

NURSING: VOCATIONAL

LONG BEACH CITY COLLEGE Curriculum Guide for Academic Year of 2009-2010 Certificate of Achievement and/or Associate in Arts or Science

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Completion of the Vocational Nursing Program qualifies the student to take the national licensing examination for vocational nurses (NCLEX-PN/VN). A Licensed Vocational Nurse is prepared for employment in ambulatory care facilities, skilled nursing facilities, physician's offices, acute care hospitals, convalescent care facilities and the home. A Licensed Vocational Nurse is qualified to apply to the Long Beach City College Associate Degree Nursing Program for the Career Ladder LVN-RN Program.

PROGRAM ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

1. CNA: Must have completed a college level nursing assistant program within the past five (5) years, or a current State of California Nurse Assistant Certificate, or completion of a nursing fundamentals class within the past five years.
2. Reading Proficiency: Meet the current college graduation reading proficiency requirements.
Telephone the Liberal Arts campus counseling department at (562) 938-4560, or the Pacific Coast campus counseling department at (562) 938-3920 to schedule yourself for the LBCC Assessment tests and for a group meeting with a counselor.
3. Math Proficiency: Qualify for Math 110 through the LBCC Assessment tests; or complete Math 815 or higher with a grade of "C" or better. If math classes were taken at another college, meet with a counselor to initiate an evaluation of the course for equivalency.
4. High School: Proof of high school graduation (12 years) is required. Official transcripts from a USA high school, or official General Educational Development (GED) certificate, or official transcripts from a college showing an AA/AS/BA/BS is required. All foreign transcripts must be evaluated by ACEI translation service.
5. Grade Point Average: If previous college work has been completed, a GPA of 2.0 must be achieved.
6. Information Meeting: Applicants must attend an information meeting prior to submitting an application. Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in C100A at 4:00 p.m. Please telephone (562) 938-4166 to verify date and time.
7. Prerequisite Courses: All prerequisite courses must be completed prior to entering the program. However, students may apply for the program the tenth through the twelfth week of the semester in which the prerequisite courses are to be completed. Prerequisites must have been completed within the previous five years.
8. Background Check: Vocational nursing students must obtain a clear criminal background check prior to the first day of clinical experience. Conviction of a crime may prevent progression to clinical practice or licensure. Vocational nursing graduates send fingerprints with the application for licensure.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

1. Applications, along with all required documents, may be submitted the tenth to twelfth week of each semester to the office staff of the School of Health and Science. Selection for admission to the next beginning class will be by lottery. If more students apply than can be accepted, selection will be based upon the student's science GPA.
2. The program admits students twice a year – June and January (full-time program only).
3. While waiting for the program to start, the student should take any of the following courses to strengthen reading, language or mathematics skills and prepare for a nursing career: AH 60 (Medical Terminology), AH 210 (Math for Medications), BIO 60 Lab (Human Biology Lab), CDECE 47 (Human Development), COUNS 1 (Orientation for College Success), ENGL 105 (Fundamentals of Writing), LEARN 11 (Learning and Academic Strategies), MATH 110 (First Course in Algebra), PSYCH 1 (Introduction to Psychology), and SOCIO 1 (Introduction to Sociology),

4. For questions about any of the above, telephone the School of Nursing at (562) 938-4166 Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. or Friday 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Complete the following required courses with a minimum grade of “C” or better in each course.

PREREQUISITE COURSES

	COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	THEORY HOURS	LAB HOURS	UNITS
*	BIO 60	Human Biology 1	72	--	4
	VN 225	Nursing Applications of Pharmacology	54	0	3
#	VN 215 + 215L OR Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) certificate issued by the State of California	Fundamentals of Nursing + Lab	63	135	0-6
	VN 220	Transition to Vocational Nursing	54	0	3
	VN 220L	Transition to Vocational Nursing Lab	0	54	1
TOTAL UNITS					11-17

COURSES DURING VOCATIONAL NURSING PROGRAM

Complete the following required courses with a minimum grade of “C” or better in each course.

REQUIRED COURSES

The sequence of the second and third module varies, depending upon time of entry. Modules are nine weeks in duration.

	USUAL SEQUENCE	COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	THEORY HOURS	LAB HOURS	UNITS
†	Nine Weeks	°VN 240	Mental Health Nursing °	54	0	3
†		▣VN 230	Common Health Deviations 1	54	0	3.0
†		▣VN 230L	Common Health Deviations 1 Lab	0	189	3.5
†	Nine Weeks	VN 235	Common Health Deviations 2	54	0	3.0
†		VN 235L	Common Health Deviations 2 Lab	0	189	3.5
†	Nine (Summer)	VN 245	Maternal/Infant Nursing	36	0	2.0
†		VN 245L	Maternal/Infant Nursing Lab	0	54	1
†		VN 250	Nursing Care of Children	36	0	2.0
†		VN 250P	Nursing Care of Children Practicum	0	54	1
†	Nine Weeks	VN 255	Common Health Deviations 3	54	0	3.0
†		VN 255L	Common Health Deviations 3 Lab	0	189	3.5
†		VN 260	Roles and Responsibilities 1	27	0	1.5
†	Nine Weeks	VN 265	Common Health Deviation 4	54	0	3.0
†		VN 265L	Common Health Deviation 4 Lab	0	162	3.0
TOTAL THEORY HOURS:				612 HOURS		
TOTAL LABORATORY HOURS:				1,026 HOURS		
TOTAL COLLEGE UNITS:				46-52		

