



**Registered Nursing Program
LVN to RN Bridge Option
Application and Admission Process**

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INTRODUCTION

Thank you for your interest in San Joaquin Valley College's LVN to RN Bridge Program! We can say with great assurance that since SJVC was founded, our cornerstone principle has not changed: we have an unwavering commitment to our students and their success. Please consider us your partner as you move through steps in the application process.

GENERAL INFORMATION

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Enrollment in the *San Joaquin Valley College* RN program is open to those individuals who meet the entrance requirements, have completed the application process, and are selected for the program.

The program is approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN). The complete curriculum is offered in linear terms. There are several entry opportunities:

Option 1 - For LVN to RN Bridge

These LVN applicants have taken all their GE courses from another college and are requesting transfer credit for these courses. These courses must have been completed by the time of application submission: Human Anatomy, Physiology, Microbiology, Writing and Composition, Intermediate Algebra, Psychology, Sociology, Speech, a Humanities course and General Chemistry. Applicants chosen for this program will begin at the RN 28 Health Promotion course.

Option 2 - For the LVN to RN Program- with all prerequisite courses completed except Humanities

These applicants have completed all of their pre-requisite GE courses with the exception of Humanities and may apply for admission. The curriculum begins with **the RN 28 Basic Concepts** bridge course and Term 3 & 4 Nursing courses. PHIL 1C Ethics course must be completed at SJVC to fulfill the Humanities requirement for this option.

Option 3 - For LVN to RN Non Degree (30 Unit Option) Program

These LVN applicants have taken Microbiology and Physiology from another college and are requesting transfer credit for these courses. These courses must have been completed by the time of application submission. LVN Non-Degree applicants elect a limited curriculum as described below. In accordance with Board of Registered Nursing Policy (section 1429) California Licensed Vocational Nurses may apply for the 30-unit, non-degree certificate program, which entitles the graduate to take the NCLEX Examination. Other states may not recognize the 30 unit option as an acceptable preparation for licensure. Non-degree

applicants will be considered on a space available basis only, following acceptance of qualified applicants to the degree program. Acceptance of 30 unit option candidates is not guaranteed.

Upon successful completion of the Nursing Program, the college will award the candidate an Associate Degree in Nursing and recommend him/her as an eligible applicant for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nursing (NCLEX-RN). (Except for the Non-Degree option students.)

NOTE: When applying for licensure to the State of California Board of Registered Nursing, applicants are required to report any disciplinary action against a professional license and/or misdemeanor or felony convictions; certain convictions may result in denial of licensure. Each case is considered individually by the BRN.

TUITION AND FEES

The admissions advisor will provide current tuition information. Included in tuition are lab supplies, library access, parking, membership in campus-based student organizations, health assessment, titers and immunizations [as applicable], drug testing, background check, liability insurance, school pin and graduation ceremony, licensure application and NCLEX fees.

Not included in tuition are textbooks, uniforms, shoes, watch with second display, BLS certification, transportation, meals, child care, and housing.

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

The General Education courses total 34 credit units. In order to progress from one term to the next, the student must meet all course requirements, including earning a grade of C or better in each course. After completing all GE courses, the student may take the nursing courses in the RN Program which are presented in consecutive, sequential terms. The prerequisite courses and the RN courses total 71 credit units. All these courses are required for licensure. Humanities is an additional requirement of SJVC in order for the Associate Degree to be awarded. The PHIL1C Ethics course fulfills this requirement. The Career Services Seminar is also required by SJVC. The RN 44 course fulfills the Career Services Seminar requirement for Nursing students.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

GE Pre-requisite courses

BIOL 10	Human Anatomy	4 units
MTH 122	Intermediate Algebra	3 units
ENG 122	Composition and Reading	3 units
BIOL 45	Human Physiology	5 units
SOC 1	Intro to Sociology	3 units
BIOL 14	Microbiology	4 units
SPC 1A	Intro to Public Speaking	3 units
PSY 1	General Psychology	3 units
CHE 3	General Chemistry	4 units

Additional GE required for degree:
Humanities* 3 units

*Any course meeting Area C2 Humanities (Literature, Philosophy, or Foreign Language) requirements is acceptable. If not transferred in at the time of enrollment, student must take Ethics at SJVC to fulfill SJVC's requirements for an AS degree.

