

College of the Canyons offers two Registered Nursing Programs that are approved by the California Board of Registered Nurses and accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing.

### **RN Program**

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### **LVN-RN Career Ladder Program**

Nursing is an art and science incorporating knowledge from the behavioral, biological, and physical sciences. It has a holistic concept of health in which the physical, emotional, psychological, intellectual, social, and spiritual aspects of human functioning are interrelated, interdependent, and of equal importance. This program is for students already possessing a LVN license and experience as an LVN that allows them to complete a series of courses providing advance standing due to credit for their experience. Offered is an Associate Degree in Nursing with a program of clinical components in which the student cares for patients in the acute-care setting and sub-acute setting. The program prepares the students for an entry-level position in the health care setting. An RN (Registered Nurse), after taking a national licensure examination, may move directly into the position of beginning staff nurse. The program prepares the student for this test.

### **Specific Career Ladder Requirements:**

LVN to RN applicants must have completed an approved LVN program. Copy of California LVN license must be provided with application.

The following requirements are due prior to beginning the LVN to RN Program:

- Proof of approved I.V. certification course
- LVN to RN students are required to work as an LVN Proof of a minimum of 4 months of employment as an LVN.

An additional 30 unit option is available to LVN's.

### **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.

### **RN AND LVN TO RN NURSING PROGRAM PREREQUISITES :**

1. English 101 (3 units or 5 quarter units)
2. Anatomy (4 semester units or 6 quarter units)
3. Physiology (4 semester units or 6 quarter units)
4. Microbiology (4 semester units or 6 quarter units)
5. Math 060: Elementary Algebra

The College of the Canyons Registered Nursing Program is committed to servicing the community by providing the highest level of nursing education to all qualified students. The ability to enter the nursing program shall not be hindered by issues of age, sex, religion, ethnic origin, race, or socioeconomic status. Open access shall be the means by which all program participants are selected, all information disseminated, and all selection procedures are

determined. Therefore, the following serves as a selection process outline for any, and all, nursing programs at College of the Canyons which require a specific selection process: applications, selection information, and individual program brochures are openly distributed from the Mathematics, Sciences, and Health Professions office and are provided to any person requesting such data. Potential and current applicants are requested to attend a Nursing Information Session. These sessions are given once each semester. Information covers general campus information and provides specific data pertaining to selection requirements of the nursing programs. The counseling department determines transferability of non-nursing courses. The Director of Nursing and/or Assistant Nursing Program Director determines the transferability of nursing courses.

**SELECTION CRITERIA FOR RN AND LVN TO RN PROGRAMS INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:**

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

**SELECTION CRITERIA FOR RN PROGRAMS INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:**

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.
- Earn a minimum of a 3.0 GPA in all Biology courses
- Earn a minimum of a 3.0 GPA in all English courses

**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 on TEAS test (version V) based on the California Community College Chancellor's Office recommendation. Valid photo ID must be presented at time of test. See nursing website for updates which reflect current state guidelines and regulations.

**RN Applicants:**

Final selections are made using both multi-criteria screening and random selection. Qualified applicants not selected must reapply in order to be considered. The Mathematics, Sciences, and Health Professions office does not retain applications or transcripts.

Students not meeting eligibility criteria are offered a remediation plan. After successful completion, students are eligible to reapply for random selection.

If the remediation plan is not complete by the deadline, the student is no longer eligible to apply to the program.

**LVN to RN Applicants:**

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 to progress in the program on a space-available basis.

