The Registered Nursing Program provides an opportunity for Licensed Vocational Nurses and Licensed Psychiatric Technicians to complete the Registered Nursing curriculum.

The individual completing the Registered Nursing Program and general education requirements will receive an Associate Degree in Nursing and is eligible to take the National Council Licensing Examination (NCLEX) as a graduate of Cypress College Registered Nursing Program.

The LVN 30-Unit Option non-degree RN Program does not lead to an Associate Degree in Nursing. This non-graduate status entitles the candidate to take the NCLEX-RN for licensure as a registered nurse only in California. This permanent non-graduate status may hinder employment and further educational opportunities and prohibit endorsement as a registered nurse in other states. (See catalog and Health Science Counselor)

The Department of Nursing articulates with most colleges and universities, which means they accept lower division work from Cypress College. Many of our graduates continue on to an upper division program of study specifically designed for registered nurses leading to a Bachelor or Master of Science in Nursing.

The Nursing program is approved by the California State Board of Registered Nursing and accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN formerly the NLNAC).

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

If you have been convicted of any offense other than a minor traffic violation, it may prevent your attending clinical rotations where criminal background checks are required. You will be required to declare offenses on your state application to write the licensing exam, which may delay the licensing process and affect your eligibility to become licensed.

Note:

In compliance with the State Board of Registered Nursing Guidelines, no student with impaired health status (which includes use of legal or illegal drugs, alcohol, or other chemicals) shall be admitted or allowed to remain enrolled in the Nursing Program.

Students applying to the Nursing Program with a history of substance abuse, physical impairment, or mental/emotional impairment shall be required to provide proof of active participation in a recognized treatment program at the time of application.

Evidence of continuing rehabilitation may be required if admitted or re-admitted to the Nursing Program. These standards are necessary for the Cypress College Registered Nursing Program to be in compliance with the Board of Registered Nursing Guidelines, and maintain accreditation.
CYPRESS COLLEGE CAREER MOBILITY PROGRAM

A. MINIMUM STANDARDS TO APPLY

1. Apply to Cypress College to obtain a Cypress College student ID#. The email address used on the Cypress College application will be used within your Health Science Application and for all Career Mobility email interactions between the college faculty and staff, clinical sites, and any other program related email interactions.

2. High School graduation or passing of the General Education Development (GED) or high school proficiency test by the start of the program or an Associate degree or higher from a regionally accredited college/university.

3. Possess an unencumbered, current California LVN or PT license, and must have at least 6 months full-time experience or one year of part-time experience, within the last 3 years at the time of application.

4. Program Prerequisites must be completed with a grade of “C” or better:
   a. English 100C/English 101C/ESL 110C
      College Writing (4 units) or a comparable course.
   b. Biology 231 C
      General Human Anatomy (4 units) or a comparable course with lab. Must be taken within 10 years of application.
   c. Biology 241C
      General Human Physiology (4 units) or a comparable course with lab. Must be taken within 10 years of application. Chemistry 101C is strongly recommended.
   d. Biology 220C
      Medical Microbiology (4 units) or a comparable course with lab. Must be taken within 10 years of application.
   e. Psychology 101C
      Introduction to Psychology (3 units).

5. A meeting with a Health Science counselor is mandatory to verify completion of prerequisites. Official transcripts of all colleges attended are required.

6. Passing TEAS score (62 or higher) within the last two years and most current version. The Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) will be used by the Cypress College Nursing Program. The TEAS is a multiple-choice assessment that will cover English and Language usage, reading, mathematics and science. For more information on the TEAS, applicants may go to: http://www.atitesting.com/global/students/teas-faq.aspx

7. Successful completion of the Career Mobility Proficiency Exams I and II. (Fall semester only - Limit 1 attempt)

8. Successful completion of the Career Mobility Clinical Skills Validation Performance Exam. (Spring semester only upon successful completion of Proficiency Exam II - Limit 2 attempts)

9. Total college grade point average (GPA) or 2.0 (“C”) or better.
B. APPLICATION PROCEDURES

1. Meet with a Health Science counselor to verify completion of prerequisites.

2. Apply to Cypress College to obtain a Cypress College student ID#. Once a Cypress College Student ID# has been received, and upon successful completion of the Career Mobility Clinical Skills validation test, submit required official transcripts of all colleges attended to Cypress College Admissions and Records.
   - Digitally (directly from school to school) - send to incomingtranscripts@cypresscollege.edu
     Attn: Transcripts
   - Through mail (unofficial if opened) -
     Cypress College Admissions and Records - Transcripts
     9200 Valley View St.
     Cypress, CA  90630

3. The first skills validation test is scheduled in October of each year.

4. Applications will be provided upon successful completion of the Career Mobility Clinical Skills validation tests.

5. Submit needed documents following the instructions on the application.
   - Copy of High School diploma, official High School transcripts, copy of GED, or an Associate degree or higher from a regionally accredited college/university.
   - Official transcripts of all colleges attended (including W's and dual enrollment)
   - Unofficial Cypress College and Fullerton College if attended.
   - Letter verifying 6 months of full-time or one year part time LVN/PT experience within the last 3 years.

6. It is the responsibility of the applicant to thoroughly read all information provided within the handouts and to review for updated changes that can occur annually.

C. CANDIDATE SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Successful completion of NURS 090 C Nursing Transitions (with a grade of "C" or better). NURS 090 is only available upon successful completion of the Career Mobility Clinical Skills validation tests and is a non-repeatable class.

2. Eligible applicants will be admitted to the nursing program on a space available basis according to attrition in the generic nursing program and the time of submission of a completed career mobility application.

3. F-1 visa students will not be accepted for admission into any program when applications by qualified U.S. citizens exceed space available (AP 5012 1.4.).

D. ACCEPTANCE

1. The applicant will have one offer of admittance to Nursing Transitions course during the calendar year of completed Skills Validation Exam.

2. When notified of admittance to the program a response of acceptance is required by a specified date.

3. Applicant rejects offer of admittance: An applicant who chooses not to accept admittance by the deadline will be dropped from the list.

4. No response to the notification of admission by specified date constitutes rejection by the applicant and the applicant's name is the dropped from the list.

5. Good physical and mental health as determined by a medical examination upon admission to the program.
CAREER MOBILITY PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

CURRICULUM

General Education and Graduation Requirements

The below courses must be taken prior to the expected date of graduation. All required courses must be completed with a grade of “C” or better.

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Beginning the Fall 2000 catalog, the Nursing program meets the cultural diversity requirement.

+ May be waived based on completion of a bachelor degree or higher at an accredited institution in the U.S.
# A score of 3 or higher on the Advanced Placement (AP) meets this requirement. See a counselor for more information.
~ Proficiency test available - see Counselor.
* See Counselor/catalog.

LVN to Registered Nurse
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(714) 484-7015

Or visit:
https://careers.cypresscollege.edu/programs/nursing/

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