

Career Ladder L.V.N. to R.N. or 30 Unit Option

Nursing is a field that is in high demand and is one that is personally rewarding and constantly stimulating.

The Career Ladder Program at Los Angeles Trade-Technical College is approved by the Board of Registered Nursing. It combines nursing theory with selected laboratory experiences and general education courses. Program courses are sequenced from simple to complex. Nursing courses include medical surgical nursing, reproductive and women's health, nursing of children and families, psychiatric nursing, geriatric and community nursing, leadership and preceptorship. The graduate of the Career Ladder program is eligible to apply for the State Board of Registered Nursing Licensing Examination (NCLEX) once all nursing program and Associate in Science Degree requirements are satisfactorily met.

Applicants with a valid VN license may enter into second semester after completing the LVN to RN Bridge course and passing the pharmacology exam. Students have the option of challenging RN 126, RN 131, Reproductive and Women's Health Nursing and RN 132, Nursing Care of Children and Families. This must be done after completing 12 units at LATTC and after being accepted into the Career Ladder program.

Prerequisites

The following *prerequisites must be completed with over-all GPA of 2.5 and Science GPA of 2.5.*

- Chemistry 51 or 65.....5/4 units
- Anatomy.....4 units
- Physiology)..... 4 units
- Microbiology 1 or 20..... 5/4 units
- English 101.....3 units
- Psychology 1.....3 units
- Psychology 41 (Lifespan)3 units
- Math 1155 units

- 2.5 over-all GPA; 2.5 sciences GPA

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

1. Meet with a college counselor (213 763 7354) to determine what courses are needed to qualify for the Career Ladder program and the Associate in Science degree.
2. When **all** Career Ladder Program prerequisites have been completed the college counselor will verify the grades, calculate the GPA and give you a signed "Prerequisite Verification Form."
3. Bring the signed "Prerequisite Verification Form" to the Allied Health office.
4. You will then be placed on the list to take the nursing entrance examination, TEAS 5.0 (Test of Essential Academic Skills). No paper and pencil TEAS scores will be accepted.
5. If you score 62% or higher on TEAS you will be permitted to register for **RN 135, the LVN-RN Bridge course.**
6. **RN 135 (2 units)** is the bridge between LVN and RN. A pharmacology exam will be administered after this course. Successful completion of **RN 135** and a

passing score on the **pharmacology exam** allows admission to second semester, pending space availability.

7. Applicants are accepted on a first-come first-served basis.
8. Have official High School or GED transcripts and official transcripts of VN courses and college and program prerequisites taken at a college or university outside the LA Community College District **sent directly** to LATTC Department of Admissions and Records. Courses taken within the district can be accessed via the computer. There is no need to pay for these transcripts.

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APPLICATIONS DEADLINES

There are no deadline dates. Students may apply to the program and be placed on the waiting list as soon as they have completed their prerequisites taken and passed TEAS, completed RN 135 and passed the pharmacology examination.

30-UNIT OPTION

Please note that several states in the U.S. do not recognize graduates from this option and will not allow them to practice as Registered Nurses. This option has fewer prerequisites, does not lead to an Associate in Science degree and does not require taking courses in Reproductive and Women’s Health Nursing or Nursing Care of Children and Families.

Prerequisites

Must be completed before submitting an application to the program:

- Physiology.....4 units
- Microbiology 1 or 2.. 5/4 units

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Follow the steps outlined in the first part of the brochure. After taking and passing TEAS applicants will be permitted to take RN 135. Applicants to the 30 unit option take RN 127, 128, 129, 130, 133, 136 and 137.

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