



**Saddleback College**  
**Division of Health Sciences and Human Services**  
**Procedure for Application & Admission to the Nursing Program**  
**NURSING PROGRAM ADVANCED PLACEMENT STUDENT (LVN & TRANSFER)**

**ADMISSION TO THE NURSING PROGRAM**

Advanced Placement students will be admitted to the nursing program on a space available basis. Students must meet the following criteria for eligibility:

- Be at least 18 years of age at the time of admission.
- Qualifying GPA of 2.5 for **TRANSFER STUDENTS**
- **TRANSFER STUDENTS** must provide a letter of reference from previous program administrator stating as a student you provided safe nursing care.
- Completion of N 162(lecture and lab) with grade of “C” or better for **TRANSFER STUDENTS**
- Qualifying GPA of 2.5 in Bio 11, Bio 12, Bio 15 & English 1A or equivalent course **FOR LVNs** (BIO 12 must have been completed within the past 7 years)
- Completion of N 162(lecture and lab) **and** N164 LVN-RN Clinical for **LVN-RN students** with grade of “C” or better
- LVN must have current LVN California license
- LVN must show proof of 1 year full time or 2 year part time direct patient care experience as an LVN prior to program entry
  - Required for proof of employment as LVN
    - ♦ W2
    - ♦ Letter from employer validating direct patient care activities/responsibilities
- Be in adequate health to perform the duties of a nurse. The student must have a physical examination within three months of the date of admission into the nursing program.
- Complete personal background check per program policy at least one month prior to entry, and obtain liability insurance, once invited into the nursing program
- Pass the TEAS test, Version 5.

**Step #1**

Read the **Saddleback College Catalog** sections dealing with matriculation services, academic regulations, graduation requirements, and the Associate Degree nursing program. Catalogs are available for student review in Counseling, the Library and are available for purchase at the **College Bookstore** (949-582-4715).

**Step #2**

Make an appointment with a counselor in **Counseling Services** (949-582-4572). Bring **ALL** official college transcripts to your appointment. Counseling Services will determine the status of **non-nursing courses**

**completed elsewhere.** Matriculation testing should be taken as soon as possible so that English placement can be determined and that any suggested remediation can be completed prior to entry into the nursing program.

### **TRANSFER STUDENTS:**

- Schedule an appointment with the **Director of Nursing** (949) 582-4701) to determine the point of entry into the program.
- Bring copies of **ALL** college transcripts, letter of reference from previous program director and Syllabi from completed nursing courses to the meeting with the Director of Nursing.
- Must have an overall GPA of 2.5 or better in nursing courses taken to date (including pre-requisites)
- Application to the College and receipt of a student ID number.
- Advanced Placement LVN/Transfer Nursing Guidance record from counseling on file in the Nursing Office. Names are placed on entry list in the order that the guidance record is received in the Health Science Division Office. Admission is on space availability.
- Successful completion of N162 Successful Transition to Professional Nursing lecture and lab with a “C” or better (must be completed within 2 years of entry).
- Pass the TEAS 5.0 at or above 62%. Only Version 5.0 will be accepted starting January 2012. Students taking the TEAS test at other proctored locations prior to invitation into Saddleback College Nursing Program will only be allowed to submit their first score for admission. Students who do not meet the cut scores will have one year to remediate and re-take the exam. Those not meeting the cut score for the second time will not be eligible for entry into the program.
- **Transcripts for courses taken at other colleges after completion of N162 should be sent directly to the Saddleback College Office of Admissions & Records, Attention Nursing Transcript Evaluator.**

### **LVN-RN STUDENTS:**

- Application to the College and receipt of a student ID number.
- Completion of three biology pre-requisites and completion of English 1A or the equivalent with a 2.5 GPA
- Advanced Placement LVN/Transfer Nursing Guidance record from counseling on file in the Nursing Office. Names are placed on entry list in the order that the guidance record is received in the Health Science Division Office. Admission is on space availability.
- LVNs must attend an LVN-RN Guidance Information Session(see website for dates)
- Successful completion of N162 Successful Transition to Professional Nursing lecture and lab AND N164 LVN-RN Clinical Lab with a “C” or better
- Proof of **1 year full time or 2 year part time** of direct patient care experience as an LVN
- Proof of CA LVN license (LVNs only)
- Pass the TEAS 5.0 at or above 62%. Only Version 5.0 will be accepted starting January 2012. Students taking the TEAS test at other proctored locations prior to invitation into Saddleback College Nursing Program will only be allowed to submit their first score for admission. Students who do not meet the cut scores will have one year to remediate and re-take the exam. Those not meeting the cut score for the second time will not be eligible for entry into the program.
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## PRE-ADMISSION TESTING

