NURSING, VOCATIONAL

Certificate of Achievement
Career/Technical (Major Code: 02392)

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 client care.
- Upon completion of the program, the student will demonstrate the ability to analyze patient data related to the medical condition(s) and adjust patient care according to the findings.
- 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.

Gainful Employment

The U.S. Department of Education requires colleges to disclose a variety of information for any financial aid eligible program that “prepares students for gainful employment in a recognized occupation.”

Students who complete this program will have acquired the necessary analytical tools to successfully secure gainful employment in the field of study.

For more information regarding the data provided for this program and what it means to you as a student, please feel free to visit our SWC Gainful Employment website at: www.swccd.edu/gainfulemployment (http://www.swccd.edu/gainfulemployment/).

Prerequisites		Units
CNA Certification or equivalent		0-8.5
ENGL C1000 or ENGL 115H or ESL 115A	ACADEMIC READING AND WRITING or HONORS COLLEGE COMPOSITION: READING AND WRITING ANALYTICALLY or COLLEGE COMPOSITION FOR MULTILINGUAL STUDENTS	4
BIOL 260	HUMAN ANATOMY	4
BIOL 261	PRINCIPLES OF HUMAN PHYSIOLOGY	4
HLTH 204	FUNDAMENTALS OF NUTRITION	3
STAT C1000	INTRODUCTION TO 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 C1000	INTRODUCTION TO 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 STAT C1000 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 C1000 and Elementary Statistics STAT C1000 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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