



# Palomar College

Registered Nursing Program and  
LVN-RN Step-Up Program



Information Session



# Accreditation

- ✓ Accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing
- ✓ Approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing
- ✓ Accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges



# Palomar College NCLEX Pass Rates

2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023
# Taken: 40	# Taken: 72	# Taken: 67	# Taken: 69	# Taken: 72	# Taken: 86	# Taken: 75	# Taken: 50
Pass Rate: 95%	Pass Rate: 91.67%	Pass Rate: 95.52%	Pass Rate: 92.75%	Pass Rate: 90.28%	Pass Rate: 86.05%	Pass Rate: 89.00%	Pass Rate: 96.50%



# Palomar College Nursing Class of 1969



DID YOU KNOW?

Palomar Community College is the oldest community college registered nursing program in San Diego county



# Our Program

- Course Topics:
  - Fundamentals: Essential concepts of nursing practice; critical thinking, the nursing process, therapeutic communication, health assessment, multi-cultural considerations, and managerial skills.
  - Medical-Surgical: The primary practice in the hospital setting. Requires broad knowledge of all body systems and a sweeping number illnesses.
  - Obstetrics: The practice of caring for pregnant persons and the delivery of babies.
  - Pediatrics: The practice of caring for children and adolescents in preventative and acute care settings.
  - Psychiatric: The practice of caring for patients diagnosed with mental illnesses.
  - Geriatrics: The practice of caring for elderly patients and providing high quality of life.

## Generic RN Program:

4 Semesters after Prerequisites and General Education

SEMESTERS	COURSES	DESCRIPTIONS
1st Semester	NURS 117-MS	Fundamentals, Med/Surg Stable Adult Patient
2nd Semester	NURS 118-P / NURS 118-BH / NURS 118-OB	Pediatrics, Behavioral Health, and Obstetrics
3rd Semester	NURS 217-MS	Gerontology, Advanced Med/Surg
4th Semester	NURS 218-MS	Advanced Med/Surg, Rotation to Intensive Care, Preceptorship

*\*Students who take the [LVN to RN Program](#) path will complete the three semesters (2nd to 4th semester courses) after prerequisites and general education.*



# Our Program

- The program is very rigorous with limited flexibility and students are required to be available Monday through Saturday for lab, lecture, and clinical hours.
  - Example: 1 day lab, 1 day lecture, 1 day clinical
  - Classes can start as early as 7:30 AM and end at 4:00 PM.  
Schedules are subject to change.
- Palomar provides an affordable and excellent education. Students are statistically hired within 6 months of graduating the program.
- The goal of our program is to prepare students to pass the National Council Licensing Examination for Registered Nursing (NCLEX-RN).
- We have multiple partnerships with RN to BSN programs at local San Diego area schools for those who want to pursue higher education.



117-MS / First Semester	
Enrollment Fees (\$46/unit)	1,380
Student Center Fee (up to \$10 annually)	10
Student Health Fee	26
Parking Permit	46
PIC /Activity Card	15
Name Badge	10
ADB background check & drug screening	77
Complio Immunization Screening & Placement Matching (annually)	49
Physical & Immunizations	120
Uniforms/shoes	150
*Supplies (e.g., scissors, stethoscope, bp cuff, watch w/second hand, kelly forceps)	150
Textbooks	523
Material Fees - ATI	775
<b>Approximate Total</b>	<b>\$3,331</b>

30 units

118 BH 118 OB 118P – Second Semester	
Enrollment Fees (\$46/unit)	1,242
Student Center Fee (up to \$10 annually)	n/a
Student Health Fee	26
Parking Permit	46
PIC /Activity Card (Optional)	15
Textbooks	48
Material Fees - ATI	775
<b>Approximate Total</b>	<b>\$2,152</b>

27 units

N217G 217 S 217 M / Third Semester	
Enrollment Fees (\$46/unit)	1,242
Student Center Fee (up to \$10 annually)	10
Student Health Fee	26
Parking Permit	46
PIC /Activity Card (Optional)	15
Renew Complio Immunization Screening & Placement Matching	49
Material Fees - ATI	775
<b>Approximate Total</b>	<b>2,163</b>

27 units

N218 / Fourth Semester	
Enrollment Fees (\$46/unit)	1,173
Student Center Fee (up to \$10 annually)	n/a
Student Health Fee	26
Parking Permit	46
PIC /Activity Card (Optional)	15
Material Fees - ATI for Fall 2023 Cohort students	660
Graduate Pin	55
<b>Approximate Total</b>	<b>\$1,920</b>

25.5 units

Optional

**4 semester total \$ 9,566**

# How much does the Palomar College Nursing Program cost?



The ATI Resource Fee is collected as a materials fee by Palomar College, and is due at the time of registration. It is non-refundable, even if a student drops before the add/drop deadline.



# What makes you eligible to apply?

## #1: Science Coursework

- Anatomy (BIOL 210) taken within the last 10 years
- Physiology (BIOL 211) taken within the last 7 years
- Microbiology (BIOL 212) taken within the last 7 years

A minimum of 2.5 GPA is required for eligibility. Online lab science coursework will not be accepted. Lecture/Lab course must be 4.0 semester units or greater.