Prior to admission to the program, the following will be given **during** the N162 course and must pass:

- **ATI Medical-Surgical and Pharmacology Exam** to evaluate student knowledge base related to nursing care for the adult medical-surgical patient. The results are used to place the applicant at the appropriate point of entry. \*\*
- **Math-medication exam- must pass with 85%.** \*\*
- **Practical skills test** that includes simulated clinical situations and skills demonstration. Safety and proficiency regarding basic principles of nursing must be demonstrated. \*\*
  - \*\* This test will be provided during N 162 Successful Transition to Professional Nursing
  - ❖ Applicants may attempt satisfactory completion of the skills test a maximum of two times.

## REQUIRED CERTIFICATION

- **LVNs:** Current LVN license, Management of Assaultive Behavior if N171 Mental Health Nursing is required (may enroll in HSC 291 to complete certification). I V Therapy State certification or completion of N245.
- **TRANSFER:** Management of Assaultive Behavior if N171 Mental Health Nursing is required (may enroll in HSC 291 to complete certification) and IV therapy if entering second year of nursing program

## ACCEPTING OR DECLINING ADMISSION

When space is available, students will be offered invitation into the program and notified first by telephone. Students will also receive a follow up letter from the Health Sciences Division Office. Students must accept or decline admission according to the directions given in the Division Office letter.

- Students who decline admission have one (1) opportunity to decline and remain at their current point on the wait list. Additional declines will result in the student being renumbered and placed at the bottom of the wait list.
- Students who decline admission two times will be removed from the wait list until counseled by the Director or Assistant Director of Nursing to clarify and facilitate education and career goals.

## ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

Students should notify the Health Science Division Office to:

- **Withdraw** as an applicant.
- **Change name, address, or telephone number.** You can change on MySite, but also need to notify Health Science Division Office.

The **expenses** for the LVN to RN nursing student average \$1500 or more. Students in need of **financial assistance** should **immediately** contact the **Saddleback College Financial Aid Office** (949-582-4860). Scholarships are available for nursing students once they have been admitted to the program. At the completion of the program, the cost for the Board of Registered Nursing application, Licensure exam, Interim Permit and RN License is approximately \$500 or more. Personal background checks and drug test cost approximately \$77.00.

The following immunizations/titers are required before enrolling in the nursing classes: Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Varicella, TB skin test and TDap. Seasonal Flu Shots are also required. If a student declines, the student must sign a declination form and wear a protective mask while with working with patients. Hepatitis B is highly recommended, but not required. If declined, student must sign a declination form.

Students who have been **convicted of a misdemeanor or felony** are required to disclose this information on their application to take the RN licensure exam. A conviction may affect your eligibility to take this exam. In the State of California, a convicted child abuser will never be allowed to obtain a RN license. Students who have concerns about these circumstances should contact the **Board of Registered Nursing** (916-322-3350) **before** starting the nursing program.

Students who are known to be a current child, spouse or elder abuser, or known to be dealing drugs, will not be admitted into the program. Students in the program who are found to be a current child, spouse or elder abuser, or found to be dealing drugs may not remain in the nursing program.

## **BRN RULES AND REGULATIONS**

### Section 1429 – Preparation Required for Licensed Vocational Nurses

- (a) An applicant who is licensed in California as a vocational nurse is eligible to apply for examination for licensure as a registered nurse if such applicant has successfully completed the courses prescribed below and meets all the other requirements set forth in Section 2736 of the Code. Such applicant shall submit evidence to the Board including a transcript, of successful completion of the requirements set forth in subsection (C) and of successful completion or challenge of courses in physiology and microbiology comparable to such courses required by licensure as a registered nurse.
- (b) The school shall offer objective counseling of this option and evaluate each licensed vocational nurse applicant for admission to its registered nursing program on an individual basis. A school's determination of the prerequisite courses required of a licensed vocational nurse applicant shall be based on an analysis of each applicant's academic deficiencies, irrespective of the time such courses were taken.
- (c) The additional education required of licensed vocational nurse applicants shall not exceed a maximum of thirty (30) semesters or forty-five (45) quarter units. Courses required for vocational nurse licensure do not count toward fulfillment of the additional education requirement. However, other courses comparable to those required for licensure as a registered nurse, as specified in Section 1426, may be counted toward fulfillment of the additional education requirement.

