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LVN to RN Career Mobility Programs

LVN to RN Degree Program (Graduate Status) Associate of Science Nursing

LVN to RN 30-Unit Option Program

The Department of Health Occupations at College of the Redwoods offers two LVN to RN program options that are approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) for Licensed Vocational Nurses (LVNs) seeking Registered Nurse (RN) licensure.

The nursing content for each program is offered over three semesters and is available on a space available basis yearly at the Eureka campus.

1. LVN to RN Degree Associate Degree Nursing

This program includes all nursing content and support coursework for the LVN to earn the Associate of Science Nursing degree and be recommended for the National Council Licensing Exam for Registered Nursing (NCLEX-RN) as a graduate of an accredited program.

2. LVN to RN 30-Unit Option

This program provides LVNs with the California state requirements (a maximum of 30 units in nursing, physiology, and microbiology) to be recommended for the NCLEX-RN. Students in this program do not earn degree status. The 30-Unit Option is not recognized by other states so graduates are restricted to California for employment.

Please note the following:

- A. Limited space is available each year.
- B. All qualified applications submitted during the enrollment period will be ranked for admission by lottery each spring semester.
- C. LVN to RN 30-Unit Option applicants will be accepted during the Enrollment Period only after all the qualified LVN to RN Degree applicants have been accepted.

Curriculum Pattern

Option 1: LVN to RN Degree Program – AS Nursing

Total Program Units = 60

Admission Requirements	Pre-Requisites	Units
+ LVN 114 (or + BIOL 6)	Anatomy, Physiology ,Microbiology for Vocational Nursing (or Anatomy)	3.0-4.0
+ BIOL 2	Microbiology	4.0
+ BIOL 7	Physiology	4.0
ENGL 1A	College Composition	3.0
# NURS 60	Transition Concepts	2.0
Total Units		16.0 -17.0

NOTE: Overall GPA of 2.5 for all courses at or above collegiate level is required for admission.

+ GPA in these courses must be 2.5 or higher May only have one repetition in pre-requisite biology courses. (total of four enrollments)

Offered spring semester only (may be “in progress” for application)

Recommended before beginning Nursing courses:

*** Math 120	Intermediate Algebra	Units 4.0
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<i>Program Requirements</i>	<i>Summer</i>	<i>Fall</i>	<i>Spring</i>
**General Elective	AS Degree 4.0		
* NURS 23		Nursing Science & Practice III 9.0	
PSYCH 1 or		General Psychology 3.0	
PSYCH 11		Life Span Development	
SOC 1, SOC 2, or		Sociology/Anthropology Requirement 3.0	
ANTH 3			
* NURS 24			Nursing Science & Practice IV 10.0
SPCH 1 or 6 or 7			Communication Skills Requirement 3.0
Humanities Requirement for AS degree (see catalog for eligible courses)			3.0
Total term units		4.0	15.0 16.0

* Nursing courses must be taken in sequence.

** Prior college coursework (including LVN coursework) from an accredited college can be used to meet the general elective requirement.

*** Or higher math to satisfy AS Degree D₃ Analytical Thinking requirement.

Option 2: LVN to RN 30-Unit Option Program (certificate only)

Total Program Units: 30

Admission Requirements	Pre-Requisites	Units
+ LVN 114 (or + BIOL 6)	Anatomy, Physiology ,Microbiology for Vocational Nursing (or Anatomy)	3.0-4.0
+ BIOL 2	Microbiology	4.0
+ BIOL 7	Physiology	4.0
#NURS 60	Transition Concepts	2.0
Total term units		13.0-14.0

NOTE: Overall GPA of 2.5 for all courses at or above collegiate level is required for admission.

+ GPA in these courses must be 2.5 or higher May only have one repetition in pre-requisite biology courses. (total of four enrollments)

Offered spring semester only (may be “in progress” for application)

<i>Program Requirements</i>	<i>Fall</i>	<i>Spring</i>
* NURS 23	Nursing Science & Practice III 9.0	
* NURS 24		Nursing Science & Practice IV 10.0
Total term units		9.0 10.0

Please note all NURS courses are in the curriculum review process. Actual courses and unit values are subject to change.

Offered spring semester only.

