NURSING

Program Overview

The Associate Degree Program in Nursing (ADN) is a four-semester program approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN). It is designed to prepare qualified men and women to practice nursing in entry-level positions. Upon completion of the program, the student is awarded an AS Degree in Nursing and is eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nursing (NCLEX-RN). The entry-level RN is prepared to coordinate, plan, and provide nursing care in hospitals and community settings. The RN assists the patient with personal care, provides teaching and counseling to prevent illness and promote health, performs specialized treatments, and administers medications. Registered Nurses function as team leaders, direct the care provided by Licensed Vocational Nurses (LVN), nursing assistances, as well as unlicensed healthcare workers.

The Vocational Nursing Program is an extended 23-month program where classes are held on Thursdays and Fridays that is designed to prepare men and women to practice Vocational Nursing. The program is approved by the California Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians (BVNPT). The program is patient-centered offered in cooperation with community hospitals. Upon completion of the program, the successful student is prepared to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Vocational Nursing (NCLEX-VN).

Career Opportunities

Registered Nurses are employed in a wide variety of healthcare facilities, public/private clinics and agencies, schools, and educational institutions. Further education and specific certifications after the AS degree will provide the Registered Nurse with myriad opportunities for career growth and longevity and may lead to specialization within the profession. Employment opportunities are strong and continue to grow.

Vocational Nurses perform basic nursing services under the supervision of a physician or registered nurse. They may work in public or private hospitals, public health agencies, and more commonly in doctor’s offices, long-term care/skilled nursing facilities or for private individuals.

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Admissions Requirements

Associate Degree for Nursing Program

1. Complete a Napa Valley College Application, do this online at www.napavalley.edu. (Application will be available online one month prior to application acceptance timeframe).

2. Meet with a NVC counselor to develop your education plan. Bring your “Official Transcripts” from your High School (or equivalent GED certificate, CHSPE Certificate) and College(s).
   a. If they are sent to you instead of directly to Napa Valley College, do not open the envelope, we can only accept sealed official transcripts. If your High School or College transcripts are from outside the U.S. they must be evaluated by an International Evaluation service prior to submission of your application.

3. Submit an official transcript with a score of 62% or better on the Test of Essential Academic Skills, the NEW TEAS exam.
   a. The TEAS exam measures basic essential skills in the academic areas of reading, mathematics, science, and English and language use. The objectives assessed are those which nurse educators have deemed most appropriate and relevant to measure entry-level skills and abilities in nursing program applicants. The TEAS exam consists of 170 multiple-choice questions and has been proven to be a statistically significant predictor of early nursing school success.

4. Complete the following Prerequisite courses with a “C” or better.
   a. BIOL-218
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   c. BIOL-220

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i. Napa Valley College will accept 4 unit/lab core biology courses for transfer.

d. ENGL-120

e. PSYC-125

5. Hep B, MMR and Varicella TITERS. You can add them to the application, or email to cmiller@napavalley.edu prior to application period.

6. CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant) State Certificate.

Things to Keep in Mind

- It is strongly recommended that students complete SPCOM-124 or SPCOM-120 plus SPCOM-122 prior to admission to the nursing program.

- Please note that the Math requirement will be changing on campus; this may affect the prerequisites for the Science courses named above. Current requirement of Math-94 will be changing to Math-106 (College Algebra) or equivalent.

- When you have met all the requirements listed above, you may then submit your application to the Admissions & Records (A&R) office (with any official sealed transcripts not already at the school) during the published application period. Mail or Bring, as described in the application instructions, to Margarita Ceja, A&R Office, 2277 Napa-Vallejo Highway, Napa, CA 94558. All ADN program applicants and current students must maintain an active email address during their time in the program and check it regularly.

- Eligibility to enter the Nursing Programs is determined by meeting admission requirements as above and meeting the California Community College Chancellor’s Office Formula (multi-criteria screening process) with a score of 70% or better. This “composite score” includes a combination of: (a) overall college GPA (b) English GPA (All English Classes with letter grades) (c) core Biology (Anatomy, Physiology & Microbiology) GPA & (d) core Biology course repetition(s).

Vocational Nursing Program

All coursework must be completed with a “C” or better within 5 years of the start of the class, as required by the BVNPT, and all program requirements must be met before applications will be accepted. All applicants meeting these requirements will be eligible for admission to the program and will be enrolled on a first-come, first-served basis.

All new admission, re-admission and advanced placement applicants will follow this procedure.

1. Complete an application for admission to the college. (can only be done online at www.napavalley.edu (http://www.napavalley.edu)). This needs to be done only once.

2. Complete the matriculation requirements of:
   a. College orientation.
   b. Contact the Counseling Center in the 1300 Building.

3. ENGL-85 or higher with a “C” or better.

4. MATH-94 or higher with a “C” or better. Equivalency coursework must be taken with the past two years.

5. Be a currently Certified Nurse’s Aid (CNA) or have equivalent training i.e. (as determined by the Program coordinator).

6. Completion of prerequisite courses before submitting an application to the program.
   a. HEOC-100 with a “C” or better.
   b. HEOC-101 with a “C” or better.

7. Official Verification (unopened transcripts1) of high school graduation or its equivalent (GED, CHSPE, or AA/AS or a higher degree).

1 All Foreign Transcripts must be evaluated by an International Evaluation Service prior to submission of program application; this service must provide Napa Valley College with an evaluation Certificate of the international coursework. (Forms to request this evaluation are available in Admissions & Records and the Health Occupations Department; your official foreign transcripts evaluations must accompany this form.)

