

Dear Future Registered Nursing Student:

Thank you for your continued interest in the Registered Nursing (RN) program at Allan Hancock College!

This program trains the next generation of healthcare heroes—fluent in both patient care and critical thinking. It is for people who are naturally driven to help others—even when it’s hard, messy, or emotionally tough.

This application is for applicants who currently have an AHC RN waitlist number and who are not in our current LVN program.

The Health Sciences Department must receive a completed application packet by the end of the day on July 31, 2025, 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.

There are changes in the MATH prerequisite. For this 2025 application cycle, MATH 331 or higher will still be accepted. For 2026 application cycle, a transfer-level (100- level) MATH will be required for all new and re-applicants. For students who are planning to pursue a bachelor’s degree, STAT C1000 (MATH 123) is the CSU/UC transfer requirement.

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
healthsciences@hancockcollege.edu

Your application shows a strong commitment to the RN Program and speaks volumes about your persistence and passion for the field. This application only applies to the current application period and as a returning applicant, you'll need to continue turning in the following requirement if applicable.

Eligibility and Application Requirements

- 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.
- Applicants must hold a current, valid and unencumbered California license through the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians (BVNPT). Proof must be turned in with this application and must have expiration and issuance date.
- All associate degree in nursing (ADN General Education) and California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) requirements must be completed prior to starting the RN program. If you have not completed these requirements, you may not enter the RN program even if your number is called.
- 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.)
- **IF** you've taken any college courses elsewhere, since your last application or had coursework in progress, you must submit updated official U.S. college/university transcripts.
 - Transcripts from other colleges must be sent to Admissions & Records for evaluation.
 - Once evaluated, transferable and equivalent courses will appear under "Unofficial Transcripts" in your AHC portal.
 - Failure to submit transcripts for evaluation will disqualify your application.
 - Admissions & Records will notify you by email once transcripts are received and evaluated.
 - You must also include a set of official transcripts from all other colleges with this application, even if they were already submitted to Admissions & Records.
- **IF** anything has changed since your last submission, print your updated unofficial transcripts from the AHC portal and include them with your application.
 - All other college coursework must show up on your AHC unofficial transcripts before you submit.
 - No other unofficial transcripts will be accepted as proof.

- 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, 2025](#). Please type or print your application clearly. This application will only be used for this class of 2026 RN application pool.
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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
- Applicants with military education and experience related to the practice of nursing may have priority into the RN program (limited to two seats per year). Refer to the website for more information and requirements on SB 466.
- Qualified new candidates completing other VN programs and qualified LVN applicants from the community will be considered for the remaining seats in the program via the waitlist. Subsequent classes will be filled as indicated above from the AHC LVN class and then from the wait list. New applicants waitlist numbers are assigned through a computerized random selection (lottery) process and placed at the end of the current waitlist. Every year that you re-apply, your waitlist number will be closer to acceptance.

Once you are Accepted:

- Students who will begin the program in January will be sent a packet to be completed before the start of the RN program (packet emailed in November). This includes a physical exam, and immunizations completed with proof of titers or boosters. Documentation will be required for the following immunizations:
 - Tuberculin skin test (expires annually on date given and must be kept current during the entire program). Positive PPD requires a standard negative chest film with medical consultation. (Expires every 2 years)
 - Diphtheria, Pertussis, and Tetanus Toxoid (DPT)
 - Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)
 - Hepatitis B Series Vaccine
 - Varicella (chicken pox – be sure to mention to your physician if you have had them)
 - Flu Vaccine October - March (You must submit proof of a valid flu vaccine from the current flu season, even if previous documentation hasn't technically expired.)
- A current and valid CPR certification must be maintained by the student throughout the entire nursing program. **Only Healthcare Provider or BLS are accepted.**
- All students given a seat in the program are required to do a background check and drug screening prior to starting the program.
 - The drug screening must be negative to proceed in the program. A failed or diluted test counts as an attempt and results in forfeiture of your seat. Students are allowed only one drug screening per year and a maximum of two (2) total attempts in the nursing programs.
 - The background check must be free of infractions, probations, or pending court cases. Misdemeanor charges within the past seven years will be reviewed by the department and may result in non-admittance or dismissal from the program. Felony convictions will result in automatic non-admittance.
- **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.

- **Dress Code:** A student's appearance reflects the clinical facility and college standards and indicates to patients and co-workers your pride and interest in your profession. These standards are maintained by personal neatness and cleanliness, by wearing only the authorized uniform and by avoiding the use of elaborate jewelry and cosmetics. Details will be included in the information packet once you are accepted.
- **Financial Aid:** It is the responsibility of all applicants to check with the Financial Aid Office regarding loans, scholarships, state and federal grants.

(Note: VN licensure must be current, valid, and unencumbered at the time of application and remain current, valid, and unencumbered throughout the entire program, meaning no probationary licenses will be accepted.)

It is the responsibility of the applicant to notify Allan Hancock College Health Sciences office, in writing, of any changes in candidate status, address, email or phone number. Copies of all required documents and documentation for mailing should be kept in case proof of completion by the filing deadline is needed. Applications received in the office after July 31 date stamp will not be considered.

