Licensed Vocational Nurses

LVN to RN Program

Chabot College offers a program to assist Licensed Vocational Nurses to achieve eligibility to sit the National Council Licensing Examination for Registered Nursing (NCLEX—RN). Licensed Vocational Nurses who hold a current license to practice in California and are currently working full time (one year) as a LVN, are eligible for the program. It is possible to earn an Associate in Arts degree while completing the program, although it is not a requirement for eligibility to take the NCLEX—RN Licensing exam.

Working Conditions and Earnings

Registered Nurses have the opportunity to work in a number of clinical and community settings. In private industry, most nursing salaries are above the average for non-supervisory personnel. Salaries of nurses in acute care hospitals of the Bay Area for a new graduate average $60,000 to $68,000 annually. Fringe benefits normally include paid...

Advanced Standing or Re-Admission

Advanced Standing

Advanced standing status is the second year nursing curriculum granted to students who have previously completed any portion of the defined Nursing curriculum, or its equivalent. Placement is made on a space-available basis. Complete the application and follow the same steps as LVN to RN. If the student desires an AA Degree, it is also necessary to contact a counselor for evaluation of general education requirements.

Re-Admission to Chabot

Students who have previously attended the Chabot Nursing program must apply within two years of leaving the program. The steps are the same as LVN to RN for entering the program.

What does the Program cost?

The total cost of the one year program for in-state resident is approximately $2,500*. This includes class fees, books, uniforms, shoes and in-program testing fees. Financial aid is available. Personal physician or nurse practitioner physical and dental examinations with current immunizations and TB testing are required prior to entering the program as well as a background check and drug screen. Transportation to and from hospitals or other agencies is the responsibility of the student.

Nursing Theory

All LVN and transfer students must have prior nursing theory validated by the nationally normed and standardized ATI exams as outlined inside. There is a non-refundable cost of $50* for each of the four exams.

*All costs are approximate and subject to change.
LVN to RN Program

How to get started

College GPA
You must have a minimum of 2.0 “C” college GPA.

English/Math
If you have not taken college level English or Math you may take the Chabot College Assessment Tests. (These tests are used as guide to select appropriate placement for English and Math classes.)

Natural Sciences
The following two sciences¹ or their equivalent are required for all 3 options: Human Physiology I, and Microbiology I. If Option 1 or 3 is selected Human Anatomy is also required. The science courses must be 4-5 semester units and be completed prior to enrollment in Nursing 70, the transition course offered in the Spring only.

Application Process

Step 1 Apply to Chabot College
A Chabot College Application for Admission¹ must be submitted to the college. This application can be submitted electronically by going to http://www.cccapply.com and is available year round.

Step 2 Review Instructions
Nursing Advanced Standing / LVN to RN Applications are accepted March 1st through October 1 each year. Download the Advanced Standing Application¹ from the website: www.chabotcollege.edu/nurs. Follow the instructions as outlined under “LVN Application Process.”

Step 3 Complete Application
Complete the Nursing application. Print, sign and MAIL to Admission and Records, Chabot College, 25555 Hesperian Blvd. Hayward, CA 94545. If you are registered for one of the pre-requisite natural science courses verification of enrollment is required with the application. It is recommended you obtain a “Certificate of Mailing” and “Return Receipt” from the U.S. Postal Service at the time of the mailing.

Step 4 Official Transcripts
The student must request official transcripts from all previously attended schools and colleges. You may include sealed transcripts with application, or these must be MAILED to Admission and Records, Chabot College. Hand carried transcripts will not be accepted.

Step 5 Verify Receipt of Transcripts
Go to on-line to www.chabotcollege.edu, click Class-Web to verify receipt of transcripts. Due to the volume of applicants we are not able to notify students individually if any information is missing. Email nurse@chabotcollege.edu when all your transcripts have been logged in Class-web.

Step 6 Counseling Appointment
If selecting Option 1 or 3, make an appointment with a counselor for a preliminary evaluation of your transcripts.

Step 7 Transcript Evaluation
After evaluation of your transcripts, your Advanced Standing Application and transcripts will be forwarded to the Nursing Program Director. You will then be notified by mail regarding your eligibility and courses required to enter and complete the program. Please allow 6-8 weeks for this process to complete.

