



DIVISION OF HEALTH SCIENCE & NURSING

# ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN VOCATIONAL NURSING

The Vocational Nursing Program is offered as an Associate of Science Degree or as a Certificate of Achievement. Students opting for the Associate Degree should have all the General Education requirements completed prior to entering the Vocational Nursing Program. The Vocational Nursing Program is a two-and-a-half 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 completion 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 completion of the program and qualification to take the exam leading to licensure as a Licensed Vocational Nurse.

Academic Requirements		Units	N	IP	C
MATH 030 or 030D or 033	*Prealgebra or appropriate assessment	4			
ENGL 035	*Intermediate Composition for Developing Writers or appropriate assessment	3			
READ 043	*Reading College Textbooks or appropriate assessment	3			
Prerequisites					
HS 060	*Health Science Core	5			
Or BIOL 125	Human Anatomy	4			
PSY 101 or PSY 101H	Introductory Psychology/*Honors	3			
*VN 061	Basic Fundamentals of Nursing	3.5			
*VN 061L	Basic Fundamentals of Nursing Lab	5			
HS 045	Math for Health Care Professionals (OPTIONAL)	1			
TOTAL PREREQUISITE UNITS		<b>15.5-16.5</b>			

FALL Semester		Units	N	IP	C
VN 071 L	*Introduction to Medical-Surgical Nursing Lab	3.5			
VN 072 L	*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		<b>19</b>			

SPRING Semester		Units	N	IP	C
VN 081 L	*Maternal and Pediatric Nursing Lab	2.5			
VN 082 L	*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 Neurological Nursing Problems	3			
VN 087	*Nursing Care of Patients with Cancer	1			
Total Units for Spring		<b>16.5</b>			

\*VN 061 AND 061L are offered Spring Semester only and by permit

Recommended Courses		Units
ENGL 101	*College Composition and Research	3.5
READ 134	Effective Study Methods	3
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM UNITS</b>		<b>62</b>
*Prerequisite/Corequisite		