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# Associate Degree Nursing Program

## Program Description

The two-year registered nursing program at Career Care Institute (CCI) is designed to prepare the student with the knowledge required to assume the responsibilities of an entry level nurse. Upon graduation the student receives an Associate Degree in Nursing and is eligible to take the national licensure to become a registered nurse.

Career Care Institute's Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) Program is approved by the California State Board of Registered Nursing and accredited by the Council of Occupational Education (COE).

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Length of Program</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Length of Program: 2 years</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>6 terms: 3 to 4 courses each term</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Each course: 15 weeks of content; 16<sup>th</sup> week final exams</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Class Schedule</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Varies: may include mornings, afternoons, and evenings</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Clinical schedule</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Varies: may include mornings, afternoons, evenings, and weekends</p>
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*NOTE: Flexibility for Clinicals is Mandatory. The schedule is subject to change and may change upon short notice. The first clinicals will be conducted on campus; then students will attend clinicals off site. You will be required to attend weekend clinical Friday, Saturday, and/or Sunday at some point. You may be required to travel up to 150 miles for Pediatric or Maternity hours (90 hours each maximum).*

## Application Procedure

- a. Complete and submit registered nursing program application
- b. Submit the following documents to CCI:
  - i. **Transcripts:** Initially, unofficial college transcripts verifying general education courses, vocational nursing courses, or previous degree courses; high school and/or foreign transcripts must be translated, evaluated and certified equivalent to a 12<sup>th</sup> grade US education. If selected for admission to the program, the student must submit **OFFICIAL** transcripts within the first two weeks of the start date.
  - ii. Verification of **health care work and/or volunteer experience: signed** documentation from a health care employer(s) and/or authorized facility supervisor on official letterhead of the facility that includes applicant name and contact information, place of work/volunteer, type of work/volunteer (direct patient care), dates employed or volunteer hours.
  - iii. LVNs applying for advanced placement must submit a copy of his or her current license (with no restrictions) and documentation of at least 1 year paid experience as an LVN, i.e. on official letterhead and with supervisor signature.

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- iv. **Certificates:** cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certificate, certified nursing assistant (CNA), home health aide (HHA), medical assistant (MA), or military certifications that verify related training.
  - v. **Essay:** a 250 to 300 words essay (typed and double spaced) explaining how the candidate believes he or she can make a difference as a registered nurse (RN).
- c. Applicants who submit incomplete applications or who are missing any required documents by the due date will automatically be ineligible.**

**Selection Criteria including but not limited to the following**

- a. Students will be admitted to the program based on their scholastic eligibility and placement on a nursing assessment test (TEAS VI).
- b. Scholastic eligibility is determined through a multi-criteria approved points system which calculates the student's probability of successfully completing the ADN program. The points system uses the following criteria:
  - i. 2.5 GPA or higher
  - ii. work or volunteer experience
  - iii. quality of the essay
  - iv. Assessment Test (TEAS VI)
  - v. Interview
- c. Assessment Test: Selected applicants will be required to take a state approved nursing assessment test (TEAS VI is the only version accepted at CCI at this time). To be competitive, students must rank higher than the 62% composite score.
- d. The highest-scoring students will then be scheduled for an interview with the selection committee. The candidate is asked to come to the interview on time, professionally dressed and prepared to discuss his or her: a) plan for success in the program, b) commitment to studying and engaging in educational activities, and his or her c) motivation for success.
- e. Final selections are made using BOTH multi-criteria screening for ranking and random selection.
- f. If an applicant is not selected he or she may apply the next year unless he/she has a positive drug screen or felonious background check. A new application and all new documents must be submitted. CCI does not retain applications.
  - i. If an applicant is not selected because the background check prevents admittance, that applicant is not eligible to apply again to CCI's ADN Program.
  - ii. If an applicant is not selected because of a positive drug screen, the applicant may reapply in three years and demonstrate that he or she has a clean drug screen and successful rehabilitation process with documentation congruent with the California Board of Nursing's acceptable documentation of rehabilitation.

**Admitted Students**

- a. If the applicants accept their slot by the announced deadline, they will be directed to obtain background check and a 10-panel drug screen at their cost.
  - i. Applicant must have a clear criminal background check to participate in clinical rotations and remain in the program. If an applicant is not selected because the background check prevents admittance, that applicant is not eligible to apply again to CCI's ADN Program.