Step 8 Mandatory Orientation
May 11th or May 12th attend one mandatory orientation for N70, room 2258 1:00 PM.

Step 9 TEAS
Take and pass the TEAS. Nursing 87 Preparation Class is offer in Spring and Fall. Test dates are listed on the nursing website www.chabotcollege.edu/nurs Click TEAS.
Three Program Options Available

Decide your option...

There are three options for your upgrade to Registered Nurse. If you are choosing option one or three, it is better to take no more than two courses per semesters rather than over extend yourself.

**Option 1**

**Earn an AA Degree**

To receive an AA Degree, you will need to complete all of the pre-requisite science courses and Nursing 70. In addition to the Nursing program sequence the following courses are required by the California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) and must be completed:

- Psychology 1 or 50
- English 1A,
- English 4, 7, 52B, or Business 10 or French 2A or 2B,
- Sociology 1 or 31, and
- Speech 1 or 30

Chabot College degree requirements must also be met to earn the Associate in Arts Degree in Nursing. It is necessary to contact a counselor for evaluation of general education requirements.

Www.chabotcollege.edu/ counseling for hours and contact numbers

**Option 2**

**The 30 Semester Unit**

Complete the 30 specifically designated semester units of prerequisite science courses and Nursing 70. Other degree and general education requirements are not required under this option. Graduates of this program are eligible to take the NCLEX-RN Licensing exam **ONLY** in California. At the present time, employment options after graduation are limited to the State of California. Regardless of whether you eventually continue your education and complete your degree your RN license will always be stamped **30 Unit Option**.

This option is offered and accepted **ONLY** in the State of California and the actual nursing curriculum is identical in scope and length of time as in Options 1 and 3.

Student selecting option 2 or 3 will be ranked lower than for the ‘space availability’.

**Option 3**

**Non-Degree**

Complete all courses in the nursing program which are considered to be a component of the nursing program as approved by the Board of Registered Nursing. This option allows the student who has completed the nursing courses (but not all the general education courses required for the AA degree) to sit the licensing exam without the degree.

Regardless of whether you eventually continue your education to receive a degree your RN license will always be stamped **Non-Degree**.

“**The end of all education should surely be service to others.”**  
Cesar E. Chavez

Are you ready?
Preparation for Clinical Studies

Assessment Technologies Institute (ATI) tests are used to assess knowledge and facilitate program placement. You will take these tests while enrolled in Nursing 70.

There are five on-line tests: Fundamentals of Nursing, Nursing Care of Children, Maternal Newborn Nursing, Nutrition and Pharmacology assessment exams. These tests are required. In addition, if you have completed a nine week RN psychiatric nursing course you will take the ATI Mental Health Nursing test.

The passing score for all tests is the 50th percentile. Please note no more than two (2) attempts may be made on the assessment exams and test scores are valid for two (2) years. After successfully passing the all five tests, you will be eligible for validation of clinical skills.

Testing is scheduled with the Skills Laboratory Clinical Assistant, Room 3116, 510.723.6953. Each initial test is $54.88* Testing is scheduled once a month and must be paid in advanced. Costs include an E-Book study guide. These guides will help you prepare for the actual test.

Cost of test may increase or student maybe required to purchase all tests as a bundle.

**TEAS®: Test of Academic Skills (Version. 5.0)**

All Chabot nursing students must take and pass on their first attempt the TEAS® with a score of 67% Adjusted Individual Score. Testing will be offered in May after the N70 class orientation. Test dates are listed on the program website. Students who do not pass will be assigned remediation course(s). These courses must be taken and completed with a “C” or better prior to re-taking the TEAS® For additional information about the TEAS® please go to www.atitesting.com.

Validation of Clinical Skills

Prior to enrollment in the nursing program, your clinical practice skills must be validated in a hospital based exam. This test will determine if your skills are equivalent to that of generic students completing the first two semesters of the nursing program.

**Hospital Performance**

This fee for the hospital exam is $200. This non-refundable fee is payable prior to testing.

