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Vocational Nursing Certificate Program

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Vocational Nurses perform essential nursing services under the supervision of a registered nurse or physician. They have employment opportunities in home health agencies, medical offices, hospitals, long-term care facilities, clinics, and correctional facilities.

The Hartnell College Vocational Nursing (VN) Program is a 12-month, year-round course of study consisting of classroom and clinical experiences. Graduates receive a Certificate of Completion and are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN). After passing the NCLEX-PN, graduates may practice as licensed vocational nurses (LVN).

Required Prerequisites:

Course Number	Course Title	Units
HES-120	CPR for Health Care Providers or current American Heart Association Health Care Provider Basic Life Support certification	(0.5)
NVN-131*	Growth and Development Across the Lifespan	3.0
ENG-1A	College Composition and Reading or higher level English course	3.0
MAT-121	Elementary Algebra or higher level math course	5.0
FCS-22* or FCS-23*	Essentials of Nutrition or Nutrition	3.0
BIO-11* or BIO-5*, BIO-6*, and BIO-6L*	Introductory Human Anatomy & Physiology or Human Anatomy and Introductory Physiology and Physiology Lab	4.0 (9.0)
PSY-2*	General Psychology	3.0
SUBTOTAL UNITS ≥ 21		

***Recency: Courses marked with an asterisk must be completed within five (5) years of entering the VN Program per the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians of the State Of California (California Code of Regulations, Title 16: Professional and Vocational Regulations, Division 25: Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians of the State of California).**

Required Vocational Nursing Courses:

Course Number	Course Title	Units
NVN-119 A	Vocational Nursing: Theory I	3.0
NVN-119 B	Vocational Nursing: Clinical Knowledge Practice I	4.0
NVN-130 A	Basic Pharmacology A	1.0
NVN -120 A	Vocational Nursing: Theory II	3.0
NVN -120 B	Vocational Nursing: Clinical Knowledge Practice II	2.0
NVN -120 C	Vocational Nursing: Clinical II	2.0
NVN -130 B	Basic Pharmacology B	1.0
NVN -121 A	Vocational Nursing: Theory III	4.0
NVN -121 B	Vocational Nursing: Clinical Knowledge Practice III	2.0
NVN -121 C	Vocational Nursing: Clinical III	2.0
NVN -122 A	Vocational Nursing: Theory IV	4.0
NVN -122 B	Vocational Nursing: Clinical Knowledge Practice IV	1.0
NVN -122 C	Vocational Nursing: Clinical IV	3.0
NVN -123 A	Vocational Nursing: Theory V	3.0
NVN -123 C	Vocational Nursing: Clinical V	4.0
NVN -130 C	Basic Pharmacology C	1.0
NVN -150	Vocational Nursing: Laboratory Practicum	0.9
SUBTOTAL UNITS ≥ 40.9		
TOTAL CERTIFICATE UNITS ≥ 61.9		

Applying to the Hartnell College Vocational Nursing Certificate Program:

The Vocational Program receives more applications than spaces available. Admission is based on GPA, and health-related volunteer or work experience. Letters of recommendation and performance ratings from persons familiar with the applicant's work and/or education in a health related field, e.g., certified nursing assistant, paramedic, medical assistant and/or instructors, are considered during the selection process. Personal references are not considered.

Students must meet the minimum requirements for admission eligibility:

- **Hartnell College enrollment:** If not enrolled, a Hartnell College Application for Admission indicating eligibility must be completed and on file in the Office of Admissions and Records. General college application materials are available in the Hartnell College Office of Admissions and Records on the main campus or on the Hartnell College website (<http://www.hartnell.edu>).
- **Completion of high school:** A diploma, GED, or high school completion equivalent is required by the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians of the State of California. Proof of completion must be submitted with the VN application.
- **Completion of VN admission application packet:** The VN Program has a separate admission application process from the Hartnell College admission process. Applications are available in October in the Hartnell College Nursing Program office and on-line <http://www.hartnell.edu>. It is the responsibility of students to adhere to the published timelines. Late or incomplete applications are not considered. It is the student's responsibility to seek answers to questions from available sources: nursing department administrators and faculty, counseling faculty, and Admission and Records Office.
- **Completion of prerequisite courses:** All courses (or course equivalents) must be completed with grades of "C" or better as documented on official transcripts. It is the student's responsibility to submit official, sealed transcripts prior to the application deadline.
 - **Hartnell College transcripts**
Students who have completed coursework or are completing courses at Hartnell College must have an official transcript sent from Admissions & Records Office to the Nursing Department.
 - **Other college transcripts**
Students who have completed prerequisites and coursework at other colleges must have their official transcripts reviewed by a Hartnell College Counselor. A *Course Equivalency Form* signed by the counselor and official transcripts must be submitted with the application packet to the Hartnell College Nursing Department.
 - **Foreign transcripts**
High school and college transcripts from other countries must be evaluated *comprehensively*. A list of approved credential evaluation service agencies is available from the Hartnell College Admission and Records Office. The evaluation costs and completion times vary.
Evaluation of foreign transcripts must be completed before applying to the VN Program.

A series of immunizations, health screening, and a live scan background check are required and completed after conditional acceptance in the program. Questions regarding these requirements should be directed to the Assistant Dean and Director of Nursing and Allied Health.

Note: Because of the rigorous coursework and the considerable clinical time commitment, it is highly recommended that students plan to work less than 16 hours a week during the program. Evening and weekend shifts and rotations may be required. Please check with the Hartnell College Scholarship Office for scholarships available for nursing students.

It is strongly recommended that prospective applicants contact the Hartnell College Counseling Department for the most current information about the LVN Program at (831) 755-6820 or <http://www.hartnell.edu/students/counseling/>