

LVN TO ADN

About This Program

Many health care professionals begin their careers as licensed vocational nurses (LVNs) and later complete the requirements for becoming registered nurses (RNs). LVNs provide direct care to patients, usually working under the supervision of a physician or RN. While LVNs and RNs have many overlapping tasks, RNs' job descriptions are filled with many more complicated activities such as devising patient care plans, dispensing certain types of medications and starting IV drips – the types of things generally requiring more training and education than LVNs receive.

The LVN to ADN program enables licensed vocational nurses to advance their skills and knowledge to become registered nurses (RNs). LVNs build on the credit received for coursework completed during licensed practical or licensed vocational nursing training. The LVN to ADN program also prepares nurses with a firm conceptual and technical foundation, intuitive and insightful client interactions, advanced skills and attitudes and solid personal and professional ethics.

Careers in Registered Nursing¹

Registered nurses provide some of the most critical health care available to patients. Whether it's taking medical histories, recording vital signs and symptoms, performing diagnostic tests, drawing blood, giving injections or other tasks, they work in conjunction with other health care professionals to serve the sick or injured. They have a significantly expanded scope of practice, education and clinical education than do licensed practical nurses.

Registered nurses are employed in many different health care settings and perform an incredibly diverse assortment of tasks. Their career path can lead to employment in a variety of health care environments such as:²

- State, local and private hospitals
- Nursing care facilities
- Residential care facilities
- Physicians' offices
- Home healthcare services
- Schools

Knowledge and Skills

Upon completion of the LVN to ADN program, graduates will be able to:

- Justify a plan of care that provides safe, quality patient centered care to persons throughout the lifespan and across the health/wellness continuum that creates an environment promoting caring and professionalism with consideration for the patient's cultural/societal beliefs and practices.
- Apply scientific evidence-based knowledge to concepts in the care of patients throughout the lifespan and across the health/wellness continuum.
- Validate effective communication and behaviors with healthcare stakeholders that is consistent with the nursing scope of practice and adhering to legal and ethical frameworks.

The program culminates in an Associate of Science Degree.



¹ Individuals seeking to enter this career field may be subject to screenings such as, but not limited to, criminal background checks and drug/alcohol testing prior to externship, to attain occupational licensure/certification or employment, and throughout their careers.

² Source: <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/registered-nurses.htm#tab-3>

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Campus Based: Sacramento

LVN to ADN Campus-Based Program Requirements

TECHNICAL COURSES		LECTURE HOURS	LAB HOURS	CLINICAL HOURS	SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS
RN150	LVN to RN Transition - Theory	15	0	0	1
RN155	LVN to RN Transition - Lab	0	22.5	0	0.5
RN221	Advanced Medical/Surgical Nursing 1 - Theory	45	0	0	3
RN225	Advanced Medical/Surgical Nursing 1 - Clinical	0	0	90	2
RN210	Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing - Theory	22.5	0	0	1.5
RN215	Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing - Clinical	0	0	90	2
RN202	Leadership Management 1	15	0	0	1
RN231	Advanced Medical/Surgical Nursing 2 - Theory	30	0	0	2
RN241	Advanced Medical/Surgical Nursing: Care of the Older Adult - Theory	22.5	0	0	1.5
RN245	Advanced Medical/Surgical Nursing: Care of the Older Adult - Clinical	0	0	135	3
RN250	Leadership Management 2	15	0	0	1
RN305	Leadership Management 3 - Preceptorship	0	0	135	3
TOTAL FOR DEGREE		165	22.5	450	21.5

Approximate time to complete degree program: 32 weeks (not including breaks)

Technical Coursework

Technical coursework focuses on fundamentals, medical- surgical nursing, psychiatric and mental health nursing, leadership management, and care of the older adult. In this program, students:

- Attend a combination of classroom instruction, laboratory practice and clinical training in area health care facilities
- Learn from passionate instructors with extensive nursing experience

Accreditation and Disclosures

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