



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. To acquire the **Associate of Science Degree in Vocational Nursing**, students must complete one of the following: Rio Hondo College General Education and Proficiency requirements, California State University General Education Breadth (CSU GE), or Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC).

Academic Requirements		Units	N	IP	C
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			

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

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		19			

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		16.5			

TOTAL PROGRAM UNITS	52
*Prerequisite/Corequisite	