## **APPLICATION PROCEDURE:**

Follow current application process as outlined at [www.canyons.edu/nursing](http://www.canyons.edu/nursing)

## **INCOMING TRANSFER STUDENTS**

Students may apply to the RN program by transfer or challenge. Students are not allowed to transfer into the first semester; students must enter first semester as a generic student. Students are only eligible to be considered for transfer if they have been in a nursing program within 12 months of the day their application is accepted and are eligible to re-enter their previous program. Students who have been out of a nursing program for more than 12 months must apply as beginning students. Student must provide letter from Director of previous nursing program stating student is clinically safe and eligible to return to their program. The Director of Nursing determines how the applicant's previous courses correlate with the COC Nursing Program curriculum and determines what portion of the program must be taken in order to complete the nursing program at COC. The Director of Nursing has the right to accept or deny any transfer. Approved applicants MUST attend a mandatory orientation and complete Nursing 109. Upon completing Nursing 109, approved applicants will be placed on a waiting list until an opening in the appropriate course becomes available. Transfer students who have previously failed another RN program will only be allowed one entry into the COC RN program. Follow current application process for transfer students as outlined at [www.canyons.edu/nursing](http://www.canyons.edu/nursing). Students advised by the BRN to take specific courses to obtain a license must also take the TEAS exam with any necessary remediation, attend a mandatory orientation and complete Nursing 109.

## **SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL Nursing Students:**

Once admitted to any of the RN programs, the student must comply with the following requirements but not limited to:

- Proof of vaccination followed by positive titers for Hepatitis B (or signed waiver), rubeola, rubella, mumps
- Proof of Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis (Tdap) and annual flu vaccinations
- Negative mantoux or chest x-ray documentation for Tuberculosis clearance.
- An annual physical examination. The first physical with functional abilities verification must be within six months of beginning classes
- Current CPR certificate (American Heart Association for health care providers)
- Student Registered nurse malpractice insurance.
- Clear Background check and OIG/GSA clearance
- Clear 10 panel drug test
- L. A. City Fire Card

## **Associate in Science Degree: Nursing – Registered Nurse**

Nursing science is an art and science incorporating knowledge from the behavioral, biological, and physical sciences. It has a holistic concept of health in which the physical, emotional, psychological, intellectual, social, and spiritual aspects of human functioning are interrelated, interdependent, and of equal importance.

Offered as an Associate Degree in Nursing with a program of clinical components in which the student cares for patients in the acute-care, sub-acute, and home setting. The program prepares the students to take the national licensure exam and for an entry-level Registered Nurse (RN) position in the health care setting.

Degree Student Learning Outcome:

Students will be able to

-Integrate the perspectives of the provider of care, manager of care, and member of the nursing profession into patient care situations.

-Function in the roles of provider of care, manager of care, and member of the nursing profession.

Program Requirements:

Units Required: 62

Units:

NURSNG-112	Foundations of Nursing	4.25
NURSNG-114	Fundamentals of Nursing	6.50
NURSNG-124	Beginning Medical Surgical Nursing	5.75
NURSNG-126	Psychiatric Nursing	3.75
NURSNG-234	Intermediate Medical-Surgical Nursing	4.75
NURSNG-236	Maternal Child Nursing	5.50
NURSNG-240	Advanced Medical-Surgical Nursing and Leadership	8.50

Plus eight units from the following options:

BIOSCI-201	Introduction to Human Anatomy	4.0
AND		
BIOSCI-202	Introduction to Human Physiology	4.0

OR

BIOSCI-204	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4.0
AND		
BIOSCI-205	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4.0

Plus twelve units from the following options:

BIOSCI-221	Introduction to Microbiology	5.0
ENGL-101	English Composition	4.0

OR

ENGL-101H	Honors English Composition	4.0
PSYCH-101	Introduction to Psychology	3.0

OR

PSYCH-101H	Introduction to Psychology - Honors	3.0
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Plus three units from the following:

COMS-105	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3.0
COMS-105H	Fundamentals of Public Speaking – Honors	3.0
COMS-120	Small Group Communication	3.0

In order to receive an associate degree, RN students must complete all nursing program requirements with a grade of “C” or better. The physical education and diversity requirements have been waived for the RN students. Students must complete ALL requirements for the associate degree before the student will be allowed to apply for licensure. Consult with a counselor to determine the exact courses needed to complete the degree.

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### GENERAL INFORMATION

Accrediting and approval agencies for Registered Nursing and LVN-RN Career Ladder Programs:

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN)  
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