* Nursing courses must be taken in sequence.

+GPA in these courses must be 2.5 or higher for admission. May only have one repetition in biology courses. (total of four enrollments)

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- A. **Only** LVNs who possess a valid California LVN license are eligible to participate in the programs. It is recommended that the applicant have completed one full year's experience as an LVN prior to applying for the LVN to RN programs, although those without work experience may also be accepted.
- B. The student must select the choice of 30 Unit-Option or LVN to RN Degree AS Nursing at the time of application.
- C. Applicants who have previously enrolled in either College of the Redwoods LVN to RN program option must apply for readmission by consulting with the Director of Nursing and Health Occupations. Only one readmission to the program is possible.
- D. From their basic LVN educational program LVNs are considered to have the equivalent of Nutrition (HO 15) and Anatomy (BIOL 6) required of ADN "generic students."
- E. Those electing the LVN to RN (degree status) program – Associate of Science Nursing are advised to check the current college catalog for Associate of Science Nursing degree requirements, including required program work, residency requirements, and coursework that may be applied toward the degree.
- F. All nursing students must possess sufficient computer literacy skills to complete Internet research, communicate by email, and use CD-ROMs, and other computer instruction and word processing. Those without these skills are encouraged to take CIS 1 prior to enrollment in the nursing program.
- G. Availability of clinical facilities necessitates admitting a limited number of students to each program. Therefore, if qualified applications exceed the number of seats available, a random ranking by lottery at the end of the Enrollment Period will determine the award of seats. Degree option candidates will be awarded seats prior to 30-Unit Option. We encourage students who are waiting for admission to take additional required general education courses for the nursing degree, above and beyond the prerequisite courses.
- H. In nursing courses with a clinical component, students must receive a satisfactory clinical evaluation to pass the course and progress in the program. Some clinical agencies may require background checks by the Department of Justice and FBI fingerprinting or by other means of nursing students who use their facility. If a student's background check (criminal record) does not satisfy the requirements of the agency, or the agency refuses the student access to patients for any other reason, the program will not be able to provide alternate experiences and the student must withdraw from the program or receive an F grade.
- I. The Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) wishes to inform students impaired by alcoholism, drug abuse or emotional illness of the importance of seeking voluntary aid for conditions that could, if left unattended, lead to disciplinary action and may prevent licensure to practice nursing in California.
- J. Evaluation of the student nurse is based upon theoretical knowledge, psychomotor skill proficiency, and the application of both of these in the clinical setting. To progress and graduate from the nursing program, students must achieve at least C grades in all nursing courses and satisfactory clinical grades. In addition, a cumulative 2.0 GPA must be maintained for the Associate Degree with all program and General Education requirements at a C or better grade.

The demands of the nursing program are many. It is suggested that part-time work be kept to a minimum. Most students find it difficult to meet the objectives of the nursing courses and work more than 20 hours per week while attending the program. Clinical scheduling, assignments, etc. cannot be altered due to an individual's outside employment. Financial aid and several scholarships are available each year. Contact the Financial Aid and Scholarship Offices. Personal life issues need to be in balance, to be successful. One must have reliable transportation, and reliable childcare (if applicable), an ability to be punctual to assigned classes and clinical locations. Tardiness is not an acceptable performance standard in this professional career.

- K. Clinical labs may be scheduled for day, evening, night, and/or weekend shifts. Students rotate to various clinical facilities throughout the college district and are required to provide their own transportation, childcare, etc., to attend clinical labs. Many students car pool; limited childcare services are available at the Child Development Center.
- L. At the completion of the program when applying for licensure in the State of California to the Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) applicants are required to report any disciplinary action against a professional license and/or misdemeanor or felony convictions; certain convictions may result in denial of licensure. Each case is considered individually by the BRN.

- M. Cost of the Program (approximately \$2,515). Transportation and childcare expenses, if needed, are not included.
- a. Enrollment fee at \$20/unit - \$600.
 - b. Required textbooks for nursing prerequisites and courses will cost approximately \$1,000.
 - c. Students are required to have uniforms, white shoes and a watch with second hand display, stethoscope, Kelly Clamp and bandage scissors. See dress code in student handbook for specifics. Approximate cost is \$100-150.
 - d. Cost for fingerprinting / background checks is approximately \$65
 - e. Immunizations for students who do not have the required immunity to several communicable diseases may cost over \$220. Most are available through the Student Health Clinic for reduced fees or free.
 - f. CPR certification costs about \$50.
 - g. The school pin (optional) for graduation costs approximately \$60-\$130.
 - h. Licensure application costs about \$300.

