

LVN-TO-RN CAREER LADDER ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

The Registered Nursing LVN-to-RN Program is an 18-month course of study consisting of both classroom and clinical training. Graduates of the program work as integral members of the healthcare team, providing care and educating clients across the lifespan. Graduates earn the Associate of Science degree and are eligible to sit for the state licensure exam (NCLEX-RN). Prospective students must first complete required prerequisites and general education requirements before entry to the program. For further details on admission criteria, see the Mendocino College Nursing Department webpages.

Required Courses – Prerequisites

(must be completed by end of semester in which application submitted)

Course Number	Course Name	Units
BIO 230	Human Anatomy	5
BIO 231	Human Physiology	5
BIO 259	Microbiology	5
ENGL C1000	Academic Reading and Writing	4

Plus 1 of the following Required Prerequisite Health Courses

Course Number	Course Name	Units
HLH 214	Foods and Nutrition	3
HLH 215	Therapeutic Nutrition	3

Plus 1 of the following Required Prerequisite Psychology Courses

Course Number	Course Name	Units
CDV 200	Child Growth and Development: Conception through Adolescence	3
PSYC C1000	Introduction to Psychology	3
PSYC 210	Psychology of Life Span Development	3

Plus 1 of the following Required Prerequisite ANT/ETH/SOC Courses

Course Number	Course Name	Units
ANT 201	Cultural Anthropology	3
ETH 202	Racial and Ethnic Relations	3
SOC 200	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOC 201	Social Problems	3

Plus 1 of the following Required Prerequisite Speech Courses

Course Number	Course Name	Units
COMM C1000	Introduction to Public Speaking	3
COMM 210	Interpersonal Communication	3

Required Courses – Major

Course Number	Course Name	Units
NUR 50	LVN-to-RN Transition	1
NUR 52C	Nursing Technical Lab III	1
NUR 52D	Nursing Technical Lab IV	1
NUR 52T	Nursing LVN-to-RN Transition Lab	1
NUR 121	Leadership and Management I	1
NUR 122	Complex Medical/Surgical Nursing I	8

Course Number	Course Name	Units
NUR 125	Pharmacology III	1
NUR 126	Nursing Seminar I	2
NUR 131	Leadership & Management II	1
NUR 132	Complex Medical/Surgical Nursing II	8
NUR 135	Pharmacology IV	1
NUR 136	Nursing Seminar II	2
Total Major Units		28
Total Degree Units		65

Program Level Student Learning Outcomes:

1. Successfully passes standardized exams on the topics of fundamentals, maternal/newborn, pediatrics, community health, mental health, medical/surgical, nutrition, leadership, and the comprehensive predictor.
2. Successfully completes a minimum of 132 hours of individual clinical preceptorship as assigned in the final semester as outlined in Mendocino College RN Preceptor Handbook.
3. Practices within legal, ethical, and regulatory guidelines while adhering to standards of professional practice and accepting accountability for personal actions.
4. Becomes eligible for the state board examination (NCLEX-RN) leading to licensure.
5. Meets qualifications and obtains an Associate of Science Degree in Nursing: LVN-to-RN.

Career opportunities in NURSING

Completing the associate's degree in nursing can lead to a variety of opportunities. Registered nurses (RNs) can work in a hospital, a clinic, in an extended care facility, as a case manager, in management positions, as a traveling nurse, as a school nurse, as a home health nurse, or as a hospice nurse. Areas of specialization in which nurses can focus include cardiac, obstetrics, emergency trauma, pediatrics, oncology, diabetes care, surgery, general medicine, wound care, geriatrics, and air ambulance. RNs can continue their education and obtain advanced degrees that give them even more career options such as Nurse Practitioner or Nurse Educator. The current job market makes nursing a career with many opportunities and choices.