

**OPTION C**  
**LVN to ASN PATHWAY**  
**INFORMATION PACKET** (upd 01/2026)  
**ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN NURSING**  
***(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 of Science in Nursing Degree (ASN). Upon completion of the associates degree, graduates are eligible for the NCLEX-RN licensure 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
- Direct patient care must be in a skilled nursing setting or acute care setting
- 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 direct patient care work experience.

LVN to RN bridge students will “bridge” into the RN program at the 2<sup>nd</sup> year: 3<sup>rd</sup> semester. Therefore, they receive credit for the following courses:

- 1) ADN210: Foundational Concepts in Nursing (adult/gero)
- 2) ADN215: Healthcare Participant (adult/gero/pediatrics)
- 3) ADN200A: Pharmacology I
- 4) ADN220: Nursing Health and Illness Concepts I (adult / gero/ pediatrics)
- 5) ADN200B: Pharmacology II (with lab)
- 6) ADN225: Maternal Newborn Health Concepts

Entering into 2<sup>nd</sup> year: 3<sup>rd</sup> semester, the LVN to RN bridge student will enter:

- 1) ADN230: Nursing Health and Illness Concepts II (adult / gero)
- 2) ADN200C: Pharmacology III (with lab)
- 3) ADN235: Mental Health Concepts
- 4) ADN240: Nursing Health and Illness Concepts III (adult / gero / pediatrics)
- 5) ADN245: Nursing Health and Illness Concepts IV (adult / gero / pediatrics)

\*LVN to RN Bridge students can choose to enter the program earlier to ensure a smoother transition, particularly in the clinical setting. They can communicate this interest to the Director of Nursing (or place this on the application). Then, the student would be enrolled into 2<sup>nd</sup> semester (ADN220 / ADN200B) as space is available.

In addition to completing the nursing units required, the student will complete the general education requirements, to receive the Associate Degree of Science in Nursing.

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#### **APPLICATION CYCLE: JANUARY - FEBRUARY**

Option C Applicants will be able to submit their application electronically during the application cycle which opens in January and closes in February. Be sure to review the Application Instructions thoroughly and have ALL documents required before submission.

Required prerequisites and applications must be fully complete 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.

Applications with supporting documents are submitted to [Nursing-Apps@cerritos.edu](mailto:Nursing-Apps@cerritos.edu)

### **OPTION C PREREQUISITES:**

- **A&P 150 (Anatomy), A&P 151 (Physiology), English Composition, and MICRO200 (Microbiology)** with GPA of 2.5 or higher
  - Only ONE of the above-mentioned prerequisite courses can be repeated due to a failing grade. 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 has passed the prerequisite with a “C” or higher the first time taken, that is not considered a “repeat prerequisite”. That is acceptable.
  - 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 associate’s degree.
- Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning (Statistics is highly recommended: ECON 210, Math 112S, PSYC 210 or STAT C1000)

Once the applicant has completed the above, the applicant will complete the following Prerequisite “Bridge Courses” provided 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 Developmental Psychology</b>	3.0 units	Can be taken at Cerritos or elsewhere

### **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:**

- Be at least 18 years of age
- Completed high school or have a GED
- Completed LVN coursework at an approved LVN program. Applicant must provide the transcripts reflecting completion of the LVN coursework and degree.
- Hold a valid California LVN license and provide proof of valid/current license in CA.
- 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.
- TEAS 7 Exam  $\geq$  62% OR HESI Exam  $\geq$  70% (*must include science section*).

- This AA degree requires the completion of General Education coursework including the following courses:
  - PSYC 251, Developmental Psychology (3units)
  - SOC 101 Introductory Sociology Principles (3units)
  - Oral Communication (3 units)
  - Art or Humanities (3 units)
  - American Institutions (3 units)
  - Ethnic Studies (3 units)

Be sure to complete all requirements of the application in entirety. Submit in ONE PDF to [Nursing-Apps@cerritos.edu](mailto:Nursing-Apps@cerritos.edu)

Once all applications are received and reviewed for eligibility, the applicant will be placed on the list for admission. Applicants will be notified if the application does not qualify or is rejected. The applicant will receive a letter that the application has been accepted and is in the queue.

Admission is based on space availability and determined each semester.  
\*\*\*Applicants can wait upwards to 4-5 semesters for entry.

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 E applicant (transfer student who was in good standing in their previous program, Advanced Placement Military)
- 9) Option F applicant (foreign nurse graduate referred by the BRN)

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Students will be contacted by the Director of Nursing approximately 2-3 months prior to the semester start date to offer admission. Once the 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 and complete the General Education requirements.

## **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>