

Nursing- LVN to RN Advanced Placement – AS

+If you have completed coursework at another college and/or are starting in a semester other than a Fall term, please follow up with the Counseling Department to determine if this sequence is appropriate for your academic and career goals.

Program Description:

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

LVN-RN Advanced Placement 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 Licensed Vocational Nurse (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 students care for patients in the acute-care setting, sub-acute, and home setting. The program prepares students to take the national licensure exam and for an entry-level Registered Nurse (RN) position in the health care setting.

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 LVNs. 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 ADVANCED PLACEMENT 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. Eligibility for Math 070: Intermediate Algebra or higher

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 LVN TO RN PROGRAM 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. 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 percent composite score on TEAS test (version VI) 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.

LVN to RN Advanced Placement 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 enter the nursing program sequence of courses, beginning with Nursing 126. LVN to RN Advanced placement students are not required to complete Nursing 236. If circumstances limit enrollment in nursing courses, LVN to RN Advanced Placement students will be enrolled in courses on a space available basis. Every effort is made by the nursing department to avoid interruption of student progression in the nursing program.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Follow current application process as outlined at www.canyons.edu/nursing

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

Program SLO: Students will be able to: (1) Integrate the perspectives of the provider of care, manager of care, and member of the nursing profession into patient care situations. (2) Function in the roles of provider of care, manager of care, and member of the nursing profession.

Important Transfer Information: *Nursing Students are encouraged to work towards the Associate Degree in Liberal Arts and Science with the Health Science concentration while working on Nursing Program pre-requisites. This degree will help students be more prepared for a future Bachelor's degree in Nursing. Consider attending a [Pre-Nursing Advisement Workshop](#) to learn more about the different Nursing Pathways and how to make yourself competitive. The sequence listed below, may not meet all your transfer admissions requirements. Connect with a counselor to develop an individual student education plan through the Counseling Department @ <https://www.canyons.edu/counseling> or (661) 362-3288/(661) 362-3811.*

Major courses are sequenced and **BOLDED** based on recommendations by the [Nursing Department](#).

First Semester (3-14 units minimum) FA = Fall; WI = Winter; SP = Spring; SU = Summer

Course	Title	Units	Major and GE Courses
BIOSCI 100	General Biology (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Pre-requisite for Nursing Sciences
ENGLISH 101/101H	English Composition (FA, WI, SP, SU)	4	GE, Major and Nursing Pre-requisite
*Math Competency – Dept. Recommends MATH 140	Choose one course from the AA GE Area 3 (FA, WI, SP, SU) – Department Recommends Statistics (FA, WI, SP, SU)	4	GE, Major and Nursing Pre-requisite
PSYCH 101/101H	Introduction to Psychology (FA, WI, SP, SU)	3	Major and Nursing Pre-requisite
Term Total:		14	

Check the [Honors](#) website for most recent course offerings. Must be enrolled in the Honors program to take courses, see below.

*MATH 140- Statistics is required for the Bachelors of Science in Nursing (BSN) programs. Note, some BSN Nursing Programs require additional Math. Consult with a counselor for more information

Second Semester (15-28 units minimum)

Course	Title	Units	Major and GE Courses
**BIOSCI 201 OR BIOSCI 202 OR BIOSCI 204	Select one of the Anatomy & Physiology Sequences: Introduction to Human Anatomy (FA, SP, SU) OR Introduction to Human Physiology (FA, SP, SU) OR Human Anatomy and Physiology I (FA, SP, SU)	4	Major and Nursing Pre-requisite
COMS 105/105H Or COMS 120	Fundamentals of Public Speaking (FA, WI, SP, SU) or Small Group communication (FA, SP)	3	Major and Nursing Pre-requisite
CHEM 151/151H	Introductory Chemistry (FA, WI, SP, SU)	4	Pre-requisite for Microbiology
American Institutions – Choose Option I or II	Complete first course in chosen option – (note: must take both classes within one option) (FA, WI, SP, SU) – see table below	3	GE - American Institutions
Term Total:		14	

NOTE: BIOSCI 100 is the pre-requisite for BIOSCI 201, 202 and 204.

