



LVN-RN CAREER LADDER NURSING PROGRAM

Application Packet



MiraCosta College

LVN-RN Career Ladder Nursing Program

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www.miracosta.edu/Instruction/nursing

- 1. Eligibility Requirements for the RN Program:** ALL of the following must be met in order to be eligible to APPLY to the LVN-RN Career Ladder Nursing Program.
 - A. California Vocational Nursing License in good standing.
 - B. Overall cumulative grade point average (G.P.A.) of 2.5 for all college coursework.
 - C. Completion of the following SCIENCE PREREQUISITES with a **combined G.P.A. of 2.5 with no grade less than "C" for each course** and no more than one repetition for a substandard grade or withdrawal in any **one** of the 3 courses:
 1. Human Anatomy (BIO 210) – 4 semester units or equivalent
 2. Human Physiology (BIO 220) – 4 semester units or equivalent
 3. Microbiology (BIO 230) – 4 - 5 semester units or equivalent

Note: Physiology and Microbiology must be completed within 10 years preceding qualifying date of eligibility.

- D. Completion of the following PREREQUISITES with a grade of no less than "C"
 1. Composition and Reading (ENGL 100) – 4 semester units or equivalent
 2. Intermediate Algebra (Math101) – 4 semester units or equivalent (or a passing score on the Math Placement Test)

Note: Students who do not meet the G.P.A. or course repetition requirement should check with the Nursing Department for other options.

- 2. Transcript Requirement:** One official transcript in a **sealed** envelope from **each** college and university attended, including MiraCosta College, must be submitted with your application to the program.
- 3. Foreign Transcripts:** ALL foreign transcripts must be *evaluated* by the International Education Research Foundation www.ierf.org, a credential evaluation service for determining U.S. equivalency. **If a foreign degree was earned**, the evaluation must state its equivalency to a U.S. degree.
- 4. Application Process:**
 - A. Applications are accepted on an on-going basis and students will be added to the established list in the order their completed application was accepted by the Nursing Department. **First consideration will be given to those who have completed all the General Education requirements for an Associate's Degree.** Packets must be submitted in person to Bldg. T420. Please call (760) 795-6796 to make an appointment prior to submission.

- 5. Applicant responsibilities:**
 - A. Comply with requirements and deadlines and respond to requests for clarification or documentation;
 - B. Maintain currency and accuracy of file, including: transcripts (updated to include courses completed after applying) and name or address changes;
 - C. Complete the application - incomplete or unsigned application packages will not be considered.
- 6. Denial of Licensure:** The California Board of Registered Nursing may deny a license regulated by the Business and Professional Code, Section 480, on such grounds as: being convicted of a crime, acts of dishonesty, fraud or deceit. All students selected for enrollment in the nursing program will be assessed for past criminal activity prior to clinical experiences. Please contact the Program Director if you have questions.
- 7. For applicants who are notified that they have been accepted for enrollment in the program (not those wait listed), there are three additional requirements:**
 - A. **Health Requirements:** Applicants selected for enrollment in the program must have a physical examination, laboratory tests, and immunizations just prior to starting the Nursing Program. The student must be free from communicable diseases, infections, and must be able to perform the essential requirements of the program with or without reasonable accommodations for disability.
 - B. **Orientation and Advisement Session** must be attended once accepted for enrollment in the program.
 - C. **Testing Requirement:** Effective Fall 2008, all LVN-RN students must pass the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS). This is a diagnostic test that covers basic Math, Reading, and Science. Students who fail to achieve a passing score must complete additional pre-nursing course work as directed by the nursing department. Students may prepare for this test by going to the ATI testing site (<http://www.atitesting.com/>) and then go to ASSESSMENTS; go to Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS). The TEAS test will be given by the nursing faculty prior to starting the nursing program at a time set by the nursing department.