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- ii. Applicant with a positive drug screen will be removed from consideration.
  - iii. Applicant must make the tester and/or Program Director aware of any prescribed medications as noted by his/her provider so that impairment and safety at clinicals can be determined and/or false positive results can be identified.
  - iv. CCI faculty consider prescription medications such as narcotics or medical marijuana, although legal, may render an individual impaired and not safe for clinicals. A document with appropriate letter-head and signed by the applicant's provider must indicate the applicant is safe to provide nursing care.
- b. Once admitted to the program, the student must undergo school orientation, mandatory nursing program orientation, and clinical orientation(s). An applicant who fails to attend orientations will forfeit his/her place in the program. The following is also required:
- i. **A payment of a nonrefundable \$80.00 registration fee is due upon enrollment.**
  - ii. **All students accepted** to the ADN program are **required** to submit necessary annual health assessment documents and required immunizations and titers. (Please inquire for details)

### Term Descriptions

Upon acceptance into the program the following courses will be completed. **Students must achieve 75% or higher GPA in each course in order to progress to the next term.**

Students must be prepared for day, evening, and weekend clinical assignments.

#### **Term 1: 14 units**

- **Biology 110:** Human Anatomy (4 units)
- **Biology 112:** Human Physiology (4 units)
- **Math 110:** Intermediate Algebra (3 units)
- **Humanities 130:** Contemporary Ethics and Moral Issues (3 units)
- **Nursing 200:** Transition to Registered Nursing (1 unit)  
**(\*\*\*for LVN Advanced Placement students only\*\*\*)**

#### **Term 2: 13 units**

- **Biology 120:** Microbiology (5 units)
- **Nursing 120:** Fundamentals of Nursing (6 units)
- **Nursing 130:** Pharmacology (2 units)

#### **Term 3: 12 units**

- **English 110:** Written Communication (3 units)
- **Sociology 100:** Introduction to Sociology (3 units)
- **Nursing 230:** Medical-Surgical Nursing I (6 units)

#### **Term 4: 11 units (12 units for LVN Advanced Placement students)**

- **English 120:** Oral Communication (3 units)
- **Nursing 240:** Obstetrics, Neonates, and Women's Health in Nursing (4 units)
- **Nursing 244:** Nursing Care of Children (4 units)

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**Term 5: 12 units**

- **Psychology 130:** General Psychology (3 units)
- **Nursing 250:** Introduction to Community-based Nursing (3 units)
- **Nursing 252:** Geriatric Nursing (3 units)
- **Nursing 254:** Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing (3 units)

**Term 6: 12 units**

- **Nursing 260:** Medical-Surgical Nursing II (7 units)
- **Nursing 262:** Nursing Roles and Leadership (5 units)

**Licensed Vocational Nurses Previous Education (According to regulation, CCR 1430):**

An approved nursing program shall have a process for a student to obtain credit for previous education or for other acquired knowledge in the field of nursing through **equivalence, challenge examinations, or other methods of evaluation**. The program shall make the information available in published documents, such as college catalog or student handbook, and online.

The program maintains a process, which is to **grant credits**, and/or advanced placement to an individual with prior education or experience in the nursing discipline.

\*In addition to transcripts, valid documentation includes but is not limited to military documents or supervisor verification on letter-head of the particular entity or certificates indicating successful completion of a course. Students may challenge NS 120 Nursing Fundamentals, NS 230 Medical-Surgical Nursing I, NS 240 Obstetrics, Neonates, and Women's Health in Nursing, and NS 244 Nursing Care of Children. A \$500 fee is charged per challenge, which includes the written exam, the skills evaluation, and a dosage calculation examination. Student must pass the written exam, the skills evaluation, and the dosage calculation examination to obtain credit.

**LVN Advanced Placement and Course Sequence**

An applicant may achieve advanced placement if space becomes available. Requirements in addition to the application requirements are as follows:

- An active application to the nursing program on file at the nursing office.
- A copy of an active unencumbered California LVN license and IV and blood withdrawal certification.
- Evidence of at least one year of paid direct patient contact experience as an LVN within the past 5 years.
- Completion of **ALL program general education coursework** with a grade of C or better as evidenced on required transcripts (an applicant may transfer general education courses).
- \*Successful completion of **all four (4)** challenge exams once the first four (4) criteria have been met.

