

SANTA ANA COLLEGE
Policy Governing the Thirty Unit Option
For the LVN

The Santa Ana College catalog statement regarding this policy is found in the current College catalog, under Nursing-Registered (853), and reads: Option III-30 Unit Option. Information about this option is also available in the Nursing Department. An appointment with the Program Director is required for counseling on this educational option.

Option III – 30 Unit Option Admission Requirements

1. Students qualifying and accepted for this option will receive documented counseling regarding the uncertainty of their status as an RN applying for licensure in another state.
2. Students qualifying and accepted for this option will not be considered graduates of the Santa Ana College A.D.N. Program.
3. Student must have high school transcript or equivalent GED score.
4. Eligibility for entry level is based upon successful completion of an accredited licensed vocational nursing program (LVN) or equivalent and having current California LVN licensure.
5. In order to succeed in the nursing program, the following achievement test recommendations are made for individual evaluation of the student:
 - a. College Test for English Placement (CTEP) with a minimum score of 48% on the English portion or completion of English 101 with a grade of “C” or better and 69% on the Reading portion or Reading Proficiency at the 12th grade level.
 - b. Rancho Santiago Community College Test Scores in Math Level I showing a minimum score of 35.
6. After prerequisites (Microbiology, Physiology, and Testing) are finished, the student must contact the Student Services Coordinator for nursing at Santa Ana College, to complete a Prerequisite Verification form and submit a copy of a current California LVN licensure. The student will be placed on the third semester entry list.
7. Once on the entry list, the student will be notified to take the required Role Transition course.
8. Acceptance of a student for this 30-unit option is subject to clinical space availability based on the Santa Ana College instructional ratio of no more than 1 instructor per 10 students in clinical labs.
9. Upon acceptance to the program, evidence of Malpractice Insurance, a clear Background Check, a physical examination by a M.D., Physician Assistant, or Nurse Practitioner must be submitted verifying the applicant’s physical ability to perform the academic and clinical requirements of an R.N. student. Examination must have been performed within 4 months of the acceptance date. Immunizations and lab work is required.
10. A current copy (within 1 year) of American Heart Association “CPR for the Healthcare Provider” must be submitted.

SANTA ANA COLLEGE
A.D.N. Program
Thirty Unit Option Curriculum for LVN

I. Science requirements prior to clinical nursing:

	<u>TOTAL UNITS</u>	<u>LECTURE UNITS</u>	<u>LAB UNITS</u>
A. Biology 139, Health Microbiology	4.0	3.0	1.0
B. Biology 249, Human Physiology	4.0	3.0	1.0

II. Nursing courses (refer to college catalog for description)

After notification, once on entry list:

A. Nursing-Registered 200, SAC Role Transition	2.0	2.0	0
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Third semester:

B. Nursing-Registered 271, Mental Health and Acute Concepts	4.0	4.0	0
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C. Nursing-Registered 271L, Mental Health and Acute Concepts Lab	4.5	0	4.5
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Fourth Semester:

D. Nursing-Registered 272, Complex Concepts and Preceptorship	3.5	3.5	0
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E. Nursing-Registered 272L, Complex Concepts and Preceptorship Lab	4.5	0	4.5
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TOTAL NUMBER OF UNITS

Nursing – Lecture	9.5		Sciences – Lecture	6
Clinical – Lab	<u>9.0</u>		Lab	<u>2</u>
Nursing Units Total	18.5		Total	8

Grand Total Units: 26.5

Note: In order to continue in the program, students must earn a grade of “C” or better in all nursing and other required courses.

Advantages to Thirty Unit Option

1. Reduced number of prerequisites allow the student to be placed on entry list to the program at an earlier time than with the full number of prerequisites.
2. Reduced amount of time to complete RN program because no general education units are required with this option.

Disadvantages

1. There is no earned degree with this option. To further your education (Baccalaureate degree), you will first have to go back and earn an associate degree. General education requirements may change at Santa Ana College and in the future it could take longer to complete the degree than it would at present.
2. Not all states will accept 30-unit option RN's for entry level into practice.
3. The status of being a 30-unit option RN and not degreed is a final determination by the Board of Registered Nursing. This status remains intact regardless of the completion of an Associate Degree or further degrees.