

An Associate Degree Program

LVN-RN

At
College
of the
Canyons



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The LVN to RN "Career Ladder" program at College of the Canyons is designed to provide an LVN with the education required to qualify for licensure as an RN.

PROGRAM PURPOSES

The LVN to RN program is specifically designed to provide the LVN an opportunity for career advancement and to prepare the LVN for the responsibility, knowledge and skills required of the registered nurse. The purpose of the COC Career Ladder program is to qualify the graduate to receive a certificate of completion, an Associate Degree in Nursing, and to take the national licensure examination to become a registered nurse.

CAREER LADDER PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

An LVN student entering the registered nurse program must complete required nursing courses and general education courses with a C grade or better. Non-nursing courses may be taken concurrently with nursing subjects. For complete course descriptions obtain a College Catalog from Admissions and Records.

LVN to RN applicants must have completed an approved LVN program.

PREREQUISITES

- English 101 (3 semester units or 5 quarter units)
- Anatomy (4 semester units or 6 quarter units)
- Physiology (4 semester units or 6 quarter units)
- Microbiology (4 semester units or 6 quarter units)
- Eligibility for Intermediate Algebra

OTHER BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING (BRN) REQUIREMENTS:

Communication 105 or 223 and Psychology 101 or equivalents (calculated for GPA)

SELECTION CRITERIA INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:

To be considered for entrance, all prerequisites and previous nursing courses must be completed with a 2.5 GPA or higher. Completing the prerequisites, however, does not assure admission into the program.

Students will be admitted to the program based on their scholastic eligibility and placement on a nursing assessment test as per SB 1309.

SCHOLASTIC ELIGIBILITY: Scholastic eligibility is determined through a statewide approved formula which calculates the student's probability of successfully completing the ADN program. The formula uses the following criteria:

- Core Biology GPA – all Anatomy, Physiology, and Microbiology courses taken at the college level.
- Core Biology repetitions – the number of times a student has repeated a Core Biology course including withdrawals.
- English GPA – all credit English course grades regardless of the level of the course.
- Overall GPA – the college GPA as it appears on college transcripts excluding non-credit and not-for-credit courses.
- Students must have a minimum required score of 70 to be eligible for admission.

To be more competitive for admission, students are encouraged to:

- Complete all courses without repeating or withdrawing.
- Minimum of a 3.0 GPA in all Biology courses
- Minimum of a 3.0 GPA in all English courses
- Minimum of a 2.5 cumulative GPA

ASSESSMENT TEST: Qualified applicants will be required to take a state approved nursing assessment test. Students must rank at the required level to be eligible for admission into the program. Currently, this is a 62% composite score based on the California Community College Chancellor's Office recommendation. Valid photo ID must be presented at time of test.

Applicants accepted into the program will first enroll in the Transitions into Nursing course, Nursing 109. Upon completion of Nursing 109, the student will be placed on a waitlist (by application date) to progress in the program on a space-available basis. Qualified applicants not selected must reapply in order to be considered. The Allied Health and Public Safety Division office does not retain applications.

Students not meeting eligibility criteria are offered a remediation plan. After successful completion, students are eligible to reapply and will be placed on a waitlist (first-come, first-serve) upon receipt of application and all required documentation. If the remediation plan is not complete by the deadline, the student is no longer eligible to apply to the program.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Follow *Application Procedures – Step by Step* at www.canyons.edu/nursing

- Submit College of the Canyons application and obtain a student identification number.
- Submit the following documents to Admissions and Records: 1) official sealed transcripts from ***all***

colleges attended, except COC (must include all coursework regardless if nursing prerequisite or not); 2) for transcripts from other countries, an official sealed foreign transcript evaluation from a **NACES approved agency**; 3) Math placement test results if needed for eligibility; 4) Official College Board AP English, AP Math, and AP Psychology scores; 5) Official College Board CLEP Math score; and 6) a copy of high school transcript, copy of diploma, **OR** copy of GED certificate (if no college degree is posted on transcript).

- Submit the online Request for Nursing Prerequisite Evaluation, available at www.canyons.edu/nursing. Evaluation results and eligibility status will be sent directly to the Allied Health and Public Safety Division Office. The student will receive the results by email.
- If eligible, submit Nursing Program Application to the Allied Health and Public Safety Division Office (**accepted twice a year for spring and fall semesters; check website for exact dates**). A second set of documents are no longer required. The only documents that must be submitted with the application are 1) a copy of LVN license, 2) proof of approved IV Certification course, and 3) proof of at least 4 months employment as LVN. Applications will also be evaluated based on documents submitted to Admissions and Records as outlined above. Valid email address is required.
- **Incomplete applications will not be eligible.**

30-Unit Option:

The Career Ladder Student may also choose a "30 Unit Option" plan. The LVN who chooses the "30 Unit Option" must have met the microbiology and physiology requirements with a grade of C or better. The applicant must then take Nursing 109, 126, 234 and 240. Upon satisfactory completion of these classes, the applicant would be eligible to apply to take the RN licensure examination. NOTE: Students who complete this option (30 units) will take NCLEX-RN as a non-graduate. This status will not change even if student goes on to obtain a degree. There is no restriction to practice within California. The student may have difficulty in transferring to another state or territory. The student may also have difficulty applying to a college/university for an advanced degree.

Applicants to this curriculum alternative must meet with the Program Director for objective counseling that includes admission process, course requirements, and the advantages/disadvantages of this route to licensure. TEAS test is required, but results will not deny admission to the program. The applicant is not required to meet college admission requirements.

LVN to RN Courses:

Transition Course:

- Nursing 109 – Transition into Nursing (must be taken within two years of program entry)

Course Progression on Space Available

- Nursing 126 – Psychiatric Nursing (Psych 101 prerequisite)
- Nursing 234 – Intermediate Medical/Surgical Nursing
- Nursing 240 – Advanced Medical/Surgical Nursing and Leadership

Students should be prepared for flexible clinical assignments.
Schedule subject to change

Students are responsible to meet all degree requirements for COC.

COST OF PROGRAM:

In addition to the purchase of textbooks, supplies and uniforms, students will pay a college enrollment fee, health fee and student body fee. Students accepted into the program are required to have a physical examination, drug screening, required immunizations, current CPR card, current Fire Card, malpractice insurance, and background check. Students must provide their own living expenses and have transportation to off-campus sites. Limited educational grants and loans are available.

LEGAL LIMITATIONS

Record of any felony is subject to review by the Board of Registered Nursing before an RN license may be granted. This is in accordance with legal requirements. Anyone wishing clarification or further information may contact the Board of Registered Nursing, 1030 13th St., #300, Sacramento, CA 93814 (916) 322-3350.

INFORMATION:

Students are advised to make an appointment with a COC counselor each semester for advisement of Nursing/Associate of Science requirements. For further information contact Counseling at (661) 362-3287. Students may also contact the Allied Health and Public Safety Division Office at (661) 362-3550.



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