

Imperial Valley College

Associate Degree Registered Nursing Program

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IVC RN Information Packet

Introduction

The IVC Nursing Program graduated the first nursing class in 1973, and has since offered courses in registered nursing. The program is fully accredited by the CA Board of Registered Nursing <http://www.rn.ca.gov/> and after two (2) years, the student is eligible to receive the IVC Associate of Science Degree in Registered Nursing and take the NCLEX RN national licensure exam. Completion of the admission criteria below is necessary to apply but it is not a guarantee for selection in to the program.

Review all information thoroughly to be successful in applying to the IVC Nursing Program.

Eligibility

Students meeting the criteria below are eligible to apply to the Associate Degree Nursing Program at IVC:

- 18 years of age or older
- IVC Student (with a Student or G#)
- In good health and able to lift a minimum of 35lb
- Completion of the prerequisite courses with a 2.5 GPA or higher
- Passing of the TEAS Pre-entrance Test with a 62% or higher score

Admission Criteria

Completion of the criteria below is required before applying:

- **Sciences:**
 - BIOL 220 (General Microbiology), and BIOL 200 (Human Anatomy & Physiology Part 1) and BIOL 202 (Human Anatomy & Physiology Part 2), **or**
 - BIOL 220, BIOL 204 (Human Anatomy) and BIOL 206 (Human Physiology)
 - BIOL classes have prerequisite courses – refer to the course descriptions in the [College catalog](#)
 - Online or virtual Science courses are not accepted
- **Fixed Set General Education:**
 - PSY 204 (Developmental Psychology - Lifespan), ENG 110 (Composition & Reading), MATH 098 or 091 (Intermediate Algebra) or higher level math, and SOC 101 (Introductory Sociology) or ANTH 102 (Cultural Anthropology), and COMM 100 or SPCH 100 (Oral Communication).
 - Recommended Courses considered for points: READ 111 (Analytical & Critical Reading), ENG 201 (Advanced Composition), NURS 100 Medical Mathematics, MATH 110 or higher level MATH course
 - For a full description of the Associate Degree major in Nursing, refer to the [IVC ADRN](#) in the College Catalog.
- **The TEAS Pre-entrance Test:**

A score of 62% or higher on the TEAS (Test for Essential Academic Skills) is required for passing. A higher score constitutes higher points. More information and requirements for the TEAS is available on the Nursing website <http://www.imperial.edu/nursing>. Study materials are purchased directly from Assessment Technologies, Inc. (ATI) at <https://www.atitesting.com/Solutions/pre-program/TEAS.aspx>

Nursing Information Session

Attendance at a Nursing Information Session is mandatory to be aware of program requirements and the application process. These are one-hour sessions and reserving a seat is not required. Dates are posted on the RN website

<http://www.imperial.edu/nursing>

Deadlines

Applications are accepted twice a year, during the periods below. LVN to RN and Transfer applications are accepted March 1-31.

- Fall Semester – March 1-31
- Spring Semester – September 1-30
- LVN to RN and Transfer – March 1-31

IVC Nursing does not maintain a wait list of applicants. All completed applications received will be reviewed for eligibility.

Incomplete applications or applications missing documentation will not be considered! Students are advised to review their application packet thoroughly before submitting.

Selection & Clearances

Selection is based on the admission criteria listed on the [3NAC Multi-Criteria Grid](#). Once points are applied, students are ranked and the top 20 are invited to join an RN class. Notification of results is sent by email to applicants 30-45 days after the deadline. Students are advised to use the 'Eligibility Worksheet' to determine their GPA and point status. After selection, students are provided information to begin completing the **clearance requirements** below. These requirements are mandatory for admission to the clinical sites. The student will need to be in 'full compliance' with everything prior to starting the Nursing Program.

- A Background Check and Drug Screen (see Previous Convictions/Misdemeanors)
- Physical exam
- TB Screen
- Immunizations (2-step MMR, Tdap, Hepatitis B, Varicella, and Influenza [during flu season])
- BLS Card from American Heart Association.

Applying to the Program

When ready to apply, students may pick up applications from Office 2155 or download from the Nursing website. The checklist is followed in entirety and the application is clipped or stapled and submitted by hand or mail during the application periods. **It is important to include ALL required documentation to consider the application. Missing paperwork will deem the application incomplete and no points issued.**

- **Transcripts:**
 - Submit copies of **all outside** college, university, technical, high school AP placement transcripts, etc.
 - **NEW:** Current IVC students **do not need to submit the IVC transcript.**
 - Upper division transcripts from universities **must be evaluated first with the IVC nursing counselor.**
 - IVC Admissions & Records does not disclose copies of official transcripts already filed.
- **TEAS:** Copy of ATI TEAS (V.6) results – include all attempts
- **Additional Criteria:**
 - Copy of relevant degree and/or certification, work experience, and/or volunteer experience in healthcare such as AA/AS, BA/BS, or MA/MS; copy of CA LVN license; copy of Allied Health certification (EMT, CNA, CMA); recent work or volunteer experience in the healthcare field
 - Copy of documentation verifying Life Experiences or Special Circumstances in the following areas – refer to the **Multi-criteria Grid** for required paperwork:
 - Veteran/Active Military or Spouse of Veteran/Active Military, Declared Disability, Low Family Income, First Generation of family to attend College, Need to Work, Disadvantages, social or educational environment; Difficult personal and family situations or circumstances, and/or Refugee status
 - Official letter from employer verifying ability to **speak, read, and write** in another language, **and to speak, read, and write** in a healthcare setting, **or** completion of AMSL 200, 202, or 204; FREN 201 or 211; SPAN 200, 210, 220 or 221.

