

Nursing

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Admission by Special Application

Note: The nursing program is operated in a manner which is free of discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, creed, sex, pregnancy, marital status, medical-condition, sexual orientation, age, disability, or veteran status.

The Registered Nursing Program is a four-semester program of concentrated study (after the completion of program prerequisites) which prepares a diverse body of students to become safe, competent, and caring practitioners for entry-level positions in health care settings in the community, while cultivating professionalism, an appreciation for other peoples and cultures, and a desire for life-long learning.

Coursework in the biological, social, and behavioral sciences and humanities serves as the basic foundation in the nursing program. The program integrates theoretical instruction in the classroom with small group discussions and clinical experiences in hospitals, home health care agencies, and other settings in the community. Students also have the opportunity to participate in simulated clinical experiences and practice clinical skills in the state-of-the art Simulation Laboratory and Nursing Learning Laboratory.

Program Learning Outcomes: Upon successful completion of the program, students will be able to:

- Integrate the nursing process using the Roy Adaptation Model to promote adaptation of individuals, families, and the community.
- Internalize professional behaviors of the nursing practice.
- Formulate clinical judgements in practice that promote the health of patients.
- Provide safe, patient-centered care.
- Assimilate effectively within nursing and inter-professional teams, fostering effective communication to achieve quality patient care.
- Integrate best current evidence with clinical expertise for optimal health care.
- Describe strategies for improving outcomes of care in clinical practice.
- Incorporate information and technology to communicate, manage knowledge, mitigate error, and support decision making.

The program is approved by the:

Board of Registered Nursing
P.O. Box 944210
Sacramento, California 94244
(916) 322-3350
www.rn.ca.gov

The program is accredited by the:

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing
3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 500
Atlanta, GA 30326
(404) 975-5000
<http://www.acenursing.org/>

General information, schedules of monthly nursing group counseling sessions, and application instructions for the nursing program may be found at <http://www.lahc.edu/classes/nursing/index.html>. Students are admitted into the program in the fall and spring semesters. *Please see the nursing website for filing dates and instructions.* Late applications will not be considered.

Program listings do not include basic skills prerequisites for college-level courses or prerequisites for GE courses. Numbers appearing in parentheses beside each course title represent course units. Courses may not be offered every term. Students are strongly advised to see a counselor prior to enrolling in any program.

Transfer Students: Transfer applicants who are requesting admission from another nursing program are considered on a space-available basis. Transfer applicants must meet all program requirements. Information may be obtained from the Health Sciences Division office.

Application Process:

The procedure and process for application to the nursing program are available on the Health Sciences Division website: <http://www.lahc.edu/classes/nursing/index.html>. Prospective students are highly encouraged to attend the nursing program information sessions; dates can be found on the division website.

Admitted Students:

Students who accept an invitation for admission to the nursing program must complete the following requirements of the LACCD and clinical agencies prior to clinical placement. It is the student's responsibility to bear the expenses of these requirements.

- A criminal background check from the nursing program-designated agency must be completed. (Note: *Students who are unable to present a clear background check will not be admitted to the program. Students who cannot clear Live-Scan fingerprinting will not be permitted to continue in the nursing program, unless an appropriate clinical placement can be found at an alternative agency.)
- **Conviction of a felony or misdemeanor may affect a student's eligibility for licensure in the state of California. It is the student's responsibility to contact the California Board of Registered Nursing as soon as possible for more information or to seek clarification: <http://www.rn.ca.gov/enforcement/index.shtml>
- Physical Examination, specific laboratory blood studies, 2-step TB skin test or chest x-ray (if skin test is positive), and immunizations* as required by the LACCD and clinical agencies. The physical examination must be repeated every 3 years.
- Titers to demonstrate immunity from rubella, rubeola, varicella, polio, hepatitis B, and mumps.
- Copies of all laboratory results and physical examination must be submitted to the instructor.
- Standard American Red-Cross First Aid and Personal Safety certificate (note- not required for LVNs or EMTs)
- Current American Heart Association Health-Care Provider level Basic Life Support certification (BCLS)
- Current Student Nurse professional liability insurance. Information and applications for insurance are available in the Health Sciences Division office.
- Other requirements as outlined by clinical agencies.

