

NURSING, VOCATIONAL

Associate in Science

Career/Technical (Major Code: 02390)

Prepares students for direct patient care in situations where they are under the supervision of physicians and/or registered nurses. A major portion of the educational experience takes place in a variety of healthcare settings. Upon successful completion of the program, the student is eligible to apply to the California Board of Vocational Nurses and Psychiatric Technicians to take the examination for licensure as a vocational nurse.

Program Student Learning Outcomes

- Upon completion of the program, the student will demonstrate the ability to articulate professionally and competently in the healthcare setting on issues regarding patient care.
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- Upon completion of the program, the student will analyze, compute and correctly provide medications to the patient in the healthcare setting.
- Upon completion of the program, the student will demonstrate collegiality and appropriate communication techniques when working with diverse healthcare providers, patients and family members.
- Upon completion of the program, the student will demonstrate critical thinking skills and differentiation in plan of care for patients from various cultural backgrounds.

Prerequisites		Units
CNA Certification or equivalent		0-8.5
ENGL 115	COLLEGE COMPOSITION: READING AND WRITING ANALYTICALLY	4
or		
ENGL 115H	or HONORS COLLEGE COMPOSITION: READING AND WRITING ANALYTICALLY	
or		
ESL 115A	or COLLEGE COMPOSITION FOR MULTILINGUAL STUDENTS	
BIOL 260	HUMAN ANATOMY	4
BIOL 261	PRINCIPLES OF HUMAN PHYSIOLOGY	4
HLTH 204	FUNDAMENTALS OF NUTRITION	3
MATH 119	ELEMENTARY STATISTICS	4
Units		19-27.5

First Semester

VN 30	INTRODUCTION TO PHARMACOLOGY	1
VN 31	BASIC CONCEPTS IN PHARMACOLOGY	1
VN 103	VOCATIONAL NURSING I	6
VN 103L	VOCATIONAL NURSING LABORATORY I	6
Units		14

Second Semester

VN 130	PHARMACOLOGY FOR NURSES	2
VN 201	VOCATIONAL NURSING II	6
VN 201L	VOCATIONAL NURSING LABORATORY II	6
Units		14

Third Semester

PSYC 101	GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY	3
VN 250	MATERNAL-CHILD-ADULT HEALTH	4.5
VN 250L	MATERNAL-CHILD-ADULT HEALTH - VOCATIONAL NURSING LABORATORY III	4.5
VN 251	LEADERSHIP	1
VN 251L	LEADERSHIP-VOCATIONAL NURSING LABORATORY IV	1.5
Units		14.5
Total Units		61.5-70

Math proficiency as evidenced by earning a "C" or better in MATH 119 or placement above the level of intermediate algebra through the Southwestern College multiple measures placement processes.

Align with CCCO Guided Pathways, keep on clear path to completion of AS degree and eligibility to enter the LVN to ADN Step-up Program.

COMM 103 or COMM 174. Interpersonal Communication (3 units) must be taken as part of the General Education Requirements for Vocational Nursing.

Proficiencies required for department acceptance into this program include College-level reading and composition (ENGL 115) and Elementary Statistics (MATH 119) or equivalency. Transfer credit shall be given for related previous education completed within the last five years, and it will be considered on a case-by-case basis (Vocational Nursing Practice Act, Article 5, Section 2535)

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To earn an associate degree, additional general education and graduation requirements (<http://catalog.swccd.edu/certificates-certifications-degrees-csuuc-requirements/>) must be completed.