



Licensed Vocational Nursing Program

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

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IVC LVN Information Packet

Introduction - The IVC LVN Program started in 1960 and has since offered courses in licensed vocational nursing. The program is fully accredited by the California Board of Vocational Nurse & Psychiatric Technicians (<http://www.bvnpt.ca.gov/>) and after completion of three (3) semesters of instruction, students apply for the licensure exam (NCLEX PN). Students can take the pathway to obtain the Associate of Science degree in LVN, or the Certificate of Achievement in LVN, both options qualify the student for the NCLEX PN. Completion of the admission criteria is necessary to apply but it is not a guarantee for selection in to the program.

Meeting Eligibility

Students are able to apply for the LVN Program if they meet the criteria below:

- 18 years of age or older
- U.S. High school graduate or the GED Certificate, or the equivalent*
- In good health and able to lift a *minimum* 35lb or more
- Completion of prerequisite coursework with a minimum 2.5 GPA or higher

***High School Requirement** – It is a requirement of the CA Board of Vocational Nurse & Psychiatric Technicians that an applicant verify high school graduation from an accredited school in the United States or have a GED Certificate. A copy of the diploma, transcript, or GED is required when applying. Transcripts from schools outside of the United States must be professionally evaluated by a credentials service such as the International Education Research Foundation, Inc., www.ierf.org or 1-310-258-9451, or of their choice. A copy of the evaluation is required when applying. Foreign transcripts are not accepted with the application.

Prerequisites

Completion of the IVC courses below or the equivalent are required to apply. *Completion of these courses is not a guarantee of admission into an LVN class.*

Minimum GPA of 2.5:

- ENG 110 – Composition & Reading
 - NOTE: High School AP scores accepted if the passing score is achieved
- PSY 101 – Introduction to Psychology
- AHP 100 – Medical Terminology
- PSY 204 – Development Psych – Lifespan

Minimum GPA of 2.5:

- BIOL 200 and 202 – Human Anatomy & Physiology, Part 1 and 2, **or**
- BIOL 204 and 206 - Human Anatomy and Human Physiology
- BIOL 220 – General Microbiology
 - NOTE: BIOL classes at IVC have prerequisites – refer to the College catalog under BIOL course descriptions for details https://www.imperial.edu/courses-and-programs/catalogs-and-schedules/#catalogs_section, or meet with the nursing program counselor
 - Online or virtual Science lab courses are not accepted

Advisement

A nursing counselor is available to assist and guide students on the prerequisites. It is imperative that students meet with the counselor to start their educational plan for LVN. The counselor is located in Building 100, Counseling Department, and appointments are made by calling 760-355-6543 or 760-355-6259 or email stella.orfanos-woo@imperial.edu. Students with

previous degrees (bachelors or masters) are advised to meet with the counselor to be sure of their options for the program and the College.

Applying to the Program

Students can pick up applications from the 2100 Health Sciences Building, Office 2155, or download from the LVN website. Applications are accepted every other year during the months of September or March, depending on when a class graduates. Students are advised to visit the website for specific dates, or contact the Office at 760-355-6348.

A complete application includes:

- o Completed and signed application form
- o Copy of the high school transcript or diploma verifying graduate status, or copy of the GED, and
- o Copy of high school AP scores verifying passing score, if applicable, and
- o Copies of transcripts from all outside colleges attended (including those filed with Admissions & Records – A&R does not disclose copies of transcripts)

Currently enrolled IVC students do not need to submit the IVC transcript. This will be provided by the department.

NOTE: Incomplete applications with missing paperwork, not meeting eligibility, and/or incomplete prerequisites, will not be considered under any circumstances. It is the student's responsibility to make sure their application is complete before submitting to the Nursing Office for review.

Application Periods

Applications will be received during the upcoming dates below. A new class begins every three (3) semesters or 18 months.

