

## LVN TO RN CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

The LVN-to-RN Certificate of Achievement is an 18-month course of study consisting of both classroom and clinical training. Graduates of the program work as integral members of the healthcare team, providing care and educating clients across the lifespan. The LVN-to-RN Certificate of Achievement is designed to provide California Licensed Vocational Nurses the classroom and clinical training necessary to be eligible for the National Council Licensing Examination (NCLEX). Students who take the NCLEX-RN after completing a certificate program, such as this (as opposed to a degree program) may not be able to practice as an RN outside the State of California. Prospective students must first complete required prerequisites before entry to the program. Prospective students must meet with the Nursing Program Director prior to application to discuss limitations of the RN role for 30-unit option nurses. Admission to the program is competitive. Initial screening is based on the CA Chancellor's Office Formula for Nursing Student Success which calculates an applicant's overall college GPA, English prerequisite GPA, and prerequisite sciences GPA. Applicants who achieve the minimum cut score using this formula are then chosen by a random computerized selection process (lottery). For further details on admission criteria, see the Mendocino College Nursing Department webpages.

<b>Required Courses – Prerequisites</b>		<b>Units</b>
BIO 231	Human Physiology	5
BIO 259	Microbiology	5
<b>Required Courses - Major:</b>		<b>Units</b>
NUR 50	LVN-RN Transition	1
NUR 52C	Nursing Technical Lab III	1
NUR 52D	Nursing Technical Lab IV	1
NUR 52T	Nursing LVN-RN Transition Lab	1
NUR 121	Leadership and Management I	1
NUR 122	Complex Medical/Surgical Nursing I	8
NUR 125	Pharmacology III	1
NUR 126	Nursing Seminar I	2
NUR 131	Leadership & Management II	1
NUR 132	Complex Medical/Surgical Nursing II	8
NUR 135	Pharmacology IV	1
NUR 136	Nursing Seminar II	2
<b>Total units required for Certificate</b>		<b>28</b>

### Program Level Student Learning Outcomes:

1. Successfully passes ATIs in fundamentals, maternal/newborn, pediatrics, community health, mental health, medical/surgical, and leadership.
2. Successfully completes minimum of 132 hours of individual clinical preceptorship as assigned in final semester as outlined in Mendocino College RN preceptor Handbook.
3. Practices within legal, ethical, and regulatory guidelines while adhering to standards of professional practice and accepting accountability for personal actions.
4. Becomes eligible and succeeds on the state board examination (NCLEX-RN).
5. Meets qualifications and obtains LVN to RN Certificate of Achievement.

*This Certificate Program does not lead to an Associate in Science Degree in Registered Nursing. It entitles the graduate to take the examination for licensure as a Registered Nurse, and to practice only in the State of California. This Certificate Program is required by regulation; however, neither the College, the BRN, nor employers consider it to be the best way to prepare students for the realities and demands of the nursing profession.*

### Career Opportunities in NURSING

Completing the certificate of achievement in nursing can lead to a variety of opportunities. Nurses with this certificate can work in a hospital, a clinic, in an extended care facility, as a case manager, in management positions, as a traveling nurse, as a school nurse, as a home health nurse, or as a hospice nurse. Areas of specialization in which nurses can focus include cardiac, obstetrics, emergency trauma, pediatrics, oncology, diabetes care, surgery, general medicine, wound care, geriatrics, and air ambulance. Students who complete the LVN-RN 30-Unit Option certificate program, (as opposed to the degree program) may not be able to practice as a nurse outside the state of California or be accepted to advanced nursing education programs (such as BSN programs).