Block transfer credit LVN academic coursework 6 units
RN 28 Health Promotion 4 units

RN Term 3 - 27 weeks

RN 30	Geron-Comm Health Nursing Theory	1 unit
RN 30L	Geron-Comm Health Nursing Clinical	1 unit
RN 35	Intermediate Medical/Surgical Nursing	3 units
RN 35L	Intermediate Medical/Surgical Clinical	3 units
RN 43	Mental Health Psychiatric Nursing	3 units
RN 43L	Mental Health Psychiatric Nursing Clinical	2 units
<i>Total units per term:</i>		<i>13 units</i>

RN Term 4 - 20 weeks

RN 34	Maternal/Child Nursing	3 units
RN 34L	Maternal/Child Nursing Clinical	2 units
RN 45	Advanced Medical Surgical Nursing Theory	3 units
RN 45L	Advanced Medical Surgical Nursing Clinical	3 units
RN 44	Leadership	3 units
RN 50	Work Study	0 units

*RN44 fulfills a graduation requirement
Total units per term: 14 units

Total LVN to RN Degree Program units: 72 units

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LVN Non Degree (30 Unit) Option

BIOL 14	Microbiology	4 units
BIOL 46	Human Physiology	4 units
RN 30	Geron-Comm Health Nursing Theory	1 unit
RN 30L	Geron-Comm Health Nursing Clinical	1 unit
RN 35	Intermediate Medical/Surgical Nursing	3 units
RN 35L	Intermediate Medical/Surgical Clinical	3 units
RN 43	Mental Health Nursing	3 units
RN 43L	Mental Health Nursing Clinical	2 units
RN 44	Leadership	3 units
RN 45	Advanced Medical Surgical Nursing	3 units

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RN45L	Advanced Medical Surgical Clinical	3 units
RN50	Work Study	0 units
*RN44 fulfills a graduation requirement		
Total units:		30 units

TRANSFER OF CREDIT

The College has well-defined policies that govern the acceptance of credit for coursework completed at other institutions. For specific information, please contact the Registrar; in general:

Credits Earned at Accredited Institutions

SJVC may accept credits from regionally accredited institutions, nationally accredited institutions, or specialized and professional accrediting bodies as recognized by the Council on Higher Education Accreditation, the U. S. Department of Education or regulating commission.

An applicant may be permitted to obtain credit by examination (Competency-based credit) in subject matter fields in which he/she is especially qualified through previous training or experience for which credit or advanced placement has not been given. The examination may include written, oral, or skill tests, or a combination of all three, and will be sufficiently comprehensive to determine that the student has essentially the same knowledge and skills as those students who successfully complete the course in regular course enrollment.

Credits Earned in Foreign Institutions

A course-specific evaluation is required for students seeking to transfer foreign education credentials. Any of the following sources may be used:

International Education Research Foundation, Inc.
Credentials Evaluation Service
P.O. Box 3665
Culver City, CA 90231
Phone: (310) 258-9451
Fax: (310) 342-7086
Email: www.iers.org

Institute for International Credentials Evaluation
At California State University, Fresno
5150 North Maple Avenue, M/S JA56
Joyal Administration, Room 211
California State University, Fresno
Fresno, CA 93740-8026
Phone: (559) 278-7622
Fax: (559) 278-7879
Email: www.iicecsufresno@cviip.net

International Education Research
[Medically related credentials]
P. O. Box 66940
Los Angeles, CA 90066
www.info@ierf.org

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

For LVN to RN applicants:

- Status as current, active California-licensed LVN. License must remain current, at student's expense, throughout the LVN-RN program.
- Proof of graduation from high school or achievement of GED.
- GPA of 2.5 on all prerequisite coursework, as verified on official transcript(s)
- Current BLS certification from the American Heart Association. Certification must be maintained, at student's expense, throughout the program.

APPLICATION PROCESS

It is the responsibility of the applicant to provide required documentation as evidence of meeting entrance requirements.

1. The first step in the admissions process is to obtain and review the application and admission process packet. The packet may be downloaded from the SJVC web site at www.sjvc.edu.
2. The 2nd step is to contact the SJVC RN Admissions Advisor at (559) 651-2500.
3. The 3rd step is to complete the application file for admission. The admissions advisor is available to provide a tour of the campus and assist the applicant with gathering all information needed to complete the application file.

Follow up appointments will be scheduled as needed to answer questions, assist with financial aid, and schedule required exams and assessments.

All applicants will be required to submit transcripts of previous college coursework. Transcripts must be in an unopened, sealed envelope and have an official stamp embossed on the document.

An application file must be submitted prior to the stated deadline for each class start.