*Immunizations are necessary in clinical settings and training facilities to protect the health and welfare of students, consumers and the community. Students must obtain the immunizations listed in Section 4b prior to clinical placement. Copies of all immunization results must be submitted to the Nursing Department as specified. If additional tests or immunizations are required by a hospital or other affiliating facility, students will be notified.

Students must be free from communicable diseases, infection, psychological disorder, and other conditions which would present a threat to, or negatively impact the well-being of faculty, students, or consumers, or would prevent the successful performance of responsibilities and tasks required in the nursing program. If any such condition is developed by the student after admission to the program, it may be considered sufficient cause for suspension from the program.

Students are responsible for all costs incurred in meeting program requirements and there is a financial commitment to being a student in the nursing program. Expenses incurred include, but are not limited to, books and classroom supplies; uniforms; medical supplies; standardized nursing tests; and mandatory health requirements. For Financial Aid assistance, see <http://www.lahc.edu/student-services/fees.html>.

Following admission into the program, students must maintain a "C" or better in all General Education requirements of the approved required nursing curriculum, including humanities, communications, and social, behavioral, and biological sciences. Students must also achieve a grade of "C" or better in the theory AND clinical component of each nursing course in order to progress through the program. The nursing program has a separate and distinct policy regarding academic and progress suspension, readmission, and disqualification, which differs from the LAHC policy. Disqualification from the nursing program will occur if a student withdraws or receives a substandard grade in any required nursing course in the first semester of coursework. After the first semester, a student may be suspended from the program for academic or progress reasons and is required to complete a plan for remediation before an application is considered for readmission into the program. For a detailed explanation of suspension and disqualification from the nursing program, see Administrative Regulation E-10 (<http://laccd.edu/About/Pages/Admin-Regs.aspx>).

Associate in Science in Nursing, Professional (R.N.) Degree

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Admission Route 1: The student enters as a generic nursing student and completes all courses in the approved nursing curriculum. Completion of the program leads to the Associate of Science Degree in Nursing, Professional. Applicants must successfully complete established admission requirements:

Prerequisites

- Evidence of graduation from an accredited U.S. high school or equivalent, as determined by the Graduate Equivalency Diploma (G.E.D.) test or the California High School Proficiency Examination, or graduation from an accredited U.S. college or university.
- Foreign students must have either high school or college transcripts evaluated for equivalency to U.S. senior high school graduation or a U.S. college degree. All foreign coursework will receive the equivalent grade of "C" for each course given such credit.
- Accepted as a fully matriculated student at LAHC.
- High school chemistry (with lab) with a grade of "C" or better OR college chemistry (with laboratory) with a grade of "C" or better.
- An overall GPA of 2.5 for Anatomy, Physiology, and Microbiology prerequisite courses with no grade less than "C" for each course and no more than one repetition of any substandard grade in any one of these courses.
- A grade of "C" or better for English 101 (College Reading and Composition 1), minimum 3 semester units.
- A grade of "C" or better for Psychology 1 (General Psychology) and Psychology 41 (Life- Span Psychology).
- Meet the LAHC math requirement by successfully passing the LAHC Math Competency Examination or the completion of Math 123C or higher.
- A cumulative GPA of 2.5 for all college coursework taken.
- Completion of standardized admission test at or above required cut score.

Official high school and college transcripts, official foreign transcript evaluations, and/or approved petitions must be submitted to the Health Sciences Division with the nursing program application. Applications without official transcripts will not be considered. Application deadlines, continuation requirements, and program prerequisites apply to all nursing program applicants.

Admission Route 2: Students with verified previous health experience may be eligible for this route. The Policy for Transfer and Challenge may be obtained from the Health Sciences Division. All transfer courses must be verified with official transcripts prior to enrollment. The student must be in progress with classes in the first semester to establish eligibility to take challenge examinations. The maximum number of units for which a student may petition for credit by examination at the college is 15 units.

