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 Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing.

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.

A minimum of 60.0 semester units with a grade of “C” or better must be maintained in all degree-applicable units. Only courses numbered 1-199 may apply toward the Associate Degree. Some courses have prerequisites that must be completed prior to enrolling. Consult a schedule of classes, college catalog, or a counselor for further information.

- **REQUIRED MAJOR COURSES**
  - Course No. | Course Title | Units
  - BIO-6 | Introductory Physiology | 3.0
  - BIO-6L | Physiology Laboratory | 2.0
  - BIO-27 | Principles of Microbiology | 4.0

- **REQUIRED GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES**
  - Course No. | Course Title | Units
  - BIO-5 | Human Anatomy | 4.0
  - PSY-2 | General Psychology | 3.0
  - ANT-21 | Introduction to Cultural Anthropology | 3.0
  - ENG-1A | College Composition and Reading | 3.0
  - MAT-123 | Intermediate Algebra | 5.0
  - COM-1 or COM-3 | Introduction to Public Speaking or Introduction to Communication | 3.0
  - HES-120 | American Heart Association Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers | 0.5

- **REQUIRED MAJOR COURSES AFTER ACCEPTANCE INTO REGISTERED NURSING PROGRAM**

- **First Semester**
  - Course No. | Course Title | Units
  - NRN 110 | Foundation for Success for Registered Nurses | 1.5
  - NRN-30 | Basics of Pharmacology for Nursing Practice | 1.0
  - NRN-41 | Nursing Theory I | 4.0
  - NRN-41.1 | Nursing Clinical I | 4.0
  - NRN-41.2 | Clinical Reasoning Seminar I | 1.0
  - NRN-41.3 | Nursing Skills Lab I | 1.0
  - NRN-50.41 | Supervised Nursing Skills Practice I | 0.5

- **Second Semester**
  - Course No. | Course Title | Units
  - NRN-42 | Nursing Theory II | 4.0
  - NRN-42.1 | Nursing Clinical II | 4.0
  - NRN-42.2 | Clinical Reasoning Seminar II | 1.0
  - NRN-42.3 | Nursing Skills Lab II | 1.0
  - NRN-50.42 | Supervised Nursing Skills Practice II | 0.5
NURSING AND ALLIED HEALTH ELECTIVES*

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*Elective courses offer nursing and allied health students the opportunity to participate in inter-professional high to low fidelity simulation experiences.

TRANSFER STUDENTS

Completing the AS degree does not meet all requirements for transfer. Students planning to transfer to a university should follow the requirements of the four-year university. Information on course equivalencies and major preparation requirements for the University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU) systems is available online at [http://www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org). Please consult with a Hartnell College counselor to review transfer requirements. Hartnell, Monterey Peninsula, Cabrillo, and Gavilan Colleges are members of the collaborative baccalaureate of science degree in nursing (BSN) program at California State University, Monterey Bay. See [http://www.hartnell.edu/nursing-and-allied-health](http://www.hartnell.edu/nursing-and-allied-health) and [http://nursing.csmb.edu/](http://nursing.csmb.edu/).

Students transferring from other nursing programs seeking placement into the second, third, or fourth semesters of the Associate Degree in Nursing Program at Hartnell College should contact the Dean of Academic Affairs: Nursing and Allied Health (831.770.6146). The Dean and academic counselors evaluate all transfer student records for course work equivalency. Syllabi, course outlines, and catalogs may be requested for the evaluation.

ACCEPTANCE TO THE REGISTERED NURSING PROGRAM

The Registered Nursing Program requires separate application and screening procedures that must be completed independently from regular admission. Entrance to the program is subject to an annual application process. Because the RN program is impacted, completion of program prerequisites does not guarantee admission to the Hartnell College Registered Nursing Program. Information can be obtained from the website [http://www.hartnell.edu/nursing-and-allied-health](http://www.hartnell.edu/nursing-and-allied-health) the Nursing and Allied Health Office (831.770.6146), or the Hartnell College Nursing and Allied Health Program academic counselor (831.770.6820).

Application forms for the RN Program and informational materials are available on the Hartnell College Nursing Program website [http://www.hartnell.edu/nursing-and-allied-health](http://www.hartnell.edu/nursing-and-allied-health). Application forms are available in December of each year for the following Fall semester admission. Completed application forms and all official documents of verification must be submitted by the deadline date as stated on the application. Additional costs for uniforms, clinical and skills supplies, and standardized tests are required. Students accepted for entry into the RN Program are required to attend a mandatory orientation. At the orientation, admission packets with health/drug screening and background check materials are distributed.

Admission to the RN program is based on recommendations from the California Community College Chancellors' office and the Associate Degree Nursing Prerequisite Model for Admissions to Nursing Programs. Admission criteria include overall college GPA, English GPA, and core science GPA. A logistic regression formula is applied to the criteria and an Index Score is determined. The program is based on a complex formula that cannot be calculated by the applicant. The Hartnell College Nursing Program requires an Index Score of 80% to qualify for admission, and a comprehensive score of 62% on the ATI TEAS V, the approved pre-readiness for nursing assessment test. Multi-criteria screening factors are evaluated, including the ATI TEAS V score, healthcare experience, educational history, and a personal essay. Drug screening and a background check are required and completed after conditional acceptance into the program. Questions regarding these screenings should be directed to the Dean of Academic Affairs: Nursing and Allied Health.

Minimum Requirements for Admissions Eligibility:

1. Hartnell College enrollment or a Hartnell College Application for Admission on file in the Office of Admissions and Records
2. Completion of High School or equivalent: official high school transcripts or equivalent required. (Board of Registered Nursing, Rules and Regulations, Section 1412)
3. Completion of all prerequisite courses with a minimum of a “C” grade as documented on official transcripts. In-progress courses will not be accepted for admission GPA purposes.
4. Science GPA Requirement: 2.5
5. Minimum score 62% on the standardized pre-readiness for nursing assessment exam (ATI TEAS V)
6. Ability to meet the Essential Capabilities and Functional Requirements
7. Current American Heart Association Healthcare Provider Basic Life Support certification (required prior to entry into the program)

Success in the Registered Nursing Program is based upon theoretical knowledge, nursing skills proficiency, clinical reasoning, professional behaviors, and their application in the clinical setting. To progress and graduate from the nursing program, students must achieve at least “C” grades in all nursing courses. Additionally, students entering the RN Program must have essential abilities and skills in five categories: Cognitive-Conceptual, Behavioral and Social Attributes, Communication, Sensory, and Motor. A student should be able to perform in a reasonably independent manner without the use of a surrogate. To practice safely and effectively, these capabilities must be demonstrated in the clinical, laboratory, and classroom settings. A full account of Essential Capabilities and Functional Requirements can be requested.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN NURSING LVN-to-RN

Licensed Vocational Nurses are eligible for placement into the RN Program after meeting the RN Program minimum requirements of admission eligibility (see “Minimum Requirements for Admissions Eligibility”). LVN-to-RN applicants must hold a current and active California vocational nursing license. Decision for admission is based on space availability. Enrollment periods are posted on the Hartnell College Nursing and Allied Health website [http://www.hartnell.edu/nursing-and-allied-health](http://www.hartnell.edu/nursing-and-allied-health). Accepted applicants are required to take standardized LVN-to-RN nursing content examinations to determine placement in the first, second, or third semester.

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