Note: Above costs are approximate and subject to change.

Content in Nursing

The LVN to RN programs include the theoretical content, skills practice, and clinical practicum of the second year of the Registered Nursing program and, as such, are guided by the philosophy, conceptual framework, terminal objectives, and curriculum plan of the Registered Nursing program. Nursing content areas include:

- A. Advanced medical-surgical nursing.
- B. Mental health and psychiatric nursing.
- C. Geriatric nursing.
- D. Nursing management and leadership.

Entrance to the Program

NOTE: Entrance to the LVN to RN program is subject to a yearly application process. Students who have completed all prerequisite courses will be considered as having a qualified application. NURS 60 Transition Concepts is the only exception due to its placement in the spring semester. Students may be admitted to the Career Mobility program pending successful (grade "C" or better) completion of NURS 60 - Transition Concepts.

Students who have in-progress prerequisite courses to complete during the Spring 2009 semester may also apply to the LVN to RN program. Priority will be given to students who have completed their prerequisite coursework at the time of application period. Students who have in-progress prerequisite courses to complete during the spring semester, will be considered on a space available basis.

In filing an application for either LVN to RN option, the applicant must verify:

- Enrollment at College of the Redwoods.
- Current California LVN licensure.
- High School graduation (verified by official transcript) or equivalent.
- Overall GPA of 2.5 (verified by official transcripts) for all courses at or above collegiate level (basic skills courses will not be included).
- Completion of :
 - BIOL 2 (Microbiology)*
 - BIOL 7 (Physiology) *
 - LVN 114 (Anatomy, Physiology, Microbiology for Vocational Nursing) *
or BIOL 6 (Anatomy) *
- * 2.5 GPA or greater in these science courses
- * Only one course repetition in biology courses (total of four biology enrollments)
- Successful completion of English 1A with a grade of "C" or higher.

- Enrollment and/or successful completion of NURS 60 –Transition Concepts, with a grade of “C” or higher. Note: This course is specific to the C/R program and cannot be substituted.
- If applicable, verification of in-progress courses.

For applicants who have completed prerequisite courses at accredited colleges/universities other than College of the Redwoods, courses must be equivalent in course content and unit value.

When filing an application for entrance into the LVN-RN Career Mobility program the applicant must:

1. File a completed Student Enrollment Form to the College of the Redwoods with the Admissions Office. To participate in the class selection lottery an applicant must have a College of the Redwoods student identification number that has been or will be assigned when you submit your CR Student Enrollment Form. If you have not applied to College of the Redwoods, download an application from the College web page <http://www.redwoods.edu/Admissions/apply.asp> and submit it with the LVN to RN application. Please indicate *Nursing (NURS)* as your major.
2. Submit an *Application to the LVN to RN program* (with all documents of verification attached) to the Admissions Office during the Enrollment Period **between 9:00 AM Monday, January 26, 2009 and 3:30 PM on Friday, February 6, 2009**. Applications may be either personally delivered or mailed to Enrollment Services, postmarked on or before February 6, 2009. Mail to: **Admissions Office,, College of the Redwoods, 7351 Tompkins Hill Road, Eureka, CA 95501-9300**. *The LVN to RN application is available from Health Occupations, Counseling, or by using the application on the last page of this brochure.*

Verify high school graduation by submitting official documentation. An official transcript with an official stamp embossed on the document in an unopened envelope must be submitted. (Please call Health Occupations office if your high school will not mail your transcript directly to you.) An official high school transcript may be submitted or an official letter from the high school or student may show equivalency by passing the GED (General Education Development Examination) and submitting an official certificate. You may call 866-370-4740 to order an official GED certificate – **(ETS-GED Records Center, PO Box 4005, Concord CA 94524-4005)**. **Note: If applicant possesses a degree from an accredited college or university, evidence of degree granted on official sealed college transcripts will be considered equivalent to high school graduation.**

3. Submit **official (sealed) transcripts (with an official stamp embossed on the document in an unopened envelope) for all courses** at or above the collegiate level, from each accredited college/university you have attended. **You do not need to attach copies of transcripts from College of the Redwoods.**

Selection Process

Immediately following the Enrollment Period the selection process will identify qualified applicants who have submitted a **complete** *Application to the LVN to RN Career Mobility program* with all specified verification documents attached as requested.