# How to Calculate Your GPA



## Grade Point Values

A	4.0
B	3.0
C	2.0



## Converting Quarter Units to Semester Units

Quarter	Semester
1.0	0.7
1.5	1.0
2.0	1.0
3.0	2.0
4.0	2.7
4.5	3.0
5.0	3.3
6.0	4.0

Make sure your science courses are at least 4 semester units



# How to Calculate Your GPA

Step One: Calculate total course units and total grade points



Course	Units	Grade	Grade points
Anatomy	4.0	3.0 (B)	12.0
Physiology	4.0	3.0 (B)	12.0
Micro-Lec	3.0	2.0 (C)	6.0
Micro-Lab	1.0	4.0 (A)	4.0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>12.0</b>		<b>34.0</b>

Step Two: Calculate the average total points



$$\frac{\text{Total grade points}}{\text{Total course units}} = \text{GPA}$$

Total grade points = 34.0  
Total course units = 12.0

$$\text{GPA} = 34/12 = 2.83$$



## What makes you eligible to apply?

### #3: Fixed Set General Education Courses

All fixed set general education courses must be completed with a grade issued before you submit your application

- English Composition
- Speech/Communication
- Math: Intermediate Algebra or higher (Statistics recommended if you want to pursue BSN)
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Humanities

\*Note: Palomar does not require Chemistry as a prerequisite, but most RN-BSN programs require Chemistry as part of their prerequisites.



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**\*\*TEAS Version 7 started  
June 2022\*\***

### #2: TEAS Exam

A composite score of 62% or greater must be met before applying

Retake Policy: The exam can be repeated once if you fail to get a composite score of 62% or higher. However, for a second ATI TEAS attempt to be valid, the following guidelines apply:

- If unsuccessful the first time, you must complete remediation and provide documentation of such. After 30 days from the first exam, you can retest. The second successful test score will be used to award points.
- If successful the first time, but you want a higher score, **WAIT FOR 30 DAYS** from the first exam and then you can retake the exam. **THE BEST SCORE FROM THE TWO SUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS WILL BE USED.**



## Multi-Criteria Admission

Admission to our generic RN program is based on points given in review using a multi-criteria screening tool. The higher your point total, the more likely that you will be admitted to our program.

You will receive points for your science coursework GPA, fixed set general education GPA, and your TEAS score.

Points will also be awarded for any US academic degrees, allied health certifications/corpsmen, work or volunteer hours, veteran status, life experience, and second language proficiency.



## LVN to RN Step-Up Program

The LVN to RN Program is available to those who have:

- A current and active California LVN license in good standing
- Have graduated from an accredited LVN/LPN program
- Have 6 months of work experience as an LVN

### Things To Know

- The program is one year and a half (three semesters).
- **Students are admitted on a space available basis only**
- Students are selected using the Multi-Criteria Point System
- All prerequisite coursework must be completed to be eligible to apply. No in-progress coursework is accepted.
- **OPTIONAL:** Successful completion of an LVN to RN transition course





## Clinical Agency Requirements and Immunizations

Admitted students will complete a background check once directed by instructor.

Students must complete a background check and drug screen prior to participating in clinical experiences at health care facilities.

- Background check covers the past 7 years
- 10-panel drug screen

Students must complete a physical and verify all vaccinations are up to date for clearance when admitted into the program.



These items should only be completed upon admission to the Palomar Nursing program after additional directions from first semester instructor.

# How to prepare



Meet with a counselor! A counselor will let you know what requirements you have met and what courses you still need to complete before applying. Your degree is granted by Palomar College, not the Nursing Education Department.

Speak with a counselor regarding any academic planning issues which may arise during your time at Palomar College. Counselors can assist you with creating a semester by semester education plan to achieve your goals.

Get your Palomar ID number on the main Palomar website, then call (760) 891-7511 to make an appointment.

Apply for FAFSA! Even if you don't think you are eligible for federal aid, you could still qualify for state aid or loans. The FAFSA is how the College will check your eligibility for other financial aid options. Check in with the Financial Aid Office on campus for additional details.

Check your residency! State schools have algorithms built in to their applications that will automatically change your status to out-of-state if you don't meet residency standards. If you have been in California for at least a year and you are still listed as out-of-state, talk to the Admissions office about how you can change your status to in-state.

Order your official transcripts. We only need unofficial for your application, but any nursing school you attend will ask for your official transcripts once you are admitted.



## RN to BSN Bridge Programs



School	Expected Completion Time
Point Loma Nazarene	15 months
Azusa Pacific	15 months
Cal State San Marcos	16 months
Grand Canyon University	15 months

## Concurrent RN to BSN Programs



School
Point Loma Nazarene
Grand Canyon University
Arizona State University
Boise State University



# RN to BSN Programs

← → ↻ palomar.edu/nursing/

## Nursing Education Department

### Nursing Students

Open Lab Schedule

Committee Meeting Calendar

S.N.A.P.

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**RN-BSN Programs** 

Azusa Pacific University

Boise State University

California State University San Marcos RN to BSN Program

Chamberlain College of Nursing

Grand Canyon University

Point Loma Nazarene University

Southern New Hampshire University

# Further Questions?

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