

**OPTION D**  
**LVN to RN PATHWAY**  
**30-unit Option**  
**Non-Degree Completion**  
***(Requirements beginning Fall 2024)***

The Nursing Program offers eligible candidates who are selected for admission the opportunity to prepare for professional nursing through the pursuit of specific knowledge and skills. Upon completion of the nursing units, student will be eligible for the National Counsel Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) examination to obtain licensure as a Registered Nurse (RN).

Option D applicants are Licensed Vocational Nurses (LVN) with an active LVN license in the state of California and at least one year of direct patient care work experience as an LVN, in a skilled nursing or acute care setting. This patient care experience must have been completed in the prior two years. Option D applicants “bridge” into the RN program as advanced placement students, receiving educational and clinical credits for their prior coursework and work experience.

The 30-unit program option offered by the Cerritos College Nursing Program is a requirement of the California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN). By mandate, colleges must offer this option to any person who currently holds a valid LVN license and wishes to continue their education to obtain an RN license. This option does allow a person, upon completion, to sit for NCLEX-RN examination. However, there are limitations to this option. Read carefully:

- Applicants choosing this option recognize that the prerequisites and required GPA are unique to this option for entry.
  - Applicants admitting under this option DO NOT TAKE THE TEAS/HESI EXAM.
  - Applicants admitting under this option also do not need to complete the general education courses for the Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) Degree.
- Applicants admitted as an Option D student do NOT receive an ASN Degree from Cerritos College. Therefore, students do NOT complete a petition for graduation nor do they participate in campus commencement. (Student will be allowed to participate in Nursing Pinning Ceremony).
- Applicants completing the Option D requirements will be granted permission to sit for California State Boards, NCLEX-RN exam. However, the student must understand that this license can only be used in California. Applicants choosing this option may not receive reciprocity when applying for a license in other states.
- Applicants admitted as Option D students are NOT ALLOWED to change their program option once admitted into the program. Therefore, careful consideration must be taken PRIOR to accepting admission.
- As a non-degreed nursing program (Option D) student, seeking future educational endeavors at a college or university can be difficult without having completed undergraduate coursework to complete an Associate Degree in Nursing at an accredited program. Option D is not a pathway to further education or obtaining a degree (in nursing).
- Applicants entering the program through the Option D entry will sign a form stating that they understand these limitations and have been counseled appropriately.

Option D Applicants will:

- Be at least 18 years of age
- Completed high school or have a GED
- Completed LVN coursework and provide transcripts reflecting completion
- Hold a valid California LVN license and provide proof of valid/current license
- Have a MINIMUM of one-year direct patient care experience in a skilled nursing facility or acute care setting as an LVN and submit the required [Work Verification Form](#) attesting to this experience within the prior two years

**Option D PREREQUISITES:**

- **A&P 151** (Physiology), **MICR 200** (Microbiology) with grades of “C” or higher
- **Nursing 215** (Advanced Placement Bridge) (1.0 unit) with a “P” (Pass) grade  
A 6-year recency on all prerequisite coursework is highly recommended but is not required.

**\*OPTIONAL, BUT HIGHLY RECOMMENDED COURSES:**

- NRSB 26; NRSB 251; PSYCH 251; NRSB 200

Option D applicants will be able to submit their [application](#) electronically during the application cycle which opens in January and closes in February and following the [application instructions](#). Required prerequisites and applications must be fully completed, when submitted. Incomplete applications will be disqualified for admission. No additional information may be added to the application after it has been submitted. Late application submissions will not be accepted.

Once the application is received and reviewed for eligibility, the applicant will be placed on the list for admission. Admission is based on space availability and determined each semester.

According to program policy and procedure, this is the priority order for admission/readmission based on space availability and priority status:

- 1) Option A applicant (new students meeting admission criteria)
- 2) Student who withdrew from a class due to personal reason and was in good standing upon the time of withdrawal
- 3) Student attempting to return after 1 withdraw/failure from/in clinical course and is actively working on readmission plan
- 4) Student attempting to return after 1 withdraw/failure from/in lecture course and is actively working on readmission plan
- 5) Option C student meeting all criteria and availability in either second or third semester
- 6) Option D student meeting criteria and availability in third semester
- 7) Option B applicant (LPT-Licensed Psychiatric Technician and Advanced Placement Military)
- 8) Option F applicant (foreign nurse graduate referred by the BRN)
- 9) Option E applicant (transfer student who was in good standing in their previous program)

Students will be contacted by the Director of Nursing approximately 2-3 months prior to the semester start date to offer admission. Once applicant has been offered admission and has accepted, a MANDATORY Orientation must be attended and all onboarding requirements must be completed for the nursing program.

## NURSING CURRICULUM PATHWAY

(Curriculum beginning Fall 2024 and beyond)

<b>NURSING SEMESTER 3</b>	<b>Semester Units</b>
ADN230: Nursing Health and Illness Concepts 2	4.5
ADN235: Mental Health Concepts	3.5
ADN200C: Pharmacology 3	1.0

<b>NURSING SEMESTER 4</b>	
ADN240: Nursing Health and Illness Concepts3: lecture and clinical	4.5
ADN245: Nursing Health and Illness Concepts 4: lecture and clinical	4.5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18 Nursing Units</b>

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