



VOCATIONAL NURSING - COURSE SUMMARY

(S.O.C. 29-2061.00)

1802 CLOCK HOURS

74 TOTAL WEEKS TO COMPLETE CREDIT UNITS

78 TOTAL WEEKS ON-TIME COMPLETION

78.00 SEMESTER CREDIT UNITS



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EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES:

1. To prepare the graduate to enter the field of professional nursing as an entry level vocational nurse using acquired knowledge and understanding of the principles of care of patients throughout their life span.
2. To prepare the vocational nursing graduate to work under the supervision of a registered nurse and/or licensed physician as she cares for patients in a Medical-Surgical, Maternity and Pediatric setting.
3. To prepare the vocational graduate to apply the steps of the nursing process while assisting the registered nurse and/or physician in the care of patients.
4. To prepare the vocational nurse graduate to perform, within the scope of his/her nursing practice, treatments on all types of patients in acute care hospitals, extended care facilities and health clinics.
5. To prepare graduates to use good and reliable judgment and decision-making skills as to the safety of patients and themselves within the boundaries of law and ethics.
6. To prepare the graduate to successfully pass the NCLEX-VN examination.
7. To prepare the graduate to assume beginning leadership positions in extended care facilities and doctors' clinics.
8. To prepare the graduate to apply critical thinking skills in the care of the total individual.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Classroom education, as well as, supervised clinical experience is included in the program. Instruction begins with study skills and strategies for college success. The curriculum contains a twelve-week introductory course plus four terms of instruction.

PROGRAM INFORMATION DISCLOSURES		
PROGRAM NAME: VOCATIONAL NURSING		
CIP CODE: 51.3999		
PROGRAM LENGTH:		
TOTAL WEEKS TO COMPLETE CREDIT UNITS: 74		
ON-TIME COMPLETION (WEEKS): 78		
RELATED OCCUPATIONS		
OCCUPATION	SOC	O*NET LINK
LICENSED PRACTICAL AND VOCATIONAL NURSES	29-2061.00	http://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/29-2061.00
ON-TIME COMPLETION RATE	State (BPPE) Rate: 82%*	
STUDENT RETENTION RATE	Accreditor(ABHES) Rate: 82%*	
TUITION AND FEES	\$27,981.00	
BOOKS AND SUPPLIES	\$4,625.00	
PLACEMENT RATES	Accreditor's Rate: 88%*	State (BPPE) Rate: 100%*
MEDIAN TITLE IV LOAN DEBT	\$20,000.00	
MEDIAN PRIVATE LOAN DEBT	\$0.00	
MEDIAN INSTITUTIONAL FINANCING DEBT	\$0.00	
*DATA PER THE 2019-2020 REPORTING YEAR FOR ABHES 2019 REPORTING YEAR FOR BPPE		

COURSE DESCRIPTION

TERM 1

SS 100 - STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS

- This course is designed to prepare students for transitions in their nursing education and life. The course includes introduction to the College and its resources, time management, learning methods and skills test-taking skills, critical thinking, nursing process, effective communication, professionalism, civility, cultural awareness, sensitivity and competence, spiritual caring, and NCLEX-PN examination. Students will be actively involved in learning and integrating practical applications to promote success.

VN 101 - FUNDAMENTALS OF NURSING

- Introduces the beginning nursing student to theories needed to perform basic skills and procedures for the adult client in the clinical setting. The nursing process which includes assessment within the scope of practice of the vocational nurse, planning, implementation, evaluation, and documentation as well as client-teaching is emphasized. The course covers foundation skills, legal and ethical aspects of nursing, communication, cultural & ethnic considerations, nursing process, critical thinking, documentation, body mechanics, vital signs, physical assessments, client mobility and safety, specimen collection, oxygenation, elimination, personal care, rest and mobility, comfort, pain management, and nutrition. Assisting with special tests and examinations, infection control and medication administration are also included.

VN 102 - NUTRITION

This course provides basic knowledge of nutrition science, introduction to nutrients, diet planning, life cycle nutrition, medical nutrition therapy, therapeutic diets, alternative feeding methods, guides and the role of nutrition in health promotion and maintenance, and common alternative ways to provide nutrition, cultural, and social aspects of nutrition. Additional topics include specific dietary modifications related to illness.

