

26-27 Licensed Vocational Nursing (LVN2)



ABOUT THIS MAJOR

The Licensed Vocational Nursing curriculum is designed to prepare graduates for the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses. This is the examination required by the California Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians. Students must meet program requirements before receiving permission to enroll in

vocational nursing courses. Information about the enrollment process is available in the Health and Safety Science (Nursing Department) office. The program is accredited by the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians (BVNPT). Graduates receive a certificate of achievement from the college and are recommended as qualified for the national licensure examination. Students must maintain a minimum grade of "C" in each required course to graduate. A minimum grade of "C" in clinical and theory is mandatory. The BVNPT may deny licensure to individuals who have been convicted of a felony. An individual who has such a conviction and who is seeking enrollment into the nursing program should contact the Board to receive advice about their status. The Board may be contacted by writing or calling: Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians 2535 Capitol Oaks Drive, Suite 205 Sacramento, CA 95833 (916) 263-7800. For more information, visit the [Health and Safety Sciences](#) division.

TO EARN A DEGREE A STUDENT MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

- [1] Completion of Major Courses
- [2] Minimum grade point average of 2.0
- [3] A "C" or better in all courses required for the major

Certificate: Licensed Vocational Nursing (LVN2)

[Total Units 51]

*The following **program prerequisites** must be completed prior to applying to the program with grades posted on official transcript at the time of application

Program Prerequisites: Students must take this course prior to applying to the program. "C" or better (3 units)	
NF 100	3

Core Courses: Complete the following courses. *Courses may be taken prior to admission "C" or better (6 units)	
BIOL 100	3
PSYC1000 OR PSYC1000H-General Psychology Honors	3

*Limitation on Enrollment: Formal admission to LVN Program. *

Required Courses: (C or better) TOTAL 42 UNITS	
VN119 - Fundamentals of Patient Care for Vocational Nurses	2.25
VN120 - Self-Care Fundamentals, Pharmacology	12.25
VN121 - Medical-Surgical Nursing for the Adult and Child	15.5
VN122 - Vocational Nursing in the Child-Bearing Family and Pediatric Patient	5.25
VN123 - Nursing Leadership and Medical-Surgical Nursing	6.75

RECOMMENDED PATHWAY

Licensed Vocational Nursing

The Recommended Plan of Study is determined by the discipline faculty
Take classes in **Summer** or **Intersession** if needed to complete your degree in a timely manner!

Fall/Spring: Max 19 units| Summer: Max 9 units| Intersession: Max 6 units

Prerequisite for Program

Course	Units
NF 100	3
Total Prerequisite Units	3

TAKE THE ATI TEAS EXAM

Complete the ATI TEAS exam prior to applying to the program.

Application period: Jan 2, 2027 at 7:30 am - February 12, 2027 6:00pm
Dates subject to change check the HSS website for current application deadlines and information.

SEMESTER 1	
Course	Units
PSYC1000 OR PSYC1000H	3
BIOL 100	3
Total Units	6

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SEMESTER 2	
Course	Units
VN 119	2.25
VN 120	12.25
Total Units	14.5

SEMESTER 3	
Course	Units
VN 122	5.25
Total Units	5.25

SEMESTER 4	
Course	Units
VN 121	15.5
Total Units	15.5

SEMESTER 5	
Course	Units
VN 123	6.75
Total Units	6.75
Total Units	42

COUNSELING NOTE SECTION

Recommended Courses

The following courses are **NOT** required to be completed prior to applying to the program; however, they are **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED**.

LVN TO RN BRIDGE -ADVANCED PLACEMENT OPTION B

any students pursuing the **LVN-to-RN Bridge Advanced option B** program must complete the required program prerequisites BIOL 201, BIOL 202, BIOL 204, STAT C1000, and ENGL C1000.

LVN [Multi-screening criteria](#).

All complete applications will be screened using the multi-criteria points system and placed into the program according to highest points.

RECOMMENDED COURSES

BIOL201 - General Human Anatomy	4
*pre-req: BIOL 100 or C1001 or 102 or 110+ or 120+	
BIOL202 - General Human Physiology	4
*pre-req: BIOL 201+ & CHEM 101+	
BIOL204 - General Microbiology	5
*pre-req: BIOL C1001 or 110+ or 120 & CHEM 101+	
ENGLC1000/Honors - Academic Reading and Writing	4
Prerequisite: Placement as determined by the college multiple measures assessment process.	
STATC1000/Honors- Introduction to Statistics	4
Prerequisite: Placement as determined by the college multiple measures assessment process.	



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*** Beginning January 2026, applications for admission will be online only. ***

The Vocational Nursing Program is a 12-month course of study leading to a certificate in Vocational Nursing. Upon completion of this program, the student is eligible to take the NCLEX-PN, the licensure examination required by the California Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians to practice vocational nursing.

The vocational nursing program will be accepting packets for August 2025 enrollment (fall semester) from February 3 - February 27, 2025. At the conclusion of the enrollment period, all complete applications will be screened using the multi-criteria points system and placed into the program according to highest points. Order of application by date will apply when point number is the same (ex. If two applicants have the same number of points, the applicant who applied at an earlier date will be admitted. Ten percent of those admitted for enrollment will be selected using a lottery system.

Students must submit the enrollment form, an official high school transcript showing graduation date or an official copy of GED results, and an educational planning and evaluation form completed by a Antelope Valley College counselor if any college courses pertaining to vocational nursing were completed, within one year prior to the date of submitting the enrollment form. Official college transcripts are required for any courses that pertain to the vocational nursing certificate, i.e., BIOL 100 (Elementary Anatomy and Physiology), PSY 101 (General Psychology) and NF 100 (Nutrition).

