

PROGRAMS

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS: VOCATIONAL NURSING - CERTIFICATE

Vocational Nursing - Certificate of Achievement

The licensed vocational nurse is a member of the health care team and works under the direction of a registered nurse or physician. The certificate requirements consist of three semesters of study. Classroom theory consists of 10 to 12 hours per week.

Approximately 16 hours per week are spent in clinical experiences and three hours per week in clinical simulation. Students must achieve a score of 75% or higher in all core courses and a C or better in all other courses in the program. Upon completion of the program, students are eligible to apply for the national licensing examination (NCLEX-PN). Enrollment is limited. Students may obtain information from the Mission College website, under the Nursing/Health Occupations link, for information-session dates, application process, required courses, and recommended courses prior to entry into the program.

Students are encouraged to make an appointment with a counselor for additional information and clarification. There is no recency requirement for required courses; however, you are held strictly accountable for knowledge of their content. It is highly recommend that you refresh your knowledge of these subjects if you took them more than five years ago.

Program Learning Outcomes:

- Students will use the language of the profession of nursing to communicate appropriately using verbal, written and technological methods.
- Students will critically analyze relevant information in the utilization of the nursing process, applying principles of evidence-based practice as needed.
- Students will demonstrate personal and professional growth.
- Students will successfully complete all requirements for eligibility to apply for the Psychiatric Technician licensure and pass the national examination

To earn this certificate, students must complete the minimum required courses with a grade of C (or P) or better.

Required Prerequisite Coursework and Certification

Students must provide proof of current California Nursing Assistant certification and BLS-CPR certification. Students must have completed ENG 908 or the equivalent, or be eligible for ENG 001A, prior to enrolling in the program.

Code	Class	Units
BIO 022	Anatomy & Physiology for Allied Health Workers (3.0 Lecture/1.0 Lab)	4.0
HOC 020	Introduction to Professional Health Care (0.5 Lecture)	0.5

Major Requirements

Admission to the program is required prior to enrollment in these courses:

Semester 1

Code	Class	Units
HOC 022	Patient Nursing Care Fundamentals (1.5 Lecture)	1.5
HOC 023A	Beg. Medical-Surgical Nursing Theory (2.5 Lecture)	2.5
HOC 023B	Beg. Cognitive Disabilities - Mental Health Theory (1.0 Lecture)	1.0
HOC 024	Pharmacology A (1.0 Lecture)	1.0
HOC 025A	Fundamentals Skills/Simulation Lab (1.0 Lab)	1.0
HOC 026A	Beg. Clinical Practicum (5.0 Lab)	5.0
HOC 027	Nursing Process and Communication (2.0 Lecture)	2.0
HOC 028	Care of the Geriatric Patient (1.0 Lecture)	1.0

Semester II

Code	Class	Units
HOC 032	Care of Obstetrical and Neonatal Patients (2.0 Lecture)	2.0
HOC 033A	Int. Medical/Surgical Nursing Theory (2.0 Lecture)	2.0
HOC 033B	Int. Project-Based Medical/Surgical Reasoning (1.5 Lecture)	1.5
HOC 034	Pharmacology B (1.0 Lecture)	1.0
HOC 035A	Int. Nursing Skills/Simulation Lab (1.0 Lab)	1.0
HOC 036A	Int. Clinical Practicum (5.0 Lab)	5.0

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Code	Class	Units
NTR 015	Human Nutrition (3.0 Lecture)	3.0
NTR 040	Nutrition and Disease (3.0 Lecture)	3.0

Semester III

Code	Class	Units
HOC 042	Care of the Pediatric Patient (2.0 Lecture)	2.0
HOC 043A	Adv. Medical/Surgical Theory (2.0 Lecture)	2.0
HOC 043B	Advanced Project-Based Medical Surgical Reasoning (1.5 Lecture)	1.5
HOC 044	Pharmacology C (1.0 Lecture)	1.0
HOC 045A	Advanced Skills/Simulation Lab (1.0 Lab)	1.0
HOC 046A	Advanced Clinical Practicum (5.0 Lab)	5.0
HOC 047	Leadership and Professional Practice (1.5 Lecture)	1.5
PSY 012	Human Growth and Development (3.0 Lecture)	3.0

**HOC 028, NTR 015, NTR 040 and PSY 12 can be taken prior to being admitted to the program.*

Units Required

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Total Required Units	47.5

Career/Transfer Opportunities:

The licensed vocational nurse is a member of the health care team who works under the supervision of a registered nurse or physician. Employment opportunities for the licensed vocational nurse following licensure include sub-acute and extended care facilities, convalescent and rehabilitation institutions, home health agencies, and ambulatory care clinics.