Nursing courses shall be taken in an accredited school and shall be beyond courses equivalent to the first year of professional nursing courses. The nursing content shall include nursing intervention in acute, preventive, remedial, supportive, rehabilitative and teaching aspects of nursing. Theory and courses with concurrent clinical practice shall include the following areas of nursing: advanced medical-surgical, mental health, psychiatric nursing, and geriatric nursing. The nursing content shall include basic standards for competent performance prescribed in Section 1443.5 of these regulations.

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR LVNS SEEKING RN LICENSURE

In order to take the NCLEX-RN licensure exam, one of the following curriculum options must be completed:

### 1. Associate Degree in Nursing (graduate)

- Prerequisite courses
- Required core courses
- General education requirements

### 2. Registered Nurse Certificate (non-graduate)

- Prerequisite courses
- Required core courses

Students who complete only the registered nurse certificate will take the NCLEX-RN as a non-graduate. Some states require an Associate Degree ("graduate") status before allowing licensure by reciprocity. ***In other words, non-graduates may not be allowed to practice nursing as an RN in another state with their California license.*** For that reason, completion of the associate degree in nursing is highly recommended.

### 3. LVN 30-Unit Option

See Procedure for Application and Admission to the Nursing Program (LVN 30-unit option).

- Prerequisite courses
- Required core courses

#### The advantages of completing the 30-unit option are:

- a) Less required courses
- b) Possible earlier admission to program

#### The disadvantages of completing the 30-unit option are:

- a) Jeopardized ability to become licensed in some states
- b) Considered a non-graduate of Saddleback College and its nursing program
- c) Ineligible to participate in the Saddleback College nursing program pinning ceremony
- d) A less well-rounded education to meet the needs of clients
- e) Possible difficulty pursuing advanced degrees
- f) Not posted on your official Saddleback College transcript

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### Declaration of Admission Option

I, the undersigned, have decided to complete the following curriculum option of the Saddleback College nursing program. **I am aware that I may not change this option once I have entered the program.**

LVN 30-Unit Option

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Saddleback College**  
**Division of Health Sciences and Human Services**  
**LVN TO RN NURSING PROGRAM CURRICULUM**

**PREREQUISITE COURSES**

Course ID	Title	Units
BIO 11	Human Anatomy	4
BIO 15	General Microbiology	5
BIO 12	Human Physiology**	4
N162	Successful Transition to Professional Nursing	1.5
N 164	LVN-RN Clinical Lab	1.5
ENG 1A	English 1A*	4
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>20.0</b>

\*\*Human Physiology must have been completed within the last 7 years.

\* Freshman Composition 3 unit equivalent course will be accepted

**REQUIRED CORE COURSES (Effective August 2007)**

Sem	Course ID	Title	Units
<b>I</b>	• PSYC 1*	Introduction to Psychology	3.00
	• N165*(GERO 101*)	<i>Lifecycle I: Fundamentals of Aging</i>	1.50
	• N 171	<i>Mental Health Nursing</i>	3.00
	• N 173	<i>Nursing Care of Children &amp; Families</i>	3.50
	• N 174	<i>Women's Health Nursing</i>	<u>3.50</u>
			14.50
<b>II</b>	• SP 1(or)*	Communication Fundamentals (or)	3.00
	SP 5	Interpersonal Communication	
	• N 176	<i>Advanced Nursing</i>	<u>8.00</u>
			11.00
<b>Total Units</b>			<b>25.50</b>

**RECOMMENDED COURSES**

Course ID	Title
HSC 228	Calculations for Medication Administration
HSC 102	Comprehensive Health Assessment
HSC 291	Management of Assaultive Behavior
N 160	Pharmacology
N161	Lifecycle II: Growth and Development
PSYC 7	Dev. Psych of Childhood and Adolescence
N 245	IV Therapy Techniques for Nurses
N 264	Skills Lab- Basic (must be enrolled in program)
FN 161	Nutrition for Health Occupations
FN 50	Fundamentals of Nutrition
HSC 217	Cardiac Dysrhythmias
HSC 226	Advanced Cardiac Life Support
HSC 227	Pediatric Advanced Life Support

