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Students planning to **transfer** to a four-year college or university should refer to the ASSIST web site at www.assist.org and **consult a counselor** before beginning a program of study. Please call 562-938-4561 for the LAC, or 562-938-3920 for PCC to schedule a meeting with a counselor. Students may also wish to visit the Transfer Center on either campus.

Program Admissions Requirements

1. **VN 215:** Must have completed a community college level nursing assistant program within the past five (5) years, or a current State of California Nurse Assistant Certificate, or completion of a college level nursing fundamentals class within the past five years. Starting Fall 2014, the requirement of a current State of California Nurse Assistant Certificate (C.N.A.) becomes mandatory for all first-time applicants.
2. **Reading Proficiency:** Meet the current college graduation reading proficiency requirements. In order to do so, please contact the Liberal Arts campus counseling department at (562) 938-4049, or the Pacific Coast campus counseling department at (562) 938-3920 to schedule the LBCC Assessment test(s) and for a group meeting with a counselor. *Starting Fall 2014 Application Period—Completion of English 105 or higher required
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 should attend an information meeting prior to submitting an application. Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in C100A at 4:30 p.m. Please view VN webpage 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 DURING THE 1ST WEEK OF Fall & Spring semester. Please call the Nursing office for exact dates. Prerequisites must have been completed within the previous five years. **Background Check:** Vocational nursing students must obtain a clear criminal background check prior to the first day of clinical experience. Vocational nursing graduates send fingerprints with the application for licensure.
8. A social security card is required by the California Board of Nursing in order to take the NCLEX. In addition, a social security card is required by some clinical agencies. Inability to provide proof of social security card may jeopardize a student from completing clinical requirements.

Program Information

1. Applications, along with all required documents, must be submitted the 1st week of Fall & Spring 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. We offer a full-time 2 ½ semester (or 45 weeks) program...The program admits students twice a year in March and October 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), BIO 60 Lab (Human Biology Lab), CDECE 47 (Human Development), COUNS 1 (Orientation for College Success), LEARN 11 (Learning and Academic Strategies), MATH 110 (First Course in Algebra), PSYCH 1 (Introduction to Psychology), and SOCIO 1 (Introduction to Sociology), KINPP 23 (First Aid & Safety Education) and ENGL 1 (Reading & Composition).
4. For questions about any of the above, telephone the School of Nursing at (562) 938-4169 and (562) 938-4166 Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., or Friday 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. or visit the Vocation Nursing web page.

Prerequisite Courses

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

COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	THEORY HOURS	LAB HOURS	UNITS	In Progress	Completed Grade
BIO 60	Human Biology 1	72	--	4		
VN 225	Nursing Applications of Pharmacology	54	0	3		
^ VN 215 OR	Fundamentals of Nursing	63	135	0-6		
Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) certificate issued by the State of California. Contact Nursing Dept.						
VN 220	Transition to Vocational Nursing	54	54	4		
TOTAL UNITS				11 – 17		

Program of study leading to:

Associate in Arts (A.A.) or Associate in Science (A.S.) Degree

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

COURSES DURING VOCATIONAL/PRACTICAL 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	In Progress	Completed Grade
†	°VN 240	Mental Health Nursing °	54	0	3.0		
†	8 Weeks	VN 230	Common Health Deviations 1	54	0	3.0	
†		VN 230L	Common Health Deviations 1 Lab	0	189	3.5	
†	8 Weeks	VN 235	Common Health Deviations 2	54	0	3.0	
†		VN 235L	Common Health Deviations 2 Lab	0	189	3.5	
†		VN 245	Maternal/Infant Nursing	36	0	2.0	
†	8 Weeks	VN 245L	Maternal/Infant Nursing Lab	0	54	1.0	
†	(Summer**)	VN 250	Nursing Care of Children	36	0	2.0	
†		VN 250P	Nursing Care of Children Practicum	0	54	1.0	
†	8 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	27	0	1.5	
†	8 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: 47 – 53

**A summer session may not be offered due to budget constraints. If it is not, the program will resume in the fall and courses will be shifted accordingly.

