

IVC LVN to RN Requirements & Policy

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Three options are available for California LVNs seeking admission to the IVC generic ADRN Program. Admission is based on space availability.

Track I - Associate Degree

Successful completion of the RN Program allows the student to receive an Associate of Science Degree in Registered Nursing and take the licensure exam (NCLEX) as a graduate of IVC. Upon completion of the criteria below, students are eligible to apply to the RN Program.

Admission Criteria

- a) *Minimum 2.5 GPA in BIOL 200 and 202 or BIOL 204 and 206, and BIOL 220
- b) Minimum 2.5 GPA in PSY 204, ENG 110, MATH 091 or higher, ANTH 102 or SOC 101, and NURS 100
- c) Completion of the ATI TEAS Pre-entrance Test with a 62% or higher score

**BIOL courses have prerequisites – refer to the College Catalog for descriptions. Physiology and Microbiology courses have a 7-year expiration date and a 10-year expiration date for Anatomy courses. Repeating courses is required if the courses have expired.*

Degree Requirements

The courses below are required to obtain the A.S. Degree in Registered Nursing and be considered a graduate of the IVC RN Program. It is recommended that students complete the degree courses prior to applying to the nursing program.

POL SCI 102 and	American Government & Politics	3
HIST 120 or HIST 121	United States to 1877 / United States from 1987	3/3
PE 100 and	Lifetime Exercise Science	2
One PE Activity Course	(Refer to Grad Requirements in College Catalog)	1
Humanities Elective	(Refer to Grad Requirements in College Catalog)	3

TEAS Pre-entrance Test

The TEAS pre-entrance test is an online test in the areas of Math, English, Reading, and Science. A score of 62% or higher is considered passing. Test dates are available through the IVC Nursing Department's Nursing Learning Center. Additional information is located on the NURS website under the 'TEAS' section www.imperial.edu/nursing

Transition Course NURS 204

Successful completion of [NURS 204](#) is required for admission to the RN Program. This course is geared to transition a current LVN to the RN student level and assist the Instructor and Program Director determine the student's placement in the program for optimal student success. Enrollment comes through the Nursing Department and only after the student has successfully met all application and admission criteria. Fees will apply for materials and testing. After completion, students are considered for placement in the generic RN program if space allows. Within the course:

- Students take tests in Fundamentals and OB/Maternal Child from Assessment Technologies, Inc. (ATI www.atitesting.com). ATI tests must be successfully completed at Level 1 of IVC ATI Policy or above as determined by the ATI Scoring Grid
 - i. OB/Maternal Child - If unsuccessful, placement is in 2nd semester
 - ii. Fundamentals - If unsuccessful, placement is in 1st semester after review by the Student Progression Committee
 - iii. Each ATI test may be taken twice to determine placement. A fee will be charged for ATI materials and testing
 - iv. A Medication Administration/Dose Calculation Exam must be passed with a 92% score

- v. A skills validation test must be taken to determine proficiency and general safety for basic principles of nursing practice. Testing may be in a simulated setting, lab check-off setting, or other format.
- vi. If successful in all tests and course, placement in 3rd semester pending other tests for the course and recommendations of the instructor(s) and/or director review

Nursing Course of Study for Placement in 3rd Semester (in addition to degree requirements)

Semester	Course ID	Title	Units
Semester 3	NURS 223	Medical-Surgical Nursing II & Gerontology	5
	NURS 218	Nursing Care of the Childbearing Family	3.5
Summer or Winter	NURS 219	Psychiatric & Mental Health Nursing	3
Semester 4	NURS 227	Medical-Surgical Nursing III/Preceptorship	8

Track II - 30-Unit Option

Background: Established by the California Board of Registered Nursing for LVNs seeking to become eligible for a RN license in California. Students choosing this option take fewer courses to be eligible for the NCLEX RN, and these students typically do not have to repeat courses that they have already taken. This option is only available on a space available basis. Students considering this option need to be aware of the following:

- (a) Students are **not** eligible for the IVC A.S. degree under this option and are considered non-graduates when applying for the licensure exam
- (b) This non-graduate status does **not** change. Students under this option and considering to continue their education for advanced degrees in nursing (RN to BSN, etc) may find applying to these programs difficult.
- (c) Disclaimer: This option provides an RN license for the State of California, which may **not** be recognized in other States and an [IVC Nursing Disclaimer Form](#) must be submitted with the IVC nursing application.

The College acts as a facilitator and up to 19.5 nursing units must be completed.