TERM 2
VN 200 - GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This course incorporates the normal process of growth and development in various stages from birth through old age. Emphasis is placed on therapeutic nursing interventions appropriate to each developmental stage with focus on public health issues related to healthy people 2030. Highlights of the topics include theories of development, Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM) Therapies.
VN 201- MEDICAL-SURGICAL NURSING I
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This course introduces vocational nursing students to the basic concepts of medical-surgical nursing, fluids and electrolytes, care of the surgical patients and care of the clients with disorders of the following body systems: Integumentary, Musculoskeletal, Respiratory Cardiovascular, Peripheral Vascular, Hematology, and Lymphatic.
VN 202 – PHARMACOLOGY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This course introduces the beginning nursing to the subject of drugs, their sources and uses. It teaches students a clear, concise method of calculating drug dosages with emphasis on the metric system. Students will learn to select the right equipment based on the kind of drug, dosage, and method of administration. It prepares students in the interpretation of medical orders and reading drug labels using learned common abbreviations. It also includes calculation of pediatric dosages and intravenous fluid flow rates. This course also covers drugs and drug therapy. The nursing student will learn the principles and methods of drug administration and the implications for nursing care will be emphasized as each drug classification is discussed. Drugs given for disorders of the different organ systems are covered including antimicrobials, preoperative medications, and drugs for geriatrics.
TERM 3
VN 300- MEDICAL-SURGICAL NURSING II
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This course teaches vocational nursing students the theory to perform skills and procedures for the care of the adult with Medical-Surgical disorders. By consistently emphasizing the nursing process and rationale, the format for each body system includes basic assessment and data collection (within the scope and practice of the vocational nurse), planning, implementation, evaluation, and documentation. Basic nursing skills are reinforced. Medical-surgical nursing skills include those related to Hematopoietic, Endocrine, Urinary, Gastrointestinal, and Reproductive.
VN 301 – MENTAL HEALTH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This course includes a discussion of common mental health disorders and care of affected clients using medications and a variety of therapeutic measures to involve family members and significant others. The course also covers special populations such as those who are suicidal and elderly clients with psychosocial concerns. It emphasizes the use of the nursing process, which includes assessment, within the scope of the vocational nurse, planning, implementation, evaluation, and documentation. It prepares the health care professional to provide health teachings to enable the client to return to society and function at an optimal level.

TUITION FEES	EFFECTIVE April 01, 2022	
	ACADEMIC YEAR 1	ACADEMIC YEAR 2
TUITION	\$13,685.00	\$12,960.00
REGISTRATION FEE	\$75.00	\$0.00
STRF	\$80.00	\$0.00
SUB-TOTAL	\$13,776.00	\$12,960.00
BOOKS	\$1,860.00	\$740.00
UNIFORMS	\$225.00	\$0.00
SUPPLIES	\$800.00	\$800.00
KIT	\$200.00	\$0.00
MEDICAL FEES	\$600.00	\$0.00
BACKGROUND CHECK FEE	\$80.00	\$0.00
TEST/CERT/MEMBERSHIP	\$0.00	\$500.00
CPR	\$65.00	\$0.00
SUB-TOTAL	\$3,830.00	\$2,040.00
TOTAL BY ACADEMIC YEAR	\$17,606.00	\$15,000.00
TOTAL COSTS	\$32,670.00	

DAY CLASSES		
	DIDACTIC TRAINING	CLINICAL TRAINING
TERM 1 (16 WKS)	MON, TUE, WED 9:00AM-2:00PM	THU & FRI : 7:00AM-7:00PM OR SAT & SUN: 7:00AM-7:00PM
TERM 2 (16 WKS)	MON, TUE, WED 9:00AM-2:00PM	THU & FRI OR SAT & SUN 7:00AM-3:30PM
TERM 3 (15 WKS)	MON, TUE, WED 9:00AM-2:00PM	WED, THU, FRI: 3:00PM-11:00PM OR SAT & SUN: 7:00AM-7:00PM
TERM 4 (15 WKS)	MON, TUE, WED 9:00AM-2:00PM	SAT & SUN 7:00AM-7:00PM

EVENING CLASSES		
	DIDACTIC TRAINING	CLINICAL TRAINING
TERM 1 (16 WKS)	MON, TUE, WED 5:00PM-10:00PM	THU & FRI : 7:00AM-7:00PM OR SAT & SUN: 7:00AM-7:00PM
TERM 2 (16 WKS)	MON, TUE, WED 5:00PM-10:00PM	THU & FRI OR SAT & SUN 7:00AM-3:30PM
TERM 3 (15 WKS)	MON, TUE, WED 5:00PM-10:00PM	WED, THU, FRI : 3:00PM-11:00PM OR SAT & SUN: 7:00AM-7:00PM
TERM 4 (15 WKS)	MON, TUE, WED 5:00PM-10:00PM	SAT & SUN 7:00AM-7:00PM

***CLINICAL HOURS SUBJECT TO CHANGE BY THE DIRECTOR OF NURSING WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE.**

TERM 4

VN 400 – MATERNAL-CHILD HEALTH NURSING

- **MATERNITY NURSING** - This course provides the vocational nursing students with the theoretical knowledge to enable them to perform skills and procedures in the care of the obstetrical / gynecological client in a clinical setting. The nursing process consisting of assessment within the scope of the vocational nurse, planning, implementation, evaluation, and documentation is consistently applied in the care of clients with obstetrical/gynecological disorders as well as in the care of the newborn. Basic skills are reinforced while skills related to the care of clients in the prenatal, labor, delivery, and postnatal period as well as the care of the client with obstetrical/gynecological diseases and disorders are included.
- **PEDIATRIC NURSING** - This course also provides the vocational nursing student the necessary theoretical knowledge in the performance of skills and procedures while caring for the child in the clinical setting. It emphasizes the use of the nursing process that includes assessment within the scope of vocational nurse practice, planning, implementation, evaluation, and documentation. Learned basic skills are reinforced. The student is also taught skills needed in the care of the child with diseases and disorders specific to certain stages of development.

