MISSION
The mission of the Porterville College LVN to RN 30-Unit Option Certificate is to prepare entry-level registered nurses as providers and managers of care across the health/illness continuum and as members within the profession. Entry-level registered nurses will collaborate with members of the health care team, be effective communicators, be politically aware, and demonstrate a commitment to lifelong learning.

The 30-unit option provides the Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) the opportunity to prepare and sit for the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN). This option is available to all LVN’s entering the PC Nursing Program. This is a two-semester Program. Students do not need to complete all the Porterville College General Education Requirements for the LVN-RN 30-Unit Certificate of Achievement. This option does not lead to an Associate Degree in Nursing.

A grade of “C” or better is required in each nursing course for progression toward the 30-unit option certificate.

NOTE: The California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) protects the public by screening applicants for licensure in order to identify potentially unsafe practitioners. The law provides for denial of licensure for crimes or acts, which are substantially related to nursing qualifications, functions or duties. Conviction of any offenses other than minor traffic violations must be reported to the Board of Registered Nursing at the time of application for licensure. Business and Professions Code 480 and Nursing Practice Act article 3 section 2761. For clarification contact the ADN Program Director or the Board of Registered Nursing, P.O Box 944210, Sacramento, California, 94244-2100, (916) 322-3350.

NOTE: Providing a Social Security Number (SSN): Pursuant to Section 30(c) of the Business and Professions code the California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) will not process any application for licensure unless the applicant provides a United State SSN. The Nursing Practice Act provides for a unified examination and licensing application. Once an applicant passes the examination, a license is automatically issued. Under these circumstances the BRN cannot accept applications for the examination and licensure without a SSN.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Employment in the field for registered nurses is excellent locally and nationally. The registered nurse enjoys a well-compensated, rewarding, highly flexible career, which should continue in the future. The State of California provides the LVN with an option to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN) after completing 30 college semester units. The LVN seeking this path to RN licensure may not receive reciprocal RN licensure in other states. LVN’s considering moving out of state are encouraged to consult with that state’s board of nursing for RN licensure requirements before committing to the 30-unit option.
PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon completion of the program, the graduate will be able to function as:

1. Provider of Care – The graduate will provide safe nursing care through therapeutic nursing interventions to clients with critical and complex disease states.

2. Manager of Care – The graduate will provide safe nursing care consistently utilizing critical thinking skills for clients who have critical and complex disease states.

3. Member of Profession – The graduate will consistently demonstrate accountability, advocacy, legal/ethical and caring behavior, and responsibility for one’s own professional growth, behavior, and formal/informal education.

ENROLLMENT ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for enrollment in the program, the student must meet the following criteria:

- Possession of a current clear and active California Vocational Nurse (LVN) license at the time of application and throughout program completion.
- A grade of “C” or better in the following science prerequisites
  - PHYL P101 (Introductory Physiology with Lab) 5 units at Porterville College or equivalent 4-5 semester unit physiology course at another accredited college.
  - MICR P106 (Microbiology with Lab) 5 units at Porterville College or equivalent 4-5 semester unit microbiology course at another accredited college.
- Completion of NURS P170 Role Transition: Bridging Nursing Theory to Practice 2 units at Porterville College or equivalent course at another accredited college.

ENROLLMENT PROCESS

Eligible students are selected for the program according to the following steps:

- Contact the Health Careers Division at 559-791-2321 for an appointment to see the Program Director.
- At the time of this appointment, the student will be provided objective counseling. The counseling will include the admission process, course requirements, the advantages/disadvantages of this route to licensure, and that high school graduation or equivalent is required in order to take the RN national licensing examination.
- An individual evaluation of the applicant’s academic deficiencies irrespective of time such courses were completed will occur at the appointment.
- If physiology, microbiology, and previous LVN program were taken at another accredited college, provide official transcripts and course descriptions of courses at the time of the appointment.
- After appointment with Program Director, submit completed application packet during the appropriate application period.
- Pre-enrollment applications and deadlines are available in the Health Careers office and on the program website.
- Only students who meet the educational and pre-nursing requirements and follow the pre-enrollment procedures will be considered for the program. Meeting all these requirements does not guarantee acceptance into the program.
- Selection is based on a random selection process from among the qualified applicants and is subject to space availability. Students must reapply each semester. There is no waiting list.

