

The Pacific Union College LVN to RN Program is uniquely designed to enable LVNs to work full time while continuing their nursing education.

**LVN to RN Orientation and Bridge Course:**

- Orientation: mid-October.
- LVN to RN Bridge Course: 2 Days mid-November & 2 Days early December

**LVN to RN Program Length:**

- 18 months total.
- Three 17-week sessions are extended over the 18-month program.
- Generous breaks between the three sessions facilitate students' preparation for the next session and accommodate other personal obligations.
- Theory is taught during three core weeks; core weeks are four consecutive 8-hour days (normally on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday) evenly spaced throughout the 17-week session.
- 12-hour clinical labs are scheduled on non-core week Sundays during the session.

**LVN to RN Program Format:**

- Non-traditional format for the working adult.
- Adult education principles are the foundation of the program, which is structured to allow students to meet other life obligations while upgrading skills and professional knowledge.
- Maximum class size is 18.

**Admission:**

- Acceptance into the LVN to RN program is competitive and based on a combination of academic achievements, admission test results, and personal qualifications.
- Completion of not less than 16 college quarter hours of nursing cognate and/or general education courses are required prior to orientation
- Intro to Chemistry Human Anatomy, Human Physiology and Microbiology are prerequisite to starting nursing classes.
- There is no expiration for previously taken college courses.

**Pacific Union College and the Department of Nursing & Health Sciences:**

- PUC is a Christian liberal arts college.
- PUC is a fully accredited four-year college.
- The nursing programs at PUC are approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) and accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, INC. (ACEN)

For more information on the PUC LVN to RN Program or the application process, please review an application packet or contact the Nursing Admissions Coordinator: 800-862-7080, option #3 or [nursing@puc.edu](mailto:nursing@puc.edu).

The following cognate and general courses are required for the LVN to RN AS in Nursing Degree at PUC. All science courses are prerequisites that must be completed prior to admission into the program.

Admission into the LVN-RN program is competitive in nature. Therefore, evaluation of one's nursing GPA (in the cognate/general courses listed below), test scores, and the number of completed required cognate/general courses will affect the likelihood of being accepted into the program.

**Required Cognate/General Courses:**

*Intro to Chemistry with lab	4 hours
*Human Anatomy with lab	5 hours
*Human Physiology with lab	5 hours
*General Microbiology with lab	5 hours
Nutrition	3 hours
General Psychology	4 hours
Human Development (Lifespan Development)	4 hours
College English I (Reading & Composition)	4 hours
Speech	4 hours
Sociology (choose one course from the following options):	3-4 hours
• Cultural Anthropology	
• Nursing Issues: Transcultural Care	
• Introduction to Sociology	
• The Family	
• American Social Problems	
• Racial & Ethnic Relations	
Math requirement may be met by:	4 hours
• Basic Algebra II (Intermediate Algebra) <u>or</u>	
• A full year of high school Algebra II with semester grades of C or better	
Religion	6 hours
• Focus is on the spiritual care of patients - taught during nursing program in Sessions I & II	

Transfer credit of 31 hours is granted from accredited vocational colleges for the first year of traditional AS in Nursing degree courses to applicants who possess a current LVN license or to military Medical Technicians who have passed the Assessment Technology Institute (ATI) LVN Comprehensive exam at a predetermined standardized level set by national norms. The LVN to RN AS in Nursing degree includes 41 hours of major course work taken through PUC. A total of 115 hours minimum are required for the degree (major courses, cognate courses and general education courses).

\*Prerequisite courses

**Required Nursing Major Courses Taught in LVN to RN Program**

NURS 221 - Nursing IV (Med-Surg) - taught in Session I	6 hours
NURS 222 - Nursing V (Advanced Med-Surg) - Session II	6 hours
NURS 254 - Mental Health Nursing - Session I	6 hours
NURS 255 - Pediatric Nursing - Session III	5 hours
NURS 256 - Maternal-Newborn Nursing - Session II	6 hours
NURS 325 - Nursing VI (Synthesis) - Session III	9 hours
NURS 326 - Management & Professional Practice - Session III	3 hours

Students may earn a maximum of 24 hours of academic credit by the successful writing of AP (Advanced Placement), IB (International Baccalaureate), CLEP (College Level Examination Program), DDST (DANTES Subject Standardized Tests) and/or Excelsior examinations for the AS Nursing degree. Only grades of C or higher are accepted for transfer and while completing the nursing program. See the General Catalog for additional information at: <http://www.puc.edu/academics/general-catalog>.