

## LVN 30 Unit Option

The Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) 30 Unit Option is a certificate upgrade program designed to prepare students to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN), leading to licensure as a Registered Nurse. Students completing this program are not considered graduates of the Bachelors of Science Degree Nursing (BSN) Program. A Certificate of Completion will be issued after the LVN 30 Unit Option requirements have been met.

Students are able to apply for the LVN 30 Unit Option in the fall semester of each year. It is a five-semester program. Although most classes are scheduled during the day, clinical experiences may include both morning and evening hours and weekends. In the last semester of the program there is a sixteen-week preceptorship. During that time, students are expected to be in the clinical setting on a full-time basis. Students must be flexible and prepared to accept these assignments.

30 unit option applicants should meet individually with a nursing advisor to assist in completing their application. **It is a requirement of the Board of Registered Nursing that all colleges and universities with nursing programs provide a 30 unit option pathway; however, Stanislaus State does not endorse the pathway as educationally sound for students desiring to become a registered nurse.** Only those applicants selected for acceptance into the nursing program will be given instruction on the process for submitting all required documentation.

LVN 30 Unit Option applicants are selected using the same criteria for the LVN to BSN program. Please visit the School of Nursing webpage for information sessions, application, roadmap, and pre-requisite equivalency grid.