

Dear Future Registered Nurses:

Thank you for your dedication to advancing your nursing career through Allan Hancock College!

As a current student in our LVN program, you're already on the path to becoming one of tomorrow's trusted healthcare professionals. Your commitment, compassion, and resilience do not go unnoticed.

This application is specifically for students currently enrolled in AHC's LVN program who are seeking priority admission into the Registered Nursing (RN) program. Your hard work in the LVN program has earned you the opportunity to take the next step—becoming a leader in patient care.

The Health Sciences Department must receive a completed application packet by the end of the day on July 31, 2026, or, if mailed, it must be postmarked by the deadline.

For confidentiality reasons, we cannot provide application updates via phone or email. Applicants will be contacted once if corrections are needed to the application via email.

Please review the contents of this application packet thoroughly prior to submitting your application and supporting documents. Make and keep a copy of all documents you turn into the office for your reference.

If you have questions regarding the program, please look at the Nursing website <https://www.hancockcollege.edu/pathways/health-sciences/nursing.php>

Sincerely,  
Tawnya Karstrom  
Program Specialist  
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**You're one step closer to becoming a Registered Nurse!** The RN program begins in January, and to be considered for admission and to apply, you'll need to meet the following requirements:

- Be currently enrolled in the 2026 AHC LVN program.
- Submit a completed RN program application by the deadline date.
  - Incomplete applications: applicants will receive one email notification at the address listed on their application. If the required corrections are not made by the indicated email deadline, the application will be disregarded.
- The AHC RN Program is officially recognized by the California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) as an LVN-to-RN upgrade program. As such, **any unlicensed vocational nursing student** admitted to the Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) program **must pass the NCLEX-PN and turn in a copy of their license with expiration date by the end of the first semester** (which concludes on the last day of instruction).
  - Failure to obtain an LVN license by the end of the spring semester will result in dismissal from the RN program. Students may still complete the spring semester and receive course grades, but they will not advance in the program. For more information, refer to the Nursing Student Policy Book.
  - License Submission Requirement: a copy of your LVN license (not the certificate) must be submitted to the nursing office. The printout must clearly show both the issuance and expiration dates.
- ADN Requirements - A bachelor's degree does not override BRN requirements. (COMM 101 or COMM 102 and ANTH 101 or SOC 101 are required for the Board of Registered Nursing licensure, regardless of a bachelor's degree, and cannot be waived.)
- You must attach an AHC unofficial transcript - Academic prerequisites must be completed and final grades for LVN have posted:
  - English C1000 - Academic Reading and Writing / Previously 101 - Freshman Composition
  - Math 100 – Statistics is the bachelor requirement (read page one regarding math) (Math 331 is still acceptable for the 26/27 LVN to RN class)
  - Psychology C1000 - Introduction to Psychology/ Previously 101 – General Psychology
  - Biology 124 - Anatomy with lab
  - Biology 125 - Physiology with lab
  - **Biology 128 – Microbiology with lab**
  - **ALL LVN grades for Spring posted**

Once you have all application requirements completed and together, hand-deliver the packet to the Santa Maria campus, W Building, Office W-11, or place in the M100/200 building mailbox directly across from the M132 office door. It is best to have all paperwork secure and together.

Alternatively, you can mail the documents to the college, addressed to the attention of Tawnya Karstrom.

Allan Hancock College Health Sciences office is NOT responsible for lost or misdirected applications. Copies of all required documents and documentation for mailing should be kept in case proof of completion by the filing deadline is needed.

No information will be given over the phone or email regarding application status. Applications received after July 31 will only be accepted if the post mark is on or before July 31.

Applications are reviewed after application closing date. Status notification will be mailed by the end of the day **August 31, 2026**. Please type or print your application clearly. This application will only be used for this class of 2027 RN application pool.

### **Merit-Based Admissions (MBA) Testing Requirements**

- To qualify for admission into the AHC RN Program, candidates must meet the established cut score on the Merit-Based Admissions (MBA) test, administered after LVN program graduation.
- The AHC LVN Program Director will proctor the MBA test on the first Monday following the nursing ceremony. Cut score information will be distributed in December prior to testing.

### **Important Eligibility Requirements:**

- Students with more than four (4) attempts in science prerequisite courses are not eligible to apply to the AHC RN Program.
- Each LVN student is permitted two (2) opportunities to meet the MBA testing criteria.
  - The first MBA attempt takes place immediately following graduation from the AHC LVN Program.
  - Students applying under a second attempt due to prior disqualification will be permitted only one MBA test attempt.
- If a student does not meet the required cut score on their first attempt, they must schedule a meeting with the RN Program Director no earlier than March 1, 2027, to develop an individualized remediation plan.
- Students on their second and final attempt who do not meet the cut score will not be eligible for further MBA testing opportunities.

