California Licensed Vocational Nurses have the opportunity to step-up to RN in only two semesters with the 30 Unit option, on a space available basis, at College of the Siskiyous! Experience quality instruction, a caring atmosphere, and small class sizes on a beautiful campus in the shadow of Mount Shasta.

“When you’re a nurse, you know that every day you will touch a life or a life will touch yours.” ~Author Unknown

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Counseling: 530-938-5353
Enrollment Services: 530-938-5500
Website: www.siskiyous.edu/cte/nursing/adn.htm
California Licensed Vocational Nurses who are interested in upgrading to Registered Nurse utilizing the 30 unit option, have the unique opportunity to do so in two semesters using a state-of-the-art simulation lab at the College of the Siskiyou Yreka Campus. Students will also receive hands-on community and clinical experiences. College of the Siskiyou has one of the top Vocational Nursing programs in the state, and the 30 unit option offers the same high standards.

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**30 Unit Option**

**Job Description:** Registered Nurses are considered competent when they consistently demonstrate the ability to transfer scientific knowledge from social, biological, and physical sciences in applying the nursing process. This process includes formulation of a nursing diagnosis, formulation of a nursing care plan, skill performance, delegation of tasks to provide nursing care, evaluation of the nursing care plan, and client advocacy.

**How to Apply:** In addition to the college application, a special program application is required. For application information, contact the Nursing Department at 530-841-5929.

**Enrollment Criteria:**
- Official high school, GED or high school equivalency certificate
- Graduate of an approved vocational nursing program
- Official college transcripts
- Proof of active LVN license (copy)
- Drug screening clearance and background clearance
- Pre-admission academic testing —T.E.A.S V (minimum required score of 62%)
- American Heart Association Health Care Provider CPR card, valid through program
- Meet or exceed the minimum health and physical requirements
- Successfully pass a physical exam and provide verification of current, required immunizations
- Completion of a Nursing Transcript Evaluation. (allow 4-8 weeks for processing)

Nursing Transcript Evaluation form is available on our Nursing Webpage:
www.siskiyous.edu/cte/nursing/adn.htm

**30 Unit Option Program Requirements:**

**Prerequisites:**
- Current California LVN License
- Successful completion of an Approved Anatomy course
- BIO 2800 Human Physiology (or approved course) 5 units
- BIO 2600 Microbiology (or approved course) 4 units

*Students must have an overall GPA of 2.5 for Human Anatomy, Human Physiology and the Microbiology prerequisite courses with no grade below a “C” for each course and no more than one repetition of any of these courses, only if the first attempt is a C, D, F or FW:

**Required Courses:**
- NURS 1021 —Role Transition
- NURS 1032 —Intermediate Medical Surgical Nursing
- NURS 1542 —Advanced Medical Surgical Nursing 16 units
- NURS 1131 —Community Mental Health/Psych & Geriatric Nursing (No geriatric clinical) 5 units

**TOTAL:** 30 units

*LVNs and other health care workers may be able to obtain placement in the nursing program on a space available basis through challenging exams, portfolio assessment, and credit for equivalent courses.

**Academic Renewal Policy:**
College of the Siskiyou has an Academic Renewal Policy. Contact Counseling Services for more information or see current COS Catalog.