



**WELCOME**  
**To**  
**CALIFORNIA**  
**IV CERTIFICATION**

## Is IV Certification Required?

Although an IV Certificate is not mandatory to work as an LVN; there are a lot of employees who want their nurses to **obtain it**.

More employers such as LTC facilities are performing Infusion Therapy for their patients and it is cost effective for their staff employees to have this certification.

Do I need to be an LVN to attend this course? No. You can be an **LVN Student** as well



## Making Sense of IV “Certification” for LPNs/LVNs

You’ve worked long and hard to become an LPN/LVN. Now you want to expand your education and role and begin performing IV therapy with patients. This is why many LPNs/LVNs ask the question, “How do I obtain my IV certification?”

This can be a confusing topic, and here we will try to make sense of this process.

When we talk about IV “certification,” that is really a misnomer. In MOST states there is no actual “certification” given to LPNs/LVNs to be able to perform IV therapy. The nurse must be aware of the rules provided by the board for the state in which he/she practices, as every state’s rules vary slightly.

There are, though, three separate components involved to be able to legally perform IV therapy on patients as an LPN/LVN.

The first is education. This is the best place to start. In most states the college curriculum to obtain your nursing LPN/LVN license contains some infusion therapy principles. Here in California most if not all of the LVN to RN bridge programs require and IV Certification. However, this can vary from college to college, as well as state to state. Most state boards mandate that an LVN/LPN be able to perform IV therapy on patients. Most states also want the LPN/LVN to complete additional education, beyond the education needed to become an LPN/LVN. This education provides the knowledge and competency necessary to qualify the LPN/LVN to administer IV therapy. The California LVN Board of Nursing requires the I.V. course curriculum to be approved by them and have very specific content requirements. That is why it is important to know exactly what YOUR state requires before practicing IV therapy as an LPN/LVN.

The second part of becoming qualified to perform IV therapy as an LPN/LVN is competency demonstrations. This is what you might think of as a skills competency check-off or validation. The skills check-off for a California LVN is to be performed under the supervision of a Registered Nurse or Doctor with the appropriate infusion therapy knowledge and skills. This is where you get to put into practice all

the great information you learned in your additional IV Certification class.

The third aspect of being able to practice IV therapy on patients is making sure that tasks performed by you as an LPN/LVN are within your legal scope of practice as defined by your State Board of Nursing. This is where it gets tricky! That's why [Pedagogy](#) has provided links to each and every state's Board of Nursing website. Here they summarize for you the requirements for your state to be eligible to perform IV therapy and the tasks that are legal for you to perform in your state. Some states say very specifically what an LPN/LVN is able to do regarding IV therapy, and some states say that each facility may make its own decision as to which tasks an LPN/LVN may perform regarding IV therapy. These are defined within the facility policy and procedures.

### [Why should you choose Central Valley Medical for your training?](#)

Well we have one of the best instructors in California. The California BNVPT states that all 36 hours **MUST** be held in the classroom. This is an awfully long time to just sit and learn IV Therapy. However, our instructor has over 20 years in the medical field specializing in IV Therapy, Emergency Medicine, Critical Care, Post-Anesthesia, and more. He spent more than ten years in the U.S. Army as a combat medic and will teach you more than IV Therapy.

Also, Central Valley Medical is an approved course by the BNVPT not only for IV Certification but for Blood Withdrawal as well. There are a lot of companies that charge over \$300 for the IV Only Certification; however, Central Valley Medical charges a lot less for both certifications. We feel that sense you're in class; why not learn and get both?

### **How do you know our program is approved??**

Follow the link below and you will find us on the BNVPT website.

[Vocational Nurse IV Therapy/Blood Withdrawal Certification Course Providers](#)

### **Where do you hold Your Class?**

We have classes in Madera, Fresno, Modesto, and soon in Bakersfield, CA.



## What is your Cost?

Our cost for the IV Therapy and Blood Withdrawal Course is **\$275**.

Most other company's throughout California charge anywhere from **\$250-\$400**. Some offer only the IV Certification and others offer both. However, we are the only company here in the Central Valley that offers both classes year round and at a reasonable price.

[American Heart Classes](#) offers **\$265**

[Gurnick Academy](#) offers **\$315**

[Genesis](#) offers **\$250**

So, as one can see Central Valley Medical is very competitive. Also, we are local and if a nurse were to attend a class down south or up north they would also incur expenses such as:

- Gas
- Lodging
- Food

If a group has a class of 12 or more Central Valley Medical will also discount our prices accordingly to help out the group to save money. For example, Central Valley Medical taught the students in Modesto Kaplan Campus where they had 24 students and Central Valley Medical offered them our course for **\$200**.

## Do you offer Continuing Education Units (CEU's)?

Central Valley Medical is an approved CE Provider for the BVNPT and the Board of Registered Nursing. For the IV and Blood Withdrawal Course a licensed LVN will receive **36 CEU's**.

## When Do I Get My Certification?

If you already have a California State LVN license you will receive your certification on the last day of class as well as a certificate of completion, and a certificate for the 36 CEU's.

If you are an LVN student; you will receive your certificate of completion on the last day of class; however, we cannot process your Certification paperwork until you have a "Valid" California LVN license. (**Once you have a valid license we will process your paperwork immediately.**)

## How can I sign up?

A student can either [sign up online](#) or call us and we can fax or email you an enrollment form.

## How do we pay?

A student can pay online with a credit card or PayPal. They may also pay with a credit card on the first day of class or with cash and/or cashier's check. (Central Valley Medical does **NOT** accept personal checks.)

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