**Los Angeles Valley College**

**LVN Career Ladder**

For the Fall 2022 Semester

# **LVN Career Ladder Description**

LVN CAREER LADDER meets both the curriculum requirements of the BRN and the requirements of LAVC for an Associate in Science Degree. The graduate is then eligible to take the National Council Licensing Examination (NCLEX). The Los Angeles Valley College (LAVC) Nursing Program accepts applications **twice a year: September for the Spring Semester and April for the Fall Semester. Contact the Nursing Department for specific dates for each semester.** All LVN students must take the Transition Course. LVN students requested to attend LAVC nursing program must meet the following requirements prior to applying to the Transition Course.

# **Required Steps to Apply to the Nursing Program**

1. Students must possess a current California Vocational Nurse License.
2. Students must possess one year of current LVN work experience.
3. All students except current need to submit a college application to the LAVC Admissions Office. International students must first apply to the International Student Program.
4. All official transcripts from U.S. colleges, and universities outside the LACCD (including high school if meeting chemistry and math competency) must be sent directly to the Office of Admissions and Records from the institution of origin before requesting a Nursing Prerequisite Evaluation. Please follow the instructions listed below. Hand-carried U.S. transcripts of any kind are NOT acceptable. In order to be an eligible applicant to the Nursing Program, official transcripts must be on file by the deadline posted on the Nursing website.

Order Official Transcripts

Order your Official Transcript on [Parchment.com](http://parchment.com/)

Send Official Transcripts to LAVC:

1. We are receiving paper transcripts weekly.
2. We are receiving electronic transcripts from eTranscript California. This is the best way to send transcripts to us. View list of [eTranscript California Schools](http://etranscriptca.org/colleges-online).
3. Los Angeles Valley College also accepts transcripts from: Credential Solutions, National Student Clearninghouse, and Parchment Transcript Services.
4. Have transcripts send to incomingtranscripts@lavc.edu from one of those organizations.

Paper transcripts may be mailed directly from the institution of origin to:

Los Angeles Valley College   
Office of Admissions and Records   
5800 Fulton Avenue   
Valley Glen, CA 91401   
Attn: Incoming Transcripts

1. All transcripts outside of the U.S. must be evaluated according to the following procedures:

* All transcripts from colleges and universities, outside the United States, must be evaluated by a foreign transcript evaluation agency approved by the State of California Commission on Teacher Credentialing. More information is available in the Office of Admissions and Records or by going to the State of California Commission on Teacher Credentialing website, located at: [State of California Commission on Teacher Credentialing Website](https://www.ctc.ca.gov/). Foreign Course Evaluations, may be mailed to:

Los Angeles Valley College  
Office of Admissions and Records  
5800 Fulton Avenue Valley Glen, CA 91401  
Attn: Foreign Transcript Evaluation

* + Before petitioning for foreign-course-credit, students must have completed a minimum of 12 units in the LACCD with a 2.0 GPA or better.
  + Students should also make an appointment to meet with a counselor to review the evaluation and make recommendations about the courses and the type of credit that is most appropriate. Once you have met with a counselor, submit a General Petition requesting credit for foreign coursework to the Office of Admission and Records.
  + Your request will be reviewed by the Petitions Committee, and a response to your petition will be emailed to your LACCD Student Email Account within two weeks of receiving your petition.
  + Credit approval by the Petitions Committee is not automatic.
  + Los Angeles Valley College does not accept foreign credit conferred by another college.

# **Request a Nursing Prerequisite Evaluation**

Request a Nursing Prerequisite Evaluation from the Counseling Department by following the steps outlined below. Do not submit a Nursing Prerequisite Evaluation Request if you have previously received an evaluation from a counselor. For further assistance, you can contact the Counseling Help Desk.

1. Go to the Nursing Webpage’s “How to Apply” section, and download the Nursing Prerequisite Evaluation Form.
2. Please fill out the Nursing Prerequisite Evaluation and submit the form online to the Counseling’s Evaluation Upload Link on the Nursing Webpage for review.
3. The Counseling Department will email the signed Nursing Prerequisite Evaluation form back to the applicant once verified.
4. Download and fill out a Nursing Application located on the Nursing Webpage “How to Apply” section.
5. The signed Nursing Prerequisite Evaluation and completed Nursing Application can then be uploaded to the Nursing Program’s Application Upload Link.