\*Courses can be taken prior to entry

**GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

American Institutions	3	units
Fine Arts and Humanities (1 course each from Group A and Group B) (Cultures in the U.S. requirement should be chosen from one of these two courses)	6	units
Life Skills	Waived	
Survey and Assessment of Fitness (KNES 107)	<u>1</u>	units
	<b>Total</b>	<b>10 units</b>
Demonstration of Mathematics and Reading Competency required as listed in the College Catalog. Information Competency for Nursing is met with N176. Math competency is Math 205, Math 253, Intermediate Algebra, unless the student has catalog rights to a catalog prior to Fall '09. For more information please see the Catalog Rights and Continuous Enrollment in the Saddleback College catalog.		

**NOTE: N171-N176, and N165(GERO 101) must be completed with a minimum grade of "C" or better prior to or concurrent with the semester for which they are listed.**

**Note: Applicable courses that were previously required, when taken prior to August 2007, will be grandfathered into the program.**

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**Division of Health Sciences and Human Services**  
**LVN – 30 UNIT OPTION NURSING PROGRAM CURRICULUM**

**PREREQUISITE COURSES**

Course ID	Title	Units
BIO 15	General Microbiology	5
BIO 12	Human Physiology	4
N 162	Successful Transition to Professional Nursing	1.5
	<b>Total Units</b>	<b>10.5</b>

**REQUIRED CORE COURSES**

Sem.	Course ID	Title	Units
I	• N 171	<i>Mental Health Nursing</i>	<u>3.00</u>
	• N 173	<i>Nursing Care of Children &amp; Families</i>	<u>3.50</u>
	• N 174	<i>Women's Health Nursing</i>	<u>3.50</u>
			10.00
II	• N165(GERO 101)	Lifecycle I: Fundamentals of Aging	1.50
	• N 176	<i>Advanced Nursing</i>	<u>8.00</u>
		Total Units	<b>19.50</b>

**RECOMMENDED COURSES**

Course ID	Title
HSC 228	Calculations for Medication Administration
HSC 291	Management of Assaultive Behavior
N 160	Pharmacology
N161	Lifecycle II: Growth and Development
PSYC 7	Dev. Psych of Childhood and Adolescence
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HSC 102	Comprehensive Health Assessment
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**TOTAL UNITS**

Prerequisite Courses	10.50	units
Required Core Courses	<u>19.50</u>	units
<b>Total</b>	<b>30.00</b>	<b>units</b>

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**Saddleback College**  
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**NURSING PROGRAM TRANSFER STUDENT NURSING PROGRAM CURRICULUM**

**PREREQUISITE COURSES**

Course ID	Title	Units
BIO 11	Human Anatomy	4
BIO 15	General Microbiology	5
BIO 12	Human Physiology**	4
N162	Successful Transition to Professional Nursing	1.5
ENG 1A	English 1A*	4
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>18.5</b>

**\*\*Human Physiology must have been completed within the last 7 years.**

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**REQUIRED CORE COURSES**

Sem	Course ID	Title	Units
<b>I</b>	• N 160	Pharmacology	2.50
	• N165(GERO 101)	Lifecycle I: Fundamentals of Aging	1.50
	• N 171	<i>Mental Health Nursing</i>	<u>3.00</u>
			7.00
<b>II</b>	• PSYC 1	Introduction to Psychology	3.00
	• N 161	Lifecycle II: Growth & Development	1.50
	• N 172	<i>Medical-Surgical Nursing</i>	<u>8.75</u>
			13.25
<b>III</b>	• N 173	<i>Nursing Care of Children &amp; Families</i>	3.50
	• N 174	<i>Women's Health Nursing</i>	<u>3.50</u>
			7.00
<b>IV</b>	• SP 1(or) SP 5	Communication Fundamentals (or) Interpersonal Communication	3.00
	• N 176	<i>Advanced Nursing</i>	<u>8.00</u>
			11.00
		<b>Total Units</b>	<b>38.25</b>

**RECOMMENDED COURSES**

Course ID	Title
N 263	Skills Lab-Basic(must be enrolled in nursing program)
FN 161	Nutrition for Health Occupations
FN 50	Fundamentals of Nutrition
HSC 102	Comprehensive Health Assessment
HSC 228	Calculations for Medication Administration
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