

Dear Future Vocational Nursing Student,

Thank you for your interest in the Licensed Vocational Nursing (LVN) program at Allan Hancock College! This fast-paced, hands-on program immerses students in the heart of healthcare, preparing them to make a real impact in their community. Tailored for compassionate, quick-thinking problem solvers, our LVN program provides the essential skills needed to deliver critical patient care with confidence and expertise.

This application is for **NEW** applicants **ONLY** who do not currently have an AHC LVN waitlist number.

The Health Sciences Department must receive a completed application packet by the end of the day on June 30, 2026, if mailed, it must be postmarked by the deadline.

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

Significant changes have been made to the math prerequisite and general education requirements for LVN and RN applicants. The updated math requirement has been in effect since **January 2025** and applies to all applicants beginning with this application period.

The college also released updated General Education requirements, and applicants have been notified through the college portal. In addition, these changes have been posted on the website and included in application materials to allow time to complete the new requirements.

For this application cycle, **Math 100 level or higher** is required. For applicants planning to pursue a bachelor's degree, **statistics is currently the lowest-level math course accepted** to meet the math 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

To be considered for the LVN program, please submit the attached application along with all required documents on or before June 30, 2026, end of day. This application is specific to the current application period. Be sure to thoroughly review the entire packet and submit a complete application. A randomized lottery will take place for new applicants only. The waitlist number will go down every year that you reapply until you are given a seat.

COMPLETED APPLICATION PACKET AND ELIGIBILITY

- To apply, you must first complete the college admissions process and have a MyHancock account with a username, password, and student ID number (H#).
- Submit a completed LVN program application by the deadline date.
 - Incomplete applications: Applicants will receive one email notification to the email address listed on the application. If the required corrections are not made by the deadline, the application will not be accepted.
- All applicants must hold a current license through the California Department of Health Services (DHS) or the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians (BVNPT) as either a DHS Certified Nurse Assistant or a California BVNPT Psychiatric Technician.
 - A copy of your valid certificate or license must be submitted with your application. If you have recently completed the program with Allan Hancock (within 30 days), you must include a copy of your written and oral pass test results.
 - **Expired or in process of renewal CNA certificates will not be accepted.** No contact will be made; application will not be accepted. You must maintain a current and valid certificate until the first day of the LVN program (we recommend keeping it valid until you obtain your LVN license)
- Applicants must be a U.S. high school graduate or have an equivalent qualification, such as a GED (General Educational Development) or CHSPE (California High School Proficiency Examination).
 - Applicants who do not hold an AA degree or higher must submit an official high school transcript or equivalent with this application.
 - U.S. High School Transcripts: First-time applicants must submit an official, unopened U.S. high school transcript, GED, or CHSPE with this application. Copies will not be accepted.
 - Transcripts submitted to the college Admissions and Records office are not required unless an AP course from high school is being used. In this case, you must also attach an official transcript to the application.
- Applicants must turn in **official** transcript(s) from all other colleges with this application **AND** with Admissions and Records. The program and the college work in separate systems.
 - Admissions and Records must have the latest transcripts on file so you will receive credit for courses required for the program. Without courses showing in your portal, you do not have credit for them with the program.
 - The program application must have the latest official transcripts attached to the application when turned in. Without this, your application is incomplete.

- All college prerequisite coursework must show completion at time of application; no “in progress” prerequisite courses will be accepted.
- 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 degree, and cannot be waived.)

If you completed coursework at **ANY** other college, you must submit your official college transcripts to the Admissions and Records office for evaluation (choose the electronic/PDF option in your college’s ordering system). You can also mail them to the college, ATTN: Transcript Evaluator. Failure to submit all other college official transcripts to Admissions and with this application will result in applicant **disqualification**.

Please note: The transcriber does not accept emailed or unofficial transcripts. Official transcripts must be provided through the proper systems. It may take several weeks for your transcripts to arrive and be evaluated to transfer into your AHC system.

- Print out and submit your AHC unofficial transcripts showing completion of academic prerequisites with a grade of “C” or better.
 - English C1000/101 - Freshman Composition
 - Math 100 – Statistics preferred. (read page one regarding math)
 - Psychology C1000/101 – General Psychology
 - Biology 124 - Anatomy with lab
 - Biology 125 - Physiology with lab

If you would like credit for any course taken towards your ADN, it must show on your AHC unofficial. You must print out your unofficial with date stamp.

NO OTHER UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS FROM ANY OTHER COLLEGE ARE ACCEPTED

Foreign High School/College/University Transcripts

Before you pay to have your foreign transcripts evaluated, please contact the Allan Hancock College Admissions office to determine if your course work will be accepted.

Foreign College/university transcripts will be accepted if evaluation reports have been certified by NACES® (National Association of Credential Evaluation Services) & AICE® (Association of International Credential Evaluators). Completed coursework will be considered for lower-division unit credit **ONLY** if the foreign institution is listed in the American Council on Education (ACE) Book.