ALL nursing students in ALL programs will be required to complete the background check and urine drug screen BEFORE BEGINNING THE NURSING PROGRAMS IN SAN DIEGO - THIS IS A HOSPITAL/HEALTH CARE AGENCY REQUIREMENT. Students will be given the information to obtain these requirements at the orientation and advisement. Background Check - American Data Bank (ADB) <http://sdnsebackground.com/>

Eligibility requirements, application process, and application packets are available on the web at <http://www.miracosta.edu/Instruction/Nursing/index.htm>, in the Admission & Records office and in Building T420. Rev 2/09

LVN-RN PROGRAM APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

Before submitting your application PLEASE read the application directions and eligibility criteria requirements carefully. You must submit **ALL** application materials **TOGETHER** and **IN PERSON**. Use this checklist to make certain that your application is smoothly processed:

- Application** – must be neat, complete, accurate, and signed (read signature statement carefully). The application package must be submitted with **ALL** supporting documents present, including such items as transcripts, placement test results, and any other required paperwork that applies to **your** application.

- Transcripts** – All transcripts, **including those from MiraCosta**, must be submitted to verify completion of prerequisites.

- MiraCosta College placement test results** – These must be submitted only if the applicant's placement test results for math were above the required level and will be used to meet graduation requirements

- Copy of current Vocational Nursing License** – All Career Ladder LVN-RN applicants must send a copy of their current California license.

- Keep a file of records pertaining to your application** – Keep duplicate copies of all materials submitted, including your own copy of all transcripts (note, however that all transcripts submitted to us must be in a sealed envelope).

MiraCosta College
Application For Enrollment

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PLEASE CHECK BELOW THE PROGRAM AND SCHEDULE FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING . . .

Standard Career Ladder Application

30-Unit Option Application

Social Security Number (Required)		Student ID Number	
Date of Application:			
Mr./Mrs./Miss/Ms/ (circle one):			
Last Name, First Name Middle		Maiden	
Previous names appearing on Transcripts:			
Address:			
Number and Street		City/State	Zip
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	e-mail:	
Birthdate:	Place of Birth:		
City		State/Country	
Name and location of high school attended:			
Date of high school graduation or GED:			
Name and location of LVN school attended			
Military Training <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> yes If yes, specify:			
Have you previously attended MiraCosta College?		YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
If YES, give last session attended:	Fall <input type="checkbox"/>	Spring <input type="checkbox"/>	Summer <input type="checkbox"/>
	Year _____		
U.S. Citizen:	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	If you are NOT a U.S. Citizen, please complete the following:
Are you in the U.S. under an F1-Visa?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	Country of Citizenship:	
	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Alien # or Visa #:	

A. APPLICANT DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Gender:	<input type="checkbox"/> Female	<input type="checkbox"/> Male				
Age (years):	<input type="checkbox"/> under 25	<input type="checkbox"/> 26-30	<input type="checkbox"/> 31-40	<input type="checkbox"/> 41-50	<input type="checkbox"/> 51-60	<input type="checkbox"/> over 60
Ethnicity:	<input type="checkbox"/> African-American/Black	Asian/ Pacific Islander	<input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese	<input type="checkbox"/> Guamanian		
(check one)	<input type="checkbox"/> Caucasian/European	<input type="checkbox"/> Chinese	<input type="checkbox"/> Asian Indian	<input type="checkbox"/> Japanese	<input type="checkbox"/> Korean	

Hispanic

Filipino

Laotian

Cambodian

Hawaiian

Samoan

American Indian or Alaskan Native

Other (please specify):

Applicant Name: _____

B. ACADEMIC HISTORY:

1. List **all** colleges you have attended in chronological order, beginning with the most recent. Please include any college that you are now attending. Include each institution attended regardless of length of attendance.

