

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 of Science 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 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 completion of the program and qualification to take the examination leading to licensure as a Licensed Vocational Nurse. To acquire the Associate of Science Degree in Vocational Nursing, students must complete the required major courses below with a grade of "C" or better or of "P" if the course was taken on a Pass/No Pass basis, along with either of the following: Rio Hondo College General Education (RHC GE) or California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC); continuing students who started prior to Fall 2025 may follow CSU GE or IGETC.

Prerequisites		Units	N	IP	C
BIOL 125	Human Anatomy	4			
PSYC C1000 or PSYC C1000H	Introduction to Psychology Introduction to 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	1			

*\*VN 061 AND 061L are offered once per year by permit*

COURSES REQUIRED AFTER PROGRAM ADMISSION		Units	N	IP	C
VN 073	Basic Pharmacology	2			
VN 078	Vocational Nursing I	9			
VN 078L	Vocational Nursing I Lab	7			
VN 083	*Applied Pharmacology	2			
VN 088	Vocational Nursing II	7			
VN 088L	Vocational Nursing II Lab	6			

TOTAL MAJOR UNITS	49.5
*Prerequisite/Corequisite	