Advisement:

It is imperative that all applicants meet with the nursing program counselor to make sure of program requirements and be successful in the application process. The nursing counselor is available in the Counseling Department, Building 100, and appointments are made by calling 760-355-6543 or 760-355-6259 or email stella.orfanos-woo@imperial.edu. Students with a bachelor's or master's degree are advised to meet with the counselor to be sure of their options for the program and the college.

Getting Started:

- ✓ Review the Nursing website and College Catalog for requirements. The catalog, schedules, and other information are available at www.imperial.edu. If new to IVC, apply to the College and obtain a Student ID #
- ✓ Submit official transcripts to Admissions & Records from all colleges attended. Evaluation of transcripts may take up to 90 days. Include copies of AP scores from College Board.
- ✓ Meet with the nursing program counselor to begin an educational plan
- ✓ Attend a Nursing Information Session
- ✓ Start taking the prerequisite courses
- ✓ Schedule for the TEAS
- ✓ Apply to the Nursing Program

LVN to RN Students

Advance placement options are available for LVNs seeking to enter the RN Program. More information is available on the LVN to RN site <http://www.imperial.edu/allied-health-department/lvn-to-rn>. Applications are accepted March 1-31. If found eligible for admission, completion of the NURS 204 Transition Course from LVN to RN, will be required. Placement in the generic RN Program is made after successful completion of NURS 204 and if space allows. Students are advised to meet with the Nursing Program Counselor for further advisement.

Transfer Students

The IVC Nursing Program is open to students transferring from other nursing programs to IVC. The Nursing application is required along with the required transfer forms found on the Nursing website <http://www.imperial.edu/nursing>. Applications are accepted March 1-31. Academic failure from any nursing program within the previous three (3) years will be considered and may result in the applicant being ineligible for the IVC Nursing Program. A letter from the previous nursing program director attesting to the reason for failure will be required. Failure from a nursing program for unsafe clinical practice or a violation of professional, legal or ethical conduct makes the applicant ineligible. Students are advised to meet with the Nursing Program counselor for advisement.

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 the guidelines in IVC's Nursing Student Handbook. 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 advised to meet with their counselor or the Nursing Program counselor for advisement.

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.

Course of Study to obtain the A.S. degree in Registered Nursing

Prerequisite Courses – Science

Course#	Course Title	Units
BIOL 220, and	General Microbiology	5
BIOL 200 and 202, or	Human Anatomy & Physiology, Part I and II	4/4
BIOL 204 and 206	Human Anatomy and Human Physiology	4/4
<p>Note: There are prerequisites to the BIOL courses – refer to the College catalog for descriptions https://www.imperial.edu/courses-and-programs/catalogs-and-schedules/#catalogs_section All Anatomy, Physiology, and Microbiology courses completed with a C or higher considered toward 2.5 GPA.. Students with 2 or more attempted grades of W, D, or F should include an explanation with the application. BIOL 220, 206, and 202 have an expiration date of 7 years, and 10 years for BIOL 200 and 204. Online Science lab courses are <u>not</u> accepted.</p>		

General Education 'Fixed Set'

ENG 110	Composition & Reading	4
PSY 204	Developmental Psychology (From Conception to Death)	3
SOC 101 or ANTH 102	Introductory Sociology / Cultural Anthropology	3/3
MATH 098 or 091 (or higher level)	Intermediate Algebra	5
COMM 100 (or SPCH 100)	Oral Communication	3
NURS 100	Medication Mathematics	1
Higher Level Math, or Accuplacer Test Score of 7006 or 2006 or Advanced Placement Score from College Board		
Note: A Fixed Set GPA of 2.5 or higher is required to apply.		

Recommended Courses considered for points

READ 111	Analytical & Critical Reading	3
ENG 201	Advanced Composition	3
MATH 110 or a higher MATH course		3
<p>Note: Additional courses will be required to obtain the A.S. Degree in Registered Nursing. Refer to the College catalog or meet with the program counselor.</p>		

RN Curriculum (effective Fall 2017)

1 st Semester	Course Title	Units
NURS 107	Nursing Fundamentals	7
NURS 109	Pharmacology	1
2 nd Semester		
NURS 127	Medical-Surgical Nursing	4
NURS 128	Nursing Care Childbearing	4
NURS 123	Pharmacology II	1.5
3 rd Semester		
NURS 218	Nursing Care Childrearing	3.5
NURS 223	Medical-Surgical and Geriatric Nursing	5
Winter or Summer		
NURS 219	Psychiatric & Mental Health Nursing	3
4 th Semester		
NURS 227	Medical-Surgical Nursing III (w/Preceptorships)	8