major

|                               | Units     |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| LVN Advanced Placement Credit | 12.0      |
| Required units for the major  | 64.0-65.0 |

|  | Units |
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| plus completion of general education requirements and electives as needed to reach 72 units. |       |
| Total required units   | 72.0  |

**Career/Transfer Opportunities**

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

**MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH A COUNSELOR SUBMIT A COURSE SUBSTITUTION REQUEST CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT**