

Nursing, Vocational VN

Associate in Science Degree

Career Certificate

Division of Science and Allied Health

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Career Opportunities

This program prepares the student for employment as a licensed vocational nurse. The LVN may work in hospitals, doctors' offices, ambulatory care settings, skilled nursing facilities, or extended care facilities to provide basic patient care to clients of all ages under the supervision and direction of physicians or registered nurses. The specific procedures performed vary greatly depending on the work setting.

Recommended High School Preparation

Classes in biology, mathematics, and English.

Program Information

The Vocational Nursing Program at Sacramento City College is approved by the California Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians. Upon successful completion of the three-semester, 53-unit program the student is eligible to apply for the National Licensing Examination to qualify as a Licensed Vocational Nurse. Students enrolled in this program are required to complete nursing support and nursing education courses with related clinical experiences in cooperating local hospitals. The program prepares for employment and also leads toward the Associate in Science Degree when additional requirements are met. In addition to regular expenses such as enrollment fees, living costs, activity fees, and books, vocational nursing students have the expense of uniforms, professional liability insurance, physical examinations, required immunizations, background checks, drug screens, graduation, and licensing costs.

Students also have the responsibility of their physical examination and required immunizations as well as transportation to and from clinical agencies for day and evening learning experiences. All students must have a current CPR category "C" American Heart Association or Professional Rescuer American Red Cross Certificate.

Additional Information

Informational meetings are held several times each semester and provide prospective students with information on program prerequisites, enrollment process, and other facts about the program. For information call (916) 558-2271 or visit the SCC Web Site at <http://www.scc.losrios.edu>.

Enrollment Eligibility

- Completion of BIOL 100 (Introduction to Concepts of Human Anatomy and Physiology) with a GPA of 3.0.
- Completion of FCS 324/psyc 370, Human Development: A Life Span, and FCS 340 (Nutrition), and AH 110 (Medical Language for Health-Care Providers) with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 in these three (3) courses.
- The Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians requires a five-year recency for the prerequisite courses.
- Completion of ENGRD 11 or eligibility for ENGRD 110 as determined by the reading assessment process for all applicants who do not have an Associate in Arts degree or higher.
- Be a high school graduate or pass the GED.
- A grade of "C" or better is mandatory in each course in the Required Program above for progression in the program and for recommendation for application for the licensing examination. If the clinical performance is "unsatisfactory," the semester grade will be "F" regardless of achievement in theory.
- The Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians requires that the student be a high school graduate or pass the GED.
- Admission, Reentry or Transfer: Contact the Director of Vocational Nursing, Sacramento City College, 3835 Freeport Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95822 or call (916) 558-2271.



Enrollment Process

1. Applications for enrollment and official transcripts supporting completion of prerequisite courses must be submitted to the Science and Allied Health Division by the posted due date. Enrollment applications and deadlines are available from the Science & Allied Health Division Office (Mohr Hall, Room 18 or 558-2271) or the SCC website at <http://www.scc.losrios.edu/~nursing/>.
2. Completion of the enrollment eligibility requirements places the applicant in the random selection pool. Eligible students who are not enrolled will be considered alternates. One-third of the class will be randomly selected from the eligible applicants who were alternates from the previous semester. Two-thirds of the class will be selected from all eligible applicants.
3. Students accepted to the nursing program will be required to undergo a criminal background check and an 8-panel drug screen test prior to their clinical laboratory experience.

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NOTE: Vocational Nursing courses must be taken in sequence.

Prerequisite Courses	Units
BIOL 100, Introduction to Concepts of Human Anatomy and Physiology	3
FCS 340, Nutrition	3
AH 110, Medical Language for Health-Care Providers.....	3
FCS 324, Human Development: A Life Span (3) or PSYC 370, Human Development: A Life Span (3).....	3
Prerequisite Courses Units	12
Required Program`	Units
VN 120, Meeting Adult Basic Health Needs	14
VN 130, Meeting Health Needs of All Age Groups.....	12
VN 140, Meeting Complex Adult Health Needs	12
PSYC 300, General Principles.....	3
Subtotal Units	41
Total Units Required	53

Associate in Science (A. S.) Degree

The Associate in Science Degree may be obtained by completing the required courses listed above, plus the general education requirements, plus sufficient electives to meet a 60-unit total. See SCC graduation requirements.

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The Career Certificate may be obtained by completion of the required program with grades of "C" or better.

Admission, Reentry or Transfer

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Vocational Nursing (VN)

VN 120 Meeting Adult Basic Health Needs 14 Units

Prerequisite: Enrollment in the Vocational Nursing Program and completion of BIOL 100 with a grade of "B" or better; completion of AH 110, FCS 340, and FCS 324 with grades of "C" or better and a cumulative GPA of 2.5 in these three (3) courses; completion of English ENGRD 11 or eligibility of ENGRD 110 as determined by the reading assessment process for all applicants who do not have an AA Degree or higher.

144 hours Lecture; 324 hours Laboratory

This course is an orientation to Vocational Nursing and role of the Vocational Nurse within the health care team, including historical, ethical, and legal aspects. Theory and practice introduces the nursing process and related concepts (basic human needs, life-cycle development, health-illness continuum, and major health problems related to cardiovascular/respiratory nutrition-elimination, mobility (activity and exercise), hormonal disturbances, and surgical interventions. Fundamental skills and responsibilities involved in patient care, including medication administration, principles of communication, health teaching, cultural diversity, and human sexuality are included. Emphasis is on assessment of patient needs and basic nursing interventions for adults of all ages.

VN 130 Meeting Health Needs of All Age Groups 12 Units

Prerequisite: Completion of VN 120 with a grade of "C" or better. 108 hours Lecture; 324 hours Laboratory

Students apply theory in utilizing the nursing process to meet the needs of : 1) adult patients with major health problems related to more complex regulatory, cardio-vascular/respiratory, and reproductive disturbances; 2) mothers during the maternity cycle and newborns; 3) hospitalized children of various ages. Emphasis is on increasing independence in the implementation of care plans. Concepts and principles related to legal and ethical aspects, communications, health teaching, cultural diversity and human sexuality are applied in a variety of clinical settings and with patients of all ages.

VN 140 Meeting Complex Adult Health Needs 12 Units

Prerequisite: Completion of VN 130 with a grade of "C" or better. Corequisite: PSYC 300.

108 hours Lecture; 324 hours Laboratory

Students apply course theory in utilizing the nursing process to meet the needs of adult patients of all ages with major health problems related to more complex regulatory, elimination, cardiovascular/respiratory and nutritional disorders. Emphasis is on fulfilling all steps of the nursing process. Principles related to legal and bio-ethical aspects, communication, health teaching, cultural diversity and human sexuality are included. Management principles, the Vocational Nursing Practice Act, professional organizations, resume writing and job search are presented.

VN 150 Intravenous Therapy and 1.5 Units
Blood Withdrawal

*Prerequisite: VN 130 or NURSE 415 with a grade of "C" or better
or equivalent courses (completion of two semesters of nursing).
27 hours Lecture; 9 hours Laboratory*

This course will provide the student with the knowledge and skills to start and superimpose intravenous fluids and withdraw blood. The course meets the requirements of the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians for Licensed Vocational Nurses to become certified in IV therapy and blood withdrawal.

VN 295 Independent Studies in 1-3 Units
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See Independent Studies

VN 299 Experimental Offering in .5-4 Units
Vocational Nursing

See Experimental Offerings