LEGEND

Successful completion of VN 215 + 215L qualifies student to apply for permission to take written and performance test for Certified Nurse Assistant through the State of California Department of Health Services Aide and Technician Unit.

° Mental Health Nursing may be taken prior to entering the program, and is highly recommended.

† These courses have a prerequisite; prerequisite courses must be completed with at least a "C" or "P" grade.

* In general, "double-counting" is not allowed. That is, one course may not be used to fulfill both a field of concentration requirement and to fulfill a general education requirement. This course is an exception to the "double-counting" rule; it may be double-counted.

▣ VN 230 and VN 230L have been revised and will be offered beginning June 2009. Students who have not completed VN 230 and/or VN 230L will be required to complete the revised courses. The changes to the revised courses are as follows:
VN 230 – Common Health Deviations 1 will change FROM 63 Theory Hours to 54 Theory Hours and the units will change FROM 3.5 units to 3 units.
VN 230L – Common Health Deviations 1 will change FROM 162 Lab Hours TO 189 Lab Hours and the units will change FROM 3 to 3.5 units.

RECOMMENDED COURSES: Only For Students Officially Admitted to the VN Program

	COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	THEORY HOURS	LAB HOURS	UNITS
	VN 231AD	Nursing Skills Practice Lab	0	27	0.5
	VN 266AD	Nursing Skills Practice Lab	0	27	0.5

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

For CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT:

Complete the required units identified above with a minimum grade of "C" in each course.

For ASSOCIATE DEGREE:

In addition to the requirements for this Certificate of Achievement, complete the A.S. degree requirements specified in the catalog (credit by exam may be included). The requirements for general education/proficiency and the field of concentration need to be from the same catalog year. This catalog year may be any year between the year of initial enrollment to the present, provided continuous enrollment is maintained throughout (see the catalog for definition of "continuous enrollment"). Twelve units in this field of concentration, including Roles and Responsibilities, must be completed in residence. (Please note this is an exception to the college's regular residency policy due to this program's governance by the State Board of Vocational Nursing. Under this Board's policy directive (Title 16, Section 2535) it is bound to only require this minimum residency requirement.) If you intend to continue your education in nursing, it is recommended that you take courses that apply to the degree requirements in the Advanced Placement LVN to RN program.

NOTE: To receive a certificate or degree you must submit completed application forms in the Admissions and Records Office during your final semester of course work.

EXPENSES

ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR THE VN PROGRAM BASED ON 2008-2009 COSTS

Books, course guides, & supplies	\$1,300	College Service Card	\$ 60
Uniforms and accessories	500	Clinical Requirements	200
Parking (Optional-3 terms)	75	Graduation Expenses	115
Enrollments (3 terms)	1,430	Expenses for Licensure	500
Health fee for 3 terms	42	TOTAL	\$4,222

INFORMATION REGARDING NURSE ASSISTANT CERTIFICATION

Completion of the prerequisite courses of VN 215 and 215L qualifies the successful student to apply to the State of California Department of Health Services Aide and Technician Unit for permission to take the required written and performance test for Certified Nurse Assistant. Teachers of the VN 215 course will assist students with the application process. No application fees are charged by the Aide and Technician Unit, but the applicant will have to pay a fee of \$56.00 for a criminal background check. A fee of \$90.00 is charged by the agencies that provide the written and performance testing.

Students planning to enter the vocational nursing program are strongly advised to obtain the Certified Nurse Assistant status. Upon graduation from the vocational nursing program, licensing is delayed at least three months, and most graduates need to find employment as Certified Nursing Assistants with the option of moving into Licensed Vocational Nurse category when the license is in hand.

This is not an educational plan, as course offerings, student schedules, and circumstances vary. Also be aware that a student must meet all the prerequisites that make one eligible for the sequence of courses. Students interested in transferring to a university to continue their study in this field of concentration or other majors are strongly advised to consult an LBCC academic counselor and refer to the ASSIST website (www.assist.org) for major preparation information. Counselors can clarify the different major and admissions requirements at a university. Students may visit the Student Success/Transfer Services Center to access further educational resources. If you need to set up an appointment to see a counselor or schedule the SOAR Test, call LAC (562) 938-4561 or PCC (562) 938-3920.