

SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY

The Valley Foundation School of Nursing

The 30 Unit Option for Licensed Vocational Nurses

Mandated by California Administrative Code, Title 16, Article 3, Section 1429.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the 30 unit option for licensed vocational nurses (LVNs) is to provide the nursing course work and clinical practice for the LVN so that he/she will be eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination—Registered Nurse (NCLEX-RN) for licensure to practice as a Registered Nurse in the State of California. The RN license obtained by this method is accepted only in California.

Note: The LVN 30-unit option is not a part of the San Jose State University baccalaureate nursing program and does **not lead** to a BS degree in nursing nor any other degree.

REQUIREMENTS

In order to participate in this option, the student must:

1. Be a licensed vocational nurse.
2. Have completed the application process at San Jose State University as a matriculated student or as an Open University student on a space-available basis.
3. Have successfully completed courses in physiology and microbiology comparable to such courses as required for licensure as a Registered Nurse.

COURSEWORK TO BE COMPLETED

All nursing courses may be challenged through examinations or other methods of evaluation by students who have prior education or have knowledge acquired through practice. Contact the Advanced Placement Coordinator for further information.

After completion of courses in physiology and microbiology, which totals 10 units, the following courses will be completed:

NURS 23 Pathophysiology	3 Units
NURS 125 Adult Care Management II	4 Units
NURS 145 Adult Care Clinical II	4 Units
NURS 127A Psych/Mental Health Theory	2 Units
NURS 147A Mental Health Clinical	2 Units

NURS 138 Professional Role Development VI 2 Units

NURS 148 Practicum V 3 Units

Total Number of Nursing Units = 20

Microbiology/Physiology = 10 Units

TOTAL = 30 Units

SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF REQUIRED COURSEWORK

Once the student has completed the above course work successfully, it is his/her responsibility to contact the Board of Registered Nursing regarding licensure information. An application package and detailed instructions may be found online at the BRN website <http://rn.ca.gov/>. Validation of course work will be done by an official transcript request from the student to the Board of Registered Nursing. To practice as an RN in California, you must be licensed by the California State Board of Registered Nursing (BRN). You must meet the educational requirements, pass a criminal background check, submit to fingerprinting, and pass the national licensing examination (NCLEX-RN).

CONTRACT FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR RN LICENSURE

I have read the above information regarding the 30- Unit Option for LVNs and elect to take the above option realizing that it does not lead to a degree but does allow me to be eligible to take the RN licensure examination in California. All options for an LVN have been discussed with me, and I understand the differences between this option and the other options which lead to the baccalaureate degree in nursing. I also understand that this option is not a part of the San Jose State University baccalaureate nursing program and does not lead to a BS, Nursing degree nor any other degree.

SIGNATURE / DATE

ADVISOR / DATE