



# LVN to RN Program

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## Licensed Vocational Nurses

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Chabot College offers a two year program to assist Licensed Vocational Nurses to achieve eligibility to sit the *National Council Licensing Examination for Registered Nursing* (NCLEX–RN). Licensed Vocational Nurses who hold a current license to practice in California and are currently working full time (one year) as a LVN, are eligible for the program. It is possible to earn an Associate in Arts degree after completing the program, although it is not a requirement for eligibility to take the NCLEX–RN Licensing exam.

### Two Year Program

First Year: a part time program allows the LVN to continue working. The transition classes N70 and N70L are offered in the Fall of each year, one day a week. Nursing theory will be validated through four ATI tests: **Fundamentals of Nursing, Nursing Care of Children, Maternal Newborn Nursing, and Pharmacology**. If a student fails to meet program standards they may take the theory course in the Spring of the same year.

Spring semester of the first year the LVN will validate their skills and complete their hospital exam. Student will complete any other first year program courses required. Upon successful completion of the testing sequence you will be eligible to proceed to a full-time program of study on **space available basis**. Those applicants who first demonstrate they are qualified for any opening will be the first to be admitted. Should two or more applicants meet the qualification at the same time, random selection will be conducted to determine placement.

Second year: Course work will be completed in the traditional classroom and clinical manner and subject to the same policies and procedures as the traditional student. It is considered a full-time program of study. Some courses in the nursing sequence may be assigned in the late afternoon or evening. If you have dependent children please make arrangements for their care.

## What does the Program cost?

The total cost of the one year program for in-state resident is approximately \$3,000\*. This includes class fees, books, uniforms, shoes and in-program testing fees. Financial aid is available. Personal physician or nurse practitioner physical and dental examinations with current immunizations and TB testing are required prior to entering the second year of the program as well as a background check and drug screen. Transportation to and from hospitals or other agencies is the responsibility of the student.

### Nursing Theory

All LVN and transfer students must have prior nursing theory validated by the nationally normed and standardized ATI exams as outlined inside. There is a non-refundable cost of \$265 per semester (Fundamental, Obstetrics, Pediatrics and Pharmacology)



**Chabot offers LVNs the opportunity for career advancement**

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### Information Meetings Monthly

- April, May, October, November see website for dates.
- 12 Noon to 1:00 PM
- Room 2252—Chabot Campus
- No appointment necessary

For additional information call 510.723.7677 or go to our website: [www.chabotcollege.edu/nurs](http://www.chabotcollege.edu/nurs)

\*All costs are approximate and subject to change.



**Math skills are used in medication and IV calculations**

## LVN Employment

All LVN's and foreign-educated nurses must show proof of having been employed full-time in a health care agency (hospital, clinic and/or skilled nursing facility) as a CNA, LVN, etc. for at least **ONE YEAR** and within the past year.



Student practice on each other to perfect their clinical skills

## How to get started

### College GPA

You must have a minimum of 2.0 "C" college GPA.

### English/Math

If you have not taken college level English or Math you may take the Chabot College Assessment Tests. (These tests are used as guide to select appropriate placement for English and Math classes. See AA degree information on the Chabot Website for current standards.)

### Natural Sciences

The following two sciences<sup>1</sup> or their equivalent are required for all 3 options: Human Physiology I, and Microbiology I. If Option 1 or 3 is selected Human Anatomy is also required. The science courses must be 4-5 semester units and be completed prior to enrollment in Nursing 70, the transition course offered in the Fall semester only.

<sup>1</sup>There may be pre-requisite courses required prior to enrollment in these science courses. Check the current Chabot Course Catalog to determine those classes.

## Theory Validation

Assessment Technologies Institute (ATI) tests are used to assess knowledge and facilitate program placement. You will take these tests while enrolled in Nursing 70.

There are four on-line tests: **Fundamentals of Nursing, Nursing Care of Children, Maternal Newborn Nursing, and Pharmacology** assessment exams. These tests are required. In addition, if you have completed a nine week RN psychiatric nursing course you will take the **ATI Mental Health Nursing** test.

