

Palomar College Catalog 2009-2010

Nursing Education (NURS)

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For transfer information, consult a Palomar College Counselor.

Associate in Arts Degrees -

AA Degree requirements are listed in Section 6 (green pages).

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CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR NURSES

Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for currently licensed RNs and LVNs can be earned through a variety of Palomar College academic classes. CEU documentation can be awarded by the Community Development office upon successful completion of coursework. For information on CEU options for nurses call (760) 744 1150, ext. 2702.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Registered Nursing (RN) program is accredited by the California Board of Registered Nursing and the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC), 61 Broadway, New York, NY 10006, 1-800-669-1656. The program prepares graduates to provide direct nursing care to patients in hospitals and other health agencies at a staff nurse level. The curriculum consists of coursework in nursing, general education, and clinical nursing practice in local hospitals and other health agencies. The nursing faculty of the College is directly responsible for all phases of the program.

Admission to the nursing program is by special application. To be eligible for consideration, applicants must (1) be eligible for admission to Palomar College; (2) attend a Nursing Orientation meeting; (3) submit proof of high school graduation or equivalency or higher; (4) GPA of 2.5 in prerequisite sciences; (5) pass the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) with a composite score of at least 67% no later than 6 months prior to program entry; and (6) meet academic requirements specified in the Nursing Education Department brochure.

LICENSURE: Upon successful completion of the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Program, students will be eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX RN) and, if performance on the examination is successful, will be licensed as a registered nurse.

Students electing the non-degree 30 Unit Option as well as students who do not complete the requirements for the ADN but who successfully complete the required nursing and support courses are eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX RN), as a NON-DEGREE candidate, and if successful, will be licensed as an RN by the California Board of Registered Nursing. Endorsement of a non-degree RN in other states is questionable. ONCE THE LICENSING EXAM IS TAKEN, STATUS CANNOT BE CHANGED, REGARDLESS OF SUBSEQUENT DEGREES EARNED.

CREDIT BY TRANSFER: Students who have been enrolled in an accredited Registered Nursing program within the last two years may receive full credit for courses transferred which are, as evaluated by the Palomar College Nursing Education Department faculty, comparable to courses offered by the College. If courses transferred are found not to be comparable, students may challenge Palomar courses for credit.

CREDIT BY EXAMINATION: Academic credit by examination may be obtained by those whose prior education and/or experience provides the knowledge and skills required to meet the objectives of one or more courses. Students who believe they may be eligible for credit by examination should contact the Nursing Education Department for an appointment for special advising prior to submitting their application for admission to the program. For College policy regarding credit by examination, consult "Credit by Examination" in the Academic Regulations and Standards section of this catalog.

Upon completion of the eligibility requirements, separate theory and clinical performance examinations will be administered for courses with a laboratory compo-

nent. A written patient care plan is required in all appropriate theory and clinical courses. Completion of the written work with a grade of 'C' or better is required prior to taking the clinical examination. Courses without a lab component will have a written examination only. A grade of 'C' or better must be achieved. The Nursing Education Department's Credit by Examination Policy may be obtained from the Nursing Education Department Office.

A maximum of 20 units may be obtained through credit by examination.

STUDENTS WITH A PREVIOUS BACHELOR'S DEGREE: As per the Education Code, students with baccalaureate or higher degrees from a regionally accredited college in a non-nursing field are only required to complete the course work necessary for completion of the registered nursing program, including prerequisites and nursing coursework. These student are not required to complete any other courses required by the college for an associate degree (SB 1393). A prior degree has no effect on the length of the wait to get into the program.

Associate of Arts Degree Nursing (ADN) Curriculum

For students entering the ADN Program Spring 1998 or later

A.A. DEGREE MAJOR

Program Requirements	Units
MATH 56, 60, or an appropriate score on an approved math exam	0-6
BIOL 102* Molecules and Cells	3
MICR 200 Fundamentals of Microbiology	4
ZOO 200 Anatomy	4
ZOO 203 Physiology	4
Semester I	
NURS 117 Nursing I	9
NURS 103 Nursing Foundation I	2
Semester II	
NURS 118 Nursing II	9
NURS 203 Nursing Foundation II	1
Semester III	
NURS 217 Nursing III	9
Semester IV	
NURS 218 Nursing IV	9
Additional Related Support Courses	
ENG 100** English Composition	4
HUM Any course	3
PSYC Any course	3
SOC Any course	3
SPCH Any course	3
One approved pair of American History and Institutions courses or an appropriate score on an approved American History and Institutions exam	0-6
The following requirements for an Associate Degree from Palomar College are satisfied for graduates from the Associate of Arts Degree in Nursing (ADN):	
Health and Physical Education requirement (waived by completing nursing curriculum)	0
Integrated Self and Life-Long Learning (met by completing Nursing curriculum)	0
Multicultural requirement (met by completing NURS 103 and/or NURS 110 and NURS 217)	0
TOTAL UNITS	80