Certificates

Vocational Nursing: Certificate of Achievement

This is a twenty-three month program designed to prepare qualified men and women to practice vocational nursing. At Napa Valley College we offer a patient-centered program operated in cooperation with community health care agencies and hospitals. The college grants a Certificate of Achievement Vocational Nursing after successful completion of the program, and the student is then eligible to apply to take the state examination for licensure (offered by the Board of Vocational Nursing/BVNPT). The student who completes additional requirements may receive an Associate in Science Degree. The program is designed for students who are current California State Certified Nurse’s Aides (CNA) or equivalent (to be determined by program director, see VN webpage for specifics). The program is offered two days per week to accommodate the working student.

Program Learning Outcomes

1. Use the nursing process in various settings to assist individuals and groups to promote, maintain, and restore health.

2. Integrate ethical and legal guidelines from the Vocational Nurse Practice Act, ANA Code of Ethics and Vocational Nurse Practice Standards.

3. Collaborate with individuals, families, groups, and the health care team using therapeutic communication. Utilize theory and evidence-based knowledge for decision making to guide nursing practice.

4. Integrate leadership and management principles in the nursing care of individuals and groups with alterations in health.

5. Demonstrate consistent commitment to professional growth and self development.

6. Qualify for and pass the state Vocational Nursing licensing exam.

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It is strongly recommended that HEOC-172 and PSYC-125 be taken prior to starting the vocational nursing program. This is due to possible impaction of classes as well as the overall difficulty and time requirements of the nursing program.

This certificate is Gainful Employment (http://www.napavalley.edu/Academics/CareerTechEd/certproginfo/Pages/Welcome.aspx) eligible.

**Degrees**

**Nursing: AS Degree**

The Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) program is approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN). It is designed to prepare qualified men and women to practice nursing in entry-level positions. Upon completion of the program, the student is awarded an A.S. Degree in Nursing and is eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nursing (NCLEX-RN). Opportunities are provided for advanced placement, transfer and challenge exam credit. The Associate Degree Nurse is prepared to coordinate, plan and provide nursing care in hospitals and community settings. The Registered Nurse assists patients with personal care, provides teaching and counseling to prevent illness and promote health, and performs specialized treatments and procedures. Registered Nurses collaborate as part of the health care team to coordinate care and direct the care provided by Licensed Vocational Nurses (LVN's), nursing assistants (aides), as well as unlicensed health-care workers.

**Program Learning Outcomes**

1. Use the nursing process in various settings to assist individuals and groups to promote, maintain, and restore health.

2. Integrate ethical and legal guidelines from the Nurse Practice Act, ANA Code of Ethics and Nurse Practice Standards.

3. Collaborate with individuals, families, groups, and the health care team using therapeutic communication.

4. Evaluate theory and evidence-based knowledge for decision making to guide nursing practice.

5. Integrate leadership and management principles in the nursing care of individuals or groups with alterations in health.

6. Demonstrate consistent commitment to professional growth and self development.

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**Prerequisite Courses**

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Students transferring 4 unit, Anatomy & Physiology or Microbiology courses from other colleges may do so.

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**Required Courses**

Total Units: 56

Students are strongly encouraged to take all co-requisite and general education courses prior to starting the nursing sequence. This is due to possible impaction of classes, as well as the overall difficulty and time requirements of the nursing program.

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2 Nursing program courses are sequential. Please see ADN webpage for more specifics.
Humanities is a degree requirement. It is not required for eligibility to take the NCLEX-RN. Students who do not receive an A.S. Degree in Nursing will not be eligible for licensure by endorsement in other states. ANTH-150, HUMA-174 or HUMA-186 will double count for the AS Degree GE requirements for Humanities and Multi-Cultural/Gender Studies.

Choose a course (except for PSYC-125) from the NVC GE pattern, Area B: Social Science.

Vocational Nursing: AS Degree

This is a three-semester program designed to prepare qualified men and women to practice vocational nursing. At Napa Valley College we offer a patient-centered program operated in cooperation with community health care agencies and hospitals. The college grants a Certificate of completion in Vocational Nursing after successful completion of the program, and the student is then eligible to apply to take the state examination for licensure (offered by the Board of Vocational Nursing/BVNPT). The student who completes additional requirements may receive an Associate of Science Degree.

The program requires students be current California State Certified Nurse’s Aides (CNA) or equivalent (to be determined by program director, see VN webpage for specifics) and is offered two days per week for 23 months to accommodate the family oriented or working student.

Program Learning Outcomes
1. Qualify for and pass the state Vocational Nursing licensing exam.
2. Use the nursing process in various settings to assist individuals and groups to promote, maintain, and restore health.
3. Integrate ethical and legal guidelines from the Vocational Nurse Practice Act, ANA Code of Ethics and Vocational Nurse Practice Standards.
4. Collaborate with individuals, families, groups, and the health care team using therapeutic communication.
5. Utilize theory and evidence-based knowledge for decision making to guide nursing practice.
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It is strongly suggested that PSYC-125 and HEOC-172 be taken prior to entering the vocational nursing program. This is due to possible impaction of classes as well as difficulty and time requirements of the nursing program. Content in these two courses will be used throughout the nursing program.

To receive an Associate Degree, students must complete 60 degree applicable semester units with a grade point average of at least 2.0. Students must also complete the NVC General Education (https://catalog.napavalley.edu/getting-your-degree/general-education/#nvcgeneraleducationtext) pattern to earn an Associate degree. Consultation with a Counselor is highly encouraged to ensure all requirements are met.