The passing score for all tests is the 50th percentile. Please note no more than two (2) attempts may be made on the assessment exams and test scores are valid for two (2) years. After successfully passing all four tests, you will be eligible for validation of clinical skills.

Costs include an E-Book study guide. These guides will help you prepare for the actual test.

Cost of test may increase or student maybe required to purchase all tests as a bundle.



## Clinical Skills Validation

Prior to enrollment in the nursing program, your clinical practice skills must be validated in a hospital based exam. This test will determine if your skills are equivalent to that of generic students completing the first two semesters of the nursing program.

### Hospital Performance

This fee for the hospital exam is \$200. This non-refundable fee is payable prior to testing.

The validation of clinical skills includes 3 parts:

1. Written tests covering dosage calculation and therapeutic communication ability.
2. A Skills Laboratory Exam to assess ability to perform first year nursing skills.

3. A hospital based patient care exam addressing safety, organization, and communication.

Testing for part 1 and 2 above is scheduled with the Skills Laboratory Clinical Coordinator at Chabot or our extended campus in Livermore. Testing part 3 will be coordinated through a designated nursing faculty member. *A cancellation fee will be charged if the student reschedules the hospital examination.*

For a detailed description of the testing sequence, please obtain a copy of the "Advanced Standing Performance Examination Guidelines" available from the bookstore on the Chabot campus.

## TEAS®: Test of Academic Skills (Version. 5.0)

All Chabot nursing students must take and pass on their first attempt the TEAS® Version V (5.0) with a score of 62% *Adjusted Individual Score*. Testing will be offered in May after the LVN orientation. Test dates are listed on the program website. Students who do not pass will be assigned remediation course (s). These courses must be taken and completed with a "C" or better prior to re-taking the TEAS®.

For additional information about the TEAS® please go to [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com).

## Three Program Options Available

### Decide your option...

There are three options for your upgrade to Registered Nurse. If you are choosing option one or three, it is better to take no more than two courses per semester rather than over extend yourself.

#### **Option 1**

##### **Earn an AA Degree**

To receive an AA Degree, you will need to complete all of the pre-requisite science courses and Nursing 70. In addition to the Nursing program sequence the following courses are required by the California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) and must be completed:

- Psychology 1
- English 1A,
- English 4, 7, 52B, or Business 10 or French 2A or 2B,
- Sociology 1, and
- Communication 1, 10, or 30

Chabot College degree requirements must also be met to earn the Associate in Arts Degree in Nursing. It is necessary to contact a counselor for evaluation of general education requirements which includes math proficiency. [www.chabotcollege.edu/counseling](http://www.chabotcollege.edu/counseling) for hours and contact numbers.

#### **Option 2**

##### **The 30 Semester Unit**

Complete the 30 specifically designated semester units of prerequisite science courses and Nursing 70. Other degree and general education requirements are not required under this option. Graduates of this program are eligible to take the NCLEX-RN Licensing exam **ONLY** in California. At the present time, employment options after graduation are limited to the State of California. Regardless of whether you eventually continue your education and complete your degree your RN license will always be stamped **30 Unit Option**.

**This option is offered and accepted ONLY in the State of California and the actual nursing curriculum is identical in scope and length of time as in Options 1 and 3**

**Student selecting option 2 or 3 will be ranked lower than for the 'space availability'.**

#### **Option 3**

##### **Non-Degree**

Complete all courses in the nursing program which are considered to be a component of the nursing program as approved by the Board of Registered Nursing. This option allows the student who has completed the nursing courses (but not all the general education courses required for the AA degree) to sit the licensing exam without the degree.

Regardless of whether you continue your education to receive a degree your RN license will always be stamped **Non-Degree**.



**Simulation Training**

## Background Check

Chabot College is required to secure background checks on all students entering clinical studies. We will review the following for each and every student.

