

NURSING – VOCATIONAL NURSING – ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREE, CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

Top Code:

1230.20

The Vocational Nursing curriculum prepares students to apply for licensure as a Licensed Vocational Nurse in the state of California.

Emphasis is on nursing care of clients with physical and mental disorders, health promotion activities of the nurse, human development and the application of basic nursing skills in the care of individuals throughout the lifespan. Once licensed, the LVN may seek employment in hospitals, clinics, private physicians' offices, and skilled nursing facilities. The Vocational Nursing program is a 12-month program that prepares the students to begin a career as a Licensed Vocational Nurse. Upon completion of the program, students will be eligible to take the LVN NCLEX (National Council Licensure Examination) exam to become a Licensed Vocational Nurse and if successful will qualify to receive a license from the Board of Vocational Nurse and Psychiatric Technician Examiners regulations to practice in the State of California.

A Certificate of Achievement is awarded upon completion of all required courses with a grade of C or better.

Prerequisite Course Requirements:

Successful completion of:

NURS 103 NURSING ASSISTANT (or equivalent)

ANAT 025 HUMAN ANATOMY

PSYC 024 LIFESPAN DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY (birth to death)

PYSO 001 HUMAN PHYSIOLOGY

NUTR 011 HUMAN NUTRITION

Student Selection and Fees:

Applications are accepted on an annual basis in March for the following fall semester. Students are encouraged to consult with a nursing counselor.

Requirements for Admission into the Vocational Nursing Program

1. Completed application of admission to the program.
2. Graduation from an accredited United States high school or equivalent.
3. Completion of all prerequisite courses with a minimum 2.75 grade point average.
4. High school and college transcripts.
5. Students who have completed previous college nursing course work and are requesting advanced placement must provide transcripts

and submit a petition to the college for advanced placement. If the petition is approved, an examination in theory and lab skills may be administered. Grade of C or better must be achieved on this examination.

6. A current nurse assistant (CNA) certificate from the State of California Department of Public Health.
7. Enrollment is determined by the applicant pool and the selection process is by lottery while adhering to all Federal and State Laws.

Other Requirements:

1. After acceptance into the program, the student is required to submit evidence of good health documented by a recent physical examination including required immunizations/chest x-ray or Mantoux test.
2. Current CPR/Basic Life Support (BLS) card, which must be maintained while in the program. CPR training can be obtained from the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross, Health Care Provider course.
3. The California Board of Vocational Nurses and Psychiatric Technician Examiners are required to protect the public by screening applicants for licensure to identify potentially unsafe practitioners. The law provides for denial of licensure for crimes or acts which are related to nursing qualifications, functions and/or duties. Program applicants who have questions related to eligibility for licensure may contact the Health Sciences Division for referral to the appropriate licensing board.
4. Nursing students must have the ability to communicate effectively. To enhance success in a nursing program, students who have English as a second or third language are encouraged to enroll in SPCH 003, 010 and HLSC 115.
5. Continuation in the program requires the student to maintain a grade of C or better in all required nursing courses. A grade of C or better in all Vocational Nursing course work is required to meet the California Board of Vocational Nurse and Psychiatric Technician Examiners regulations.
6. Each theory course has a laboratory course that must be taken concurrently.
7. Students must provide their own transportation to all on- and off-campus clinical sites. Assignments are scheduled between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 11:30 p.m. daily.

Fees:

Fall Semester

Tuition \$644.00

- Books and Online Resources \$1,450.00
- Uniforms \$250.00
- Parking Fee \$48.00

Spring Semester

- Tuition \$598.00
- Books and Online Resources \$950.00
- Parking Fee \$48.00

Summer Semester

Tuition \$460.00

- Parking Fee \$15.00

Total estimated cost for entire LVN Program = \$4,463.00

Program Outcomes

- Utilize the nursing process in health promotion, restoration, and disease and illness prevention.
- Apply evidence based practice in providing therapeutic nursing interventions for clients and families.
- Apply Quality Safety Education for Nursing (QSEN) knowledge, skills, and attitudes (ksa) to client care.
- Apply clinical reasoning skills to client care.
- Provide health education to individuals, families and communities.
- Demonstrate competency in vocational nursing procedural skills.
- Advocate for clients and families.
- Provide culturally sensitive nursing care.

Note: *The following sequence must be followed.*

Vocational Nursing Curriculum Requirements for the Certificate of Achievement

Sequence must be followed:

Code	Title	Units
Semester I		
NURS 108A	NURSING SKILLS LABORATORY – VN	1
NURS 122	MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION FOR VOCATIONAL NURSES – THEORY	3
NURS 125	FUNDAMENTALS OF VOCATIONAL NURSING – THEORY	5
NURS 125L	FUNDAMENTALS OF VOCATIONAL NURSING – CLINICAL	5
Semester II		
NURS 108B	NURSING SKILLS LABORATORY – VN	1
NURS 124	MENTAL HEALTH NURSING FOR VOCATIONAL NURSES	2
NURS 126	INTERMEDIATE VOCATIONAL NURSING – THEORY	5
NURS 126L	INTERMEDIATE VOCATIONAL NURSING – CLINICAL	5
Semester III		
NURS 127	ADVANCED VOCATIONAL NURSING – THEORY	6
NURS 127L	ADVANCED VOCATIONAL NURSING – CLINICAL	4
Total Units		37

Visit the Program Mapper (<https://pasadena-city.programmapper.ws/academics/interest-clusters/8353468c-9ac9-4b4b-a310-843b126d204c/>)

programs/2cd3685b-8fb1-60a5-fc59-826cba39672f/) for a suggested sequence of courses.

General Education Requirements for the Associate in Science Degree

- General Information (<https://curriculum.pasadena.edu/academic-programs-leading-degree-certificate/>)
- PCC Local Gen Ed (<https://curriculum.pasadena.edu/academic-programs-leading-degree-certificate/#pcclocaltext>)
- CSU Breadth (<https://curriculum.pasadena.edu/academic-programs-leading-degree-certificate/#csubreadthtext>)
- IGETC (<https://curriculum.pasadena.edu/academic-programs-leading-degree-certificate/#igetctext>)

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