

**OPTION C**  
**LVN to ASN PATHWAY**  
**ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN NURSING DEGREE**  
***(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 earned towards an Associate in Science Degree in Nursing (ASN). Upon completion of the Associates Degree, graduates are eligible for the NCLEX-RN exam to obtain licensure as a Registered Nurse.

Option C 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 C applicants “bridge” into the ASN-RN program as advanced placement students, receiving educational and clinical credits for their prior coursework and work experience.

Option C Applicants will be able to submit their [application](#) electronically during the application cycle which opens in January and closes in February. 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.

**OPTION C PREREQUISITES:**

- A&P 150 (Anatomy), A&P 151 (Physiology), ENGL 100, and MICR 200 (Microbiology) with GPA of 2.5 or higher
  - Only ONE of the prerequisite courses (A&P 150, A&P 151, ENGL 100, MICR 200) can be repeated for a grade of “C” or higher. Two or more repeated prerequisites due to grades of “D” or “F” will disqualify the applicant.
  - If an applicant repeats a prerequisite for recency and passed the prerequisite with a “C” or higher the first time taken, that is not considered a “repeat prerequisite”.
  - A 6-year recency on all science prerequisites is highly recommended but not required.
  - Cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher on all completed college coursework towards the Associates Degree
- Once the applicant has completed above, applicant will complete the following prerequisite “bridge courses” at CERRITOS COLLEGE for a “Pass” or “C” (or higher).

<b>Nursing 26 Clinical Workshop</b>	0.5 unit	Taken at Cerritos *Student must pass Math Calculation Exam with 80% or higher
<b>Nursing 251 Basic Adult Physical Assessment</b>	1.0 unit	Taken at Cerritos
<b>Nursing 215 Advanced Placement Bridge</b>	1.0 unit	Taken at Cerritos

<b>PSYC 251</b> <b>Developmental Psychology</b>	3.0 units	Can be taken at Cerritos or elsewhere
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**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:**

- 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
- Completion of all Proficiency Requirements for the Associate of Science (AS) Degree:
  - Read 54 or equivalent
  - English 100
  - Math Clearance: Math 75, Math 80, Math 80B, a transfer-level math course, or equivalent with a grade of “C” or higher or “Pass”  
Pass two semesters of high school Algebra 2 or Integrated Math 3 with a grade of “C” or higher in each semester. Official high school transcript is required (in Admissions & Records Office).  
Receive a score of 3 or better on a Math AP exam (AP Statistics, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC).  
Receive credit by exam in Math 80 at Cerritos College
- TEAS 7 Exam  $\geq$  62% OR HESI Exam  $\geq$  70% (*must include science section*)
- General Education requirements (complete one course in each area):
  - COMM 100, 120, 125, 130, or 132
  - CS 108, HIST 101, 102, 103, 108, POL 101 or 201
  - PSYC 251
  - SOC 101, 201, 210, 215, ANTH 100, or PHIL 104
  - Humanities or Fine Arts
- In addition to the courses listed above students seeking to transfer should complete [Plan B](#) or [Plan C](#) for the CSU system or [Plan C](#) for the UC system

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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)
- 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, Advanced Placement Military)

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.

While waiting for admission, students are encouraged to maintain practice currency at the LVN level. Additional coursework that can be taken is PHARMACOLOGY 200 and NURSING 80.

## **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>