*This biology prerequisite is required if the science courses are taken at Palomar College

**Three semester unit courses accepted from accredited colleges Curriculum plan subject to change

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Associate of Arts Degree Advanced Standing for LVNs

Advanced Standing for LVNs is based on the following requirements:

- Hold a valid, active LVN License in the state of California
- Meet all requirements for admission as identified in the College Catalog and the Nursing Education Department brochure
- Successfully complete NURS 110
- Graduation from an accredited LVN/LPN program

Upon successful completion of NURS 110, the student has two academic years to enroll in the nursing program. If the student is unable to enroll within two academic years, for any reason other than lack of space in the program, the student will be required to repeat NURS 110.

Associate of Arts Degree Nursing Curriculum (LVN-RN)

A. A. DEGREE MAJOR

Program Requirements	Units
MATH 56, 60, or an appropriate score on an approved math exam	0-6
NURS 110 LVN-RN Transition	2
BIOL 102* Molecules and Cells	3
MICR 200 Fundamentals of Microbiology	4
ZOO 200 Anatomy	4
ZOO 203 Physiology	4

Semester I

NURS 217 Nursing III	9
NURS 203 Nursing Foundation II	1

Semester II

NURS 218 Nursing IV	9
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Additional Related Support Courses

ENG 100** English Composition	4
HUM Any course	3
PSYC Any course	3
SOC Any course	3
SPCH Any course	3
One approved pair of American History and Institutions courses or an appropriate score on an approved American History and Institutions exam	0-6

The following requirements for an Associate Degree from Palomar College are satisfied for graduates from the Associate of Arts Degree in Nursing (ADN):

Health and Physical Education requirement (waived by completing nursing curriculum)	0
Integrated Self and Life-Long Learning (met by completing Nursing curriculum)	0
Multicultural requirement (met by completing NURS 103 and/or NURS 110 and NURS 217)	

TOTAL UNITS 62

When the student has successfully completed the ADN program, the student will be given credit for previous vocational nursing education equivalent to 20 units.

*This biology prerequisite is required if the science courses are taken at Palomar College

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Non-Degree Program LVN to RN (30 Unit Option)

Any LVN licensed in the state of California is eligible to apply for this program. The program is prescribed by the Board of Registered Nursing and provides an RN license for CALIFORNIA ONLY. The College acts as a facilitator. Students must successfully complete or challenge NURS 110 to be eligible to apply for this program.

Upon successful completion of NURS 110, a student has two academic years to enroll in the nursing program. If the student is unable to enroll within two academic years, for any reason other than lack of space in the program, the student will be required to repeat NURS 110.

A maximum of 30 units of nursing and support courses are required to fulfill the unit requirement for licensure by the Board of Registered Nursing.

Program Requirements	Units
ZOO 203 Physiology	4
MICR 200 Fundamentals of Microbiology	4
NURS 110 LVN RN Transition	2
Semester I	
NURS 217* Nursing III	9
Semester II	
NURS 218 Nursing IV	9
TOTAL UNITS	28

*NURS 203 is recommended with NURS 217

30-Unit Option students, with additional units in general education, may earn the Associate in Arts Degree in General Studies. An Associate Degree in Nursing will NOT be awarded.

Associate Degree Nursing Diploma RN to ADN

- The student must present a valid active California RN license to be verified by the Nursing Education Department. A copy of the RN license must be submitted to the College's Records Office for inclusion in the student's academic file.
- The student must have an official transcript of the diploma school coursework sent to the Nursing Education Department at Palomar College.
- Units accepted from diploma school: 38 units of the 39 units required for the major in nursing at Palomar College may be accepted from the diploma school of nursing.
- One unit must be earned by completion of, or challenging of, NURS 203, Nursing Foundation II.
- When the student has completed the General Education requirements for the A.A. Degree and the two units required in nursing, the student will be awarded credit for the 38 units of coursework completed in the diploma school of nursing.