The completed file must include the following documents:

1. Application for Admission LVN to RN Program PLUS supporting forms

2. Official Transcripts
3. Two letters of recommendation
4. Copy of High School Diploma/GED
5. Copy of current LVN License (LVN to RN only)
6. Copy of BLS (AHA) card
7. Copy of Social Security card
8. Copy of Drivers License

Applicants who cannot provide transcripts from an LVN program are required to:

- Achieve a score of 75% on the Final Exam for Terms 1 & 2 of the current RN program (100 point exam which includes a study guide)

When an applicant's file is complete, the RN Fundamentals 2016 exam will be scheduled. After testing is complete, the applicant information will be scored. Applicants with the highest total points will be scheduled for interviews. It is the applicant's responsibility to take tests on scheduled dates.

SELECTION PROCESS

The final selection will be based on points earned in the following categories:

- RN Fundamentals 2016 (www.atitesting.com)
- Essay on topic of the day chosen by SJVC typed on day of interview
- GPA scores for general education prerequisite classes
- Interview

Only applicants with the highest point totals based on their GPA on their prerequisite courses and their RN Fundamentals exam will be scheduled for interviews. You must be selected for an interview to be considered for enrollment into the RN program at SJVC.

When the number of qualified applicants exceeds the capacity of the class, applicants may apply for admission the following year. It is the applicant's responsibility to reapply. No waiting list is maintained or priority given for previous applicants. Each class is selected of candidates with the highest points.

ACCEPTANCE

Applicants will be notified of acceptance or non-acceptance by mail or email.

NOTE: It is the applicant's responsibility to notify the college of any address or phone number changes.

The student's written acceptance of admission must be received within two weeks after notification. Failure to notify the college with a "Confirmation of Acceptance" in the prescribed time is assumed to be a request to withdraw an application for enrollment.

The student will complete an enrollment agreement and make arrangements for payment of tuition in order to secure their space in the class.

After the first day of class, students will be required to have a background check, drug screening and health assessment completed. SJVC will be responsible for fees associated with these requirement areas. Final clearance to continue in the RN Program is contingent on passing these final requirements.

Health Assessment

Students are required to submit a health assessment by a primary care provider documenting satisfactory health and negative mantoux intradermal tuberculosis (TB) skin test or chest x-ray results.

Students are expected to have complete immunizations and titers including tetanus, measles, rubella, varicella, and hepatitis B. A valid immunization record or a laboratory report showing immunity must be provided upon beginning classes.

NOTE: Students with known latex allergy or who develop a sensitivity/allergy must report this to their instructor/advisor immediately. **SJVC** will make available latex free products if available and with documented sensitivity.

Student must meet established physical and emotional requirements for safe clinical practice. Any concerns regarding health status issues should be forwarded to the RN Program Director.

CONSIDERATIONS

The demands of the nursing program are many. Most students find it difficult to carry the load of the nursing program and work more than part time. Clinical scheduling, assignments, etc. cannot be altered due to an individual's outside employment.

Personal life issues need to be in balance to be successful. One must have reliable transportation,

reliable childcare (if applicable), and an ability to be punctual to assigned classes and clinical locations.

Clinical labs may be scheduled for day, evening, and/or weekend shifts. Students rotate to various clinical facilities throughout the San Joaquin Valley and must be able to meet the demands of a variable schedule.

CONCLUSION

Should your education and career path lead you to ***San Joaquin Valley College***, it will be our privilege to work with you, to contribute to the value of a better future for you and for those you love and for whom you provide.

Supplemental Forms

Do you have any chronic or reoccurring illnesses, emotional problems, or physical disabilities that might require special accommodations while in school or in clinical rotations? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

Please list any LVN working experience:

Name of Employer	Dates of Employment

Do you have a current BLS card from the American Heart Association? Yes No
(Proof of current BLS card is required to complete the application process for this program)

BACKGROUND CHECK

A criminal background check is required for enrollment in the LVN to RN program. Have you ever been summoned, arrested, taken into custody, indicted, convicted or tried for a violation of any law or ordinance or the commission of any felony or misdemeanor (including traffic violations)?

Yes No

If yes, please explain on a separate piece of paper and attach here.

The information completed above is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant

Date

San Joaquin Valley College

Associate of Science Degree in Nursing
Registered Nurse Program

LVN to RN STUDENT ENROLLMENT OPTIONS

I was given the following options at the time of application to the Registered Nursing Program:

1. For LVNs only: Admission to the RN program beginning at the RN 28 Health Promotion class followed by the advanced Nursing courses in RN Terms 3 & 4. All GE prerequisites have been completed at an accredited college(s) and I am requesting evaluation of these courses for equivalency and transfer credit.
2. For LVNs only: Admission to the RN program beginning at the RN 28 Health Promotion class and enrollment at SJVC for the Phil 1C course. All of the GE prerequisite courses have been completed with the exception of a Humanities course at an accredited college(s) and I am requesting evaluation of these courses for equivalency and transfer credit.
3. For LVNs only: 30 Unit Option

I have selected _____ as the option to pursue.