NOTE: As a condition of enrollment into the Nursing program, the student is required to have a physical examination, inoculations, TB clearance, drug screen, background check, and current BLS card (at the student’s expense).
NOTE: The student is responsible for providing uniforms, laboratory fees, necessary equipment and transportation to off-campus laboratory locations. There are morning, afternoon, evening, and weekend clinical experiences that may change with limited notice.

REQUIREMENTS FOR LVN TO RN 30-UNIT OPTION CERTIFICATE

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**TOTAL UNITS FOR CERTIFICATE**  **30**

PROGRAM ACCREDITATION
The California Board of Registered Nursing approves the PC Associate Degree Nursing Program. The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges accredits Porterville College.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/EQUAL OPPORTUNITY STATEMENT
In accordance with the requirements of the Civil Rights Act, Porterville College provides services and benefits to students regardless of race, color, national origin, ancestry, gender, age, religion, marital status, medical condition or disability. The lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to administration and participation in vocational education programs. (*Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.*)
As a condition of enrollment in any Health Careers Program, students are required to submit to and pass a designated drug and alcohol screening, a background screening, and physical examination clearance (at the student’s expense). Please note the following:

**PHYSICAL EXAMINATION**
A physical examination completed by a physician of the student’s choice is required when entering the Program to demonstrate that a student meets the following technical standards necessary to meet the Program objectives. Appropriate immunizations and TB clearance are also required and are performed at the student’s expense.

**ESSENTIAL TECHNICAL STANDARDS**
Nursing students must meet the following essential technical standards to ensure the safety and welfare of the patients, the healthcare team, and themselves. A physical examination performed by a medical doctor determines whether a student meets the technical standards or any accommodations that may be necessary.

- Standing and/or walking most of a shift.
- Bending or crouching several times per hour.
- Lifting and carrying a minimum of 30 pounds several times an hour.
- Lifting and moving up to 300 lbs. with the assistance of 2-3 persons.
- Reaching overhead above the shoulder 90 degrees.
- Utilizing eyesight to observe clients and manipulate equipment under various illumination levels.
- Hearing to communicate with the patient and healthcare team.
- Manipulating medical equipment and accessories, including but not limited to switches, knobs, buttons, keyboards, patient lines, and tubes, utilizing fine and gross motor skills.
- Performing the assigned job responsibilities with the intellectual and emotional functions necessary to ensure patient safety and exercise independent judgment and discretion.
- Utilizing sufficient verbal and written skills to efficiently communicate in English with the patient and healthcare team.
- Utilizing the above standards/functions to respond promptly to the patient’s needs and/or emergency situations.

**DRUG / ALCOHOL SCREENING**
As a condition of application in any Nursing/Allied Health Program with a clinical laboratory component, students are required to submit to and pass a designated drug and alcohol screening.

**BACKGROUND SCREENING**
Every student offered space in the program will be required to submit to a background screening (at the student’s expense) as part of his or her clinical requirements for admission. Please note the following:

- A history of felony conviction(s) or any bar, exclusion or other ineligibility for federal program participation could render a student ineligible for clinical placement, as determined by the clinical agencies.

- If a student cannot obtain background clearance from the clinical agencies, it will not be possible to place the student in the clinical areas, which is a required component of the program.
• In the event that a student cannot obtain a background clearance, the space will be forfeited.

• Students who are found to be ineligible for clinical placement by the clinical agency after admission to the nursing program shall be subject to dismissal from the program, as they will be unable to complete mandatory clinical rotations.

**BASIC LIFE SUPPORT – BLS (formerly CPR)**
Prior to the beginning of the nursing program, and then throughout the program, students are required to show proof of a valid American Heart Association BLS – Healthcare Provider. **This BLS card must be valid until the end of the Program.** It is your responsibility to provide a copy of the current BLS card to the nursing department and to carry a copy of this card while attending clinical in the healthcare facilities, preferably in your portfolio.