### **Understanding the LVN to RN Bridge Seating Procedure**

Our LVN to RN bridge program is for our current LVN class at Allan Hancock College. Students seated in the current LVN program who have completed the following requirements by June 30, will be given priority seating in the next RN class:

- All RN pre-requisites
- ADN and BRN degree Requirements
- Meet and pass the merit-based admission test

- Once accepted into the program, you will be required to have current CPR certification, up-to-date immunizations, and purchase a kit.
- Current AHC LVN students are not required to do another physical exam, unless you had any condition that required a doctor's release during the 2026 LVN year.
- Packets will be EMAILED to the accepted students in October using the email address provided on this application. You will need to provide all supporting documents requested in the packet.
- Implications For Nursing Licensure By A State Regulatory Body - Please note that fingerprinting is required for licensure as a California Vocational Nurse. Persons who have been convicted of a felony are subject to close scrutiny by the Board of Vocational Nursing on an individual basis. The board may refuse to issue a license even after successful completion of the NCLEX-PN if a background check reveals a significant infraction. Specific policy regarding procedures of the Board of Vocational Nursing is available from that Board. Call (916) 263-7800, should you have any questions or concerns about such policy.

### **Information regarding IV Therapy**

IV therapy is required to be taught during the LVN program and is part of our ladder concept. Since you took IV therapy during your LVN training and **IF** you want it officially submitted to the state, you'll need to turn in the completed IV therapy form (provided by your instructor at the time of training), a check or money order made out to the BVNPT, and **three copies** of your LVN license to the office. The license copies must clearly show both the issuance and expiration dates and must be printed directly from the BVNPT website with all details visible.

IV therapy state paperwork does not need to be submitted to be in the RN program—it's automatically included with your RN license. If for any reason you do not go into the RN program, you should have the IV therapy state paperwork processed.

Please note: the office cannot submit IV therapy paperwork to the state until after the **last day of the spring semester**, as that is the final deadline for LVN to RN students to turn in their required documentation. So, if you were planning on working over the summer as an IV therapist, you most likely will not have it in time to start working on the first day of summer. The paperwork is submitted as a class **packet**, not individually. If you're not planning to perform IV therapy as a paid job during your RN year, there's nothing more you need to do—it's already included in your RN license.

If you have any questions or need clarification, please contact the office.

## AHC LVN to RN Program Estimated Student Fees

<b>Health Packet Expenses</b>	
IMMUNIZATIONS – Flu Vaccine, TB	Variable Cost
AHC STUDENT ID CARD WITH PICTURE	FREE
IDENTIFICATION NAME PIN—First one free	FREE
UNIFORM (Shoes) - 3 top and bottom scrubs paid for by the College—\$350 savings	\$50.00 (est)
CPR FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS EMS 306 (\$23 ½ unit) (\$13.46 material fee) (\$26.25 textbook)	\$ 55.75 (AHC)
SKILLS KIT	\$96.00
<b>Total is estimated excluding variable costs</b>	<b>\$201.75</b>
<b>Spring Semester</b>	
TUITION (CA RESIDENT) (13.5 units @ \$46/unit)	\$621.00
PARKING (\$2.00 PER DAY OR \$20.00 FOR SEMESTER)	\$20.00
HEALTH FEE (\$28), STUDENT CENTER FEES (\$1 PER UNIT/\$10 MAX), STUDENT REP FEE (\$2 OPTIONAL)	\$37.00
REQUIRED SPRING TEXTBOOKS—New through AHC	\$504.00
<b>Total is estimated</b>	<b>\$1183.00</b>
<b>Fall Semester</b>	
TUITION (CA RESIDENT) (13 units @ \$46/unit)	\$598.00
PARKING (\$2.00 PER DAY OR \$20.00 FOR SEMESTER)	\$20.00
HEALTH FEE (\$28), STUDENT CENTER FEES (\$1 PER UNIT/\$10 MAX), STUDENT REP FEE (\$2 OPTIONAL)	\$37.00
REQUIRED FALL TEXTBOOKS—New through AHC	\$504.00 (new AHC)
<b>Total is estimated</b>	<b>\$1161.00</b>
<b>State Licensure Fees</b>	
APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE	\$300.00
FINGERPRINTING	\$70.00
<b>Total is estimated</b>	<b>\$370.00</b>

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**TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS TO ACHIEVE REGISTERED NURSING LICENSE**  
**\$2,912.75 (excluding variable costs) Prices are subject to change**

AHC Student ID# \_\_\_\_\_

**Personal Information**

All applicants must use their legal name exactly as it appears on their government-issued identification.

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security or Tax ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(only use one for correspondence)

Other names used (including maiden name, previous legal names, or name changes):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Career goal: \_\_\_\_\_

Current employer and position: \_\_\_\_\_

**Understanding and acknowledgement checklist:**

- My entrance into the RN program is contingent upon completing and passing the 2026 LVN program, meeting the merit-based admissions criteria, and ADN and BRN requirements.
- I must submit my AHC unofficial transcripts with this application after my LVN grades have posted for Spring semester.
- I understand all ADN/BRN requirements must be complete by June 30 of the application year.
- I understand notifications of status to the RN applicants will be mailed no later than August 31, 2026.
- No information will be released over the phone or email.
- If I mail in my application packet with all required documents, I will mail it with a tracking number for my verification of delivery. If proof needs to be shown, this is the **only** verification accepted as proof.
- The Health Sciences Department does not make copies; it is my responsibility to make copies of all paperwork prior to turning in the application packet.

I certify that I have read and understand the statements made in this application packet. To the best of my knowledge, the information provided is true and complete. I acknowledge that any false or misleading information may result in denial of admittance.

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_