Nursing

Nursing AS (ADN)

The goal of the Associate of Science Degree in Nursing (ADN) program is to prepare students to meet the requirements for licensure as a Registered Nurse in California. The emphasis of the program will be on prioritization, leadership, organization, and delegation (PLOD). The study of nursing is a very complex one that requires mental and physical abilities to complete the tasks necessary to become a registered nurse. Two of the most essential tools are the Nursing Process and the Organizing Framework, around which curriculum is developed. The nursing process is a problem solving process that guides the method of thought and action. It is the thinking process used by registered nurses to care for the clients' response to their health care issues as well as to guide prevention and wellness activities.

The mission of the Associate of Science Degree in Nursing (ADN) program is to prepare entry-level registered nurses to be providers of care across the health/illness continuum and as members within the profession. The program respects the individuality of students and recognizes that each student has different educational, experiential, cultural, spiritual, socio-economic backgrounds, and a unique support system. The aim of the curriculum is to provide a positive, innovative learning model that fosters the development of critical thinking and problem solving skills so that the nursing graduate is equipped to deliver care to a diverse population in a variety of healthcare settings. Nursing graduates will collaborate with members of the health care team, effectively communicate, become politically aware, and committed to lifelong learning.

Program Prerequisites

- Successful completion BIO 032 (Human Anatomy) or equivalent
- Successful completion of BIO 035 (Human Physiology) or equivalent
- Successful completion of BIO 038 (Microbiology) or equivalent
- Successful completion of ENG 001A (Composition and Reading) or equivalent
- Minimum 18 years of age
- Healthcare provider background clearance
- Health screen clearance or equivalent
- Have current immunizations as required by partner clinical affiliates
- Current American Heart Association Basic Life Support certification
- Minimum of a cumulative and prerequisite grade point average of 2.5

Program Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the program, students will be able to:

- Assist individuals to achieve optimal health utilizing the knowledge and skills gained from biological, social, and nursing sciences.
- Formulate a comprehensive plan of care using all components of the nursing process.
- Safely perform basic psychomotor skills in the delivery of care as a technically competent clinician.
- Integrate the role of professional nurse into clinical practice.
- Research and communicate to identify problems, initiate actions and evaluate outcomes for health promotion and maintenance.
- Apply psychological, social, and cultural knowledge to the nursing role.
- Support physiological well-being of individuals and families in the health care environment.
- Assume the role of advocate to improve health care delivery by communicating and acting according to the expressed needs of the individual.
- Manage the clinical environment through assessment, planning, intervention, and evaluation.
- Apply critical thinking skills to make judgments based on evidence (fact) rather than conjecture.
- Organize individuals or groups toward goal setting and goal achievement.
- Implement a comprehensive teaching plan to help individuals and families achieve optimal health.
- Understand that the culmination of the ADN program prepares for entry into practice.
- Realize the importance of continuing education and lifelong learning as a necessity of professional commitment to nursing.

Associate Degree Requirements:

Complete a minimum of 18 semester units in a major or area of emphasis

Complete Local General Education and District requirements - specific to the Nursing Program

- CHEM 002A
- PSYCH 001 or equivalent
- MATH 063 or equivalent or higher
- Select One: SOC 001 or SOC 002
- Select One: COM 001 or COM 004 or COM 005
- Humanities AREA C course- 3 units
- NUT 001 or equivalent
- A waiver for HE 035 (Personal Health and Hygiene) is given to students who successfully complete the first year of the ADN program.
- 2 units of Physical Education activity course required (PE 001-025) for students under 21 years of age

Complete all required courses for the major with a "C" or better

Course #	Title	Units
Required Core Courses		
NURS 001	Foundations of Nursing	2
NURS 001L	Foundations of Nursing Lab	2
NURS 002	Medical Surgical Nursing I	2
NURS 002L	Medical Surgical Nursing I Lab	2
NURS 003	Basic Pharmacology	3
NURS 004	Medical-Surgical Nursing II	2.5
NURS 004L	Medical-Surgical Nursing II Lab	2
NURS 005	Obstetrics-Materny Nursing	2
NURS 005L	Obstetrics-Maternity Nursing Lab	1.5
NURS 006	Advanced Pharmacology	2.5
NURS 007	Medical-Surgical Nursing III	2.5
NURS 007L	Medical-Surgical Nursing III Lab	1.5
NURS 008	Mental Health-Psychiatric Nursing	1.5
NURS 008L	Mental Health-Psychiatric Nursing Lab	1.5
NURS 009	Pediatric Nursing	1.5
NURS 009L	Pediatric Nursing Lab	2
NURS 010	Advanced Medical-Surgical Nursing IV	2.5
NURS 010L	Advanced Medical-Surgical Nursing IV Lab	4
NURS 011	Gerontology Community Nursing	1
NURS 011L	Gerontology Community Nursing Lab	1
NURS 014A	Foundations Learning Lab	2
NURS 014B	Pharmacology/Obstetrical Learning Lab	2
NURS 014C	Specialty Nursing Learning Lab	2
NURS 014D	Advanced Nursing Learning Lab	2
Total		**48.5**

*This is a **recommended sequence** of courses for timely completion of this program. Please see your counselor to formalize your personalized educational plan or for alternative planning.*

SEMESTER 1		SEMESTER 2		SEMESTER 3		SEMESTER 4	
NURS-001/001L	4	NURS-004/004L	4.5	NURS-007/007L	4	NURS-010/010L	6.5
NURS-002/002L	4	NURS-005/005L	3.5	NURS-008/008L	3	NURS-011/011L	2
NURS 003	3	NURS 006	2.5	NURS-009/009L	3.5	NURS 014D	2
NURS 014A	2	NURS 014B	2	NURS 014C	2		**10.5**
	13		**12.5**		**12.5**		