

# VOCATIONAL NURSING

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Nursing is an art and applied science based upon the principles taken from natural, biological, physical, and behavioral sciences, as well as from the liberal arts. The Vocational Nursing program is based on the precept that nursing supports an individual or family in a movement toward health and that the whole person, including the psychological, social and physical aspects of the person's being, should be considered in the planning and implementing nursing care. The Licensed VN program at College of the Siskiyous is a full-time, three-semester course. There is a three-month summer break. Classroom instruction is offered concurrently with clinical experiences. It is strongly suggested that students meet with their College of the Siskiyous counselor for appropriate general education requirements and if they wish to apply to the LVN to RN Step-Up Program.

**Important:** To obtain the Associate in Science Degree in Vocational Nursing, students must complete the following **degree** requirements with a minimum overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.0. *\*Please note that the **prerequisite** classes must have a 2.5 GPA or higher.*

- The Vocational Nursing Program **Prerequisites** below.
- The Vocational Nursing **Major requirements** below.
- The College of the Siskiyous General Education Pattern (COSGE) requirements.
- Any needed electives to reach a total of 60 COS degree-applicable units.
- All major courses and any courses noted on the COSGE check sheet must be completed with a C or better.

## Prerequisites for Vocational Nursing (VN) Program Admission

**\* All Prerequisites must be completed prior to submitting an application for the Vocational Nursing Program.**

- Complete the following: ----- variable units
  - BIO 2700- Human Anatomy (4)
  - ENGL 1001- College Composition (3)
  - FCS 1011- Nutrition (3)
  - MATH 0850- Elementary Algebra (4)
  - NURS 1045- Medical Terminology (3)
  - Must be 17 years of age by the time of Licensure exam
  - Must submit with program application: Official College Transcripts showing completion of Prerequisite courses (*unofficial transcripts are accepted IF all coursework was taken at College of the Siskiyous*)
  - Must submit with program application: Copy of high school transcripts, diploma, GED, or High School Equivalency Certificate

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- After acceptance into the program, students will be required to:*
  - Pass a physical exam (forms available in the Nursing Office) and verification of required **immunizations**: Chicken Pox, annual influenza, MMR, Tdap, Hep. B series of 3, and two-step TB skin test (within 2 months of program start date)
  - Provide a American Heart Association Health Care Provider CPR card valid for the duration of the program
  - Pass a criminal background clearance and drug screening clearance prior to the start of the program
  - Provide own transportation to and from clinical facilities.

**Requirements for the Major**

- Complete the following: ----- 44-45.5 units*
  - NURS 0851, 0852, 0853 - Clinical Skills Practice (.5) *(optional non-degree applicable support class each semester)*
  - NURS 0951- Vocational Nursing (15)
  - NURS 0952- Vocational Nursing (15)
  - NURS 0953- Vocational Nursing (14)
  
- Additional Optional Support Courses: ----- 1-2 units*
  - NURS 0966- IV Therapy & Blood Withdrawal (1.5)
  - NURS 2929- Special Studies (1-2)

**Total Units ----- 44-49**

Upon successful completion of the program, students are eligible to take the National Board Examination. A passing score entitles you to become an LVN. In order to take the NCLEX exam, students must possess a U.S. Social Security Card.