For more detailed information please refer to the Nursing Webpage’s “How to Apply” section.

**No exceptions will be made to the verification process or to the application filing deadline.**

# **Selection Process**

## **Chancellor Cut Score**

Nursing Program application and transcripts will be evaluated using the criteria from the Chancellor’s Office Validation Study. The Chancellor’s Office Validation Study is based on predicting student success in the Nursing Program. The Chancellor’s Office Validation Study evaluates the student’s overall grade point average (GPA), the GPA of Anatomy, Physiology, Microbiology, and English, and the repetitions of Anatomy, Physiology and Microbiology. This evaluation criterion establishes a “cut score”. Students must receive a cut score of **80** or above on the Chancellor’s Office Validation Study to be considered for admission into the Nursing Program.

## **ATI TEAS VI Exam**

Students who successfully receive a cut score of 80 or above on the Chancellor’s Office Validation Study will be required to submit their Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) admission examination results. Students who have previously taken the TEAS exam must call ATI to submit their results to LAVC. Only the FIRST score received on the TEAS will be accepted. Student who has not taken the TEAS examination will be invited to take the examination on campus. **The ATI TEAS (“TEAS 6”), EFFECTIVE August 2016**, admission examination consists of 170 questions, proctored, standardized assessment which evaluates each student on skills in reading, math, science, English and language use. Students may prepare for the “TEAS” admission examination by purchasing from the bookstore the TEAS Pre-Test Study Manual prior to taking the admission examination. **The minimum required “TEAS” score is 62% to pass**. Will implement ATI TEAS VII upon release, however will accept TEAS VI results if a student took this version before the release of TEAS VII.

## **Random Selection (Lottery)**

If the number of eligible applicants exceeds the number of seats available for entrance into the Nursing Program a random drawing of the eligible applicants is conducted.

## **Letter of Acceptance or Denial**

All applicants will receive a letter of acceptance or denial from the nursing department by email after the process is completed. Students accepted into the Nursing Program **must** return an acceptance card by the posted date or their seat will be given to the next eligible applicant.

## **Not Making the Selection**

All students not selected into the Nursing Program may reapply the next application period if they wish to be considered again; there is No waiting list. **NO application will be kept on file and all applications will be destroyed.**

# **Nursing Program Prerequisites**

1. ANATOMY 001\*, minimum of 4 semester units or 6 quarter units.
2. PHYSIOL 001\*, minimum of 4 semester units or 6 quarter units.
3. MICRO 020\* -or- an equivalent General Microbiology course with lab minimum of 4 semester units or 6 quarter units.
4. PSYCH 001 minimum of 3 semester units or 4.5 quarter units.
5. PSYCH 041\* minimum of 3 semester units or 4.5 quarter units.
6. ENGLISH 101 minimum of 3 semester units or 4.5 quarter units.
7. One college Chemistry course with a lab, CHEM 051 or equivalent, (or one year High School Chemistry with a lab).
8. Students placed into a transfer-level math course will have met the math requirement.

To graduate from the college and receive an AS degree in nursing, the following Program and General Education requirements must be completed in the order listed below and prior to graduation. The Nursing Faculty strongly encourages students to complete all coursework prior to entering the Nursing Program.

* Communication Studies 101 minimum of: 3 semester or 4.5 quarter units must be completed prior to entering the 3rd semester of the nursing program.
* Humanities – three semester units, area “C” of the LACCD GE Plan, completed prior to entering the 4th semester of the nursing program.
* American Institutions Requirement- 3 semester units, under LACCD GE Plan Area B1, must be completed by the end of the 4th semester of the Nursing Program.
* Kinesiology - LACCD GE Area E shall be waived for degrees in Nursing (AP 4100).

