



# Health Sciences Career and Academic Pathways (CAPs)

## Program Map: Certificate of Achievement for Licensed Vocational Nurse to Registered Nurse

Total number of units: 26 or 27 units

Top Code/Academic Plan: 1230.10

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Semester 1	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Advising Notes
Program Course	NURSING 275	<b>Pharmacology</b>	<b>3</b>	Corequisite is NURSING 268.	
Program Course	NURSING 268	<b>Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing</b>	<b>3</b>	Corequisite is NURSING 275.	

**Total Units 6**

Semester 2	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Advising Notes
Program Course	NURSING 269	<b>Medical/Surgical Nursing II</b>	<b>5.5</b>	Prerequisites are NURSING 268 and 275.	
Program Course	NURSING 272	<b>Medical/Surgical Nursing III</b>	<b>5.5</b>	Prerequisites are NURSING 268 and 275.	
Program Course	NURSING 274	<b>Role Transition</b>	<b>1</b>	Prerequisites are NURSING 268 and 275. Corequisite with NURSING 269 and 272.	

**Total Units 12**

### Degree Path and Requirements:

This map is a suggested term-by-term sequence of courses to complete the program in a recommended time frame. This is an efficient and recommended plan, but actual plans may vary by individual student need. This map cannot replace a meeting with [counselors](#). Students can apply for certificates as soon as the necessary courses are completed. Meet with a counselor and the financial aid office to ensure continued financial aid. Check with [financial aid](#) for eligibility.

Program Prerequisites:

- PHYSIOL 001 (4 units).
- MICRO 001 or MICRO 020 (4 or 5 units).
- **ATI TEAS Score (latest version) must be greater than or equal to 62%.**

### Department Advising Notes:

Total units: 26.0 or 27.0

Non-graduate, not eligible for Associate Degree in Nursing

Upon completion of the program, the student is eligible for NCLEX-RN licensing exam.

### 30-UNIT OPTION for LVN to RN (Non-graduate)

For this option, the LVN takes a maximum of 30 units in the core program and then is eligible to sit for boards. The primary requirement is the LVN license. All prerequisite courses and bridge courses count toward the 30 units. Upon satisfactory completion of the program, the student is eligible to sit for state boards; however, they should be aware of the facts about their California license:

- The student has a California RN license that reads RN without degree. This will never change even if the students should get the ADN degree or BSN or Ph.D. at a later date.
- This license has reciprocity in very few others so the student will have limited ability to work as an RN outside of the state of California.
- Once the student chooses this pathway, the student cannot change their mind.

### Program Description

East Los Angeles College provides the California Board of Registered Nursing approved pre-licensure program that is designed to educate a diverse population of students for an entry level registered nursing position. The program consists of coursework in general education, science, nursing, and clinical practice in various in-patient and out-patient settings. Nursing course content include pharmacology, fundamentals of nursing, medical surgical nursing, obstetrics, pediatric, psychiatric/mental health, and management/leadership nursing. The ELAC RN program prepares students to be caring, safe, and competent members of the nursing workforce in healthcare settings. Upon completion of the program, the graduates will be eligible to take the National Council for Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN). Successful passing of the NCLEX-RN will lead to licensure as a Registered Nurse (RN).

### Career and Transfer Opportunities

Visit the [Transfer Center](#) for transfer and guaranteed transfer information, which varies based on transfer college. Make an appointment with a [counselor](#) for transfer information. Students can visit [Career and Job Services](#) for career counseling and further exploration. For additional resources, students pursuing a certificate can visit the [American Job Center of California](#) on ELAC main campus. [Career Coach Link](#).

### Youtube Videos

[29-1141.00 - Registered Nurses](#)

**Program Map**

A suggested sequence of classes to complete a degree, certificate, or program of study. Students should consult an academic counselor for variations to this plan based on part-time or full-time status, transfer plans, pre-requisites needed, etc.

**Prerequisite Course**

A specific course that must be completed before advancing to the next course.

Check the online catalog at [elac.edu](http://elac.edu) for the latest and most accurate information.

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