

Imperial Valley College  
**NURS 204: Transition to Associate Degree Nursing**

**Course Description**

This course facilitates the transition of advanced placement student (Licensed Vocational Nursing) into the associate degree nursing program. It provides an introduction to becoming a provider of care and member of the discipline as roles of the R.N. The course provides an introduction to the nursing process and critical thinking as a process to learn and improve nursing practice. Emphasis is placed on the acquisition and utilization of the nursing process as a basis for care. Concepts related to program philosophy, conceptual framework, cultural sensitivity, delegation, growth and development and role expectations and emphasized. Advanced assessment knowledge, skills and practice in the classroom and laboratory are completed.

**Prerequisites:**

1. Completion of advanced placement requirements according to the Imperial Valley College Catalog
2. Possess an active California LVN license
3. At least 6 months of work experience as an LVN, or permission of Director
4. Possess an IV Therapy Certificate from an approved program in California

**Course Objectives:**

Upon completion of the course the student will be able to:

1. Demonstrate successful strategies for test-taking at the RN level.
2. Cite the role and legal limitations of the Registered Nurse.
3. Discuss the role and scope of practice of the Registered Nursing as a leader and provider of care.
4. Demonstrate critical thinking and nursing practice at the Registered Nursing level.
5. Utilize the nursing process to assess, develop nursing diagnoses, plan, implement and evaluate care.
6. Exhibit proficiency in all skills required to enter as an advanced placement student.
7. Demonstrate the concepts of time-management in the implementation of patient care.
8. Describe the principles of nursing care for medical-surgical clients with complications of normal physiology.
9. Review the physiology of pregnancy and the nurse's role in providing care.
10. Recognize the complications of normal pregnancy and implement appropriate nursing actions.
11. Review the transitional and normal physiology of a neonate.
12. Recognize complications of the transitional and newborn neonate; describe and implement appropriate nursing actions.

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

1. Develop comprehensive nursing care and teaching plan, when provided with client data, integrating the nursing process: assessment of health status, implementing therapeutic interventions, and evaluating the outcomes of care
2. Apply each step of the nursing process to simulated client scenarios, while demonstrating a head to toe physical assessment
3. Successfully perform basic fundamental skills in a simulation lab

**Additional Information:**

The course is geared to transition a current LVN to the RN student level and assist the Instructor and Program Director to determine the student's placement in the RN Program for optimal student success. Within the course:

- a. Students take tests in Fundamentals and OB/Maternal Child from Assessment Technologies, Inc. (ATI [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com))
- b. ATI tests must be successfully completed at Level 1 of IVC ATI Policy or above as determined by the ATI Scoring Grid
  - o OB/Maternal Child - If unsuccessful, placement is in 2nd semester

- Fundamentals - If unsuccessful, placement is in 1st semester after review by the Student Progression Committee
  - Each ATI test may be taken twice to determine placement
  - A fee will be charged for ATI materials and testing
- c. A Medication Administration/Dose Calculation Exam must be passed with a 92% score
- d. A Skill Validation Test must be taken to determine proficiency and general safety for basic principles of nursing practice
- i. Testing may be in a simulated setting, lab check-off setting, or other format
  - ii. If successful in all tests and course, placement is in 3<sup>rd</sup> semester pending other tests for the course and recommendations of the instructor(s) and/or director review.

If placed in 3<sup>rd</sup> semester, the grid below lists the required nursing classes.

NURS 217 (8 weeks)	4 units	36 hours lecture	108 hours lab
NURS 218 (8 weeks)	4.5 units	45 hours lecture	108 hours lab
NURS 219 (Summer or Winter)	3 units	36 hours lecture	54 hours lab

#### Student Costs:

The student will incur the cost of all materials. Costs include the ATI Comprehensive Assessment & Review Package (CARP) during NURS 204 and when admitted. Student will be notified of costs prior to enrollment.