1. U.S. County Criminal Records (All Counties of Residence – Past 7 Years) Felony/ misdemeanor Criminal Conviction Search
  2. Residency History Search
  3. Social Security Alert
  4. Nationwide Healthcare Fraud & Abuse ( includes OIG and GSA)
  5. Nationwide Sex Offender Registry
  6. A pre-placement drug screen
- Investigative reports may include information concerning your character, general reputation and personal characteristics, mode of living and may include information obtained through interviews.

These consumer reports may also include investigative consumer reports obtained from:

Certified Background  
866.666.7788

[www.certifiedbackground.com](http://www.certifiedbackground.com)  
If you have been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony it is possible you will be denied placement in one or more hospitals that are used for clinical experience or the **Board of Registered Nursing (BRN)** may not grant you a license. If selected student will be required to meet with the program director to discuss placement in our clinical hospitals. Denial for clinical placement may effect your progression in the program and make you ineligible to participate. Positive drug screen of any non-prescriptive drug will result in program dismissal.

# Application Process

*Any falsification of data on the application (2)  
will result in immediate disqualification*



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## Skills Lab Policy

If any part of the Skills Lab written exams are failed three times, students **may not** progress in the examination process. The student will then be advised to apply as a beginning student in the Nursing Program.

The passing score for the math exam is **90%**. The Skills Lab exam may not be taken more than two times; the passing score for the skills exam is **75%**.

## Hospital Exam Policy

If the hospital-based examination is failed, the applicant may repeat it **ONE** time for an additional fee \$200. A second failure will result in the applicant being counseled to apply as a beginning student in the Nursing Program.

### Step 1 Apply to Chabot College

A Chabot College Application for Admission must be submitted to the college. This application can be submitted electronically by going to <http://www.cccapply.com> and is available year round.

### Step 2 Review Instructions

Nursing Advanced Standing / LVN to RN Applications are accepted March 1st through October 31 each year. Download the Advanced Standing Application from the website: [www.chabotcollege.edu/nurs](http://www.chabotcollege.edu/nurs). Follow the instructions as outlined under "LVN Application Process"

### Step 3 Complete Advanced Standing Application

Complete the Nursing application. Print, sign and MAIL to Admission and Records, Chabot College, 25555 Hesperian Blvd. Hayward, CA 94545. It is recommended you obtain a "Certificate of Mailing" and "Return Receipt" from the U.S. Postal Service at the time of the mailing. Hand carried copies will not be accepted.

### Step 4 Official Transcripts

The student must request **official transcripts** from all previously attended schools and colleges. You may include sealed transcripts with application, or these must be MAILED to Admission and Records, Chabot College. Hand carried transcripts will not be accepted.

### Step 5 Verify Receipt of Transcripts

Go to on-line to [www.chabotcollege.edu](http://www.chabotcollege.edu), click **Class-Web** to verify receipt of transcripts. Due to the volume of applicants we are not able to notify students individually if any information is missing.

### Step 6 Counseling Appointment

If selecting Option 1 or 3, make an appointment with a counselor for a preliminary evaluation of your transcripts.

### Step 7 Transcript Evaluation

College evaluator will review your Advanced Standing Application and transcripts. The information is then forwarded to the Nursing Program Director. You will then be notified by mail regarding your eligibility and courses required to enter and complete the program. Please allow 6-8 weeks for this process to complete.

### Step 8 Mandatory Orientation

Attend one mandatory orientation for N70 in December, May or June see website for dates.

### Step 9 TEAS® Version V (5.0)

Take and pass the TEAS®. Test dates are listed on the nursing website [www.chabotcollege.edu/nurs](http://www.chabotcollege.edu/nurs) Click TEAS®

## Acceptance into the Program



Upon acceptance into the full time program, the following is required:

- ✓ Physical and Dental examinations as well as immunization records. All Chabot forms must be completed by a physician or nurse practitioner, substitute forms by physicians will not be accepted.
- ✓ Evidence of current 2 year **American Heart Association Health Care Provider CPR card**. We do **NOT** accept on-line courses or any other type of certification course.
- ✓ ATI Testing Fee (Approximately \$265) for the Fall Semester assessment examinations. An additional testing fee will be collected for the Spring.
- ✓ Background check and drug screen fees. (Approximately cost is \$97.)