

NURSING—VOCATIONAL NURSING

PROGRAM

- Associate of Science
- Certificate of Achievement



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DESCRIPTION

The Hartnell College Vocational Nursing (VN) Program is a defined group of prerequisite, general education, and required major courses in a 24-month 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 the first vocational nursing program in California to earn Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing.

GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION:

See the certificate program cost and the employment outlook for graduates by clicking the link below:

<https://www.hartnell.edu/academics-affairs/gecp/>

FINANCIAL AID

Paying for the cost of a college education requires a partnership among parents, students and the college. As the cost of higher education continues to rise we want you to know that Hartnell College offers a full array of financial aid programs, federal loan programs, and fee waivers.

<https://www.hartnell.edu/students/fa/net-price-calculator.html>

LEADS TO CAREER OPPORTUNITIES SUCH AS:

- Home Health Care Provider
- Nursing Technician
- Nursing Assistant and Orderly
- Occupational Therapy Assistant/Aide
- Physical Therapy Aide

ACCEPTANCE TO THE VOCATIONAL NURSING PROGRAM

The VN Program requires separate application and screening procedures that are completed separately from admission processes for Hartnell College. Because the VN program is impacted, completion of program prerequisites does not guarantee admission. Information can be obtained from the website (<http://www.hartnell.edu/nah>), the Nursing and Allied Health Office (831.770.6146), the Salinas Valley Health Professions Pathway Program (831.770.6154), or the Hartnell College Nursing and Allied Health academic counselor (831.755.6820).

Application forms for the VN Program and informational materials are available on the Hartnell College Nursing Program webpage (<http://www.hartnell.edu/nah>). On-line application forms are available in the fall for admission in the following spring semester. Completed application forms and all official documents of verification must be submitted by the deadline date as stated on the application. Students are responsible for costs related to classroom and clinical learning materials, travel to clinical sites, clinical nursing skills supplies, and standardized assessments. Students accepted into the VN program are required to attend a mandatory orientation. At the orientation, admission packets with health, drug screening, Live Scan, and background check screenings are distributed. Once admitted, the student commits to full-time study for three semesters. An American Heart Association Health Care Professional Basic Life Support card and all clinical facility background, health, and orientation requirements must be maintained for continuance in the program.

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 English 1A, Math 121, Psychology 2, and Biology 11 courses.
3. Completion of high school or equivalent: official high school transcript or equivalent is required. (Board of Vocational Nursing /Psychiatric Technician, Rules and Regulations, Article 5 Section 2530)

Admission is based on a lottery of those candidates that have completed an application, submitted it on time during the admission period, and who meet minimal requirements. Persons not selected may elect to apply again in subsequent years as long as courses are current according to BVNPT standards. Success in the Vocational Nursing Program is based upon theoretical knowledge, nursing skills proficiency, professional comportment, and their application in the clinical setting. To progress and graduate from the vocational nursing program, students must achieve at least "C" grades in all nursing courses.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT: Hartnell College Nursing and Allied Health: 831.770.6146
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