LVN Class	Deadline
Fall 2019	March 1-31, 2019
Spring 2021	September 1-30, 2020

Selection

A random selection of applicants will be made by a Nursing Program Selection's Committee and a total of 24 applicants will be invited to join an LVN Class. Results are sent to applicants by email 30 to 45 days after the deadline. If selected, students will be provided information to begin completing their program requirements for admission. These requirements include:

- Background Check and Drug Screen <http://www.sdnahcbackground.com/>
- Physical exam
- TB Screen
- Immunizations (2-step MMR, Tdap, Hepatitis B, Varicella, and Influenza [during flu season])
- BLS Card from American Heart Association

Program Costs

Costs include three (3) semesters of nursing classes and run approximately \$4,025 to \$4,400. This includes tuition, parking, student representation fees, uniform and accessories, lab fees, physical exam and immunizations, background check and drug screen, CPR, textbooks and materials, and the licensure application (NCLEX PN). A detailed expense sheet is on the LVN website and is also provided upon admission.

Progression

Nursing courses are completed in sequence. Each course within the certificate or major must be completed with a minimum 2.5 GPA or higher to progress to the next level. All class and lab components of each course must be completed with a Satisfactory (S) to progress to the next level. PSY 204 must be completed in the semester indicated (or before applying to the program) with a minimum 2.0 GPA or higher to progress to the next level.

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/allied-health-department/registered-nurse>. Applications are accepted **March 1-31**. Academic failure from any nursing program within the IVC VN Packet 2019 – Updated 1/2019

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

Credit by Exam

Academic credit by examination 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 of the nursing courses. Courses that have a lab component are not open for credit by exam. Students who believe they may be eligible for credit should contact the Nursing Department for advisement.

Nursing Information Sessions

Attendance at an IVC Nursing Information Session is valuable in guiding the student on the preparation process, from submitting the nursing application to choosing if this is the pathway they want to pursue. Sessions are open to any student considering LVN at IVC and it should be the **first step** of the preparation process. Dates, times, and location are posted on the LVN website.

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. If a student's background check is flagged and did not disclose information, this will be grounds for possible dismissal from the program.

Course of Study – To obtain the IVC Certificate of Achievement in Vocational Nursing:

Course#	Prerequisites Courses	Units	Lec Hours	Lab Hours
Must meet minimum 2.5 GPA				
ENG 110	Composition & Reading	4	72	
PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology	3	54	
AHP 100	Medical Terminology	3	54	
PSY 204	Developmental Psychology (Lifespan – Conception to Death)	3	54	
Must meet minimum 2.5 GPA				
BIOL 200 & 202, or	Human Anatomy & Physiology, Part 1 and 2	4/4	36/36	108/108
BIOL 204 & 206	Human Anatomy & Human Physiology	4/4	36/36	108/108
BIOL 220	General Microbiology	5	54	108
NOTE: BIOL classes have prerequisite courses – refer to College Catalog course descriptions. BIOL 220, 206 and 202 expire after 7 years; BIOL 200 and 204 expire after 10 years.				
First Semester LVN:				
VN 110	Introduction to Patient Care I	5	36	162
VN 112	Introduction to Patient Care II	5	36	162
VN 114	Pharmacology I	1.5	27	
VN 116	Patient Care Management & Critical Thinking	2.5	45	
Second Semester LVN:				
VN 122	Common Health Problems I	5.5	45	162
VN 124	Pharmacology II	2	36	
VN 120	Maternity Cycle	5.5	45	162
Third Semester LVN:				
VN 130	Common Health Problems II	5.5	45	162
VN 132	Common Health Problems III	5.5	45	162
		Total	64	720
			720	1296

To obtain the A.S. degree in Vocational Nursing, the following are required in addition to the above:

COMM 100 (or SPCH100)	Oral Communication	3
POL SCI 102, and	American Government & Politics	3
HIST 120 or 121	United States to 1877 / from 1877	3
PE 100 and One PE Activity Course	Lifetime Exercise Science	3
MATH 091, or higher level course	Intermediate Algebra	5
Humanities Elective	See IVC Catalog https://www.imperial.edu/courses-and-programs/catalogs-and-schedules/#catalogs_section	3