

NURSING: VOCATIONAL (VN)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Licensed Vocational Nurse is a caregiver in acute and extended care facilities. In addition, LVNs are employed in home health care, emergency clinics and as reviewers of health care utilization.

The Vocational Nursing (VN) program is accredited by the State of California Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technician Examiners (BVNPT). Upon completion of the program, students are eligible to apply to take the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians' licensing examination to practice in the State of California as a Licensed Vocational Nurse.

CAREER AT A GLANCE:

HOW DO I KNOW IF THIS MAJOR IS FOR ME?

- You enjoy listening to patients' concerns
- You enjoy observing patients, charting and reporting any changes in patients' condition
- You enjoy providing patient care and treatments
- You are comfortable administering prescribed medications or start intravenous fluids

Use Focus2Career on your MyChaffey portal to learn more about careers and majors that fit you best.

WHERE CAN I WORK?

Hospitals	Outpatient Centers
Offices of Physicians	Home Health Care Services
Nursing Care Facilities	Ambulatory Surgical Centers
Emergency Medical Centers	Clinics and Urgent Care
Mental Health Facilities	Private Homes
Group Homes	

For more information visit: www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/OccGuides

HOW DO I GET STARTED?

- Start taking required prerequisite courses
- Complete CNA Training
- Volunteer at hospitals and medical facilities to gain experience with direct patient care
- Attend an information session
- Practice interpersonal communication skills
- Job shadow and network with healthcare professionals
- Review the program website for application instructions and deadlines

WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS CERTIFICATE AND/OR ASSOCIATE DEGREE?

<i>Position Title</i>	<i>CA Median Salary</i>
Licensed Vocational Nurse	\$53,610
Clinical Licensed Vocational Nurse	\$53,610
Licensed Practical Nurse	\$53,610
Clinic Nurse	\$53,610
Office Nurse	\$53,610
Pediatric Licensed Practical Nurse	\$53,610
Private Duty Nurse	\$53,610
Triage Licensed Practical Nurse	\$53,610

WHAT CAN I DO WITH HIGHER EDUCATION AND ADDITIONAL TRAINING?

<i>Position Title</i>	<i>CA Median Salary</i>
Registered Nurse	\$100,730
Charge Nurse	\$113,790
Director of Nursing	\$113,790
Registered Nurse Manager	\$113,790
Emergency Department RN	\$100,730
Oncology Registered Nurse	\$100,730
Operating Room Registered Nurse	\$100,730
Public Health Nurse	\$100,730
Staff Nurse	\$100,730
Clinical Nurse Educator	\$89,030
Acute Care Nurse	\$100,730

For more information about careers, education and training requirements, salary data, and job outlooks visit

www.onetonline.org

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The VN program is three semesters in length and begins each fall and spring semester. The program consists of lecture and laboratory instruction in actual nursing situations.

Applicants with a record of any felony are subject to review by the Board of Vocational Nurse and Psychiatric Technician Examiners (BVNPT) before a license can be granted. Contact the BVNPT prior to submitting an application to the VN program to clarify eligibility for licensure upon completing the program for a fee.

Enrollment in the VN program is subject to completion of the following requirements:

1. Admission to Chaffey College.
2. Be a high school graduate, or have passed the GED, or have passed the High School Proficiency Examinations, or have an associate's degree or higher.
3. Provide official transcripts from other colleges attended. International transcripts (high school and college) require AERC, IERF, or other approved agency evaluation.
4. Evidence of satisfactory physical and emotional health as evidenced by health examination and proof of immunizations, and by passing both a criminal background check and a drug screening test.
5. Completion of Nursing: Vocational 414 with a minimum grade of C. NURVN 414 may not be over 3 years old at the time of application.
6. Completion of Biology 424 and 424L (or Biology 20 and 22) or equivalent with a minimum grade of C. Biology course(s) may not be over 5 years old at the time of application to the VN Program.
7. Current cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification as an American Heart Association Healthcare Provider.
8. Current status as a California Certified Nursing Assistant, or completion of Nursing Assistant 400, 400L, 405, and 450 with minimum grades of C or P.

The application process for the VN program is as follows:

1. Attend an information session. Schedule is available on the VN website at: www.chaffey.edu/healthsciences/nursing/nursingvn/index.shtml
2. Make an appointment with a counselor in the Counseling Center.
3. Verification of high school graduation or equivalent or higher as indicated above.
4. Provide official copies of all previous college transcripts (must be on file).
5. Complete the VN application and submit to the program office. Applications for the VN program beginning in the Spring semester will be available in the October prior and must be submitted by the last business day in October. Application for the VN program beginning in the Fall semester will be available in the March prior and must be completed and submitted by the last business day in March.
6. All selected applicants must attend a mandatory orientation session.

Notes:

1. The selection process is based on completion of prerequisite courses and available space.
2. In order to continue in the program, students must earn a minimum grade of C in all program courses.
3. All required VN courses must be completed within five years. For students transferring to the VN program from another program, transferred VN courses may not be over five years old. (Subject competency may be demonstrated by an examination).
4. The college does not provide transportation to clinical facilities.

In addition to completion of the MAJOR, there are other requirements for the degree, refer to the Chaffey College Graduation Requirement Sheet or see a counselor in the Counseling Center.
All courses required for a certificate must be completed with a minimum grade of C.

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MAJOR AND COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

LEGEND: G=Grade IP=In Progress N=Need **Bold: Prerequisites** Plain Text: No Prerequisites

Major Requirements for the Associate in Science Degree: (S315)

		Grade	IP	Need	Units
NURVN 403	Fundamentals of Nursing				3
NURVN 403L	Fundamentals of Nursing Laboratory				2
NURVN 405	Beginning Medical-Surgical Nursing				4
NURVN 405L	Beginning Medical-Surgical Nursing Laboratory				3
NURVN 407A	Beginning Nursing Skills/Clinical Simulation Lab				1
NURVN 407B	Intermediate Nursing Skills/Clinical Simulation Lab				1
NURVN 407C	Advanced Nursing Skills/Clinical Simulation Lab				1
NURVN 409	Intermediate Medical-Surgical Nursing				4
NURVN 409L	Intermediate Medical-Surgical Nursing Laboratory				3
NURVN 411	Advanced Medical-Surgical Nursing				7
NURVN 411L	Advanced Medical-Surgical Nursing Laboratory				3
NURVN 413	Leadership for the Vocational Nurse				3
NURVN 413L	Leadership for the Vocational Nurse Laboratory				2
NURVN 415A	Growth/Development: Psychology Adult-Geriatric				1
NURVN 415B	Growth and Development of the Child				1
NURVN 417A	Critical Thinking and the Nursing Process I				1
NURVN 417B	Critical Thinking and the Nursing Process II				1
NURVN 421	Maternal and Child Health Nursing				4
NURVN 421L	Maternal and Child Health Nursing Laboratory				2

Required prerequisite courses:

		Grade	IP	Need	Units
NURVN 414	Acute Care Nursing Assistant: Vocational Nursing Foundations				6

Student Name: _____

ID#: _____

Date: _____

Counselor: _____

COUNSELOR NOTES:

\$46 per unit for CA Residents

Requirements for the Nursing: Vocational (VN) Certificate: (T315)

Same as the major requirements for the A.S. Degree and required prerequisite courses above.

Vocational Nursing Advanced Placement: Contact the VN program coordinator for evaluation of nursing course work. Transfer students must meet all prerequisites for the VN program.

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