<u>College</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Dates Attended</u>	<u>Approx Units</u>	<u>Degree Rec'd</u>	<u>Degree Date</u>

2. Have you ever been dismissed from any college or placed on probation?

YES NO

If yes, please explain the circumstances:

3. Have you ever been accepted at, or attended, regardless of the length of time, another RN nursing program?

YES NO

If yes, please explain the circumstances:

C. WORK EXPERIENCE:

Current Employer:		Dates of Employment:	
Address:			()
	Street, City, State Zip	Telephone No.	
Length of full time employment as an LVN:	FULL-TIME <input type="checkbox"/>	and/or	PART-TIME <input type="checkbox"/>
Describe scope of employment or tasks in which you have engaged as an LVN, including the setting(s) and specialty area(s) in which you work (or have worked), typical work assignments, and, if more than one, the length of time for each employment.			

Applicant Name: _____

Please **complete** the following:

<u>Course</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>When Taken</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Final Grade</u>
Biology 210 (Human Anatomy) ^{1 and 2}	4 units			
Biology 220 (Human Physiology) ^{1, 2 and 4}	4 units			
Biology 230 (Microbiology) ^{1, 2, 4 and 5}	4-5 units			
English 100 (Composition & Reading) ^{1 and 2}	3 units			
Math 101 (Intermediate. Algebra) or equivalent OR Math Placement Score Which Meets Graduation Requirements ¹				
Psych 101, 103, or 121; OR Gero 121; OR Soc 101, 102, or 110 ²	3 units			
Communication 101 (Public Speaking) ²	3 units			
Humanities (Area D criteria – see counselor) ³	3 units			
American Institution Requirements ³	4-6 units			
Health 101L	1 unit			

- ¹ These courses are a prerequisite to enrollment. Courses must be **completed** prior to submitting an application (prerequisite program requirements).
- ² These courses are required by the nursing major and must be completed in order to be eligible for the state licensing examination. They may be completed while the student is enrolled in the nursing program but they must be successfully completed with a "C" or better prior to program completion.
- ³ These courses are graduation requirements established by the College. A student may write the state licensing examination prior to completing these courses. See RN Program Director for further information, clarification.
- ⁴ These courses are the required prerequisites for the LVN 30-Unit Option. Please see the RN Program Director for further information, clarification.
- ⁵ Sixteen units of natural, behavioral, and social sciences are required for licensure – if A&P and Microbiology are all 4 units, the student must have an additional 3 units in one of these areas – please see your academic advisor.

Applicant Name: _____

D. WRITING SAMPLE/BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH:

Using paragraph form please construct a short **biographical** sketch of yourself *within the space allotted below*. **Do not attach pages or exceed the allotted space. Entries that exceed the allowed space will not be read.** Include the reasons you have chosen to obtain RN licensure. **This should be an example of your *best college writing style* – please take time to complete this section, giving thought to organization, structure, and content.**

I, the undersigned, have read and understand the entrance requirements for the LVN – RN Nursing Program at MiraCosta College. I am also aware that because of the number of applicants for the program, completion of all entrance requirements does not assure my selection for the program.

I certify that I have considered each question carefully and that my statements are true and complete. My signature is my certification of the accuracy and completeness of the information I have provided. Further, I understand that admission to or enrollment in the Career Ladder Nursing Program at MiraCosta College may be denied if any information I have provided on this application is found to be incomplete or inaccurate.

Also, I am aware that applicants must have a physical examination, laboratory tests, and immunizations just prior to starting the Nursing program. The student must be free from communicable diseases, infections, and must be able to perform the essential requirements of the program with or without reasonable accommodations for a disability.

What month and year did you complete your VN/PN training?

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month year

Are you licensed as an LVN in the State of California?

YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
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Has your license ever been suspended, revoked, or denied?

YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
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If YES, please describe on reverse.

I have been counseled about LVN advanced placement options and have chosen to apply for the:

- Standard LVN-RN option; **OR**,
- 30-Unit option

If you need additional information regarding these choices, please contact the Department of Nursing.

Signature

LVN License #

Date