

## **Advanced Placement LVN to RN (LVN Transition to RN)**

LVNs are admitted as Advanced Placement students and as such, must complete all the same prerequisite classes that the generic students do. Each applicant must meet individually with the nursing department Screening/Admission Specialist to have all previous transcripts evaluated for academic deficiencies.

Each applicant must also meet with and be counseled by the Director of the nursing program to review:

- Minimum requirements for licensure
- Prior education and experience
- Evaluation of completed clinical hours in LVN training
- Predicted availability of entry spots

Students will be placed in the program based on the assessment findings pending space availability.

## **45 Quarter Unit Option: Non-degree LVN-RN**

According to California Code of Regulations 1429, an LVN who wishes to become an RN using the 45 Unit Option is required to complete no more than 45 quarter units in nursing with a grade of “C” or better. The nursing courses, both theory and concurrent clinical components, will be beyond the first year of the program. Required courses, up to 45 quarter units include: advanced medical-surgical, mental health/ psychiatric, and geriatric nursing, physiology and microbiology. 45 Unit Option students are subject to the same educational standards as the basic RN students.

The 45 Unit Option is unique to California and some states will not issue a license to an individual who was originally licensed in California under the 45 unit Option regulations. Students completing the 45 unit option are eligible to take the NCLEX-RN exam but do so as non-degree candidates.

Students selecting the “45 Unit Option” are not considered graduates of De Anza College as per the requirements of the college and will not receive a degree. Once the student has completed the 45 unit option and received an RN license from the BRN, the BRN cannot change the status to that of a graduate even if the student goes on to acquire a degree in nursing at a later date.

Each applicant must meet with and be counseled by the Director of the nursing program for this option.

Enrollment priority will be given to Advanced Placement LVN to RN students, with enrollment into the 45 unit option on a space-available basis only.

## Admission Criteria

Admission to the 45 unit option for the LVN student is based on a space availability and requires the following:

- Completion of a Nursing Program application
- Current California Vocational Nursing License
- Intravenous Certification
- Evidence of good health
- Background check and drug testing annually
- Consultation with the program Director
- Documentation of recent employment

### **45 UNIT OPTION: Non-Degree LVN TO RN**

Complete with a “C” grade or better:

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| NURS 94      | Gerontology Nursing                           | 2   |
| NURS 94L     | Gerontology Nursing Clinical                  | 2.5 |
| NURS 94A     | Psychiatric/ Mental Health Nursing            | 2   |
| NURS 94AL    | Psychiatric/ Mental Health Nursing Clinical   | 2.5 |
| NURS 95      | Complex Health Challenges                     | 4   |
| NURS 95L     | Complex Health Challenges Clinical            | 5   |
| NURS 96      | Leadership and Management in Nursing          | 2   |
| NURS 96A     | Nursing Concept Integration                   | 2   |
| NURS 96L     | Leadership and Management in Nursing Clinical | 5   |
| BIO 26       | Introductory Microbiology                     | 6   |
| BIO 40C      | Human Anatomy and Physiology                  | 5   |
| Total Units: |   | 38  |