PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:
The Vocational Nurse is a care giver 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.

HOW DO I KNOW 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

WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS CERTIFICATE/ASSOCIATE DEGREE?
- Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN)
- Clinic Licensed Practical Nurse
- Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)
- Clinic Nurse
- Office Nurse
- Pediatric Licensed Practical Nurse
- Private Duty Nurse
- Triage Licensed Practical Nurse

WHERE CAN I WORK?
This pathway provides you with a choice of various work environments including:
- General Medical and Surgical Hospitals
- Outpatient Care 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

WHAT IS THE POTENTIAL WAGE OUTLOOK?
This certificate and/or associate degree may lead to a position as a Licensed Vocational Nurse, which according to the EDD/LMID Occupational Employment Statistics Survey, 2017 the median wage in California was $53,488. For more information, visit www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/OccGuides. The job and wage outlook will vary based on the position selected within this major. To review current salary information and job outlook for other occupational titles, visit www.onetonline.org.

WHAT CAN I DO IN THE FUTURE WITH MORE EDUCATION?
The positions below may require at least a bachelor’s degree in Nursing or additional training and licensures. According to O*NetOnline, the median salary in 2016 for a Registered Nurse in California was $100,460. You can complete the Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) program at Chaffey to follow this pathway.
- Registered Nurse (RN)
- Charge Nurse
- Director of Nursing
- Emergency Department RN
- Oncology RN
- Operating Room Registered Nurse
- Public Health Nurse
- School Nurse
- Staff Nurse
- Cardiac Interventional Care Nurse
- Acute Care Nurse
- Clinical Nurse Educator
- Clinical Staff Educator
- Progressive Care Unit Registered Nurse
- Nurse Manager/Director

For additional information about career pathways and to find out if this major is a good fit for you visit the Career Center located in MACC 203. Career information was collected from www.onetonline.org and www.bls.gov.
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 BVNPTE 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. Physical and emotional health as evidenced by a satisfactory health examination, 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](http://www.chaffey.edu/healthsciences/nursing/nursingvn).
2. Make an appointment with a counselor in the Counseling Center.
3. Verify 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. Applications for the VN program beginning in the Spring semester will be available the October prior and must be completed and submitted by the last business day in October. Applications 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. Attend a mandatory orientation session, if selected.

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 courses within the VN program 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.
### 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.

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.