Registered Nursing Program Estimated Student Fees

Application Expenses	
MERIT BASED ADMISSIONS EXAM	\$74.00
Total is estimated excluding variable costs	\$74.00
Health Packet Expenses	
PHYSICAL EXAM – private physician	Variable Cost
IMMUNIZATIONS – Hep B Series, Varicella, DPT, MMR, 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) (\$25.25 textbook)	\$55.75 (AHC)
BACKGROUND CHECK – Corporate Screening	\$49.92
DRUG SCREENING – Med Plus Central Coast on Depot Street (AKA Dignity Health Urgent Care)	\$55.00
SKILLS KIT	\$96.00
WATCH (Not digital, must have seconds hand)	\$30.00 (est)
STETHOSCOPE (Prestige Medical/Littman's recommended)	\$50.00 (est)
Total is estimated excluding variable costs	\$386.67
Spring Semester	
COMPUTER INTERNET— Mandatory for the year/Printing and Supplies	Variable Cost
TUITION (13.5 units @ \$46/unit)	\$621.00
PARKING (\$2.00 PER DAY OR \$20.00 FOR SEMESTER)	\$20.00
HEALTH FEE (\$26), STUDENT CENTER FEES (\$1 PER UNIT/\$10 MAX), STUDENT REP FEE (\$2 OPTIONAL)	\$38.00
REQUIRED SPRING TEXTBOOKS—New through AHC	\$370.25
MISCELLANEOUS SUPPLIES (flash drive, notebooks, pens, paper, scissors, etc)	Variable Cost
Total is estimated	\$1049.25
Fall Semester	
TUITION (13 units @ \$46/unit)	\$598.00
PARKING (\$2.00 PER DAY OR \$20.00 FOR SEMESTER)	\$20.00
HEALTH FEE (\$26), STUDENT CENTER FEES (\$1 PER UNIT/\$10 MAX), STUDENT REP FEE (\$2 OPTIONAL)	\$38.00
REQUIRED FALL TEXTBOOKS—New through AHC	\$504.00 (new AHC)
PRECEPTORSHIP COSTS (estimated transportation / gas costs)	\$200.00
Total is estimated	\$1360.00
State Licensure Fees	
APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE	\$300.00
FINGERPRINTING	\$70.00
Total is estimated	\$370.00

TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS TO ACHIEVE REGISTERED NURSING LICENSE
\$3,239.92 (excluding variable costs) *Prices are subject to change*

AHC Student ID# _____ Waitlist # _____

Personal Information

The name you provide on this application must match the name in the college system. If they do not match, the college system name will be used.

Full Name: _____

Other Names that May Appear on Transcripts: _____

(use commas to separate, if providing more than one)

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cellphone: _____

Social Security or Tax ID Number: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Email Address: _____

(only use one for correspondence)

Admission Information

Pre-requisites must be complete and in your AHC portal or your application will be rejected.

Current, Valid, Unencumbered CA LVN / English 101 / Math 100 / Psychology 101
/ Anatomy with lab / Physiology with lab / Microbiology with lab

CA LVN License number and Expiration date: _____

You must attach a copy of your certificate from the state website showing issuance and expiration date as proof

Are you currently working as a nurse or in a related healthcare role? If yes, please tell us where and what your role is: _____

Confidential Applicant Survey

Federal and state mandates require that we compile summary data on the gender and ethnicity of applicants. To assist us in complying with this requirement we are requesting that you complete the below.

Please identify the ethnicity you most identify with or the one that best represents your background. This is for demographic purposes and will help us better understand our student population.

☐ African American / Black

☐ Hispanic / Latino

☐ American Indian / Alaska Native

☐ Native Hawaiian

☐ Asian

☐ Other Pacific Islander

☐ Other Asian

☐ Caucasian / White

☐ South Asian / Indian, Pakistani etc.

☐ Mixed race

☐ Filipino

Gender _____ Preferred language at home _____

Allan Hancock Joint Community College District strictly prohibits discrimination based on race, color, ancestry, religion, gender, national origin, age, physical or mental disability, medical condition, marital status, or sexual orientation. Additionally, information about an applicant's name is kept confidential and is not shared with any other agency.

If you have taken any courses since last year's application, list them below **and** attach an **AHC unofficial transcript** as proof. If no courses were taken and your GPA has not changed, leave the below blank or simply state no courses were taken.

Coursework Table - all courses taken since last application period			
Course	Semester/ Yr.	Grade / Units	College/University

If you list any colleges or universities on your application or with the college, you are required to:

- Submit an **official transcript** to the Admissions and Records Office, **and**
- Include an **official copy** with this application.

You must also print your **AHC unofficial transcript** so staff can verify how your courses were evaluated.

⚠ Important: If your coursework has not been officially transcribed, your application will not be accepted. Transcribed courses will appear on the unofficial transcript page in your student portal.

Understanding and acknowledgement checklist:

- ☐ I acknowledge that my official transcripts from all other colleges are processed through Admissions and Records before I submit my unofficial AHC transcripts showing completion of these prerequisites.
- ☐ I am a reapplicant and I must complete all general education before I start the program.
- ☐ I understand that notification letters will be mailed out to the address I put on this application by the end of the day on **August 31, 2025**. I will not contact the office regarding my application status or notification letter mailing. (If you give clear information regarding your address, you will receive a letter)
- ☐ I understand I must possess a current, valid, and unencumbered California LVN License and will turn in a copy with this application packet.
- ☐ I must reapply every year until I am given a seat in the program. I must abide by all new requirements stated in future applications.
- ☐ No individual student information will be released over the phone or email.
- ☐ If I mail in my application and all paperwork to the address on the first page of this packet, 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.
- ☐ My application packet is complete, or my application will not be considered.

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:** _____

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Application items to be turned in as an entire packet

Check	Item	What to turn in
	Application	3-pages
	Print out of LVN license	Copy must be current, valid and unencumbered showing expiration date. This can be printed from the BVNPT website.
	Official college transcript from other colleges, if applicable	Official means in an unopened envelope
	Allan Hancock College unofficial transcripts, if applicable	Printed from your AHC portal showing all courses taken at AHC as well as the transferred courses from all other colleges.