

ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM (ADN/RN)

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If you want to pursue a career as a Registered Nurse (RN), the Associate Degree Nursing Program at High Desert Medical College (HDMC) will prepare you to become eligible for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). Passing the NCLEX proves your nursing abilities, allowing you to become a licensed RN.

The HDMC Associate Degree Nursing Program (ADN/RN) has a hybrid-online format with in-person theory and labs and General Education courses online. The program is 6 semesters in total.

ADN Program Overview: Program Length: 96 weeks Full-Time
Total Clock Hours: 2,168 | Semester Credit Hours: 85.5

Applicants who are interested in the program should attend a Nursing Information Session to discuss prerequisites, general education requirements, assessment tests, and the application/selection process. Applicants may also make an appointment with the nursing department to discuss individual situations.

3 Options For The ADN/RN Program

Option One - Generic: The generic option is a six-semester program for the applicant who has not completed prerequisite course work. The student will earn an associate degree in nursing. Upon completion of the program, the graduate will be eligible to take the NCLEX-RN examination.

Option Two - LVN to RN: The LVN to RN option is a three-semester program for the applicant with a valid California Vocational Nurse license who has completed prerequisite course work (science and general education courses) The first semester requires an LVN to RN transition to professional nursing course. The student applying to the LVN to RN option may receive some challenge credit for certain nursing courses. The nursing courses that the LVN to RN student may receive challenge credit for Foundations of Nursing (NUR 101), Medical Surgical Nursing I (NUR 102), Women's health, OB and newborn care (NUR 204), Pediatric Nursing (NUR 203), Medical Surgical Nursing II (NUR 201), Nursing Lab I (NUR 104), Nursing Lab II (NUR 205, Pharmacology (NUR 103) and Advanced Pharmacology (NUR 202).

Option Three - 30-UNIT: 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.

The program is designed to prepare students for employment as a Registered Nurse, providing direct care to patients. The LVN choosing this option should be aware that they may not change their status as a 30-unit option RN with the Board of Registered Nursing at any time after RN licensure. Individuals who become licensed as Registered Nurses using this option may not be eligible for licensure in states other than California and may have difficulty applying to a college/university for an advanced degree. This status will not restrict the practice of a Registered Nurse within California. The program is approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing. See the Dean of Health Science and Nursing for further details.

Accreditation & Approval

High Desert Medical College is accredited by the Accrediting Council for Continuing Education & Training (ACCET) - A Partnership for Quality® ACCET is listed by the U.S. Department of Education as a nationally recognized accrediting agency. Our institution is also licensed by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE). Licensed to operate means the institution is in compliance with the state standards as set forth in the California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2009, Ed. Code §94897. Our Associate Degree Nursing Program (ADN/RN) is approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing.

