

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. Admission to the program is competitive. Initial screening is based on the CA Chancellor's Office Formula for Nursing Student Success which calculates an applicant's overall college GPA, English prerequisite GPA, and prerequisite sciences GPA. Applicants who achieve the minimum score using this formula are then chosen by a random computerized selection process (lottery). 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) **Units**

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| BIO 230 | Human Anatomy | 5 |
| BIO 231 | Human Physiology | 5 |
| BIO 259 | Microbiology | 5 |
| ENG 200 | College Composition | 3 |

Plus 1 of the following Required Prerequisite Health Courses: **Units**

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| HLH 214 | Foods and Nutrition | 3 |
| HLH 215 | Therapeutic Nutrition | 3 |

Plus 1 of the following Required Prerequisite Psychology Courses: **Units**

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| PSY 205 | Introductory Psychology | 3 |
| PSY 210 | Life Span Developmental Psychology | 3 |
| PSY 215 | Psychology of Personal Growth | 3 |
| CDV 200 | Psychology of Development: Infancy through Adolescence | 3 |

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

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| 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: **Units**

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| COM 203 | Introductory to Public Speaking | 3 |
| COM 210 | Interpersonal Communication | 3 |

Required Courses - Major: **Units**

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| NUR 50 | LVN-RN Transition | 1 |
| NUR 52C | Nursing Technical Lab III | 1 |
| NUR 52D | Nursing Technical Lab IV | 1 |
| NUR 52T | Nursing LVN-RN Transition Lab | 1 |
| NUR 121 | Leadership and Management I | 1 |
| NUR 122 | Complex Medical/Surgical Nursing I | 8 |
| 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 **60**

Program Level Student Learning Outcomes:

1. Successfully passes ATIs in fundamentals, maternal/newborn, pediatrics, community health, mental health, medical/surgical, and leadership.
2. Successfully completes minimum of 132 hours of individual clinical preceptorship as assigned in 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 and succeeds on 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.