**LVN Students Placement in Nursing Classes Policy**

1. First to be placed: Continuing generic students in good standing (good standing is defined as having no “W/P” [withdrew/passing] or “W/NP” [withdrew/not passing] or “F” [fail] grade in theory and/or clinical in any Nursing class).
2. Second to be placed: Returning generic students who are being readmitted to the Nursing Program in good standing (good standing is defined as having separated from the Nursing Program due to illness, financial hardship or personal necessity but “W/P” [withdrew/passing] in theory and clinical from the nursing class at the time of separation from the Nursing Program).
3. Third to be placed: Returning generic students who received a “W/NP” (withdrew/ not passing) or an “F” (fail) grade in theory and/or clinical in a nursing class.
4. Fourth to be placed: LVN to RN Career Ladder (Option I) students who have met the criteria for admission into the Nursing Program.
5. Fifth to be placed: Transfer students in good standing (good standing is defined as having no “W/P” [withdrew/passing] or “W/NP” [withdrew/not passing] or “F” [fail] grade in theory and/or clinical in any nursing class in their previous Nursing Program).
6. Sixth to be placed: Transfer students who separated from their previous nursing program in good standing (good standing is defined as having separated from the nursing program due to illness, financial hardship or personal necessity but “W/P” [withdrew/passing] in theory and clinical from the nursing class at the time of separation from the nursing program).
7. Seventh to be placed: Transfer students who received a “W/NP” (withdrew/not passing) or an “F” (fail) grade in theory and/or clinical in a nursing class in their previous Nursing Program.
8. Eighth to be placed: LVN 30 Unit (Option II) students (see Board of Registered Nursing rules and regulations for admission criteria).
9. Ninth to be placed: Foreign Nurses needing only one or two specific courses are considered for admission after meeting the Nursing Program’s admission criteria and space availability.

Each LVN student’s application for admission into the Registered Nursing Program at Los Angeles Valley College is reviewed on an individual basis by the Admission and Policy Committee. Admission to the Nursing Program is based on the committee’s recommendations.

We appreciate your interest in the Nursing Program and wish you success in achieving your career goals. You may stop by the Nursing Office (AHS 100) or attend a “monthly advisement session.” Contact the Nursing Office at (818) 947-2559 or (818) 947-2570, or visit the [Nursing Program web page](https://www.lavc.edu/nursing-program/index.aspx) at for further details.

**Los Angeles Valley College**

**Nursing Program Transition Course**

**LVN - RN**

Fall 2022

# **Nursing Program Transition Course Description**

The Los Angeles Valley College (LAVC) Nursing Program is accredited by the California Board of Registered Nursing (CABRN) and the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN). The LAVC Nursing Program offers an Associate Degree in nursing for those who meet the college requirements.

The LAVC nursing programs LVN Career Option I and LVN Career Option II meet the curriculum requirements of the CABRN. Only the LVN Career Option I meets the college requirements of LAVC for an Associate Degree in Nursing. Both the LVN Career Option I and the LVN Career Option II graduates are eligible to take the National Council Licensing Examination (NCLEX).

The Nursing Transition course is designed to assist students with an understanding of the LAVC Nursing Programs Philosophy, Conceptual Framework and Curriculum. Completion of the Nursing Transition course will provide for an easy transition into the LAVC nursing program.

All LVN students who receive a “C” or better in the Nursing Transition Course will enter the nursing program in the second semester when a seat is available. LVN students are not eligible to enter the nursing program in the first semester without adhering to the LAVC nursing programs Admission Policy. In order to enter the second semester all LVN students must receive unit credit for NS 101, NS 102, NS 103, NS 104, NS 105 (LAVC First Semester’s nursing courses). The Los Angeles Community College District policy on unit credit for NS 101-NS 105 is as follows:

* NS 101 unit credit will be given to all LVN students who are enrolled in the Nursing Transition course, have completed an Accredited LVN school, hold a current California Vocational Nurse License, and have worked as an LVN for a minimum of one year;
* NS 103 and NS 104 unit credit will be given to students who are enrolled in the Nursing Transition course, and successful complete the Nursing Transition course with a “C” or better;
* NS 102 unit credit will be given to LVN nursing students who are enrolled in the Nursing Transition course and pass the “credit by examination” for NS 102 with a “C” or better;
* NS 105 unit credit will be given to LVN nursing students who are enrolled in the Nursing Transition course and pass the “credit by examination” for NS 105 with a “C” or better.

Please note that “Credit by Examination” may only be taken one (1) time per course to receive unit credit, please refer to the LAVC College catalog. Students who do not receive a “C” or better on the “Credit by Examination” in either NS 102 or NS 105 must reapply to the nursing program as a generic student. Students who do not pass the Nursing Transition course with a “C” or better will not receive credit for NS 101, NS 103 or NS 104.

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