Student Signature

Date

RN Program Director Signature

Date

San Joaquin Valley College

RN Program

ADA COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

In compliance with the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the School of Nursing does not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities.

Disability is defined in the Act as a (1) physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of such individuals; (2) a record of such impairment; or (3) being regarded as having such an impairment.

For the purposes of nursing program compliance, a "qualified individual with a disability" is one who, with or without reasonable accommodation or modification, meets the essential requirements for participation in the program.

The nursing faculty endorses the recommendations of the Southern Council on Collegiate Education for Nursing (SCCEN) and adopts the "Core Performance Standards" for use by the program (see over). Each standard has an example of an activity that nursing students are required to perform to successfully complete the program. Each standard is reflected in the course objectives.

Admission to the program is not based on the core performance standards. Rather, the standards are used to assist each student in determining whether accommodations or modifications are necessary. The standards provide objective measures upon which students and faculty based informed decisions regarding whether students are "qualified" to meet requirements. Every applicant and student receives a copy of the standards.

If a student believes that he or she cannot meet one or more of the standards without accommodations or modifications, the nursing program will determine, on an individual basis, whether or not the necessary accommodations or modifications can reasonable be made.

STATEMENT OF AWARENESS

I have read the above ADA Compliance Statement and have received a copy of the Core Performance Standards which identify the essential eligibility requirements for participation in the nursing program.

Name (Print)

Signature

Date

TECHNICAL STANDARDS*

Essential eligibility requirements for participation in the nursing program

Nursing is a practice discipline, with cognitive, sensory, affective, and psychomotor performance requirements. The following Core Performance Standards identify essential eligibility requirements for participation in the nursing program.

<u>ISSUE</u>	<u>STANDARD</u>	<u>EXAMPLES OF NECESSARY ACTIVITIES</u> <u>(not all inclusive)</u>
Critical Thinking	Critical thinking ability sufficient for clinical judgment	Identify cause-effect relationships in clinical situations, develop nursing care plans
Interpersonal	Interpersonal abilities sufficient to interact with individuals, families, and groups from a variety of social, emotional, cultural, and intellectual backgrounds	Establish rapport with patients/clients and colleagues
Communication	Communication abilities sufficient for interaction with others in verbal and written form	Explain treatment procedures, initiate health teaching, document and interpret nursing actions and patient/client responses
Mobility	Physical abilities sufficient to move from room to room and maneuver in small spaces	Move around in patient's rooms, work spaces, and treatment areas; administer cardio-pulmonary procedures
Motor Skills	Gross and fine motor abilities sufficient to provide safe and effective nursing care	Calibrate and use equipment, lift and position patients/clients
Hearing	Auditory ability sufficient to monitor and assess health needs	Hears monitor alarm, emergency signals, auscultatory sounds, cries for help
Visual	Visual ability sufficient for observation and assessment necessary in nursing care	Observes patient/client responses
Tactile	Tactile ability sufficient for physical assessment	Perform palpation, functions of physical examination and/or those related to therapeutic intervention, e.g., insertion of a catheter

If you believe that you cannot meet one or more of these standards without accommodations or modifications, you may request appropriate assistance and guidance. The nursing program will determine, on an individual basis, whether or not the necessary accommodations or modifications can reasonably be made.

* Adopted from the Southern Council on Collegiate Education for Nursing (SCCEN), 1993

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RN PROGRAM

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ENROLLMENT PROCESS

Name (Please print)

- I have read all of the material contained in the SJVC RN Program Application Packet and understand the application and selection process.
- I understand the College reserves the right to revise program requirements and/or selection procedures.
- I understand it is my responsibility to meet program requirements, ensure equivalency, follow proper application procedures, provide transcripts, and keep informed on revisions regarding degree requirements, program requirements, and selection process.
- I understand that if I submit an application packet that is incomplete, or does not meet application/program requirements, I will not be considered for admission.
- I understand that after my application is accepted and verified, it is my responsibility to notify the College of any changes in address and/or telephone number.
- I understand that if I am admitted into the program, failure to notify the Nursing Program office with a "Confirmation of Acceptance" in the allotted time prescribed constitutes grounds to assign my position to an alternate applicant.
- I understand that if I am admitted into the program and I must decline acceptance due to financial or other reasons, my slot will go to another applicant.

Signature

Date