REGISTERED NURSING—ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE DEGREE

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Hartnell College Registered Nursing (RN) Program is a defined group of prerequisite and corequisite courses and a 4-semester course of study consisting of classroom, high-fidelity simulation, nursing skills laboratory, seminar, and clinical experiences. Upon successful completion of program requirements, graduates are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). After passing, graduates may practice as registered nurses in a variety of acute and community-based settings. The Hartnell College RN Program is fully approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) and is seeking accreditation by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of the Registered Nursing Program, a student will:
1. communicate with clarity, purpose and sensitivity with patients, families, communities, and inter-professional team members.
2. access information required to assess, plan, implement, and evaluate patient care in accordance with legal and ethical standards.
3. utilize evidence-based practice and critical thinking skills when applying the nursing process to the nursing care of patients throughout the lifespan.
4. integrate cultural competence when providing holistic nursing care across the lifespan based on knowledge of physical, social, and behavioral sciences.
5. value lifelong learning, continuing education, and accountability for professional practice and development.
6. advocate for patients, consumers, and the nursing profession through involvement in healthcare policy and nursing practice.
7. assume responsibility for the promotion, maintenance, and restoration of health for patients, families, and communities by utilizing the nursing process and a variety of teaching/learning strategies.
8. use the principles of ethical decision-making according to the Nursing Code of Ethics and Patient Rights and Responsibilities when planning care.
9. demonstrate competence in nursing skills and caring practice at an entry level into the nursing profession in accordance to quality and safety initiatives.