Without regard to semester admitted, students are required to complete all LACCD general education (except Area E) and graduation requirements in order to be awarded the Associate of Science Degree, Professional Nursing.

Upon the successful completion of this program, graduates receive an Associate in Science in Nursing, Professional (R.N.) Degree and are qualified to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). Successful completion of this examination leads to licensure as a Registered Nurse in the state of California.

In order for a student to be approved as completing the requirements of the nursing program at LAHC, he or she must be currently enrolled in the nursing program and be in good academic standing. To graduate from the nursing program, a student must complete all requirements for graduation under the LACCD Plan, including the college competency requirements in mathematics and in reading and written expression. All students must file a Petition to Graduate and be approved for graduation by the Director of the Nursing Program and the Dean of Admissions. The school nursing pin is awarded only to those students who complete all requirements for graduation, and whose petitions for graduation have been approved.

In order to take the NCLEX-RN, the candidate must submit to a Live-Scan, complete required applications, and submit required transcripts, documentation, and payment to the California Board of Registered Nursing. Remediation may be required, prior to program approval of the application for the NCLEX-RN, if the candidate has not applied for and taken the NCLEX-RN within one year after completing the nursing program and all required coursework.

This sequence of courses in the curriculum is approved the Board of Registered Nursing. This degree requires greater than 60 units and therefore may take more time to complete than other degrees.

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Major (Prerequisites and 1st-4th Semesters)	64
(This figure includes GE options that are specifically designated as required for the major, except units listed for Humanities GE and US History or Political Science. They are reflected in the additional requirements below.)	
Additional LACCD GE Requirements	6
(Not including 18 double-countable major units and 3 Area E units, which may be met by completing the requirements for a Nursing degree. Students wishing to transfer are advised to use either the CSU GE or IGETC plan instead.)	
Total	70

Prerequisite Requirements (21 units)

ANATOMY 1	Introduction to Human Anatomy (4)
ENGLISH 1	College Reading and Composition I (3)
MICRO 20U	General Microbiology (3)
MICRO 20L	General Microbiology Laboratory (1)
PHYSIOL 1	Introduction to Human Physiology (4)
PSYCH 1	General Psychology (3)
PSYCH 41	Life Span Psychology (3)

First Semester Requirements (13 units)

NURSING 311	Communication in Nursing (1)
NURSING 313	Introduction to Nursing Process Practice (4)
NURSING 315	Fundamentals of Nursing (4)
NURSING 321	Nursing Process (1)
SOC 1	Introduction to Sociology (3)*

or ANTHRO 102 Human Ways of Life: Cultural Anthropology (3)*

Second Semester Requirements (13 units)

Humanities GE requirement (3)*	
NURSING 323	Care of the Adult Client I (5)
NURSING 325	Care of the Adult Client II (5)

Third Semester Requirements (11 units)

COMM 101	Oral Communication (3)*
or COMM 121	Interpersonal Communication (3)*
NURSING 333	Health Care of Women (3)
NURSING 335	Care of Children (3)
NURSING 339	Care of Geriatric Client (2)

Fourth Semester Requirements (12 units)

NURSING 343	Psychosocial Adaptation of Client (3)
NURSING 345	Care of the Adult Client II (3)
NURSING 347	Leadership and Management in Nursing (3)
US History or Political Science GE requirement (3)*	

It is strongly recommended that the student enroll in related Nursing 185 or 318 courses to enhance learning.

*It is highly recommended that general education courses be taken prior to entering the nursing program.

Associate in Science Degree in Nursing, Professional (L.V.N. to R.N.) Degree

Major Code: 123001

This route leads to graduation from the generic program with an Associate of Science Degree, Professional Nursing. An L.V.N. with a current California license may enter the generic program at an advanced level after completing the required program prerequisites and the transition semester courses. The general education co-requisites must be completed before graduation. Applicants must achieve the required cut score on the standardized admission test. Entry by this route is on a space-available basis.

