

## General Information

### Cost:

The total cost, including \$20 per unit (subject to change) enrollment fee, is approximately \$1,800 per year while in the nursing program.

### Employment Opportunities for ADNs:

In San Diego County, recent graduates of an ADN Program can expect to start at approximately \$4,000 per month in hospitals and other community health agencies. Entry level salaries will be higher in Orange and Los Angeles counties.

### Disclaimers:

**Physical Abilities:** The duties and responsibilities of a Registered Nurse requires specific physical abilities. Contact the Health Programs Specialist for more information.

**Convictions:** Applicants for the NCLEX are required under law to report all convictions unless they are ONLY minor traffic violations. Failure to report convictions or disciplinary action is considered falsification of application and is grounds for denial of licensure. Fingerprint identification is required in the application process.

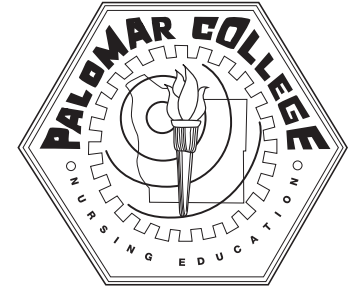
**Background check:** All incoming nursing students must go through a background investigation prior to entry by a firm designated by the SD Nursing Service-Education Consortium.

Applications and all questions regarding the Nursing Program should be submitted to:

**Health Programs Specialist  
Nursing Education Office  
Palomar College  
1140 W. Mission Road  
San Marcos, CA 92069-1487**

**(760) 744-1150 ext 2279  
www.palomar.edu/health**

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## NURSING PROGRAM

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### Generic Entry

This program is accredited by the California Board of Registered Nursing and the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission. Students who complete the course of study in accordance with the requirements set forth in the Palomar College Catalog are eligible to make application to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN) for licensure as a registered nurse and to receive an Associate in Arts Degree in Nursing. Those who pass the examination are designated as a registered nurse (RN) and are qualified for employment as an entry level practitioner providing direct Nursing care to patients in hospitals and other health agencies on a staff Nurse level.

### Recommendations

1. High school students are recommended to complete algebra, biology and chemistry in preparation for entry into the ADN Program at Palomar College. College level science courses are required before entering the ADN Program.
2. Students may consider obtaining a Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) certificate prior to entry.

### Application Periods:

September 1st through November 1st  
and  
February 1st through April 1st

## Entry with Advanced Standing

### A. Diploma RN to ADN

Available to students who have a current active California RN License in good standing and have graduated from a diploma school of nursing.

### B. LVN to RN

Available to students who have a current active California LVN License in good standing and have graduated from an accredited LVN/LPN program\*. This provides entry into the second year of the nursing program.

\* LVNs, who did not graduate from an accredited program, must consult with the Health Programs Specialist in the Nursing Education Office concerning Credit by Examination process.

### C. Advanced Standing by Transfer

Available to students who have been enrolled in an accredited registered nursing program within the last two years, (subject to individual evaluation of completed nursing courses). Refer to the program website at [www.palomar.edu/health](http://www.palomar.edu/health).

### D. Credit by Examination

Available to students who have had previous education or training that provides the knowledge and skill required to meet the objectives of one or more courses.

### E. LVN TO RN (30 Unit Option) Non Degree

Available to any LVN licensed in the state of California. The program is prescribed by the Board of Registered Nursing, and once complete, the LVN is eligible to take the RN Licensure Exam for California only. The college acts as a facilitator. A maximum of 30 units of nursing and support courses are required to fulfill the unit requirement for licensure by the BRN.

## Pre-Entrance Requirements

- Nursing Orientation**  
September through May  
First Tuesday of every month  
(Except for holidays and semester breaks)  
3 p.m. call for location (760) 744-1150 ext. 2279
  - Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)** must be passed with a composite score of at least 67% and taken at least 6 months prior to program entry.
  - High School Graduation** or **GED certificate** or **college degree** from an accredited institution.
  - Math Competency** consult College Catalog for specifics.
  - 2.5 GPA in Science Prerequisites**
  - Zoology 200**  
Anatomy . . . . .10 years\*
  - Zoology 203**  
Physiology . . . . .5 years\*
  - Microbiology 200**  
Fundamentals of Microbiology . . . . .5 years\*
- Prerequisite for # 6, 7 and 8:**  
BIOL 102; or BIOL 200 and CHEM 100; or BIOL 100 and CHEM 100; or BIOL 105 and CHEM 100; or BIOL 101 and BIOL 101L and CHEM 100.  
**Questions? Call (760) 744-1150 ext. 2275.**
- NURSING 110 LVN/RN Transition** . . . . .2 years\*  
LVNs must complete. This course is only offered during the fall semester. \*Time Limits

### Required Support Classes for Nursing Curriculum

- Psychology** (any 3 unit course except 140 or 205)
- Sociology** (any 3 unit course except 140 or 205)
- Speech** (any 3 unit course except 145 or 150)
- English 100** (Composition)

### Additional A. A. Degree Requirements

Students must meet competency and GE requirements for the A.A. Degree. A counseling appointment with an academic counselor should be made through the Counseling Office at Palomar College (760) 744-1150 ext. 2179

- Humanities** (3 units)
- American History & Institutions** (6 units)

Note: All other degree requirements are met by the Nursing Curriculum or waived.

## Nursing Curriculum

- Nursing 117:** Nursing I and  
**Nursing 103:** Nursing Foundation I
- Nursing 118:** Nursing II  
**Nursing 203:** Nursing Foundation II\*
- Nursing 217:** Nursing III and Nursing 203 if not previously taken.
- Nursing 218:** Nursing IV

\* 30 Unit Option candidates are not required to complete Nursing 203, but it is highly recommended.

\*\*Disclaimer: A.A. degree requirements vary dependent on "Catalog Rights". Consult an academic counselor.

Education Plan Nursing (RN)				Prerequisites for Admissions to the Nursing Program (Recommended order of sequence)	Other Requirements for ADN (May be completed after Admission to Program)	Program Requirements (Admission to Nursing Program required)
30-unit Option	LVN to RN	Transfer	Generic			
●	●	●	●	Nursing Orientation & TEAS		
●	●	●	●	High School Grad or Equiv.		
	●	●	●	Math Competency		
	●	●	●	GPA's in Prerequisite Sciences		
	●	●	●	Anatomy & Lab		
●	●	●	●	Physiology & Lab		
●	●	●	●	Microbiology & Lab		
●	●			Nursing 110		
	●	●	●	Psychology		
	●	●	●	Sociology		
	●	●	●	English		
	●	●	●	Speech		
	●	●	●	Competency & GE Req. for AA		
		●	●	Nursing 117 & 103		
		●	●	Nursing 118 & 203		
●	●	●	●	Nursing 217		
●	●	●	●	Nursing 218		