(CHANGE TO ADMISSION PROCESS) *** Starting in the February 2026 application period, for August 2026 enrollment (2026 Fall semester), AVC is now requiring completion of the ATI TEAS (v7) exam as part of the Vocational Nursing Program application process. **This is a new requirement.** The ATI TEAS score will be used as one of the criteria in our multi-criteria screening tool to help select applicants for admission to the VN Program. **There is a cost associated with taking the TEAS, which the VN applicant is responsible for.** The ATI TEAS score must be on file in the Health and Safety Sciences Division (Nursing Department Office) when your application is submitted for consideration for admission to the VN Program. The minimum score required is at least a 62%. Students will have two attempts to achieve the minimum score. If both attempts are below the 62%, applicants will be disqualified from applying to the Vocational Nursing Program at AVC. Students will be required to take the most current version of the TEAS, which currently is v7. Should the Version change, students will have to retest if they have not been admitted into the program.

All students will be required to attend a mandatory student orientation, complete a background screen (including social security number verification), and physical examination, including drug and alcohol screening. Instructions will be sent to students who are offered spaces in the program.

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LVN APPLICATION DEADLINES:

Fall Admission: February to be considered for fall admission. Exact dates to be determined. View website for up to date information:
<https://www.avc.edu/program/vocational-nursing-vn>

Prerequisite: If a course is listed as a prerequisite for another course, that prerequisite course must be completed with a satisfactory grade to enroll in the next course. A satisfactory grade is a grade of "A," "B," "C" or "P". Students who enroll in classes for which they do not meet the prerequisites will be involuntarily dropped. Students will be notified of this involuntary drop. Title 5, Section 55200(d)

INFORMATION and RESOURCES

Tutoring Assistance
Transfer Center
Basic Needs

Career Center
Office of Students with Disabilities
Financial Aid

AVC Student Health Services
Palmdale Center
Counseling Division

Effective Fall 2026 - CCN
BIOL C1001 (formerly BIOL 101)
BIOL C1001L (formerly BIOL 101L)

Honors Courses:

Students may enroll in either the honors or the non-honors version of these courses. If you complete both versions, you will receive credit for only one. This honors course is intended for students in the Honors Transfer Program. For more information about Honors Transfer Alliance Program visit :<https://www.avc.edu/academics/programs-and-pathways/honors>

What to know before you apply:

1. Beginning January 1, 2026, the Health and Safety Sciences Office will no longer accept physical applications. This process will be online only.
2. You must sit with an AVC counselor and receive a completed educational plan. (All pre-requisite courses must be completed. All substitutions/equivalencies must be approved. Any courses noted as in progress or pending approval will disqualify your application). You must ensure you have sent your transcripts to the AVC transcripts office in order to receive an educational plan. This form is required to apply. You will be prompted to upload a copy when submitting your application.
3. Counseling WILL NOT schedule students for an educational planning and evaluation of transcripts two weeks from the application deadline. Please do not wait until the last minute to schedule this appointment if you are trying to apply by the deadline. If you are requesting an equivalency or a substitution, allow at least six weeks for the process to be completed.
4. High School Graduation or GED Completion is a requirement for this program. You will have to send your official electronic transcripts showing graduation of high school or GED completion. We do not accept certificates of completion or diplomas.
5. We no longer will accept physical transcripts and will only accept official electronic ones. This means you will have to request them through your institution or parchment. We will only accept transcripts during the application period. We will not accept ANY electronic transcripts directly from the student. They must come from the official institution. All required courses must be completed, we will not accept any noted as "In progress". If you are trying to receive credit for a degree, it must be posted on your transcript. We do not accept diplomas.
6. You will have to send transcripts from ALL colleges where pre-requisites were completed INCLUDING AVC. If you did not take any courses at AVC you do not need to provide a transcript. The link to purchase your electronic transcript from AVC only is noted below.
7. Transcripts must be sent to healthsciences@avc.edu during the application period. Any received outside the window will not be accepted.
8. If you attended high school or college outside of the United States and would like to use those courses for credit, you will have to have your transcripts evaluated by a NACES approved agency.
9. You can apply to the program without your TEAS however you will not be offered admission until you have completed this requirement. If you are applying and choose to request a one time code to test at no cost to you, one will be provided. The TEAS codes are first come first serve. You must receive at least a 62% on the TEAS. If you are unsuccessful on the first attempt, you will have to pay to retest. If you are unsuccessful on both attempts, you will be disqualified from our program. Please note, if you are requesting a code, you are not guaranteed to receive it before the deadline to be considered for admission until the following year.
10. Only submit ONE application. Submitting multiple does not make the chances of acceptance higher but will make the screening process take longer.
11. You must have an AVC email address in order to complete the online application. If you are having issues with your email, please contact ITS at help@avc.edu
12. Once you submit, keep a copy of the response email informing you it has been submitted. Technical difficulties can occur. This is your proof that you submitted within the application window.

Please note, we will not accept any documents (forms, transcripts, educational plans etc.) before the application period begins or after it has closed. Any items received outside the application period will not be considered or saved.

Link to purchase AVC Electronic Transcript:

<https://www.parchment.com/u/registration/34993/institution>

The State requires ALL STUDENTS to have a Comprehensive Education Plan. You MUST make a counseling appointment as soon as enrollment is established to receive your plan. Stop by the Counseling Center or call 661-722-6300 x 6338 to schedule an appointment

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