

Imperial Valley College - LVN to RN Options

- I) All three options are open to students who have an active California LVN license
- II) Admission to each level is based on space availability
- III) **OPTION 1 – LVN to Associate Degree RN requirements:**
 - A) Upon completion, students are eligible to receive an Associate of Science Degree in Registered Nursing and take the RN licensure exam (NCLEX) as a graduate of IVC
 - B) Successfully complete prerequisite fixed set core sciences and general education as outlined in the admission criteria on page 3 of this packet.
 - C) Successfully complete degree requirement courses as outlined in college catalog found on the following link; <http://www.imperial.edu>
 - D) Option I students must meet with their counselor or an IVC counselor, prior to submitting an application to the Nursing Program. Please contact the IVC Counseling Office at (760) 355-6246 for an appointment.
 - E) If approved for admission, students must complete NURS 204 (Transition to A.S. Degree Nursing) before appropriate placement into the RN Program can be made
 - 1) The course is geared to transition a current LVN to the RN student level and assist the instructor and Director to determine the student's placement in the RN Program for optimal student success
 - 2) ATI Tests during NURS 204 help determine placement:
 - (a) 2 Assessment Tests (ATI) must be successfully completed at level 1 or above as determined by the ATI Scoring Grid.
 - (i) OB/Maternal Child. If unsuccessful, the student must be placed in 2nd semester
 - (ii) Fundamentals. If unsuccessful, the student may be placed in 1st semester after review by the Student Progression Committee
 - (iii) Each ATI test may be taken twice to determine placement
 - (b) A fee will be charged for ATI materials and testing.
 - 3) Medication Administration / Dose Calculation Exam during NURS 204 must be passed with a 92% score
 - F) A Skill Validation Test during NURS 204 must be taken to determine proficiency and general safety for basic principles of nursing practice
 - 1) Testing may be in a simulated setting, laboratory check-off setting, or other format
 - 2) If successful, the student may be placed in 1st, 2nd, or 3rd semester depending on other tests for the course, recommendations of the instructor(s), and/or director review
 - 3) If unsuccessful, the student may start in 1st semester, after review by the Student Progression Committee and/or director
 - G) See [Course of Study Grid](#)
- I) **OPTION 2 – 30-Unit Option for LVN to RN**
 - A) This option was established by the California Board of Registered Nursing for LVNs seeking to become eligible for a RN license in California.
 - 1) Students are **not** eligible for a degree under this option and are considered non-graduates when applying for the licensure exam
 - 2) This non-graduate status will **not** change
 - B) Disclaimer: Option 2 provides an RN license for the State of California, which may not

be recognized in other states and the [Disclaimer Form](#) must be submitted with the application.

- C) The College acts as a facilitator and twenty-two (22) nursing units must be completed
- 1) Eight (8) units of prerequisite courses in:
 - (a) Human Physiology (4 units)
 - (i) May take BIOL 206 at IVC to fulfill the physiology requirement, but **cannot** substitute with a human anatomy course
 - (b) Microbiology (4 units)
 - (i) May take BIOL 220 a 5-unit Microbiology course at IVC to fulfill the 4-unit requirement,
 - (c) Core Science GPA of 2.5 or higher is required for admission
- D) If approved for admission, it is highly recommended for the student to complete NURS 204 (Transition to A.S. Degree Nursing). See Option 1 above.

Required Courses Grid - 30 Unit Option			
Semester	Course ID	Title	Units
Third	NURS 231	Nursing Process & Application III	8.5
	NURS 211	Nursing Skills Lab III	1
	NURS 224	Psychiatric Nursing	2
	<u>NURS 225</u>	<u>Psychiatric Nursing Application</u>	<u>1</u>
		Total Units:	12.5
Fourth	NURS 241	Nursing Process & Application IV	8.5
	<u>NURS 221</u>	<u>Nursing Skills Lab IV</u>	<u>1</u>
		Total Units:	9.5
Total Nursing Units			22

II) **OPTION 3** – Generic Program

- A) The LVN student may choose to enroll in the entire Registered Nursing curriculum.
- B) Applicants are encouraged to consider Option I unless they have been away from nursing for a prolonged period and feel the need to consider this option
- C) See [Course of Study Grid](#) below.

Course of Study Grid – Generic Program			
Semester	Course ID	Title	Units
First	NURS 110	Nursing Process I	4.5
	NURS 111	Nursing Skills Lab I	1.5
	NURS 112	Nursing Process Application I	4.0
	NURS 113	Pharmacology I	<u>1.5</u>
		Total Units:	11.5
Second	NURS 123	Pharmacology II	1.5
	NURS 125	Nursing Process & Application II	8.5
	<u>NURS 121</u>	<u>Nursing Skills Lab II</u>	<u>1.0</u>
		Total Units:	11.0
Third	NURS 231	Nursing Process & Application III	8.5
	NURS 211	Nursing Skills Lab III	1.0
	NURS 224	Psychiatric Nursing	2.0
	<u>NURS 225</u>	<u>Psychiatric Nursing Application</u>	<u>1.0</u>
		Total Units:	12.5
Fourth	NURS 241	Nursing Process & Application IV	8.5
	NURS 221	Nursing Skills Lab IV	1
	<u>NURS 230</u>	<u>Nursing Trends</u>	<u>1</u>
		Total Units:	10.5