**PROGRAM SUPPLY INFORMATION**
Students will be required to purchase uniforms, textbooks and selected equipment, provide transportation to off-campus clinical education sites and pay current college fees. An estimated cost for books, uniforms, fees and required equipment for the first term of the Program is approximately $2000.00. In addition to registration fees and books, the Nursing Program fourth semester’s expenses will include Program Completion activities, Program pin and State Board application fees. Total program cost is approximately $3,400.00.
PORTERVILLE COLLEGE
HEALTH CAREERS

APPLICATION GUIDELINES FOR THE NURSING PROGRAM

APPLICATION PERIOD

March 1 – March 31 for the program scheduled to start in the FALL semester.

Application Deadline
The Health Careers office must receive the application packet prior to the application deadline above. Application packets received after this deadline will not be accepted.

REQUEST FOR TRANSCRIPT EVALUATION DEADLINE

January 31 – for courses taken from any college other than Porterville College

APPLICATION GUIDELINES
Read these guidelines carefully to ensure your application experience runs smoothly:

1. READ the Nursing Program General Information Sheet and related documents on the Porterville College Nursing Program Website for enrollment eligibility and enrollment process and other important program information.

2. COMPLETE ALL PREREQUISITE COURSES BEFORE YOU SUBMIT YOUR PC NURSING APPLICATION. Courses in progress will not be accepted.

3. APPLY TO PC BY SUBMITTING AN ONLINE APPLICATION
   A. Students who have never attended Porterville College must submit an online application. https://www.portervillecollege.edu/getting-started/becoming-student
   B. First time students to Porterville College will be issued a Student ID number and Gmail address. The ID is to be used for all college transactions and Gmail is the mode of communication used by the college to students.

4. GET YOUR STUDENT ID NUMBER and LOGIN TO YOUR PORTERVILLE COLLEGE GMAIL ACCOUNT.

5. COURSES FROM ANY COLLEGE OTHER THAN PORTERVILLE COLLEGE.
   A. Pre-requisites taken from colleges other than Porterville College need to be evaluated by Admissions and Records.
   B. Complete Request for Transcript Evaluation form. Form can be obtained from Admissions and Records or the PC Health Careers webpage https://www.portervillecollege.edu/health-careers/our-programs
   C. Submit OFFICIAL transcripts and Request for Transcript Evaluation form to Admissions and Records prior to the deadline of January 31.
   D. Once your transcripts have been evaluated and posted to your Porterville College transcripts, print your unofficial Porterville College transcripts.

6. OBTAIN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT of High School, GED, CHSPE, or higher degree.
7. PRINT UNOFFICIAL PORTERVILLE COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS

8. NURSING PROGRAM APPLICATION
   Print and complete the appropriate nursing program application, ADN Application or LVN-RN Application, from https://www.portervillecollege.edu/health-careers/our-programs.

9. SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION.
   Submit completed application with unofficial Porterville College transcripts and proof of High School graduation or equivalency to the Health Careers office during the appropriate application period.

10. LVN-RN applicants include with your application a copy of your current active California LVN license with IV certification and proof of 6 months job experience within the past year.

11. Failure to meet all application requirements/procedures will result in an incomplete application and will not be considered for selection.

APPLICATION STATUS

1. APPLICATION SUBMITTED

2. DO NOT CALL the Health Careers office to inquire about the status of your application as verification will not be given over the phone. With over hundreds of applications to carefully review, we will update you on your status as soon as possible. We appreciate your patience. You will be notified regarding the results approximately EIGHT (8) WEEKS AFTER THE CLOSING DATE.

3. APPLICATION QUALIFIED
   We have reviewed your application and have determined that you meet all program requirements and are qualified for selection to the Nursing Program.

4. ACCEPTED FOR CONDITIONAL ENROLLMENT
   Congratulations! You have been selected for conditional enrollment to the Nursing Program. You will be notified by email and/or phone and mailed further instructions.

5. ALTERNATE
   You have been selected as an alternate. You will be notified by email and/or phone and mailed further instructions.

6. NOT SELECTED
   You are qualified and your application was not selected for this enrollment period. You are eligible to reapply as a returning qualified applicant.

7. APPLICATION NOT QUALIFIED
   We have reviewed your application, and based on program requirements, your application is not qualified. You will be mailed further information.