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Degree Options at Hartnell:

Associate of Science Degree in Registered Nursing

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Related Careers

- Registered Nurse
- Certified Nurse Midwife
- Critical Care Nurse
- ER Nurse
- Nurse Practitioner
- Health Educator
- Health Care Administrator
- Missionary Nurse
- Mental Health Nurse
- Nurse Administrator
- Pediatric Nurse
- Patient Educator
- Public Health Nurse
- Surgical Nurse

Related Skills

- Ability to handle emergencies
- Ability to work independently and as a team
- Adopting partnership approaches with others
- Concern for well-being of others
- Encouraging and motivating individuals
- Identifying and managing challenging behaviors
- Interpreting and presenting information in a clear and concise manner
- Knowledge of health related issues
- Maintaining accurate records
- Patience an the ability to handle stress
- Physical stamina
- Providing emotional support

¹ https://careerexploration.appstate.edu/pagesmith/106
Licensed Vocational Nurses (LVNs) provide basic medical care and work under the direction of registered nurses and doctors. LVNs typically do the following: monitor patient’s health, administer basic patient care, provide for basic comfort of patients, discuss care practices with patients, report patient status/concerns to RNs and doctors, and keep records on patients’ health. The Hartnell College Vocational Nursing (VN) Program is a defined group of prerequisite and corequisite courses in a 12-month certificate program of study consisting of classroom, high-fidelity simulation, nursing skills laboratory, and clinical experiences. Licensed vocational nurses perform essential nursing services under the supervision of a registered nurse or physician. Upon successful completion of program requirements, graduates are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN). After passing, graduates may practice as vocational nurses in a variety of settings, including but not limited to community agencies, medical offices, hospitals, and long-term care facilities. The Hartnell College VN Program is fully approved by the California Board of Vocational Nurses and Psychiatric Technicians (BVN/PT) and is seeking accreditation by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing.

Degree Options at Hartnell:

Certificate of Achievement in Vocational Nursing

Overview

Related Careers
- Nursing Assistant and Orderly
- Occupational Therapy Assistant/Aide
- Physical Therapy Aide
- Psychiatric Technician/Aide
- Registered Nurse
- Surgical Technologist
- Office Nurse
- Nursing Technician
- Home Health Care Provider

Related Skills
- Customer and personal service
- Psychology
- Service Orientation
- Coordination
- Monitoring
- Active listening
- Reading comprehension
- Social perceptiveness
- Ability to handle emergencies and stress
- Work independently and as a team
- Maintaining accurate records
- Patience
- Concern for well-being of others