Admission Criteria

- I) Students will be admitted to the IVC Nursing Program from the applicant pool using the following admission criteria (effective Fall 2010):

CRITERIA	POINTS	POSSIBLE POINT DISTRIBUTION
Grade Point Average in relevant course work (required prerequisites) <u>Science Fixed Set GPA</u> Anatomy Physiology Microbiology <u>General Fixed Set GPA</u> Psychology 101 (& 204 if taken) English 101 (& 111 or 201 if taken)* Math 90 (& 110 or higher if taken)* Speech 100 Anthropology 102 or Sociology 101 Nursing 100 * Accuplacer set scores <u>must</u> be met	Not applicable	“Fixed Set” Sciences GPA (minimum 2.5) (Anatomy w/in last 10 years, Physiology, and Microbiology w/in last 7 years. Only 1 repeated semester allowed) GPA = 4.0 35 points GPA = 3.5 – 3.99 30 points GPA = 3.0 – 3.49 25 points GPA = 2.5 – 2.99 20 points “Fixed Set” General (minimum of 2.5) GPA = 4.0 10 points GPA = 3.5 – 3.99 8 points GPA = 3.0 – 3.49 6 points GPA = 2.5 – 2.99 4 points GPA = 2.0 – 2.49 0 points

Non-generic or Advance Placement, Re-entry, and Transfer Students

- I) All admission criteria and requirements for the Generic Student are applicable and required
- II) Prioritization for placement of applicants is based on the following:

Priority	Type of Student	Qualifier Statement
1	Continuing Generic student	Good standing with no "W" or "Ds"
2	Continuing Generic student	Good standing with a "W" due to illness, financial hardship, personal necessity
3	Continuing Generic student	Received one (1) "W" or "D" in any nursing class while in the program and completed a personal remediation plan
4	VN to RN student	Completed NURS 204 <u>and</u> all admission criteria for program
5	Transfer student	Good standing in an accredited nursing program <u>and</u> <u>did not</u> receive any "W" or "Ds"
6	Transfer student	Good standing in an accredited program and received "W" due to illness, financial hardship, personal necessity
7	Transfer student	Received one (1) "W" or "D" while in an accredited program
8	VN to RN student	30 Unit Option
9	Foreign Nurses	In need of only 1 or 2 courses <u>and</u> meets program admission criteria <u>and</u> space is available
10	Former nursing student	Received two (2) "W" or "D" while in an accredited program

Special Circumstances for Placement – Advanced Placement

- I) Students who have had previous nursing education or nursing work experience in the following areas will be considered for advanced placement on a case by case basis and with consideration of the [admission criteria](#).
- II) LVN to RN Advanced Placement Application Procedures:
- A) Applications are accepted throughout the academic year and must include:
- 1) Completed application with required attachments
 - 2) Copy of current California LVN license
 - 3) Copy of current American Heart Association Basic Life Support (BLS) card
 - 4) Letter of recommendation from employer verifying LVN experience

- 5) Official copies of all college transcripts, including IVC
 - 6) Copy of Major Sheet from counselor
 - 7) Disclaimer Form if applying for OPTION 2, 30-Unit Option (see next section)
 - 8) Documentation of successful completion of an IV Therapy course
- B) A background check and drug screen will be required after admission to the program. Students can obtain required documentation in the Nursing Office.
- III) Credit/Challenge by Examination
- 1) 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 courses without a clinical component. The only exception to the clinical courses is for defined programs with specific guidelines on clinical practicums.
 - 2) Students who believe they may be eligible for credit-by-examination should contact the Nursing Office for more information
 - 3) For College policy regarding credit-by-examination, consult the “Credit by Examination” section of the IVC catalog.

OPTION 2 – 30 UNIT DISCLAIMER FORM

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have been advised of the following possible ramifications in selecting the 30-Unit Option, Option 2, as a route to advance to RN:

- Licensure as an RN is for California only, and the license may **not be recognized** in other states.
- If I take the NCLEX RN exam as a 30-Unit Option student, I will be considered a **non-graduate with the BRN for the duration of my license.**
- Upon completing this option, I will **not** be granted an A.S. degree in Registered Nursing.
- I understand that IVC is only the facilitator of the minimum requirements needed to apply for the NCLEX RN exam.
- A degree may be obtained at a later time.
- I understand that employment may be limited. Some agencies require an Associate of Science degree in Nursing for employment.
- I understand that it is uncertain if a Bachelor of Science Program will accept this option for admission.
- I understand that space in the RN program may be limited and have reviewed the **Prioritization Section.**
- I understand the NURS 204 Transition to A.S. Degree Nursing course is highly recommended.

Refer to ‘Special Circumstances for Placement’ section of the Nursing Handbook for more information. The Handbook is distributed to nursing students and can be found online at www.imperial.edu - For Students - Student Links – Nursing Education & Health Technologies.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____ **G #:** _____

Name (print): _____