If you are submitting **COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY** transcripts, make sure that the evaluation is “Detailed or Comprehensive” and that it includes the following items:

- Name of the Institution, dates attended, degrees earned, and graduation dates
- Course/Subject Level Identification (lower and upper division, etc.)
- Overall Grade Point Average
- List the semester unit value and grade equivalencies

The official transcript(s) must be mailed to: Allan Hancock College, Attn: Transcript Evaluator, 800 S. College Drive, Santa Maria, CA 93454 OR you may walk your transcripts into the Admissions & Records Dept. (building A)

You may skip the evaluation process above and take your GED to speed up the process.

IF you are an F-1 international student, the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians (BVNPT) requires all students taking the NCLEX exam for an LVN license to have a Social Security Number (SSN); an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) is not accepted. For LVN licenses, the BVNPT allows students working toward citizenship to use a Tax ID to start the application, but they must become citizens to obtain their final LVN license.

Once you have all application requirements completed and together, hand-deliver the packet to the W Building, Office W-111, 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/Health Sciences Dept.

Allan Hancock College Health Sciences office is NOT responsible for lost or misdirected applications. Copies of all required documents and documentation of 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 June 30th will only be accepted if the post mark is on or before June 30.

- Application notifications of status into the LVN program will be mailed by the end of the day, July 31, 2026. Please do not call AHC or the office for application status or letter status, individual information will not be released over the phone or email. Be patient, the mail may take up to a week to get to you.
 - Waitlisted students will be given a letter giving them their waitlist number and will need to reapply the following year for a new position on the list.
 - Accepted students will be given detailed instructions in their letter regarding the pharmacology course starting in August (Fall course before Spring LVN program starts).
 - Alternate students will be given a seat in the pharmacology class but not necessarily a seat in the program beginning in January.
 - All applicants will need to return their acceptance statement and prerequisite evaluation by the deadline given in the letter to secure their position on the waitlist. Those not responding by the deadline will forfeit their spot on the waitlist.
 - Packet requirements may change based on our contracted facility agreements and state program requirements. Any updates will be reflected in your health packet emailed to you toward the end of October.

ACCEPTED STUDENTS

- Students starting the program will be emailed a health packet to be completed before the start of the LVN program. (Start and due dates are required to be met)
 - Health packet requirements:
 - Physical exam
 - Immunizations including: 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 (3 part), Varicella (chicken pox – be sure to mention to your physician if you have had them), Flu Vaccine October - March (must be updated during every flu season),
 - Background check - 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.
 - Drug screening - 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 for the nursing programs (LVN/RN) here at AHC.
 - A current and valid CPR certification must be maintained by the student throughout the entire nursing program(s). Only American Heart Association or American Red Cross BLS for Healthcare Provider is accepted. Online only courses not accepted.
 - Purchase the mandatory skills kit.
 - Uniform - A strict dress code is required. Your appearance reflects the hospital and college standards and indicates to patients and co-workers your pride and interest in your profession. Details will be included in the health packet once you are accepted.

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.

LVN TO RN BRIDGE INFORMATION

Students enrolled in the LVN program at Allan Hancock College who complete all RN prerequisites and meet the merit-based admission criteria may receive priority consideration for seating in the RN program the following year. All ADN (Associate Degree in Nursing) and BRN (Board of Registered Nursing) requirements must also be met. Students should meet with a counselor to review eligibility if they are unsure.

All AHC LVN students are required to take the RN merit-based admissions test after LVN graduation. This exam serves as the final assessment for the LVN program and the entrance exam for the RN program.

Students with more than four repeats in the science prerequisite courses (Anatomy, Physiology, and Microbiology) are not eligible to apply to the Allan Hancock College ADN program. Additional admission details are available on the nursing website.

FINANCIAL AID

It is the responsibility of all applicants to check with the Financial Aid Office regarding loans, scholarships, state and federal grants. Applying is free.

