



Care for others in a rewarding medical career

Registered Nursing - LVN to RN Bridge Program



SJVC's Registered Nursing - LVN to RN Bridge program is designed for Licensed Vocational Nurses who want to take the next step in their medical career.

This program allows licensed Vocational Nurses to transfer credits from their LVN studies to the required coursework needed for the Registered Nursing program.



Training Today for a Better Tomorrow



Hands-On Training

Students Learn:

- Med-Surg nursing
- Geriatric and pediatric care
- Obstetric and neonatal nursing
- Mental health care



Credential and Professional Certification

Graduates earn an Associate Degree of Science in Nursing (ADN) and are eligible to apply to the California Board of Registered Nursing to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nursing (NCLEX-RN), a requirement for practice as a registered nurse. See academic catalog for additional details.

SJVC prepares students to take appropriate certification and licensure exams related to their individual majors. The College does not guarantee students will successfully pass these exams or be certified or licensed as a result of completing the program.

San Joaquin Valley College's RN program is approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN).

For information about application deadlines and program start dates, please visit <https://www.sjvc.edu/programs/medical-and-dental/registered-nursing>.

Application Process

Prospective students are responsible for providing proof of admission requirements and submitting additional required documents related to the application process. When a complete application file is received, the applicant takes entrance assessment exams and writes a personal goal statement. Final selection is based on points earned in the admission process. Qualified candidates will be considered for an invitation to interview with the selection committee.

Registered Nursing

A Certificate of Completion in Registered Nursing is available to California Licensed Vocational Nurses. In accordance with the Board of Registered Nursing Policy (section 1435.5), California Licensed Vocational Nurses may apply for entry into the non-degree Registered Nursing program. This program prepares the student to take the NCLEX-RN Examination, but does not award an Associate of Science Degree. Non-degree applicants will be considered on a space available basis only and if program resources allow. See the Program Director for more information.



Career Opportunities

Registered nurses work in hospitals, private practices, clinics, and home care agencies, and perform the following job duties:

- Perform physical exams and health histories
- Provide and coordinate patient care
- Provide health promotion, counseling and education
- Direct and supervise care delivered by other healthcare personnel

Source: Occupational Information Network (O*Net) www.onetonline.org

Admissions Requirements

Applicants must have completed a minimum of 34 units of general education coursework with a GPA of 2.5 or higher in the following subjects at an accredited college or university:

Human Anatomy with lab
Microbiology with lab
Human Physiology with lab
General Chemistry with lab
Writing and Composition
Intermediate Algebra or higher
General Psychology
Introduction to Sociology or Cultural Anthropology
Introduction to Public Speaking/Oral Communication
General Education (GE) Breadth Area C2 (minimum of 3.0 units in literature, philosophy, or foreign language)

Applicants must also:

- Have a current Basic Life Support (BLS) certification from the American Heart Association
- Evidence of a current California LVN license
- Complete Immunizations/Titers required prior to clinical rotations
- Have reliable plans for transportation/child care
- Have time to devote to school work outside scheduled class hours



Course Listing*

General Education Prerequisites (Terms 1-2)

Total 34.0

Nursing Courses - LVN-RN Bridge (Terms 3-4)

(Theory and clinical courses with the same name must be taken concurrently)

Course ID	Course Name	Credit Units
RN 28	Basic Medical Surgical Nursing Concepts	4.0
RN 30	Gerontology/Community Health Nursing - Theory	1.0
RN 30L	Gerontology/Community Health Nursing - Clinical	1.0
RN 35	Intermediate Medical/Surgical Nursing - Theory	3.0
RN 35L	Intermediate Medical/Surgical Nursing - Clinical	3.0
RN 43	Mental Health Psychiatric Nursing - Theory	3.0
RN 43L	Mental Health Psychiatric Nursing - Clinical	2.0
RN 34	Maternal Child Nursing - Theory	3.0
RN 34L	Maternal Child Nursing - Clinical	2.0
RN 44	Leadership	3.0
RN 45	Advanced Medical Surgical Nursing - Theory	3.0
RN 45L	Advanced Medical Surgical Nursing - Clinical	3.0
RN 50	Work Study	0.0
Credit for California issued Vocational Nurse License		6.0
Total		37.0
A.S. DEGREE TOTAL		71.0

Registered Nursing Certificate

Core Course Requirements

Course ID	Course Name	Credit Units
Science Prerequisites (Semester 1)		
BIOL 14	Microbiology	4.0
BIOL 46	Human Physiology	5.0
TOTAL		9.0

Nursing Courses (Semester 2-3)

(Theory and clinical courses with the same name must be taken concurrently)

Course ID	Course Name	Credit Units
RN 30	Gerontology/Community Health Nursing - Theory	1.0
RN 30L	Gerontology/Community Health Nursing - Clinical	1.0
RN 35	Intermediate Medical Surgical Nursing - Theory	3.0
RN 35L	Intermediate Medical Surgical Nursing - Clinical	3.0
RN 43	Mental Health Nursing - Theory	3.0
RN 43L	Mental Health Nursing - Clinical	2.0
RN 44	Leadership	3.0
RN 45	Advanced Medical Surgical Nursing - Theory	3.0
RN 45L	Advanced Medical Surgical Nursing - Clinical	3.0
TOTAL		22.0
CERTIFICATE TOTAL		31.0

*Course listings are subject to change. Reference the SJVC College Catalog for the most current program information.

Institutional Accreditation

San Joaquin Valley College is accredited by the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC), 985 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 100, Alameda, CA 94501, (510)748-9001 and also the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, 10 Commercial Blvd., Suite 204, Novato, CA 94949, (415) 506-0234, an institutional accrediting body recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and the U.S. Department of Education. Additional information about accreditation, including the filing of complaints against member institutions, can be found at www.accjc.org.

California State Approval

SJVC is a private institution and is approved to operate as an accredited institution by the California Bureau of Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE). Approval to operate means that SJVC has been found in compliance with the standards set forth in the California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2009 (as amended) and Title 5, Division 7.5, - Private Postsecondary Education of the California Code of Regulations. As a prospective student, you are encouraged to review the catalog prior to signing an enrollment agreement. You are also encouraged to review the School Performance Fact Sheet, which must be provided to you prior to signing an enrollment agreement.

Consumer Information

San Joaquin Valley College publishes important consumer information for all programs and campus locations. For comprehensive consumer information, visit <https://www.sjvc.edu/admissions/consumer-information>.

SJVC Locations

ATASCADERO

805.470.7130

MADERA

559.302.2155

VISALIA

559.651.2500

BAKERSFIELD

661.834.0126

MODESTO

209.542.8800

Program availability varies by campus location. Please see the catalog for details.

DELANO

661.778.1145

ONTARIO

909.948.7582

FRESNO

559.448.8282

PORTERVILLE

559.853.4114

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