

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT



VOCATIONAL NURSING

The Vocational Nursing Program is a three-semester program following the completion of prerequisite courses. It is designed to prepare students for employment as staff nurses, giving care to patients in a variety of settings, such as extended care facilities, home health care, surgical centers, and medical offices. The program is approved by the California State Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians. Students who complete the curriculum and achieve the certificate of achievement are qualified to take the examination leading to licensure as a Licensed Vocational Nurse.

A 2.5 or better grade point average in all college work attempted is required for application to the program. All prerequisite and program courses must be completed with a minimum grade of "C" to qualify to take the exam leading to licensure as a Licensed Vocational Nurse.

Academic Requirements		Units	N	IP	C
MATH 033	*Pre-algebra <i>or equivalent – see a counselor</i>	5			
ENGL 035	*Introduction to College Composition <i>or equivalent – see a counselor</i>	3			
READ 043	*Reading College Textbooks <i>or equivalent – see a counselor</i>	3			
Prerequisites					
HS 60	*Health Science Core OR	5			
BIOL 125	Human Anatomy	4			
PSY 101 or PSY 101H**	*Introductory Psychology (**Honors)	3			
After approval/permit by the Nursing Program:					
VN 061	*Basic Fundamentals of Nursing AND <i>(Spring semester only)</i>	3.5			
VN 061L	*Basic Fundamentals of Nursing Lab	5			
<i>Optional: HS 045 Math for Health Care Professionals</i>		1			
Total Required Prerequisite Units		15.5-16.5			

FALL Semester		Units	N	IP	C
VN 071L	*Introduction to Medical Surgical Nursing Lab	3.5			
VN 072L	*Intermediate Medical Surgical Nursing Lab	3.5			
VN 073	*Basic Pharmacology	2			
VN 074	*Nursing Care of Patients with Integumentary/Orthopedic Problems and Concepts of Gerontologic Nursing	2.5			
VN 075	*Nursing Care of Patients with Endocrine Problems	1			
VN 076	*Nursing Care of Patients with Renal, Urinary and Gastrointestinal Problems	3.5			
VN 077	*Nursing Care of Patients with Cardiovascular and Respiratory Nursing Problems	3			
Total Units for Fall		19			

SPRING Semester		Units	N	IP	C
VN 081L	*Maternal and Pediatric Nursing Lab	2.5			
VN 082L	*Advanced Medical Surgical Nursing Lab	3.5			
VN 083	*Applied Pharmacology	2			
VN 084	*Maternal and Pediatric Nursing	4			
VN 085	*Leadership and Supervision for the Vocational Nurse	0.5			
VN 086	*Mental Health and Neurovascular Nursing	3			
VN 087	*Nursing Care of Patients with Cancer	1			
Total Units for Spring		16.5			

Recommended Courses		Units	C
ENGL 101	College Composition and Research	3	
READ 134	Effective Study Methods	3	

Total Certificate of Achievement Required Units: 52.0

*** = Requirements for Program Completion**