



College to Career Connection

Nursing (RN, LVN to RN) / CNA

What is Nursing?

Registered Nurses use a scientific process to plan care for people in acute illnesses and teach them how to stay healthy or cope with their illness. They may give medicine, treatments, tests, injections, or draw blood as prescribed by the Physician. The two-year registered nursing program at College of the Canyons is designed to prepare the student with the knowledge required to assume the responsibilities of an entry level registered nurse. Upon graduation the student receives an Associate Degree in Nursing and is eligible to take the national licensure examination to become a registered nurse. COC has many RN-BSN Concurrent Enrollment Options occurring with various Universities (CSUN, CSULA, CSUDH, National University, & Concordia University, Irvine)-see COC Nursing website for details.

The LVN to RN “Career Ladder” program at COC is designed to provide an LVN with the education required to qualify for licensure as an RN.

[COC Associate Degree in Nursing \(RN\) Checklist](#) - will not transfer to a 4 year institution

A Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) helps patients or clients with healthcare needs under the supervision of a Registered Nurse (RN) or a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN). Upon completion of this course and a state test for certification, the student will be able to function as a certified nurse assistant in a skilled nursing facility providing basic patient care for residents. The CNA works under the supervision of a licensed vocational nurse or registered nurse.

[CNA - Certified Nursing Assistant Certificate of Specialization](#) - will not transfer to a 4 year institution

[Pre-Nursing Advisement Workshop](#)

Potential Industries/Employers

- Hospitals
- Clinics and medical centers
- Physicians' offices and medical groups
- State and local health departments
- Home healthcare agencies
- Retirement homes
- Nursing homes
- Health maintenance organizations

Possible Job Titles

- Diabetes Nurse
- School Nurse
- Critical Care Nurse
- Clinical Nurse Specialist
- Forensic Nurse
- Informatics Nurse
- Patient Care Assistant
- Critical Care Nurse
- Geriatric Case Managers
- Legal Nurse Consultant
- Neonatal Nurse

How this Major Helps You Move Forward:

Skills Advancement

While College of the Canyons does not endorse all of these opportunities, we aim to provide access:

- [Internships](#) and [COC Career Center](#)
- [COC Alpha Delta Nu Nursing Honor Society](#)
- [Hospital Volunteer](#)
- [Association of California Nurse Leaders \(ACNL\) Webinars](#)
- [Discover Nursing Resources](#)
- [National Student Nurses' Association Career Planning Guides](#)

CSU/UC Major Preparation (BA/BS)

- [CSUN: Nursing R.N. to B.S.N.](#)
- [CSULA: Nursing B.S.](#)
- [CSUDH: Nursing B.S.](#)
- [UCI: Nursing Science, B.S.](#)
- [CSUCI: Health Science B.S. N.](#)
- ... and more!

Additional information can be found at:

- [What Can I do With this Major](#)
- [COC Nursing Department](#)
- [Assist: Student Transfer Information System](#)
- [Occupational Outlook Handbook](#)
- [O*NET OnLine: Job and Career Exploration](#)
- [Linkedin Alumni Tool](#)
- [Candid Career Videos](#)

Associations

Association is a group of people who come together for a common purpose. You can find helpful information about jobs and careers.

- [American Association of Colleges of Nursing](#)
- [Nursing Society](#)
- [American Nurses Association](#)
- [American Association of Nurse Anesthetists](#)
- [American Association of Occupational Health Nurses \(AAOHN\)](#)

This is a general information. It is not an exhaustive, comprehensive list. For specific information on majors and careers please connect with your professors and visit the counseling center at <https://www.canyons.edu/student-services/counseling> | 3/26/21