Without regard to semester admitted, students are required to complete all LACCD general education (except Area E) and graduation requirements in order to be awarded the Associate of Science Degree, Professional Nursing.

Prerequisites:

- Current California L.V.N. license
- Evidence of graduation from an accredited U.S. high school or equivalent, as determined by the Graduate Equivalency Diploma (G.E.D.) test or the California High School Proficiency Examination, or graduation from an accredited U.S. college or university.
- Foreign students must have either high school or college transcripts evaluated for equivalency to U.S. senior high school graduation or a U.S. college degree. All foreign coursework will receive the equivalent grade of "C" for each course given such credit.
- Accepted as a fully matriculated student at LAHC.
- High school chemistry (with lab) with a grade of "C" or better OR college chemistry (with laboratory) with a grade of "C" or better.
- An overall GPA of 2.5 for Anatomy, Physiology, and Microbiology prerequisite courses with no grade less than "C" for each course and no more than one repetition in any one of these courses.
- A grade of "C" or better for English 101 (College Reading and Composition 1), minimum 3 semester units.

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- A grade of “C” or better for Psychology 1 (General Psychology) and Psychology 41 (Life Span Psychology).
- Meet the LAHC math requirement by successfully passing the LAHC Math Competency Examination or the completion of Math 123C or higher.
- A cumulative GPA of 2.5 for all college coursework taken.
- Completion of Nursing 329A and B, Nursing 311 and Nursing 321 with a grade of “C” or better.
- Completion of standardized admission test at or above required cut score

Upon the successful completion of this program, graduates receive an Associate in Science in Nursing, Professional (R.N.) Degree and are qualified to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). Successful completion of this examination leads to licensure as a Registered Nurse in the state of California.

In order for a student to be approved as completing the requirements of the nursing program at LAHC, he or she must be currently enrolled in the nursing program and be in good academic standing. To graduate from the nursing program, a student must complete all requirements for graduation under the LACCD Plan, including the college competency requirements in mathematics and in reading and written expression. All students must file a Petition to Graduate and be approved for graduation by the Director of the Nursing Program and the Dean of Admissions. The school nursing pin is awarded only to those students who complete all requirements for graduation, and whose petitions for graduation have been approved.

In order to take the NCLEX-RN, the candidate must submit to a Live-Scan, complete required applications, and submit required transcripts, documentation, and payment to the California Board of Registered Nursing. Remediation may be required, prior to program approval of the application for the NCLEX-RN, if the candidate has not applied for and taken the NCLEX-RN within one year after completing the nursing program and all required coursework.

This sequence of courses in the curriculum is approved the Board of Registered Nursing. This degree requires greater than 60 units and therefore may take more time to complete than other degrees.

Major Requirements

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(This figure includes GE options that are specifically designated as required for the major, except units listed for Humanities GE and US History or Political Science. They are reflected in the additional requirements below.)

Additional LACCD GE Plan Requirements

6

(Not including 3 Area E units, which may be met by completing the requirements for a Nursing degree, and 15 double-countable major units. Students wishing to transfer are advised to use either the CSU GE or IGETC plan instead.)

Total

64

Prerequisite Requirements (21 units)

ANATOMY 1	Introduction to Human Anatomy (4)
ENGLISH 101	College Reading and Comprehension I (3)
MICRO 20U	General Microbiology (3)
MICRO 20L	General Microbiology Laboratory (1)
PHYSIOL 1	Introduction to Human Physiology (4)
PSYCH 1	General Psychology (3)
PSYCH 41	Life Span Psychology (3)

Transition Semester Requirements (7)

NURSING 311	Communication in Nursing (1)
NURSING 321	Nursing Process (1)
NURSING 329A	Role Transition LVN to RN (1)
NURSING 329B	Role Transition LVN to RN (1)

SOC 1	Introduction to Sociology (3)
or ANTHRO 102	Human Ways of Life (3)

Second Semester Requirements (13 units)

