

VOCATIONAL NURSING (LVN), ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE (AS)

Overview

The Vocational Nursing program prepares applicants to practice as competent, compassionate and ethical Licensed Vocational Nurses (LVNs). The program provides a high quality vocational education program which is sensitive to the diverse needs of our students and our community. We facilitate educational access and academic excellence through a learner-centered nursing program, and prepare students to successfully pass the National Licensing Exam (NCLEX PN) and to practice Vocational Nursing in a variety of health-related settings: skilled nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, Residential care facilities, memory-care units, sub-acute care units, hospice and home health agencies, school districts, jails, clinics, surgery centers and physician's offices.

Requirements

Associate Degree Graduation Requirements

Complete all of the following:

1. All Department Requirements listed below with a "C" or better or "P" in each course (at least 35% of the department requirements must be completed through SBCC).
2. One of the following three General Education options:
 - a. OPTION 1: A minimum of 18 units of SBCC General Education Requirements (<https://catalog.sbccc.edu/degrees-certificates-awards/#associatedegree-text>) (Areas A-D) and Institutional Requirements (Area E) and Information Competency Requirement (Area F) OR
 - b. OPTION 2: IGETC (<https://catalog.sbccc.edu/transfer-curricula/#igetctext>) Pattern OR
 - c. OPTION 3: CSU GE Breadth (<https://catalog.sbccc.edu/transfer-curricula/#csugebtext>) Pattern
3. A total of 60 degree-applicable units (SBCC courses numbered 100 and higher).
4. Maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better in all units attempted at SBCC.
5. Maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better in all college units attempted.
6. A minimum of 12 units through SBCC.

Code	Title	Units
Department Requirements		
Prior to first semester		
BMS 100 or BMS 107 & BMS 108	The Human Body Human Anatomy and Human Physiology	4-8
Qualifying score on TEAS reading exam		
Qualifying score on TEAS math exam or		
MATH 107	Intermediate Algebra	0-5
First Semester		
VN 161	Fundamentals for Nursing Practice ¹	5
VN 162	Care of the Older Adult	1.5
VN 163	Pharmacology for Nurses	3

VN 164	Nursing Practicum I	6
Second Semester		
VN 165	Medical Surgical Nursing I	3
VN 166	Medical Surgical Nursing II	3.5
VN 167	Nursing Care of Children	2
VN 168	Mental Health Nursing	1
VN 169	Nursing Practicum II	6
Third Semester		
VN 170	Medical Surgical Nursing III	3.5
VN 171	Medical Surgical Nursing IV	3.5
VN 172	Maternal Newborn Nursing	1.5
VN 173	Preparation for Professional Vocational Nursing Practice	1.5
VN 174	Nursing Practicum III	6
Total Units		51.00-60.00

¹ CNA 101 (Certified Nursing Assistant) is a prerequisite to VN 161.

Learning Outcomes

1. Function within the scope of practice of the LVN, as outlined by the California Board of Vocational Nurses and Psychiatric Technicians.
2. Apply the nursing process to practice by collaboratively assessing, planning, implementing and evaluating nursing care.
3. Practice within professional and legal standards, ethical principles and demonstrate sensitivity to the cultural differences of patients.
4. Apply principles of oral, written and verbal communication to convey relevant, accurate and complete information.
5. Demonstrate the art and science of professional caring incorporating professional values and client advocacy.
6. Be prepared to take the NCLEX-PN licensing examination

Recommended Sequence

Make an appointment with your SBCC academic counselor through Starfish to create a Student Education Plan that reflects a recommended course sequence for this program that is tailored to your individual needs.

How to schedule an Academic Counseling appointment (<https://www.sbccc.edu/counselingcenter/counselingappointments.php>).