Qualified applications to the LVN to RN Career Mobility program will then be selected by lottery until all available seats are filled. If more qualified applications are received than there are seats available, they will be maintained in order of the random lottery on a waiting list. The Health Occupation office will notify students by letter of their acceptance into the LVN to RN Career Mobility program or their waitlist number. Students accepted into the program must return an acceptance letter to the Health Occupations Office to retain their seat. Any student who is unable to maintain his/her seat in the LVN to RN program should notify the Health Occupations Office immediately.

At the end of the Enrollment Period if seats are available after all qualified LVN to RN Degree Option applicants have been awarded seats, LVN to RN 30-Unit Option applicants will be awarded seats.

Applications will be disqualified for any one of the following reasons:

- Unverified and/or invalidated entries on the application form
- Applications received after the Enrollment Period – Reapplication will be required for a seat in the next year’s class
- Failing to submit all necessary documents with your application

To maximize the number of seats for nursing students at College of the Redwoods, students who apply to both the ADN and the LVN to RN Career Mobility programs must select and enroll in only one program. Students cannot remain on the waiting list for the second nursing program if they are enrolled in the first nursing program. For example, an LVN student could not be maintained on the ADN waiting list while in the LVN program. To become an RN, that student must apply to the RN-ADN Career Mobility program upon completion of the LVN program.

From the end of the Enrollment Period until the first day of class in the fall, seats that become available will be filled from the waiting list order. In the fall semester, any remaining qualified applicants will be sent a letter from the Health Occupations Department inquiring if applicants desire to be carried forward for the award of a seat in the next Enrollment Period. Applicants must return an attached form to retain their place on the waiting list by **10/19/09**.

Please keep the Health Occupations Office notified of changes in address and/or phone number/e-mail address. Waiting list applicants will be notified of vacancies. If the Health Occupations Office does not have current contact information (telephone or email) available and/or you cannot be reached, seats will be awarded to the next person on the wait list.

Program Requirements

All students must meet and submit the following requirements prior to enrolling in the first semester of the LVN-RN program (third Friday in July) or **admission in the program may be in jeopardy.**

1. In order to protect the public's safety and health, applicants must be in good health and be able to perform the physical and mental work required in the program. Health status requirements include:
 - a. Student must meet established physical and emotional requirements for safe clinical practice and submit the College of the Redwoods Health Occupations Health History and Physical Exam forms. Any concerns regarding health status issues should be discussed with the Director of Nursing & Health Occupations.
 - b. Proof of tetanus, measles, rubella and Varicella immunity must be documented on the Health Occupations Student Health Form. Hepatitis B is highly recommended but a signed waiver is possible for this immunization only. The vaccines are available from the Student Health Center fall and spring semesters.
 - c. A tuberculosis test is also required. This is also available from the Student Health Center fall and spring semesters.
 - d. Freedom from alcoholism, drug abuse or emotional illness that could jeopardize the student's ability to provide safe client care. Students are advised (according to California Board of Registered Nursing guidelines) to seek voluntary aid for conditions that could, if left unattended, lead to disciplinary action and may prevent licensure to practice nursing in California.
2. Current, active CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) certification, including adult, infant and child CPR, for both one-rescuer and two-rescuers CPR prior to entering clinical nursing courses. This can be satisfied as follows:
 - a. American Heart Association - *Basic Life Support (BLS) - Level C*.
 - b. American Red Cross - *CPR for the Professional Rescuer* course.

Note: No other CPR course(s) may be substituted for the above.

3. **Beginning Fall 2009 applicants accepted into the program will be required to complete an assessment test. In order to promote student success, remediation course work may be required prior to entry into the program.**

