

**LOS ANGELES VALLEY COLLEGE
ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM
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Plan A

There is no Plan A option in this major

Plan B

Students entering the Nursing Program follow Plan B in the LAVC College Catalog

Registered Nursing Program

The Associate Degree Registered Nursing Program is approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) and accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC).

The Nursing Program is comprised of 38 units of nursing theory and clinical experience plus approximately 34 units of science and general education courses. Clinical experiences are provided in hospitals and various health care facilities in the community. The clinical experience correlates with classroom teaching of nursing theory, skills laboratory practicum, and computer assisted instruction (CAI).

The nursing program is designed to prepare graduates to function as entry-level Registered Nurses in the health care delivery system. (See also Program Outcomes).

Students who complete the BRN requirements and the college degree requirements will receive an Associate of Science Degree in Nursing. Students who complete the BRN requirements but not the degree requirements may receive an Occupational Certificate. (LVN 30 unit option II).

Students are encouraged to complete the degree requirements (i.e. attain graduation status) before taking the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX).

Men and women, regardless of age, race, religious affiliation or marital status are welcome to apply.

Qualifying Requirements to apply to the nursing program

- Completion of all admission requirements of Los Angeles Valley College
- Complete all non-nursing prerequisite courses with a "C" or better
- Schedule an appointment with a counselor for advisement, equivalencies, and have written verification from a counselor that all prerequisites are completed with a "C" or better
- Complete an application for entry into the Los Angeles Valley College Registered Nursing Program during the posted application period
- Contact the Health Science Department office at (818) 947-2570 for additional information

Enrollment/Admissions Procedure

- Students must complete all prerequisites courses with a "C" or better
- Applicants must see a counselor for advisement and equivalencies. All prerequisites must be verified in writing by a counselor prior to applying to the nursing program.
- After a written evaluation of prerequisites by a counselor the student may apply to the nursing program. Applications are accepted twice a year, Spring and Fall semester. The Spring semester applications are accepted in September and the Fall semesters applications are accepted in April.
- Application and transcripts will be sent to the graduation office for evaluation using the criteria established 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 grades, and repetitions of Anatomy, Physiology, and Microbiology to establish a "cut score". Students must receive a cut score of **80** or above on the Chancellor's Office Validations Study evaluation to be considered for admission into the Nursing Program.
- If applicants exceed the number of seats available for entrance into the Nursing Program, all applicants meeting the minimum requirements for entrance will be placed in a pool for a random drawing of names for selection.
- Students not chosen by the random selection process will have the opportunity to reapply to the nursing program for consideration for admission in the following semester. No applications will be kept on file.
- Letters to all qualified applicants concerning admission to the Nursing Program will be sent in December for the Spring semester and August for the Fall semester. Acceptance letters into the Nursing Program will be mailed to the selected applicants along with a return acceptance card and information about "New Student Orientation". The acceptance card must be returned to the Nursing Office **by the posted date** in order to keep your seat in the Nursing Program
- All health requirements must be completed prior to enrollment in the clinical portion of the program.
- The Nursing Department recommends that students who do not meet the minimum cut score make an appointment with the counseling department for advisement

Nursing Program Prerequisites

1. Anatomy 1 (4 semester units) Physiology 1 (4 semester units)
- OR -
Physiology 8 with Physiology 9 (8 semester units)
2. Microbiology 20 (4 semester units)
- OR -
a 4-unit or equivalent General Microbiology course with Lab (4 semester units)
3. English 101
4. Passing Score on Algebra Competency Test or Math 115
5. One year college Chemistry (Chemistry 51) – or – one year High School Chemistry with a lab
6. Psychology 1
7. Psychology 41

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

- Speech 101 prior to entering the 3rd semester of the Nursing Program
- Humanities – Three-unit course under graduation Plan B, completed prior to entering the 4th semester of the Nursing Program
- Sociology 1 or Anthropology 102 – Three-unit course, completed prior to entering the 4th semester of the Nursing Program
- Social and Behavioral Science Requirement – Three unit course under graduation Plan B, completed by the end of the 4th semester of the Nursing Program
- Physical Education – One unit course, completed by the end of the 4th semester of the Nursing Program
- Math 125

Nursing Courses

Nursing Science 101	Introduction to Nursing	3.0 Units
Nursing Science 102	Fundamentals of Nursing	3.0 Units
Nursing Science 103	Nursing Process	1.0 Unit
Nursing Science 104	Nursing Communication	1.0 Unit
Nursing Science 105	Nursing Pharmacology	1.0 Unit
Nursing Science 106	Medical/Surgical Nursing I	5.0 Units
Nursing Science 107	Medical/Surgical Nursing II	5.0 Units
Nursing Science 108	Medical/Surgical Nursing III	3.0 Units
Nursing Science 109	Gerontology & Community Based Nursing	2.0 Units
Nursing Science 110	Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing	3.0 Units
Nursing Science 111	Reproductive Nursing & Women's Health	3.5 Units
Nursing Science 112	Care of Children & Family	3.5 Units
Nursing Science 114	Nursing Leadership & Management	3.0 Units
Nursing Science 115	Nursing Skills Lab	1.0 Unit
Nursing Science 116	Nursing Skills Lab	2.0 Units
Nursing Science 117	Nursing Skills Lab	3.0 Units

All nursing courses must be completed with a grade of C or better to be eligible to apply for NCLEX-RN examination.

Advisement

All potential nursing students must see a counselor in the counseling department prior to admission into the nursing program and must submit an "Evaluation of Nursing Program Prerequisite" form in order to apply. Counselors are located in the Administration Building on campus.

Fees List

An estimated fees schedule can be obtained from the Nursing Office, AHS 100