Licensed Vocational Nursing Program Estimated Student Fees

Fall Prior to Spring Expenses	
NURS 310 – PHARMACOLOGY – TUITION (3 UNITS @\$46/UNIT FOR RESIDENTS)	\$138.00
PARKING (DAILY PERMIT \$2.00 OR \$20.00 FOR FALL SEMESTER)	\$20.00
HEALTH FEE (\$27 FOR FALL), STUDENT CENTER FEES (\$1 PER UNIT/\$10 MAX), STUDENT REP FEE (\$2 OPTIONAL)	\$37.00
REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS—NEW THROUGH AHC	\$218.00 (est)
Total is estimated excluding variable costs	\$413.00
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) (\$26.25 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	\$79.00
Total is estimated excluding variable costs	\$286.67
Spring Semester	
TUITION (17.5 units @ \$46/unit for residents)	\$805.00
PARKING (\$2.00 PER DAY OR \$20.00 FOR SEMESTER)	\$20.00
HEALTH FEE (\$27), STUDENT CENTER FEES (\$1 PER UNIT/\$10 MAX), STUDENT REP FEE (\$2 OPTIONAL)	\$37.00
REQUIRED FALL TEXTBOOKS—New through AHC	\$800.00 (est)
Total is estimated	\$1662.00
Summer Semester	
TUITION (7 units @ \$46/unit for residents)	\$322.00
PARKING (\$2.00 PER DAY OR \$10.00 FOR SEMESTER)	\$10.00
HEALTH FEE (\$22), STUDENT CENTER FEES (\$1 PER UNIT/\$10 MAX), STUDENT REP FEE (\$2 OPTIONAL)	\$34.00
REQUIRED FALL TEXTBOOKS—New through AHC	\$100.00 (est)
Total is estimated	\$466.00
Fall Semester	
TUITION (18.5 units @ \$46/unit for residents)	\$759.00
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	\$597.00 (est)
IV THERAPY STATE CERTIFICATION—optional	\$50.00
NCLEX PRE-TEST (Usually held in Fall semester)	\$40.00
Total is estimated	\$1504.00
State Licensure Fees	
EXAM APPLICATION (\$300)/FINGERPRINTING (\$49) AND NCLEX EXAM FOR LICENSURE (\$300)	\$649.00
INITIAL LICENSE (PAID AFTER THE PROGRAM ENDS)	\$300.00
Total is estimated	\$949.00

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TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS FOR THE LICENSED VOCATIONAL NURSING PROGRAM
\$4,331.67 (excluding variable costs)

STATE LICENSURE FEES ADD'L \$949.00

Personal Information

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

First Name:	Middle Name:	Last Name:
Address:		
City:	ST:	Zip:
Preferred Phone Number:		
Social Security or Tax ID Number:		Birth Date:
Hancock Student ID#:	Preferred Email Address:	
(Mandatory)		
Other names used (including maiden name, previous legal names, or name changes):		
Career Goal:		

Applications are reviewed after closing date. Please type or print clearly. This application will only be used for the 2026 LVN application pool.

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.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> African American / Black | <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic / Latino |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian / Alaska Native | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Pacific Islander |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Asian | <input type="checkbox"/> Caucasian / White |
| <input type="checkbox"/> South Asian / Indian, Pakistani etc. | <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed race |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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.

Nursing Prerequisite Courses

Required Prerequisites	Sem/ Yr Complete	Grade / Units	Equivalent Course Name if different	Institution attended for this course
CALIFORNIA CNA / PT				
ENGLISH C1000/101 (Freshman Comp.)				
MATH _____ Any math 100 level Statistics highly recommended				
PSYCH. C1000/101 (General Psychology)				
BIOLOGY 124 (Human Anatomy)				
BIOLOGY 125 (Human Physiology)				

List All Colleges/Universities Attended After High School (Be sure official transcripts have been processed)

College/University	City & State	Dates Attended	List Degree

When you applied for admission to the college, you were required to list all colleges and universities attended. Those colleges must match this application.

Attach one official transcript from each college attended. Official transcripts must be in a sealed, unopened envelope.

All prerequisite courses must have final grades posted when the application is submitted. Courses that are not prerequisites may be in progress.

Before submitting your application, you must acknowledge the following:

- I understand that I am required to provide proof of completion and/or equivalency of all prerequisites with a grade of "C" or better through my AHC unofficial transcripts.
- I understand that all official transcripts from other colleges must be received and processed by Admissions and Records **before** I submit my AHC unofficial transcript showing course completion. A second official transcript must be turned in with this application.
- Notification letters will be mailed to the address listed on my application by the end of the day on July 31, 2026. I understand that the office will not provide application status updates before that date.
- I understand that I must take and pass the Merit Based Admissions test with my LVN graduating class on the date provided by the instructor, even if I will not be moving onto the RN program.
- 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 must notify the Health Sciences office **immediately** via email of any changes to my personal information. If my information changes after the first day of the program I will make the necessary changes on the next application the following year.
- 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.
- I understand that incomplete application packets will not be reviewed or considered.
- I understand that late submissions will not be accepted.

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 _____

Application does not guarantee that applicants have satisfied minimum criteria

Application checklist		
Check	Item	What to turn in
	Application	3-pages
	Official U.S. high school transcript/GED	Official means in an unopened envelope (not required if a degree of AA or higher is provided)
	Official college transcript from other colleges	Official means in an unopened envelope (only if you have taken courses at any other college)
	Allan Hancock College unofficial transcripts	Printed from your AHC portal showing all courses taken at AHC as well as the transferred courses from all other colleges.
	CNA Certificate/Psych Tech License	Copy must be current, valid and unencumbered showing expiration date. This can be printed from the CDPH/BVNPT website if no card

If this application packet is not complete with ALL paperwork above, you may not turn in an application. Be proactive with ensuring you have everything required.