For graduation with an **Associate in Arts or Science (A.A. or A.S.) Degree with a major in Nursing: Vocational:**

- Minimum Unit Requirements:** §Any course that appears on a curriculum guide and the General Education Pattern (Plan A) may fulfill both major and general education requirements (Approved by College Curriculum Committee Spring 2012).

For this degree, complete a minimum of 60 units in courses numbered 1-599. Please note that additional **elective units** may be required to meet this minimum based upon courses selected to fulfill General Education for the Associate Degree.

Nursing: Vocational Major: 47-53 units
General Education/A.A § 25 units

Nursing: Vocational Major: 47-53 units
General Education/A.S § 19 units

Associate Degree requirements continue on the following page:

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2. **Scholarship:** Maintain an overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 (“C” average) based on all accredited college work applied to the degree, no matter where completed. For this **field of concentration**, complete each course above with a grade of “C” or better, or “P” if course is graded on a P/NP basis.
3. **Residence for the Degree:** Complete at least 30 units of the required 60 in residence at LBCC, or complete in residence at LBCC at least 20 units within the last 30 units of work applied to the degree.
4. **Field of Concentration:** 12 units in this field of concentration, including Roles and Responsibilities, must be completed in residence. This is an exception to the college’s 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.
5. **General Education and Proficiency Requirements:** Complete the required A.A./A.S. General Education and Proficiency requirements*, otherwise known as “Plan A”. For Plan A requirements, refer to the general catalog or view it online at <http://osca.lbcc.edu> .
6. Complete and submit the degree application form to the Admissions and Records office during your final semester of course work. These forms are available in the Admissions and Records office, or online at <http://admissions.lbcc.edu/> . Refer to the Schedule of Classes (<http://schedule.lbcc.edu>) and click the “Important Dates” link to view the actual deadline for each semester.

*The requirements for general education/proficiency and the field of concentration (major) 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".

**Program of study leading to:
Certificate of Achievement in Vocational/Practical Nursing**

REQUIRED COURSES—Complete the 47-53 units of required courses as listed in the Associate Degree requirements box on the first page.

<u>REQUIRED COURSES</u>	In Progress	Completed
TOTAL UNITS 47-53		

For graduation with a **Vocational/Practical Nursing Certificate of Achievement:**

1. Complete each of the **REQUIRED COURSES** listed above with a **minimum grade of “C”**, or better, or “P” if course is graded on a P/NP basis.
2. Twelve units in this field of concentration, including Roles and Responsibilities, must be completed in residence. This is an exception to the college’s 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.
3. Complete and submit the certificate application form to the Admissions and Records office during your final semester of course work. These forms are available in the Admissions and Records office, or online at <http://admissions.lbcc.edu/> . Refer to the Schedule of Classes (<http://schedule.lbcc.edu>) and click the “Important Dates” link to view the actual deadline for each semester.

For both the **Associate in Arts or Science** and the **Certificate of Achievement**, the following courses are recommended, **BUT ARE NOT REQUIRED** to earn either.

COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	THEORY HOURS	LAB HOURS	UNITS
VN 222	Intravenous Therapy & Blood Withdrawal	27	9	1.0

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 (Practical Nurse in other states) is prepared for employment in ambulatory care settings (physician's office, clinics); long term care (skilled nursing facilities, convalescent and residential care); rehabilitation facilities, acute care hospitals, psychiatric facilities, hospice, and in 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.

Additional Program Information

Estimated Expenses for the VN Program

BASED ON 2012-2013 COSTS (Prerequisites Included)

Books, course guides, & supplies	\$ 1,500	College Service Card	\$ 80
Uniforms and accessories	500	Clinical Requirements	200
Parking (Optional-3 terms)	100	Graduation Expenses	115
Enrollments	2,430	Expenses for Licensure	500
Health fee	75	TOTAL	\$5,000

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 3-6 months or longer, 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.

Program Mission and Outcomes

Prepare students for entry-level vocational nursing licensure and competent practice.

Outcomes:

- Synthesize theories and principles necessary for licensure as a vocational nurse.
- Development of critical thinking skills in preparation for the student's first job in vocational nursing.

Legend

^ Successful completion of VN 215 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.