Humanities GE requirement (3)*	
NURSING 323	Care of the Adult Client I (5)
NURSING 325	Care of the Adult Client II (5)

Third Semester Requirements (11 units)

COMM 101	Oral Communication (3)*
or COMM 121	Interpersonal Communication (3)*
NURSING 333	Health Care of Women (3)
NURSING 335	Care of Children (3)
NURSING 339	Care of Geriatric Client (2)

Fourth Semester Requirements (12 units)

NURSING 343	Psychosocial Adaptation of Client (3)
NURSING 345	Care of the Adult Client II (3)
NURSING 347	Leadership and Management in Nursing (3)

US History or Political Science GE requirement (3)*

It is strongly recommended that the student enroll in related Nursing 185 or 318 courses to enhance learning.

*It is highly recommended that general education courses be taken prior to entering the nursing program.

Non-degree LVN to RN Pathway

Major Code: 123001

Applicants are required to meet with the Chairperson of the Health Sciences Division if considering this route for individual counseling and consideration. This option is open to applicants who possess a current California Vocational Nursing

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(L.V.N.) license. Completion of this option allows students to become eligible for the examination for licensure as a Registered Nurse, however completion of this option does NOT meet the requirements for the Associate of Science Degree in Nursing, Professional. Students completing this option will not be a graduate of LAHC and cannot receive the program's nursing pin. Additionally, several states do not recognize persons completing this option as being a Registered Nurse even though they may have successfully completed the NCLEX-RN examination. (Students pursuing this option should follow the Non-degree LVN to RN Pathway listed after the degree requirements?)

Applicants are expected to demonstrate mathematical and clinical nursing competence equivalent to a second year generic nursing student. Route 3 includes general education courses and advanced theory and clinical experiences. The student must perform satisfactorily in both theory and clinical portions of the courses to receive credit in any nursing courses and must receive a grade of "C" or better for all courses. Entry by this route is on a space-available basis.

Prerequisites:

- Current California L.V.N. license
- An overall GPA of 2.5 for Physiology 1 and Microbiology 20 with no less than a "C" for each course and no more than one repetition in any one of these courses.
- Completion of Nursing 329A and B, Nursing 311 and Nursing 321 with a grade of "C" or better
- Completion of standardized admission test at or above required cut score

Upon the successful completion of this program, students are qualified to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). Successful completion of this examination leads to licensure as a Registered Nurse in the state of California.

In order to take the NCLEX-RN, the candidate must submit to a Live-Scan, complete required applications, and submit required transcripts, documentation, and payment to the California Board of Registered Nursing. Remediation may be required, prior to program approval of the application for the NCLEX-RN, if the candidate has not applied for and taken the NCLEX-RN within one year after completing the nursing program and all required coursework.

Total (Not included the recommended prerequisite course.)	29
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Recommended Prerequisite (3 units)

PSYCH 41 Life Span Psychology (3)

Required Prerequisites (12 units)

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MICRO 20 General Microbiology (4)
 NURSING 329A Role Transition RN to LVN (1)
 NURSING 311 Communication in Nursing (1)
 NURSING 321 Nursing Process (1)
 NURSING 329B Role Transition RN to LVN (1)
 PHYSIOL 1 Introduction to Human Physiology (4)

First Semester Requirements (8 units)

NURSING 333 Health Care of Women (3)
 NURSING 335 Care of Children (3)
 NURSING 339 Care of Geriatric Client (2)

Second Semester Requirements (9 units)

NURSING 343 Psychological Adaptation of the Client (3)
 NURSING 345 Care of Adult Client III (3)
 NURSING 347 Leadership and Management in Nursing (3)

Physical Education

see Kinesiology

Physics

Associate in Science in Physics Degree

Major Code: 190200

The Associate in Science degree in Physics is designed for students who either intend to transfer to the UC or CSU as Physics majors, or who want to prepare for work as a Physical Sciences Laboratory Assistant. See the program learning outcomes listed under the AST degree in this subject.

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