The validation of clinical skills includes 3 parts:

1. Written tests covering dosage calculation and therapeutic communication ability.
2. A Skills Laboratory Exam to assess ability to perform first year nursing skills.
3. A hospital based patient care exam addressing safety, organization, and communication.

If any part of the Skills Lab written exams are failed three times, students may not progress in the examination process. The student will then be advised to apply as a beginning student in the Nursing Program.

The passing score for the math exam is 90%. The Skills Lab exam may not be taken more than two times; the passing score for the skills exam is 75%.

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If the hospital-based examination is failed, the applicant may repeat it ONE time for an additional fee $200. A second failure will result in the applicant being counseled to apply as a beginning student in the Nursing Program.

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Hospital Based Exam Policy

Testing for part 1 and 2 is scheduled with the Skills Laboratory Clinical Assistant at Chabot or our extended campus in Livermore. Testing part 3 will be coordinated through a designated nursing faculty member. A cancellation fee will be charged if the student reschedules the hospital examination.

For a detailed description of the testing sequence, please obtain a copy of the “Advanced Standing Performance Examination Guidelines” available from the bookstore on the Chabot campus.
**LVN to RN Program Selection**

Upon successful completion of the testing sequence you will be eligible to proceed with the 3rd and 4th semester course work on space available basis. Those applicants who first demonstrate they are qualified for any opening will be the first to be admitted. Should two or more applicants meet the qualification at the same time, random selection will be conducted to determine placement.

If selected, you will enter the second year, Fall semester of the Nursing Program and continue through graduation in the Spring. Course work will be completed in the traditional classroom and clinical manner and subject to the same policies and procedures as the traditional student.

It is considered a full-time program of study. Some courses in the nursing sequence may be assigned in the late afternoon or evening. If you have dependent children please make arrangements for their care. Reliable transportation to and from clinic or school is the students responsibility.

**Acceptance into the Program**

Upon acceptance into the full time program, the following is required:

- Physical and Dental examinations as well as immunization records. All Chabot forms must be completed by physician or nurse practitioner, substitute forms by physicians will not be accepted.

- Evidence of current 2 year American Heart Association Health Care Provider CPR card. We do **NOT** accept on-line courses or any other type of certification course.

- ATI Testing Fee (Approximately $100) for the Fall Semester assessment examinations. An additional testing fee will be collected for the Spring.

- Background check and drug screen fees. (Approximately cost is $81.)

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**Registered Nursing Program**

**LVN and Advanced Standing Students**

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Sciences must be completed prior to enrolling in Nursing 70. Mandatory orientation in May must be attended to enroll in N70 and N70L. The above courses must be completed with a “C” or better before clinical validation or admission to the program.

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**Background Check**

Chabot College is required to secure background checks on all students entering clinical studies. We will review the following for each and every student.

1. Social Security Number Trace
2. Misdemeanor or Felony Criminal Conviction Search
3. Combined OIG.GSA Exclude parties/Debarment List Search
4. A pre-placement drug screen

Investigative reports may include information concerning your character, general reputation and personal characteristics, mode of living and may include information obtained through interviews.

These consumer reports may also include investigative consumer reports obtained from Verified Credentials -Headquarters 20890 Kenbridge Court, Lakeview, MN 55044 952.985.7200 Main 925.985.7218 Fax.

If you have been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony it is possible you will be denied placement in one or more hospitals that are used for clinical experience or the Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) may not grant you a license. You will need to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the BRN that the behavior for which you were convicted is no longer a problem. Please contact the BRN or make an appointment for a confidential meeting with the Nursing Program Director for guidance in this area.
Clinical Sequence—Second Year Program

The LVN student must complete the following curriculum with a “C” or better in each course regardless of the option chosen:

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Physical Education Requirement

Completion of one unit of physical education is required for all students who are seeking the A.A. Degree. Exemption is allowed for illness or physical disability by filing a physician’s statement at the Admission and Records Office. Students with an A.A. Degree or higher are also exempt.

General Education Requirement

Please refer to the Chabot College catalog section on graduation requirements. The Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) requirements supersede catalog rights for graduation.