- 1. Eight (8) units of prerequisite courses in Human Physiology (4 units) and General Microbiology (4 units) are required –
 - a. BIOL 206 fulfills the physiology requirement (cannot be substituted with a human anatomy course)
 - b. BIOL 220 fulfills the Microbiology requirement (this course has 5 units)
- 2. Completion of the TEAS Pre-entrance Test is required with a 62% or higher score

NURS 204: Completion of NURS 204 is **strongly** recommended for the 30-Unit Option student.

Nursing Course of Study for Placement of 30-Unit Option

Semester	Course ID	Title	Units
Semester 3	NURS 223	Medical-Surgical Nursing II & Gerontology	5
	NURS 218	Nursing Care of the Childbearing Family	3.5
Summer or Winter	NURS 219	Psychiatric & Mental Health Nursing	3
Semester 4	NURS 227	Medical-Surgical Nursing III/Preceptorship	8
		Total Nursing Units	19.5

Track III – Generic Program

- A) The LVN student may choose to apply to the entire Registered Nursing curriculum. Admission criteria must be met and the TEAS passed with a 62% or higher score, with no more than two (2) attempts.
- B) Applicants are encouraged to consider the **Associate Degree Track I Option** unless they have been away from nursing for a prolonged period and feel the need to consider this option.

Applying to the Program

Applications for all options are accepted during the period of **March 1-31**. The [application packet](#) is available from the Nursing website or can be picked up from the 2100 Health Sciences Building, Office 2155. All criteria must be met and required documentation included in the packet. Students are open to apply with one last prerequisite in progress.

Prioritization for Admission

Priority for placing LVN to RN students in the RN Program is based on the following:

Priority	Type of Student	Qualifier Statement
1	Continuing generic student	Good standing with no W or D grade
2	Continuing generic student	Good standing with a W due to illness, financial hardship, personal necessity
3	Continuing generic student	Received one W or D in any nursing class while in the program and completed remediation plan
4	VN to RN student	Completed NURS 204 <u>and</u> all admission criteria for program
5	Transfer student	Good standing in an accredited nursing program <u>and</u> did <u>not</u> receive W or D grades
6	Transfer student	Good standing in an accredited program and received W due to illness, financial hardship, personal necessity
7	Transfer student	Received one W or D while in the accredited program
8	VN to RN student	30-Unit Option
9	Foreign Nurses	In need of 1-2 courses <u>and</u> meets program admission criteria <u>and</u> space is available
10	Former nursing student	Received two W or D grades while in an accredited program

Clearances Requirements

Upon admission, a background check and drug screen, current physical exam, TB Screen, Influenza Vaccination, immunizations and current BLS card will be required. Immunizations include 2-step PPD, 2-step MMR, Tdap, Hepatitis B, and Varicella. Students selected for admission will be provided information.

Credit/Challenge by Examination

- 1) Academic credit-by-examination for non-nursing courses only may be obtained by those whose prior education and/or experience provides the knowledge and skills required to meet the objectives of one or more courses.
- 2) Students who believe they may be eligible for credit-by-examination should contact a counselor for more information.
- 3) For College policy, refer to the 'Credit by Examination' section of the IVC Catalog.

Re-admission Process

Students who were enrolled in the IVC Nursing Program – RN or LVN - and were not successful after one (1) attempt may petition to re-enter the program as per IVC Nursing Student Handbook guidelines. Re-entry must be within three (3) years from the date of initial admission to the program. Students who are not successful after two (2) attempts in either the IVC RN or LVN Program are not eligible for re-admission at any time. Failure from any nursing program for unsafe clinical practice or a violation of professional, legal or ethical conduct makes the applicant ineligible. Students are asked to meet with the Nursing Program counselor for advisement.

Advisement

It is necessary that students first meet with the College Nursing Counselor to begin their educational plan for RN. The Nursing Counselor is located in Building 100 Counseling Center, and appointments are made by calling 760-355-6543. Students can reach the Nursing counselor by email at stella.orfanos-woo@imperial.edu or 760-355-6259.

Previous Convictions/Misdemeanors

A past criminal history may hinder placement in the nursing clinical areas if accepted to the Nursing Program. It may have a negative impact on the student's ability to obtain a license to practice nursing. Applicants with any criminal history (including traffic citations over \$1,000 and expunged records) must disclose their information **when applying to the Nursing Program**. An appointment with the Nursing Program Director will be necessary after the applicant has applied. Refer to the 'Previous Convictions and/or Misdemeanors' sheet for more information and specifics.