

*Information Brochure  
Career Ladder Nursing  
Program  
Pasadena City College*

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Pasadena City College  
Health Sciences Division  
1570 East Colorado  
Pasadena, CA 91106-2003

The Career Ladder Registered Nursing (RN) program at Pasadena City College is an associate degree program available to licensed vocational nurses (LVN) that is accredited by the California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) (and the National League of Nursing (NLN) through 12/07). There are 2 options in this program for LVNs seeking advancement to registered nursing.

## ***Applying to the Program***

In order to be considered for acceptance into the Nursing Program, applicant must submit a COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKET to the Health Science Division Office U202, which includes the following:

- A. One official U.S. high school transcript or GED certificate or Equivalency Report from one of the college's acceptable companies; **not** required if an Associate or higher degree is posted on U.S. college transcripts.
- B. One official transcript of ALL U. S. college and universities attended except Pasadena City College.

### **UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS AND PHOTOCOPIES OF DIPLOMAS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.**

Please note that upon acceptance to the Nursing Program the college's Records Office will also require transcripts. Incomplete applications **will not** be considered in the selection process.

### **Application forms are available during the following periods only:**

**\*August 1<sup>st</sup> – September 20<sup>th</sup>:** for Spring admissions

**\*January 8<sup>th</sup> – February 20<sup>th</sup>:** for Fall admissions

Applications can be downloaded from the following website:

[www.pasadena.edu/divisions/health-sciences/rn/](http://www.pasadena.edu/divisions/health-sciences/rn/) or from the Division Office U202.

\*If the 20<sup>th</sup> falls on a weekend or holiday, then the deadline is the following business day. All materials must be received in the Division office U 202 by September 20<sup>th</sup> or February 20<sup>th</sup> by 3:00 pm.

## ***Selection Criteria for Admission***

Students are chosen based on the results of a statewide retention study done by the California Community College Chancellor's Office. In this process, students will be admitted to the program based on scholastic eligibility. Scholastic eligibility is determined by calculating a student's probability of successfully completing the Associate Degree Nursing (A.D.N.) Program using the following criteria:

- ❖ Prerequisite Grade Point Average in English 1A, Microbiology 2, Physiology and Anatomy.
- ❖ Number of repetitions (including "W"s) in science prerequisite courses.

The Health Sciences Division will inform applicants of the status of their application by mail 8 – 10 weeks after the close of the application period.

**Note to applicant:**

1. Transcripts and applications are kept 4 semesters from the date of the last application.
2. It is highly recommended that basic science courses (microbiology, anatomy and physiology) be completed within the past five years.
3. All courses offered in the Career Ladder Registered Nursing Program may be challenged for credit. Contact the department for information.

***Prerequisites***

**Prerequisites to the Registered Nursing Program:**

- ❖ Microbiology 2
- ❖ English 1A
- ❖ Physiology 2A & 2B **or** Anatomy 25 & Physiology 1
- ❖ Valid Licensed Vocational Nursing License

**Additional Classes Required for the RN Program and Associate Degree:**

- ❖ Speech 1 or 10
- ❖ Psychology 24 – Lifespan (birth to death)
- ❖ Political Science and History (See A.S. degree requirements) **or** American Institutions 125
- ❖ Humanities (See catalog or Counselor for list of options)
- ❖ Math 125 (Elementary algebra or a **course** which fulfills the Math requirement)

*Contact Dr. Chang (Nursing Counselor) in Building L Room 104 or other counselor for further information on prerequisite requirements.*

**Recommendations:**

It is recommended that the student complete non-nursing courses prior to beginning the RN program. The program is very rigorous and students will generally not be able to manage additional classes during the semesters they are in the program.

***During the Program***

**Required Nursing Classes (19.5 units):**

Program sequence:

**Intersession**

Nursing 210

**Semester II**

Nursing 52

Nursing 52L

\*Nursing 200

**Semester III**

Nursing 53

Nursing 53L

\*Nursing 200

\* N 200 is an optional, but recommended course.

## **LICENSED VOCATIONAL NURSE TO REGISTERED NURSE – 30 UNIT OPTION – NON-DEGREE**

The Licensed Vocational Nurse 30-Unit Option student will receive a Certificate of Achievement and will be eligible to take the National Council Licensing Examination-Registered Nurse (NCLEX-RN) and if successful will qualify to receive a license from the Board of Registered Nursing to practice nursing in the State of California. A grade of C or better in all program course work is required to meet the California Board of Registered Nursing regulations. The Licensed Vocational Nurse 30 unit option student may receive a lower priority than degree option students. **Once a student is accepted and begins the 30 Unit Option program he/she will not be allowed to change to the Career Ladder degree program.**

### **Required Nursing Classes (19.5 units)**

Sequence must be followed:

Physiology 1

Microbiology 2

Nursing 210 must be taken prior to starting Semester III

## ***Completing & Licensure***

Upon completion of the RN curriculum, the student will receive an Associate of Science Degree with a Certificate of Achievement in Registered Nursing. They will be eligible to take the National Council Licensing Examination-Registered Nurse (NCLEX-RN) and should file to do so as soon as possible as the sooner the student takes the exam the more likely they will be successful. When the graduate passes the NCLEX-RN, they will qualify to receive a license from the Board of Registered Nursing to practice nursing in the State of California.

*\*Completion of the program does not guarantee licensure or employment\**

### **Agency contact information:**

California Board of Registered Nursing

P.O. Box 944210

Sacramento, CA 94244-2100

(916) 322-3350

[www.rn.ca.gov](http://www.rn.ca.gov)

**Note:** a Social Security number is required to be eligible to take the licensing exam.

## ***Additional Information***

### **General Admission Requirements for the Nursing Programs:**

1. Students requesting a transfer from another nursing program or advanced placement, will need to obtain a petition from Student and Learning Services in L112.
2. Upon selection to the RN program students are required to complete:
  - ❖ A health clearance
  - ❖ Criminal background check in order to be able to attend clinical experiences. Details regarding these clearances will be provided with the acceptance packet upon selection. Students who have questions or concerns about the background check are encouraged to make an appointment to discuss these concerns with the nursing program director.

3. Nursing students must have the ability to communicate safely, accurately, and effectively in both written and spoken English. To enhance success, students who have English as a second language are encouraged to enroll in Speech 3, 10, 121 and/or 125 and Medical Assisting 115.

**Students with Foreign Transcripts:**

Students with foreign transcripts must have their transcripts evaluated by one of the following three companies prior to applying:

International Education  
Research Foundation  
(IERF)  
(310) 258 – 9451  
[www.ierf.org](http://www.ierf.org)

Academic Credentials  
Evaluation Institute  
(ACEI)  
(310) 275 – 3530  
[www.acei1.com](http://www.acei1.com)

American Education Research  
Center  
(AERC)  
(626 ) 339 – 4404

**Official transcripts, application and work in progress must be mailed or delivered in person to:**

Pasadena City College  
Health Sciences Division U202  
Attn: Licensed Vocational Nursing Program  
1570 E. Colorado Boulevard  
Pasadena, CA 91106-2003

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Office of Admissions and Records  
1570 E. Colorado Boulevard  
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