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\*Only students who successfully complete **all four (4)** challenge exams will be considered as Advanced Placement; however, **all** students who pass challenge exams (and are thus exempt from one or more nursing classes) must take **NS 200 Transition to Registered Nursing**.

Under this option, students must wait until the required courses are offered but if admitted are assured a place in the program when the required courses occur.

The following is the order of curriculum for **LVN advanced placement**:

- **Term 1:** NS 200 Transitions (0.5 Theory Units); (0.5 Clinical Credit/Unit)
- **Term 2:** NS 130 Pharmacology ( 2 Theory Units)
- **Term 3:** No classes
- **Term 4:** No classes
- **Term 5:** NS 250 Introduction to Community-Based Nursing (2 Theory Units); (1 Clinical Units)  
NS 252 Geriatric Nursing (2 Theory Units); (1 Clinical Units)  
NS 254 Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing (2 Theory Units); (1 Clinical Unit)
- **Term 6:** NS 260 Medical-Surgical Nursing II (3 Theory Units); (4 Clinical Units)  
NS 262 Nursing Roles & Leadership (3 Theory Units); (2 Clinical Units)

### **LVN Non-degree Option (30-Unit Option) and Course Sequence**

This option is designed as a career ladder for California Licensed Vocational Nurses wishing to become registered nurses. It takes approximately 18-24 months. **No degree is granted upon completion.** Most other states do not recognize California's LVN 30 Unit Option and will not issue RN licenses to these LVNs. Some LVNs prefer to complete an ADN program in order to obtain a degree and to have the flexibility to get an RN license in other states. Most ADN programs will give LVNs credit for some of the coursework they completed to become an LVN.

California LVNs may choose the Non-degree Option. The individual must hold a current unencumbered California Vocational Nursing License (LVN). Admission is based on space availability. The following courses are required:

- Term 1:** BIO 112 Human Physiology (3 Theory Units); (1 Lab Unit)  
NS 200 Transition to Registered Nursing (0.5 Theory Units); (0.5 Clinical Units)
- Term 2:** BIO 120 Microbiology (4 Theory Units); (1 Lab Unit)
- Term 5:** \*NS 252 Geriatric Nursing (2 Theory Units); (2 Clinical Units)  
\*NS 254 Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing (2 Theory Units); (1 Clinical Units)
- Term 6:** NS 260 Medical-Surgical Nursing II (3 Theory Units); (4 Clinical Units)  
NS 262 Nursing Roles & Leadership (3 Theory Units); (1 Clinical Units)

Individuals seeking the non-degree 30 unit option are required to take **NS 200 Transition to Registered Nursing**.

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**\*Applicants for advanced placement LVNs or non-degree option are admitted ONLY if space is available.**

### **Military Personnel and Veterans**

Military Personnel and Veterans may be eligible for enrollment into the ADN Program based on the following requirements:

1. Recent education and experience within the last five years prior to application is recommended. However, competency may be verified for each course per program policy.
2. Education and experience meet the basic requirements per individual college guidelines.
3. Honorable discharge (DD214) or current active honorable service required (letter from supervisor).

CCI policy is to assess each Military/Veteran/Medical Tech on an individual case by case basis and determine where they will fit within the curriculum of the ADN program. The following pathways have been established to assist with obtaining nursing credit for previous education and experience:

**Pathway I-** Including but not limited to Basic Medical Technician (Navy Hospital Corpsman) or USAF Basic Medical Service Technician or Army Medical Specialist.

- a) Challenge exam per college policy for the first term of the ADN program.
  - i. CCI allows a maximum of four courses that can be challenged.
  - ii. The course(s) challenged are based on the needs and prior experience of the individual requesting.
  - iii. Candidates must meet the same eligibility requirements for admission into the ADN program as other applicants, including completion of prerequisites.

**Pathway II-** Including but not limited to Basic Medical Technician (Navy Hospital Corpsman) or USAF Basic Medical Service Technician or Army Medical Specialist with an active California LVN license (Licensed Vocational Nurse) either through challenge (BVNPT Method 4) or successful completion of an LVN program.

