LVN 45-Unit Option

The LVN 45-Unit Option is mandated by California Administrative Code, Title 16, Article 3, Section 1429, and allows Licensed Vocational Nurses (LVNs) in California to earn the necessary credits to sit for the NCLEX-RN examination in California. Designed as a career pathway for LVNs to become registered nurses (RNs), this option does not meet the full requirements for a baccalaureate degree in nursing and is specific to California. Most other states do not recognize this option for RN licensure.

At AUHS, the program follows the quarter unit system, mandating the 45-unit option in compliance with California law. Nurses interested in this option are required to meet with the Dean, Assistant Dean, or Director to discuss the option and any constraints before enrolling in courses.

Important Considerations for Students

- Completion of the 45-unit option does not result in a baccalaureate degree in nursing.
- Students who complete this option are not considered graduates of the AUHS nursing program.
- Admission to the 45-unit option is on a space-available basis only.