****Students need 8 units of Anatomy & Physiology and may select among either the BIOSCI 201 (Introduction to Human Anatomy) AND BIOSCI 202 (Introduction to Human Physiology) Sequence OR the BIOSCI 204(Human Anatomy and Physiology I) AND BIOSCI 205 (Human Anatomy and Physiology II) Sequence.**

Third Semester (29-40 units minimum)

Course	Title	Units	Major and GE Courses
BIOSCI 201 OR BIOSCI 202 OR BIOSCI 205	<i>Continue with the Anatomy & Physiology Sequence: Introduction to Human Anatomy (FA, SP, SU) OR Introduction to Human Physiology (FA, SP, SU) OR Human Anatomy and Physiology II (FA, SP, SU)</i>	4	Major and Nursing Pre-requisite
BIOSCI 221	Introduction to Microbiology (FA, SP, SU)	5	Major and Nursing Pre-requisite
American Institutions	Complete second course in chosen option – (note: must take both classes within one option) – see table below	3	American Institutions
Term Total:		12	

NOTE: BIOSCI 204 is a pre-requisite for BIOSCI 205 and BIOSCI 100 AND CHEM 151 are pre-requisites for BIOSCI 221 – Microbiology. Upon completion of all nursing pre-requisites, students must submit their nursing application for admission. Applications are accepted once each year and occur during Dec. 1 through February 28/29 of each year-Pending Grant funding. The LVN-RN program begins each Summer. Applicants must have at least 1 year of LVN work experience within the last 3 years at the time of application. View the [LVN-RN Application & Selection Process Timeline](#) for details and be sure to attend Nursing Department Information Meeting prior to applying.

SUMMER Intersession- 1st term in LVN-RN Courses once admitted to the program (41-47.75 units minimum)

Course	Title	Units	Major and GE Courses
NURS 109	Transition to Nursing (SU)	4.0	Major
NURS 126	Psychiatric Nursing (SU) <i>NOTE: Psych 101 is a pre-requisite</i>	3.75	Major
Term Total:		7.75	

Fourth Semester–2nd term in Nursing Courses once admitted to the program (48.75 -52.5 units minimum)

Course	Title	Units	Major and GE Courses
NURS 234	Intermediate Medical-Surgical Nursing (FA)	4.75	Major
Term Total:		4.75	

Fifth Semester – 3rd term in Nursing Courses once admitted to the program (53.2-61 units minimum)

Course	Title	Units	Major and GE Courses
NURS 240	Advanced Medical-Surgical Nursing and Leadership (SP)	8.5	Major
Term Total:		8.5	

Total Units: 61

American Institutions Requirement – Select one of the options below and complete a total of 6 units

Option I	One course from the following: Economics 170/170H, History 111/111H, History 112/112H, History 120/120H, or History 130 AND Political Science 150/150H (FA, WI, SP, SU)
Option II	History 111/111H AND History 112/112H (FA, WI, SP, SU)

Counseling Resources

Nursing Department: <https://www.canyons.edu/academics/nursing/index.php>

LVN to RN Advanced Placement: <https://www.canyons.edu/academics/nursing/admissions/lvn-rn/index.php>

Counseling Department: <https://www.canyons.edu/student-services/counseling/>

Associate Degree in Nursing Checklist:

https://www.canyons.edu/_resources/documents/student-services/counseling/forms/2020-2021NursingADN-RNChecklist.pdf

Alpha Delta Nu Nursing Honor Society: For More Information Email: AlphaDeltaNu@canyons.edu

Assessment ATI TEAS(6) Test: www.atitesting.com

Campus Alliances: <https://www.canyons.edu/administration/ie2/equity/alliances.php>

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Career Resources

Nursing Career Tree: <https://www.canyons.edu/academics/nursing/careertree/index.php>

Careers in Nursing: <https://www.rn.ca.gov/careers/futurern.shtml>

California Career Zone: <https://www.cacareerzone.org/>

O*Net Online: <https://www.onetonline.org/>

Bureau of Labor and Statistics: www.bls.gov

Professional Associations:

California Board of Registered Nursing: <https://www.rn.ca.gov/>

National Council of State boards of Nursing (NCSBN): <https://www.ncsbn.org/index.htm>

National League of Nursing (NLN): <http://www.nln.org/>

Future of Nursing/Campaign for Action: <https://campaignforaction.org/>

Maker Nurse: <https://www.rwjf.org/en/how-we-work/grants-explorer/featured-programs/maker-nurse.html>

Nursing World/American Nurses Association: <https://www.nursingworld.org/>