- a) Admissions credit given to applicants as an LVN to RN candidate per school admission policies.
- b) An LVN to RN transition course is required and must be completed with a passing grade of 75% or higher.
- c) See the text above, ***LVN Advanced Placement*** for required courses.
- d) Admission to the program is on a space available basis as any LVN to RN student.
- e) Applicants need to demonstrate theory and clinical competency in Fundamentals, Medical-Surgical Nursing I, Obstetrics, and Pediatrics. Criteria for determining competency are described in the ADN Guidelines under ***Challenge Credits Nursing***

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**Courses.** Credit for these specialties is posted on the official transcript if the applicant successfully demonstrates competency.

- f) All ADN prerequisites must be completed prior to the LVN to RN transition course.

Military records and transcripts must be reviewed by the ADN Program Director or designee and the applicant must have a DD214 showing completion of military coursework and service/discharge under honorable conditions.

### **Licensure**

Students are eligible for the NCLEX-RN licensure exam following successful completion of the program. Passing the NCLEX-RN is required for employment in California. For license examination pass rate and additional information, go to the following link: <http://www.ca.gov>

### **Legal Limitations**

Record of any felony is subject to review by the Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) before an RN license may be granted. This is in accordance with legal requirements. Any wishing clarification or further information may contact the BRN 1747 N. Market Blvd., Suite 150, Sacramento, CA 95834-1924 or at phone (916) 322-3350

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## Gainful Employment Disclosure Information

Gainful Employment Disclosures – 2019

Program Name: [Associate Degree in Nursing](#)

This program is designed to be completed in [2 years](#).

This program will cost [\\$80,495.00](#) if completed within normal time. There may be additional costs for living expenses. These costs were accurate at the time of posting, but may have changed.

Of the students who completed this program within normal time, the typical graduate leaves with [N/A\\*](#) of debt.

\*Fewer than 10 students completed this program within normal time. This number has been withheld to preserve the confidentiality of the students.

- 1) Program meets licensure requirements in the following States: [California](#)
- 2) Program does not meet licensure requirements in the following States: [N/A](#)
- 3) Program qualifies students to sit for licensure exam in the following States: [N/A](#)
- 4) Program does not qualify students to sit for licensure exam in the following States: [N/A](#)
- 5) The following States do not have licensure requirements for this profession: [N/A](#)

For more information about graduation rates, loan repayment rates, and post-enrollment earnings about this institution and other postsecondary institutions please click here:

<https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/>

*This information reflects the Award Year from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018*

To review the terms and definitions for the chart above, outcome information for CCI's other programs, and disclosure information, go to <http://ccicolleges.edu/general-disclosures/>.

The program scheduled completion is two (2) years. This rate is not reflective of the overall completion rate of the program. On-time completion rates can be affected by scheduling changes, failed courses, or extended externship hours.

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**Tuition and Costs**

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Registration (Once Admitted) *	\$ 80.00
Books (Students may purchase or rent elsewhere)	\$ 2,940.00
ATI ( Assessment Technology Institute)	\$ 2,250.00
Supplies (Fundamentals Skills Kit and Supplies)	\$ 125.00
Uniform: 2 sets + Lab coat + 1 set at 4 <sup>th</sup> Term	\$ 150.00
Exam Fees: Application + NCLEX Exam	\$ 350.00
Tuition (\$700/unit for Gen Ed; \$800/unit for Science; \$1,200/unit for Nursing)	\$ 74,600.00
<b>Required Items Not Included in Tuition Upon Enrollment</b>	
TEAS Exam Fee *	\$ 100.00
Background Check (once admitted)*	\$ 50.00
Drug Screen (once admitted)*	\$ 30.00
<b>Required Items Not Included in Tuition</b>	
Fire Class	\$ 15.00
CPR Class (BLS)	\$ 80.00 - \$150.00
LiveScan Prior to Graduation	\$ 50.00
Interim Permit	\$ 50.00
Graduation Fee	\$ 40.00
Cap and Gown	\$ 50.00

\*Non-refundable

\*\*Students must provide their own living expenses and have transportation to off-campus sites.

**JOB PLACEMENT ASSISTANCE IS PROVIDED TO ALL GRADUATES IN ALL PROGRAMS**

For updated Crime Safety and Security Report information, go to: <http://ccicolleges.edu/general-disclosures/>. (PDF file is available for download). We also provide current information in student break rooms and/or by requesting a copy from the Admissions Office.



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