

NURSING

Prerequisites for the Nursing Program

Students must have completed high school or equivalent (transcripts, diploma, G.E.D., or the California State High School Proficiency Exam, or a BA/BS degree from a U.S. regionally accredited institution). The courses listed below must be completed with a grade of a C or higher with a minimum of a 2.75 GPA. International Students must show high school equivalent through third party.

Additional Graduation Requirements

Students Applying to the Nursing Program must complete all General ED courses (except Category IV) required for an AS Degree PRIOR to being accepted into the program.

G.P.A. Requirements to Apply to RN Program

General Education G.P.A.: 2.50

Science G.P.A.: 2.75

Cumulative G.P.A.: 2.50

Contact Information

Division: Health and Life Science (HLS - 101)

Division Phone Number: (909) 384-8645

Department Website (<https://www.valleycollege.edu/academic-career-programs/degrees-certificates/nursing/>)

Program Total Units: 36

Accepted Students are admitted in the Fall and Spring semesters. Students must complete required prerequisites to apply. Applicants must pass a background check, drug screen, and meet the health requirements prior to entry. California law allows for denial of the RN license based on any conviction or legal action related to nursing practice. For further information, go to: www.rn.ca.gov (<http://www.rn.ca.gov/>). SBVC reserves the right to deny students entry based on background check and drug screen.

Required Prerequisite Courses

The GE courses below must be completed with grade of C or higher and a minimum of a 2.50 G.P.A.:

Code	Title	Units
ENGL 101 or ENGL 101H	Freshman Composition Freshman Composition-Honors	4
MATH 108 or PSYCH 105	Introduction to Probability and Statistics Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences	4
COMMST 100 or COMMST 100H or COMMST 111	Elements of Public Speaking Elements of Public Speaking - Honors Interpersonal Communication	3
SOC 100 or SOC 100H or ANTHRO 102 or ANTHRO 102H	Introduction to Sociology Introduction to Sociology - Honors Cultural Anthropology Cultural Anthropology - Honors	3

Humanities - Select six units from two disciplines (3 units maximum from Applied Area)¹

¹ See Associate Degree Graduation Requirements Category III (<http://catalog.valleycollege.edu/general-education-graduation-requirements/associate-degree-graduation-requirements/>) for list of humanities courses.

Science courses listed below must be completed with a grade of C or higher and a minimum G.P.A. of 2.75 in the four courses:

Code	Title	Units
Human Anatomy and Physiology		
Select one series from the following:		
BIOL 250 & BIOL 251	Human Anatomy and Physiology I and Human Anatomy and Physiology II	8
BIOL 260 & BIOL 261	Human Anatomy and Human Physiology	8
Microbiology		
BIOL 270	Microbiology	5
General Psychology		
PSYCH 100 or PSYCH 100H	General Psychology General Psychology - Honors	3

All coursework must meet the cumulative 2.5 GPA to apply

Note: BIOL 261 (or BIOL 250 & BIOL 251) and BIOL 270 must be taken within 5 years of application to the program; Online sciences will not be accepted. BIOL 250 & BIOL 251 must be completed at the same regionally accredited institution.

Application to the Nursing Program

Applications to the nursing program may only be submitted when all program prerequisites have been completed and met GPA requirements. Admission to the program is based on a multi-criteria points system. Applications must be received only during August 1st -September 1st (spring semester) or January 2 – February 2 (fall semester) or the next business day. Applications are available online during the application periods. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. The HESI Exam is by invitation only.

Submit the following to the Health Science Division Office, HLS 101:

1. Application
2. Online
3. Evaluation of Prior college credit
4. Unofficial Transcripts (SBVC students ONLY)
5. Copy of a valid Social security card or TAX ID number

Submit the following to admissions and records

1. Official college transcripts from all colleges or universities attended except for SBVC Transcripts must be issued within the last 6 months and document that the program prerequisites have been completed
2. International transcripts must be evaluated for equivalency
3. High school completion or equivalent (transcript, G.E.D. or the California State High School Proficiency Exam or a degree from a U.S. accredited institution)

- International students need their high school equivalency evaluated by outside agency

Selection Process

Round 1 selected applicants will be selected based on a multi-criteria selection process (point system). Round 2 selected applicants will be invited back to take the HESI exam that will determine entry into the nursing program. Entrance to the nursing program is limited to students who have completed all prerequisites, met all GPA requirements, taken the HESI exam, and been accepted into the nursing program.

