

Career Mobility Nursing

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Registered Nursing Program for Licensed Vocational Nurses and Licensed Psychiatric Technicians



Division of Health Science

The Nursing program provides an opportunity for Licensed Vocational Nurses and Licensed Psychiatric Technicians to complete the Registered Nursing curriculum.

The individual completing the registered nursing program and general education requirements will receive an Associate Degree in Nursing and is eligible to take the Registered Nursing State Board Licensing Examination as a graduate of Cypress College Registered Nursing Program.

The Department of Nursing articulates with most universities, which means they accept lower division work from Cypress. Many of our graduates continue on to an upper division program of study specifically designed for registered nurses leading to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

The Nursing program is approved by the California State Board of Registered Nursing and fully accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN formerly the NLNAC).

Minimum Standards To Apply

1. Eligible for admission to Cypress College.
2. High School Graduation, or passing of the General Education Development (GED) tests, or the High School Proficiency test, or a graduate of an accredited college.
3. Possess a current California LVN or PT license, and **must have at least 6 months experience at the time of application.**
4. **Program Prerequisites**
Completion of the following courses with a grade of "C" or better:
 - a. **English 100C** College Writing (4 units) or a comparable course.
 - b. **Biology 231C** General Human Anatomy (4 units) or a comparable course with lab. Must be taken within 10 years of application.
 - c. **Biology 241C** General Human Physiology (4 units) or a comparable course with lab. Must be taken within 10 years of application. Chemistry 101C is strongly recommended.
 - d. **Biology 220C** Medical Microbiology (4 units) or a comparable course with lab. Must be taken within 10 years of application.
 - e. **Psychology 101C** Introduction to Psychology (3 units). May be in progress at time of application, but must be completed with a grade of "C" or better before entering the Nursing program.
5. An appointment with a Health Science counselor is **mandatory** to verify completion of prerequisites. Official transcripts of all colleges attended are required.
6. Successful completion of the Career Mobility Proficiency Exams. (Fall semester only)
7. Successful completion of the Career Mobility Clinical Skills Validation Performance Exam. (Spring semester only/upon successful completion of Proficiency Exam II)
8. Total college grade point average (GPA) or 2.0 ("C") or better.

If you have been convicted of any offense other than a minor traffic violation, it may prevent your attending clinical rotations where criminal background checks are required. You will be required to declare offenses on your state application to write the licensing exam, which may affect your eligibility to become licensed.

Application Procedure

1. a. Upon successful completion of the Career Mobility Clinical Skills validation tests, applications are available in the Health Science Application Office.
b. All applicants will have equal access to the program and will be evaluated for admittance based on established criteria.
c. It is the responsibility of the applicant to read thoroughly all information provided in the application packet.

2. **Documents:**

- a. Applicants must submit the following **in person**:
 - Copy of High School diploma, official High School transcripts, or copy of GED.
 - Official transcripts of all colleges attended (except Cypress and Fullerton Colleges).
 - Current letter verifying 6 months of LVN/PT experience.
 - Be prepared to present photo ID.

Health Science Applications Office
Health Science Building/TE3-217
Cypress College
9200 Valley View St.
Cypress, CA 90630-5897

YOU MUST NOTIFY THE HEALTH SCIENCE APPLICATION OFFICE IN WRITING

If you....

change your name

address

email address

telephone number

or

if you wish to withdraw

your name as an applicant.

3. **Selection Criteria:**

- a. Successful completion of NURS 090 C Nursing Transitions (with a grade of "C" or better) and successfully passing the TEAS entrance exam.
- b. Eligible applicants will be admitted to the nursing program on a space available basis according to attrition in the generic nursing program and date of a completed career mobility application. In the event applications were completed on the same date, grade point average of all prerequisite courses will be used to determine placement on the list. Random selection will be used in the event of identical GPA's.

4. **Acceptance:**

- a. The applicant will have one offer of admittance per applicant period.
- b. When notified of admittance to the program a response of acceptance is required by a specified date.
- c. Applicant rejects offer of admittance: An applicant who chooses not to accept admittance will be dropped from the list.
- d. No response to the notification of admission by specified date constitutes rejection by the applicant and the applicant's name is the dropped from the list.
- e. Good physical and mental health as determined by a medical examination upon admission to the program. See note.

Note:

In compliance with the State Board of Registered Nursing Guidelines, no student with impaired health status (which includes use of legal or illegal drugs, alcohol, or other chemicals) shall be admitted or allowed to remain enrolled in the Nursing Program.

Students applying to the Nursing Program with a history of substance abuse, physical impairment, or mental/emotional impairment shall be required to provide proof of active participation in a recognized treatment program at the time of application.

Evidence of continuing rehabilitation may be required if admitted or re-admitted to the Nursing Program. These standards are necessary for the Cypress College Registered Nursing Program to be in compliance with the Board of Registered Nursing Guidelines, and maintain full accreditation.

LVN and PT Degree Requirements for The Associate Degree

CURRICULUM

General Education Graduation Requirements

(suggested sequence)

The following courses must be taken prior to the expected date of graduation with grade of "C" or better:

	Units
SOC 101C Introduction to Sociology.....	3.0
COMM 100C Human Communication (Speech).....	3.0
Art* Requirement (see catalog).....	3.0
Humanities* Requirement (see catalog).....	3.0
Physical Education* Requirement.....	1.0
Math 040C* Intermediate Algebra or Higher or Proficiency Test (see counselor).....	4.0
Reading Proficiency*	

Cultural Pluralism (Beginning Fall 2000 catalog, the RN program meets this requirement)

** May be waived based on completion of a bachelor degree or higher at an accredited institution in the U.S.*

LVN to Registered Nurse

Semester I	Units
Nurs 292C Med-Surg Nursing II	5.0
Nurs 293C Mental Health Nursing	3.5
Nurs 294C Geriatric Nursing	3.0
 Semester II	 Units
Nurs 295C Pharmacology in Nursing IV	0.5
Nurs 296C Child/Family Nursing	3.5
Nurs 297C Med-Surg Nursing III	5.0

For further information contact:

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<http://www.cypresscollege.edu/academics/divisions-special-programs/health-science/registered-nursing/>

PT to Registered Nurse

Semester I	Units
Nurs 196C Med-Surg Nursing I	5.0
Nurs 197C Maternal/Newborn Nursing	3.5
 Semester II	 Units
Nurs 292C Med-Surg Nursing II	5.0
Nurs 294C Geriatric Nursing	3.0
 Semester III	 Units
Nurs 295C Pharmacology in Nursing IV	0.5
Nurs 296C Child/Family Nursing	3.5
Nurs 297C Med-Surg Nursing III	5.0