

Vocational Nursing Program Overview



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The Vocational Nursing (VN) Program is a full time, 12 month curriculum which offers both theory and practical hands-on training necessary to become a Licensed Vocational Nurse. The program is Monday Through Thursday, some Fridays, and Saturdays are required. The times vary from 6:30 in the morning to 5:30 in the afternoon.

The program will cover medical/surgical, gynecology, obstetrics, pediatrics, pharmacology, psychology, geriatric nursing, rehabilitation, leadership along with other fundamentals.

Every student is expected to meet all course requirements before being eligible for completion and meeting the State's requirements. Upon completion, you will be eligible to take the state examination with the Board of Vocational Nursing (NCLEX-PN).

REQUIREMENTS:

An Official High School Transcript or GED transcript is REQUIRED. If you have foreign High School transcript you must have it evaluated by AACRAO. You can contact AACRAO at <http://www.aacrao.org>

Students must bring their High School Diploma and Official School Transcripts, Evaluated Foreign Transcripts done by AACRAO or GED certificate at the time of registration or provide documents before the first Day of class.

If you do not have a high school diploma or GED please speak with Brian Ofner our Academic Counselor in the main office at (562) 940-6204.

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Take the VN orientation; take a TABE test, the top 60 candidates will move on to a PRE-VN course.

During PRE-VN you will need to complete the following:

BACKGROUND/FINGERPRINTING CHECKS - \$78 (EXTRA):

All students will be required to complete a background/fingerprinting check. Only students with cleared results will progress in the program. The cost to the background company is approximately (may be subject to change) \$78.

Background checks will be completed during Pre-VN.

Must pass the PRE-VN program with a 75% overall and a 75% on the final, pass the Background check, candidates who meet the 75% will be paneled interviewed. The top 33 will move on to the VN program.

COURSE OBJECTIVE:

The Vocational Nursing (VN) course prepares the VN student to provide care for patients of all ages with a variety of medical conditions and traumatic injuries. The VN student will be to provide care for people who are physically and mentally ill, the handicapped, frail elderly, and others. Under the supervision of doctors and registered nurses, they do nursing that requires technical knowledge. In the clinical setting, they will take vital signs, client teaching, keep medical charts, change dressing, and assist clients. The VN student will learn how to collect data, assists the health care team to implement and evaluate nursing care for their client's record. They will learn to administer prescribed medications and injections.

JOB OUTLOOK

Employment of Licensed Vocational Nurses (LVNs) is projected to grow 16 percent from 2014 to 2024, much faster than the average for all occupations. As the baby-boom population ages, the overall need for healthcare services is expected to increase. LVNs will be needed in residential care facilities, specialty clinics, rehabilitation facilities, schools and in home health environments to care for older patients.

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Growth in the middle-aged and elderly population will lead to an increase in the number of age-related health problems, such as heart attacks or strokes. This, in turn, will create greater demand for LVNs. A number of chronic conditions, such as diabetes and obesity, have become more prevalent in recent years LVNs will be needed to assist and care for patients with chronic conditions in skilled nursing and other extended care facilities. In addition, many procedures that once could be done only in hospitals are now being done outside of hospitals, creating demand in other settings, such as outpatient care centers.

The number of individuals who have access to health insurance is expected to continue to increase because of federal health insurance reform. LVNs will be needed, particularly in ambulatory care settings, to care for the newly insured who seek primary and preventative care services.

CLASS/CLINICAL HOURS:

**6:30 – 5:30 p.m.
(Fridays, Saturdays, Times Vary)**

ROOM

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FEE:

\$12,299.00

INCLUDES:

12 months of instruction, books and supplies.

Financial aid available to those who qualify, will need to meet with a financial aid representative once accepted into the program.

REFUNDS:

Student MUST have original receipt. Refunds will only be accepted within the first two weeks of class. Keep in mind that if you received books and attend class your refund will be prorated. A 15% processing fee applies.

ATTENDANCE:

STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND EVERY CLASS SESSION.

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UNIFORM:

- DARK BLUE UNIFORM WITH LOGO
- School photo ID Badge
- STETHOSCOPE with BLOOD PRESSURE CUFF
- SECOND HAND WATCH
- WHITE SHOES (non-canvas) AND SOCKS
- PENLIGHT
- BANDAGE SHEARS
- No jewelry (exception – flat wedding ring band)
- Hair to be neat and well-groomed and off the shoulders

Uniform can be purchased at:

Cindy's Uniforms
12270 Woodruff Ave.
Downey, CA 90241
(562) 803-6754

MATERIALS:

Must be brought to class *EACH DAY...*

Pen, pencil, paper

Text Book: **Nursing Books (provided)**

INSTRUCTIONAL METHOD:

Lecture

Demonstration

Audio/Visual aids (PowerPoint slides, videos, computer, etc.)

Reading assignments

Clinical practicum

Practice Test

CLASSROOM DRESS CODE:

SEE UNIFORM ABOVE.

MUST be worn at all times while on campus. Your appearance is to be respectful (professional) at all times.

NO facial jewelry allowed (pierced nose, eyebrow, lip, etc...) Wedding bands are the only acceptable jewelry.

Women- Hair must be up and small stud earrings, no artificial nails, no colored nail polish and NO perfume.

Men- Clean shaven, hair must be neat and NO cologne.

PROFESSIONALISM:

Students will be at ALL times professional with instructors, classmates, staff; any abusive language, harassment, threats, or intimidation will NOT BE TOLERATED! Students that do not follow the professionalism code will be dismissed from class and therefore absent and, after counseling, may be dismissed from the program/school.

MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS:

MUST BE COMPLETED DURING BY THE END OF THE THIRD WEEK OF FUNDAMENTALS

A current physical within the last 12 months prior to the beginning of the course, signed by a physician that specifies that you have no physical limitations for participating in the classroom and clinical components of the course.

SEE ATTACHED DAS *STUDENT HEALTH RECORD* – **Must be submitted to DAS before student will be allowed to progress in the program.**

- **Healthcare Provider Evaluation (See above for date requirement)**
- **Hepatitis B positive titers within the last year**
- **Measles-Mumps-Rubella (MMR), positive titers within the last year**

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- **Tuberculosis: A negative TB skin test within three months of the beginning of the course. If you had a positive reaction to a previous skin test, please provide documentation of a negative chest x-ray.**
- **Varicella: positive titers within the last year**

***If any of the above titers are NEGATIVE student must provide proof of a recent vaccine.**