

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

California BRN regulation CCR 1430 applies to credit for previous education and states: “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, including military experience, through **equivalence, challenge examinations, or other methods of evaluation.**”

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 non-refundable processing fee** is charged for each course challenged, 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 (a grade of **B** or better is required for all science courses) (an applicant may transfer only general education courses).
- *Successful completion of **all four (4)** challenge exams once the first four (4) criteria above have been met.

*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:** No classes
- **Term 2:** NS 120 Nursing Fundamentals (3 Theory Units); (3 Clinical Units) (if challenge is unsuccessful)
NS 130 Pharmacology (2 Theory Units)

NS 200 Transitions (0.5 Theory Units); (0.5 Clinical Credit/Unit)

- **Term 3:** No classes if all challenge exams passed.
NS 230 Medical-Surgical Nursing I (3 Theory Units); (3 Clinical Units) (if challenge is unsuccessful).
- **Term 4:** No classes if all challenge exams passed.
NS 240 Obstetrics, Neonates, and Women's Health in Nursing (2 Theory Units); (2 Clinical Units) If challenge is unsuccessful
NS 244 Nursing Care of Children (2 Theory Units); (2 Clinical Units) (if challenge is unsuccessful)
- **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

California LVNs holding a current unencumbered California Vocational Nursing License may choose the 30 Unit Non-Degree Option. **The LVN 30-Unit Option Non-Degree Program does not lead to an Associate Degree in Nursing.** This non-graduate status entitles the candidate to take the NCLEX-RN® for licensure as a registered nurse only in the state of California. This permanent non-graduate status may hinder employment and further educational opportunities (hospitals are currently showing preference to RNs with BSNs) and may prohibit endorsement as registered nurse in other states.

Admission is based on space availability. The following courses are required:

Term 1: BIO 112 Human Physiology (3 Theory Units); (1 Lab Unit)

Term 2: BIO 120 Microbiology (4 Theory Units); (1 Lab Unit)

NS 200 Transition to Registered Nursing (0.5 Theory Units); (0.5 Clinical Units)

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.**

***Students enrolling under the 30-unit option are not eligible for federal financial aid.**

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

Military Personnel and Veterans

California BRN regulation CCR 1418 applies to military applicants and states: “An applicant who presents with relevant military education and experience, and who presents documentation from a board-approved registered pre-licensure nursing program of equivalency credit evaluation that provides evidence of meeting, in whole or in part, the minimum standards for competency set forth in Section 1443.5 and minimum education requirements of licensure listed pursuant to Sections 1426 (c)(1) to (3), utilizing challenge examination or other evaluative methods, will be considered to meet, in whole or in part, the education requirements for licensure.”

Students for whom this regulation applies will be allowed to challenge all applicable nursing courses following the requirements for passage above.

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 will be verified for each course per program policy.
2. Education and experience meet the basic requirements per individual college guidelines.
3. Honorable discharge (DD-214) or current active honorable service required (letter from supervisor).

CCI's 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 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. Credit may be earned by challenge exam per college policy for ADN program nursing courses. The protocol is as follows:

1. All nursing courses may be challenged. (See requirements for challenging courses above).
2. The course(s) challenged are based on the needs and prior experience of the individual requesting credit.
3. 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 Vocational Nursing License (LVN), either through challenge (BVNPT Method 4) or successful completion of an LVN program. Admissions credit is given to applicants as LVN to RN candidates per school admission policies as follows:

1. An LVN to RN transition course is required and must be completed with a passing grade of 75% or higher.

2. See the text above, **LVN Advanced Placement** for required courses.
3. Admission to the program is on a space available basis as any LVN to RN student.
4. Applicants must demonstrate theory and clinical competency in all nursing courses for which they seek credit. Criteria for determining competency are described in the ADN Guidelines under **Challenge Credits Nursing Courses**. Credit for these specialties is posted on the official transcript if the applicant successfully demonstrates competency.
5. **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; the applicant must present a DD-214 documenting discharge under honorable conditions or applicable service records if still active in the military.

*The transfer of nursing credits from other institutions is allowed only as explained above and as required by state regulation (CCR 1430) for Licensed Vocational Nurses seeking Advanced Placement and military personnel who received nursing training while on active duty.