VN 401 – MEDICAL-SURGICAL NURSING III

- This course teaches vocational nursing students the theory to perform skills and procedures for the care of the adult with Medical-Surgical disorders. By consistently emphasizing the nursing process and rationale, the format for each body system includes basic assessment and data collection (within the scope and practice of the vocational nurse), planning, implementation, evaluation, and documentation. Basic nursing skills are reinforced. Medical-surgical nursing skills include those related to Neurologic, Sensory and Immune/HIV disorders and Cancer. This course also includes concepts on Leadership & Management with emphasis on effective leadership, leadership styles, collaboration, and delegation.

VN 402 – INTEGRATED NURSING CONCEPTS

- This course integrates all nursing concepts learned by vocational nursing students from Term 1 through Term 4. This course is designed to assess students if they have met the program outcomes and competencies. Emphasis is on the preparation for NCLEX-PN examination following NCLEX-PN Test Plan with focus on test-taking strategies and critical thinking skills.

COURSE OUTLINE

COURSES	THEORY CLOCK HOURS	SKILLS CLOCK HOURS	CLINICAL CLOCK HOURS	TOTAL HOURS	WEEKS
INTRODUCTORY (PREPARATORY) COURSE (Pre-Vocational Nursing)					
VN 100 - INTRODUCTION TO VOCATIONAL NURSING	240	0	0	240	1-12
TERM 1					
SS 100 - STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS	57	0	0	57	1-12
VN 101 - FUNDAMENTALS OF NURSING	75	114	64	253	1-12
VN 102 - NUTRITION	30	0	0	30	13-16
TERM TOTAL	162	114	64	340	16
TERM 2					
VN 200 - GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT	30	0	0	30	1-6
VN 201 - MEDICAL-SURGICAL NURSING I	75	0	240	315	1-15
VN 202 - PHARMACOLOGY	54	0	0	54	7-16
TERM TOTAL	159	0	240	399	16
TERM 3					
VN 300 - MEDICAL-SURGICAL NURSING II	85	0	240	325	1-10
VN 301 - MENTAL HEALTH	32	0	60	92	11-15
TERM TOTAL	117	0	300	417	15
TERM 4					
VN 400 - MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH - MATERNITY NURSING	20	16	24	60	1-2
VN 400 - MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH - PEDIATRIC NURSING	20	16	24	60	3-4
VN 401 - MEDICAL-SURGICAL NURSING III	50	0	180	260	5-12
VN 402 - INTEGRATED NURSING CONCEPTS	56	0	0	56	13-15
TERM TOTAL	146	32	228	406	15
TOTAL	824	146	832	1802	74

VOCATIONAL NURSING LICENSURE

The Vocational Nursing program is designed to lead to a position as a Licensed Vocational Nurse which requires state licensure in California. Below is an excerpt of the requirements for licensure as a vocational nurse in California as described by the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians (BVNPT).

Summary of Requirements

Section A

1. Minimum Age - 17 Years.
2. Completion of the 12th Grade of schooling or its equivalent (furnish proof).
3. Complete and sign the "Application for Vocational Nurse Licensure".
4. Complete and sign the "Record of Conviction" form.
5. Submit the required Department of Justice (DOJ) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) fingerprints. (See "Important Fingerprint Information.") Note: A License will not be issued until the board receives the background information from DOJ.
6. Attach the appropriate nonrefundable fee made payable to the "BVNPT".
7. Successful completion of a written examination titled the National Council Licensing Examination for Practical (Vocational) Nursing (NCLEX) or the National League for Nursing Test Pool Practical Nursing Examination (NLN). A passing score on a Registered Nurse examination will not satisfy this requirement.
8. When the requirements of Steps 1-7 have been met, the Board will advise you of the Initial License Fee to be paid. This fee is in addition to the application fee. It takes 4-6 weeks to process your license.

Section B

1. Graduate of a California Accredited School of Vocational Nursing. Successful completion of a California Accredited Vocational Nursing Program. Contact your program director for application forms and instructions.
2. Graduate of an Out-Of-State School of Practical/Vocational Nursing. The school of practical/vocational nursing from which you graduated must have been accredited by the Board of Nursing in the State in which it is located.

(Licensure in another state does NOT entitle you to practice as a Licensed Vocational Nurse in California. In order to practice as a Licensed Vocational Nurse in California, you must be licensed by the California State Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians.)

Equivalent Education and/or Experience

This method requires you to complete within ten (10) years prior to the date of application not less than fifty-one (51) months of paid general duty bedside nursing experience in a general acute care facility approved by the Board, at least half of which shall have been within five (5) years prior to the date of application.