A Registered Nurse (RN) manages patient care, oversees the work of Certified Nurse Assistants (CNAs) and Licensed Vocational Nurses (LVNs), and performs direct patient care.

There are several ways to become an RN. An Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) and Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) offer coursework to take the licensure exam. Some universities have Accelerated BSN programs for students who have already received their bachelor’s degree in another field and would like to pursue a degree in nursing. See the “BSN Advising Sheet” for BSN program information. LVNs also have the chance to become RNs later by either earning an ADN or BSN. Many trade schools and colleges have special programs designed for LVNs accepting the course credits they have already earned.

## Prerequisite coursework required by most programs

| **Prerequisite** | **Coursework** |
| --- | --- |
| One semester of English | English 101 |
| One semester of Anatomy and Physiology | Anatomy 1 and Physiology 1 OR Physiology 8 and Physiology 9 |
| One semester of Microbiology | Microbiology 1 or 20 |
| One semester of General Psychology | Psychology 1 |
| Math | Varies according to campus |

*Note: Requirements differ by program. Some programs may require that courses be taken in the past 5 years. Contact the program you are interested in applying to for specific admissions requirements. Some schools may not accept Science courses that have online labs component, check with specific schools for details.*

## RN Program Selection Criteria

* Successful completion of all prerequisites with a minimum of "C" in all prerequisite courses.
* Grade point average of all general prerequisite college courses, prerequisite science courses, and overall.

## Salary Information

The median wage in 2021 in California was $114,965 annually ([labormarketinfo](https://labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/data/oes-employment-and-wages.html#OES).edd.ca.gov/). The median is the point at which half of the workers earn more and half earn less.

## Recommended Websites

| **Website** | **Website address** |
| --- | --- |
| California Board of Registered Nursing | [rn.ca.gov/](https://www.rn.ca.gov/) |
| Assessment Test (TEAS-V) | [atitesting.com/](http://www.atitesting.com/) for practice tests and materials |

## Select Associate Degree RN Program Websites

| **Website** | **Website address** |
| --- | --- |
| American Career College | [americancareercollege.edu/programs/associates-degree-nursing.html](https://americancareercollege.edu/programs/associates-degree-nursing.html) |
| Antelope Valley College | <https://www.avc.edu/academics/rn> |
| College of the Canyons | <https://www.canyons.edu/academics/nursing/program/index.php> |
| El Camino College | <https://www.elcamino.edu/academics/divisions/health-sciences-and-athletics/nursing/> |
| El Camino College – Compton Center | <https://www.compton.edu//gpdiv/health-public-services/nursing/> |
| Glendale Community College | [glendale.edu/academics/academic-divisions/health-sciences-division/nursing](https://www.glendale.edu/academics/academic-divisions/health-sciences-division/nursing) |
| Los Angeles City College | <https://www.lacitycollege.edu/Departments/Nursing/Department-Home> |
| Los Angeles County College of Nursing & Allied Health | [dhs.lacounty.gov/wps/portal/dhs/conah/](http://dhs.lacounty.gov/wps/portal/dhs/conah/) |
| Los Angeles Harbor College | <https://effectiveness.lahc.edu/academic_affairs/healthsci/nursing/SitePages/Home.aspx> |
| Los Angeles Pierce College | [piercecollege.edu/departments/nursing/](http://www.piercecollege.edu/departments/nursing/) |
| Los Angeles Southwest College | <https://www.lasc.edu/programs/divisions/Math-Science-Health-Kinesiology-Nursing/nursing/index> |
| Los Angeles Trade Tech | [college.lattc.edu/hes/](http://college.lattc.edu/hes/) |
| Los Angeles Valley College | [lavc.edu/nursing-program/index.aspx](http://www.lavc.edu/nursing-program/index.aspx) |
| Long Beach City College | [lbcc.edu/program-nursing-associate-degree](https://www.lbcc.edu/program-nursing-associate-degree) |
| Moorpark College | [moorparkcollege.edu/departments/academic/nursing-science/welcome](https://www.moorparkcollege.edu/departments/academic/nursing-science/welcome) |
| Mt. St. Mary’s College | [msmu.edu/admission/nursing-admission/](https://www.msmu.edu/admission/nursing-admission/) |
| Pasadena City College | <https://pasadena.edu/academics/divisions/health-sciences/nursing-programs/rn/> |
| Santa Monica College | <https://www.smc.edu/academics/academic-departments/health-sciences/nursing/> |
| Ventura College | [venturacollege.edu/departments/academic/nursing-science](https://www.venturacollege.edu/departments/academic/nursing-science) |

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