

## 30-Unit Option

The **30 unit option** (Non-Graduate) program is a three semester program for the applicant with a valid **California** Vocational **Nurse** license, who wishes to quickly meet the requirements to take the NCLEX-**RN** examination as a non-graduate (Section 1429 of BRN Rules & Regulations). Completion of the 30-Unit Option Program excludes the student from obtaining an Associate of Science Degree in Nursing in California.

The **30 unit option** track aims to prepare students to become licensed as a Registered Nurse. All individuals who select this option to be a Registered Nurse may not be eligible for licensure in states other than California and may have problem with applying to a college/university for an advanced degree (e.g. BSN, MSN). In addition, LVNs in this option will not be able to change their status as a 30 unit option with the Board of Registered Nursing once you have become licensed. Licensure as a Registered Nurse via the 30 unit option has no restrictions on registered nursing practice within California.

Additional information concerning the LVN 30-Unit Option is available from the California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN), P.O. Box 944270, Sacramento, CA 94244-2100 (916) 322-3350.

### PREREQUISITE COURSES

The following courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better in order to be eligible to apply:

- Physiology 31 Human Physiology 4.0 Units
- Microbiology33 General Microbiology 5.0 Units

***Applicants with a combined total of more than one (1) repeat in Physiology, or Microbiology will be considered ineligible. Grades of D or F are considered repeats.***

Physiology and Microbiology must be completed within the last 7 years to the date of the application. Science courses older than 7 years must be repeated. These courses must include labs.

### REQUIRED CORE:

- NURS 149 - Advanced Placement in Nursing 2.5 units
- NURS 224 - Nursing Pharmacology 3.0 units
- NURS 230 - Mental Health Nursing 3.5 units
- NURS 242 - Intermediate Medical-Surgical Nursing II 4.5 units
- NURS 244 - Nursing Skills Practicum III 0.5 units
- NURS 247 - Advanced Medical-Surgical Nursing I 5 units

- NURS 248 - Advanced Medical-Surgical Nursing II Preceptorship 2 units

## **SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER**

The California Board of Registered Nursing requires a valid **Social Security Number** (SSN) or **Individual Tax Identification Number** (ITIN) to apply for an RN license. Disclosure of your U.S. Social Security Number/ITIN is mandatory. Pursuant to the California Business and Professions Code, General Provisions, Section 30 (c), "... the board may not process any applicant for licensure unless the applicant provides a U.S. social security number." The Nurse 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 U.S. social security number. The California Board of Registered Nursing can be reached at <https://www.rn.ca.gov/> or (916) 322-3350.

## **HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA**

Applicants without a college degree posted on their transcript must submit proof of high school completion as required by the California State Board of Registered Nursing for licensure. An official high school/GED transcript is required as proof completion OR college degree. If you have a college degree, proof of completion of high school is not needed.

If high school was completed outside the United States, foreign high school must be officially evaluated using one of the official ECC approved evaluators. Translations will not be accepted. You will need to provide ONE "General Report" from the evaluators. For some companies, you must allow at least 3 weeks for processing. It is the applicant's responsibility to plan ahead.

## **GPA REQUIREMENT**

1. Applicants must have at least an overall GPA of 2.0 in all college courses since high school
2. Science GPA must be at least an overall 2.0 (Physiology, and Microbiology).

## **NURSING INFORMATION SESSIONS**

Nursing Information session are held by the Nursing Counselor. Attending the workshop is mandatory prior to applying for admission to the nursing program.