

LVN to RN Program

Information

San Bernardino Valley College

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The Nursing Department at SBVC offers a program to assist Licensed Vocational Nurses (LVN) become Registered Nurses. Students earn an Associate of Science (A.S.) degree with a major in nursing. The program is fully accredited by the California State Board of Registered Nursing.

Vocational nurses may choose to take the regular RN program (see RN information packet) or the LVN to RN program. Students must complete prerequisites, apply, and be accepted into the LVN to RN Program. Students are admitted once a year in the spring semester. If there are sufficient qualified applicants, a Fall semester class will be admitted. Applications are due by December 1 (see page 3 for details). All prerequisites to the program must be completed or in-progress at the time the application is submitted

A schedule of Information Meetings is available at the Health Science Division office, HLS 101, or on-line. College counselors can assist with making an educational plan for completion of program prerequisites (call for appointment 909-384-4404).

Note: A background check, health, and other requirements must be completed before enrollment in the program. California may deny Registered Nurse license to an applicant based on any conviction or legal action substantially related to nursing practice.

Prerequisites

- **California LVN license**
- **High school completion**
- **One year full-time (or equivalent) work experience as an LVN**
- **Freshman Composition** (ENGL 101) with a grade of C or higher
- **Intermediate College Algebra** (MATH 095) with a grade of C or higher (or higher level math course)
- **4 Science Courses;** each with a grade of C or higher and a minimum **G.P.A. of 2.75 in the four courses**

		<u>Minimum semester units</u>
Human Anatomy and Physiology I & II	BIOL 250 & 251	8 Units with lab
or (Human Anatomy BIOL 260 and Human Physiology BIOL 261)		
Microbiology	BIOL 270	4 Units with lab
General Psychology	PSYCH 100	3 Units

Note:

- Micro (BIOL 270) has prerequisites of BIOL 250 or BIOL 260 or BIOL 261 and CHEM 101
- Human Physiology (BIOL 261 or BIOL 250/251) and Microbiology (BIOL 270) must be taken **within 5 years** of application to the program.
- A&P I & II series (BIOL 250/251) must be taken at the **same** college
- Human Anatomy & Human Physiology series (BIOL 260/261) may be taken at different colleges.

Pre or Corequisites: complete each with a grade of C or higher by the end of the program

Elements of Public Speaking	SPEECH 100	3 Units
<u>or</u> Interpersonal Comm.	SPEECH 111	
Introduction to Sociology	SOC 100	3 Units
<u>or</u> Cultural Anthropology	ANTHRO 102	

SBVC Graduation requirements: make an appointment with a college counselor, 909-384-4404
6 Units Humanities (see [Catalog](#))

Program Courses (may be completed in 2 ½ or more semesters)

Pharmacology for Nurses	NURS 108	1 unit
Vocational to Professional Nurse Transition (Includes 3 challenge exams for NURS 104, 110, & 112. Must pass all challenge exams to enter the following courses)	NURS 109	2 units
Medical-Surgical Nursing III	NURS 200	5.5 units
Pediatric Nursing	NURS 202	4.75 units
Nursing Care of the Critically Ill	NURS 210	2.5 units
Medical-Surgical Nursing IV	NURS 211	3.75 units
Psychiatric Nursing	NURS 212	2.75 units
Advanced Ethical and Legal Aspects of Nursing	NURS 217	1 unit

How to Calculate Grade Point Average (GPA)

- Calculate the grade points for each course using the following scale
 - A = 4 grade points X units in course or
 - B = 3 grade points X units in course or
 - C = 2 grade points X units in course
- Add the total grade points for all courses
- Add the total units for all courses
- Total grade points ÷ total course units = GPA

Example:

Gen Psychology	“C”	3 units	X	2 grade points	=	6	course grade points
A & P I	“A”	4 units	X	4 grade points	=	16	course grade points
A & P II	“B”	4 units	X	3 grade points	=	12	course grade points
Microbiology	“B”	5 units	X	3 grade points	=	15	course grade points

Total course grade points (49) ÷ Total units (16) = 3.06 G.P.A.

APPLICATION TO THE PROGRAM (All prerequisites must be completed or in-progress to apply)

- Submit college application and be admitted (Admission Office, ADSS 100 or on-line)
- Submit the following to the Nursing Department, HLS 101, by **September 1 or February 1**:
 - LVN to RN Application form (available in the Health Sciences Office, HLS 101 or on-line)
 - Official transcript from Vocational Nursing program and all colleges attended, EXCEPT SBVC and Crafton Hills College.
 - Proof of High School completion (transcript or Diploma or G.E.D. score)
 - Copy of current California LVN license
 - Complete resume summarizing work experience as an LVN (employer, job title, type of patient care unit, month/year starting and ending dates, full-time or % of full-time)

SELECTION PROCESS

- When the number of applicants with requirements met exceeds the number of spaces available, selection will be random considering the number of previous applications. Extra qualified students will be placed on a Waiting List. Students will be notified in writing of their admission status.
- The LVN to RN transition class is subject to cancellation if less than the minimum number are ready to enter
- Students who do not pass all challenge exams in NURS 109 will be admitted to the equivalent course(s).

COST ESTIMATE

Tuition & fees (\$20/unit)	\$450 - 600.00
Malpractice Insurance	40.00
Textbooks	1500.00
Uniforms	225.00
Parking permit	70.00
Completion expenses (optional)	200.00

TOTAL

\$2635.00

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