



INFORMATION SHEET: ADN (RN) ADVANCED PLACEMENT/TRANSFER/30-UNIT OPTION

Each Spring and Fall, advanced placement/transfer students are accepted into the program as space permits. Advanced Placement/Transfer is defined as entering the program at a level beyond the first semester. Applicants who may qualify for this option include LVNs and students with successful experience in an Associate Degree Nursing Program (RN) or Vocational Nursing Program. **Advanced placement for RCCD VN Program graduates without a license is only available for the Fall semester immediately following completion of the RCCD VN Program. In order to progress to the next semester, proof of LVN licensure must be provided.**

An LVN to ADN Flexible Program is being offered at RCCD through grant funding until Spring 2010. This program is identical to the traditional program, but offers the lectures in a video-streamed format that may be accessed from any computer terminal. Applicants may apply to both the traditional and flexible programs, but applicants to the flexible program must pass the Advanced Placement Exam. Preference is given to LVNs who work in community partner facilities and are a member of an underrepresented group in nursing.

ENROLLMENT PROCEDURES

1. Students must meet all program application, eligibility, and prerequisite requirements as listed on the RCCD ADN Information Sheet; however, the minimum GPA in the science prerequisite courses is 2.3.
2. **All advanced placement/transfer students are required to complete Nursing 17 prior to entry into the ADN Program.** The LVN 30-unit option candidate is exempt from the Nursing 17 requirement. However, enrollment in Nursing 17 is highly recommended.
3. In addition:
 - a. Equivalent education/experience in nursing and/or health related programs will be evaluated.
 - b. LVNs must attach a copy of current LVN license to the application.
 - c. Students transferring from another nursing program must submit the following with the application:
 - 1) Official up-to-date (within 90 days) transcript for the nursing program from which transferring.
 - 2) Course outlines and syllabi from completed nursing courses.
 - 3) Completion of Recommendation Form. Form can be obtained from the Nursing Enrollment Technician.
 - 4) Personal letter describing reasons for wanting to transfer to this program.
4. Congruent with BRN Policy, if all requirements for the associate degree have been completed, LVN applicants for advanced placement in the ADN Program are ineligible for the 30-unit option. These individuals must be admitted as candidates for the Associate Degree in Nursing and must therefore, progress through the program as such.
5. Admission will be denied to an applicant who earned a grade of "C-" or less in a nursing program at another college. However, students who have earned a grade of "C-" or less in any nursing program more than 10 years ago, and have since demonstrated a satisfactory academic record, may submit a petition to the Nursing Enrollment Committee for an exception to this policy.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM INFORMATION

1. The Placement Exam is provided to comply with Board of Registered Nursing Rules and Regulations, Section 2786.6, Regulation Concerning Credit. It is offered twice a year on the first day of finals during the fall and spring semesters.
2. The minimum passing score is established by the School of Nursing. No rounding of scores will occur, per program policy.
3. For study purposes, the Nursing 1, 2, and 15 course outlines, syllabi, and Study Guides, the ADN textbook list, and an information sheet regarding the style and format of the examination can be picked up in the School of Nursing office. Additionally, to prepare for the exam, students are referred to NCLEX-RN review books, available for purchase in the RCC Bookstore.
4. Should the LVN or RCCD VN graduate accept advanced placement in Nursing 2 or 3, s/he is responsible for all knowledge and skills from previous semester(s) of the RCCD ADN Program.
5. If a passing score is earned on the Placement Exam, the LVN or RCCD VN graduate is eligible for acceptance to Nursing 3, pending space available and completion of minimum requirements for eligibility. Upon successful completion of Nursing 3, the grade earned on the Placement Exam will be recorded on the official transcript as the grade for Nursing 1, 2, and 15, per RCC Credit by Examination Policy. The student may select a grade of credit or a letter grade will be assigned according to criteria established by the School of Nursing.

If the LVN or RCCD VN graduate is eligible for a space in Nursing 3, but accepts a space in Nursing 2 upon successful completion of Nursing 2, the grade earned on the Placement Exam will be recorded on the official transcript for Nursing 1 and 15 as above per RCC Credit by Examination Policy. The grade recorded on the official transcript for Nursing 2 will be the grade earned in the course.

6. If less than a passing score is earned on the Placement Exam, the LVN or RCCD VN graduate is eligible for enrollment in Nursing 2, pending space available. Upon successful completion of Nursing 2, the student will receive a grade of credit for Nursing 1 and 15, per RCC Credit by Examination Policy, and the earned grade for Nursing 2.

MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGE EXAM

Prior to enrollment into the third semester of either the flexible or traditional program, the applicant may be eligible to take a Mental Health Exam to challenge the psychiatric clinical portion of the course.

REGISTERED NURSING NON-DEGREE 30-UNIT OPTION PROGRAM FOR LVNs

1. This option complies with the California Board of Registered Nursing Policy (Section 1429 of BRN Rules and Regulations).
2. Candidates interested in the LVN 30-Unit Option must complete the minimum requirements for eligibility as listed below:

- a. Minimum GPA of 2.30 in the following science prerequisite courses:

Anatomy and Physiology 2A	4 units
Anatomy and Physiology 2B	4 units
Microbiology 1	<u>4 units</u>
	12 units

- b. Provide copy of California LVN license.
- c. Submit Nursing Program application to the Transfer and Career Center during the application period.
- d. Submit official transcripts (high school or equivalent and college) to the Counseling Department by the application deadline.
- e. Have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher in all college work attempted.
3. Candidates meeting the above criteria will be accepted into the second year of the Registered Nursing Program, pending space available. The Nursing Enrollment Committee has designated up to 10% of available spaces in Nursing 3 for LVN 30-Unit Option students each semester.

4. 30-Unit Option Program:

Prerequisite Courses	12.0 units
Nursing 3, Intermediate Nursing Concepts in Health and Illness	9.0 units
Nursing 4, Advanced Nursing Concepts in Health and Illness	<u>9.0 units</u>

TOTAL LVN 30-UNIT OPTION PROGRAM 30.0 units

5. Not Required
 - a. Advanced Placement Exam
 - b. Chemistry
 - c. Psychology 9
 - d. General Education/Graduation Requirements
 - e. Nursing 16
 - f. Nursing 17
6. The LVN 30-Unit Option non-degree RN Program does not lead to an Associate in Science Degree. This nongraduate status entitles the candidate to take the NCLEX-RN for licensure as a registered nurse only in the State of California. This permanent nongraduate status may hinder employment and further educational opportunities and may prohibit endorsement as a registered nurse in other states.

The Associate Degree Nursing Program is accredited by the California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) and the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC). Information concerning nursing education is available from the National League for Nursing, 61 Broadway, 33rd Floor, New York, New York 10006 (1-800-669-1656). Website: <http://nlac.org>.

Additional information concerning the LVN 30-Unit Option is available from the California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN), 400 R Street, Suite 4030, Sacramento, CA 95814, (916) 322-3350.