LVN to RN and Psych. Tech to RN Program

Applications will be admitted via the same point system that Generic ADN students are admitted, although in a different pool. Applicants will be required to adhere to all of the same regulations set forth by the multi-criteria point system. All prerequisites are required to be completed prior to submitting an application. Potential LVN applicants will also be sent a Health Education Systems, Inc. Exam (HESI-A2) invite. Please note LVN and Psych. Tech applicants will be in the same pool selection. The application periods will be the same as the ADN application.

Requirements for LVN to RN and Psych Tech to RN

- Complete all program prerequisites. (Same as the RN program).
- One-year full-time work experience as an LVN.
- Current California LVN license.
- Letter of verification with signature - letter verifying employment as an LVN
- Detailed Résumé summarizing work experience as an LVN (employer, type of patient care unit, month/year starting and ending dates).

LVN to RN courses upon entry: Complete each of the following courses with a 78% or higher: NURS 130 (includes challenge exams to determine eligibility to enter the following courses NURS 150 or NURS 151 , or NURS 150 or NURS 260 for Psych Tech applicants) .

A 30-unit completion option is available to Licensed Vocational Nurses per the California BRN code of Regulations 1429. However, it is important to note that LVNs choosing to take the 30-unit option can never be qualified as graduates of the SBVC ADN program and will permanently be referred to as having attained a Nursing Non-Degree/Non-Graduate Status. This option is recognized only in the State of California.

- Nursing Associate of Science Degree (<http://catalog.valleycollege.edu/degree-certificate-program-index/nursing/nursing-as-degree/>)

NURS 101 2 Units

Application of Critical Thinking to First Level Nursing Practice

Lecture: 18 contact hours

Lab: 54 contact hours

Corequisite: NURS 102 and NURS 104 or NURS 109

This course is designed to facilitate development of critical thinking and the application of first level medical-surgical nursing theory. Included is the analysis of clinical situations, practice of selected first level nursing skills, basic mathematical nursing problems, learning techniques, and use of the nursing process. Graded on a CREDIT/NO CREDIT basis only. REGISTRATION IS LIMITED TO STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED PROGRAM PREREQUISITES AND HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED INTO THE NURSING PROGRAM.

Associate Degree Applicable

Transfers to CSU only

NURS 103 1 Unit

Application of Critical Thinking to Second Level Nursing Practice

Lecture: 9 contact hours

Lab: 27 contact hours

Corequisite: NURS 110 or NURS 112

This course is designed to facilitate development of critical thinking and the application of second level medical-surgical and maternity nursing theory. Included is the analysis of clinical situations, practice of selected second level nursing skills, mathematical nursing problems, and use of the nursing process. Graded on a PASS/NO PASS basis only. REGISTRATION IS LIMITED TO STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED PROGRAM PREREQUISITES AND HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED INTO THE NURSING PROGRAM.

Associate Degree Applicable

Transfers to CSU only

NURS 130 2 Units

Psychiatric Technician to Professional Nurse Transition

Lecture: 27 contact hours

Lab: 27 contact hours

This course prepares Licensed Psychiatric Technician's (LPT) to transition into the Registered Nursing (RN) program. This course is a first-year course that focuses on the nurse's role in the collection of assessment data, identifying the relevance of the data collected, the analysis of patient priorities, the implementation of nursing interventions, and evaluation of patient care for diverse adult patients. This course includes role transition content, nursing process, standards of practice, and critical thinking in nursing. A challenge examination covering first semester foundations nursing content will determine eligibility for placement within the first semester of the program. REGISTRATION IS LIMITED TO STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED PROGRAM PREREQUISITES AND HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED INTO THE NURSING PROGRAM.

Associate Degree Applicable

Transfers to CSU only

NURS 140 2 Units**Vocational to Professional Nurse****Lecture:** 18 contact hours**Lab:** 54 contact hours

This course prepares Licensed Vocational Nurses (LVN) to transition into the Registered Nursing (RN) program. This course is a first-year course that focuses on the nurse's role in the collection of assessment data, identifying the relevance of the data collected, the analysis of patient priorities, the implementation of nursing interventions, and evaluation of patient care for diverse adult patients. This course includes role transition content, nursing process, standards of practice, and critical thinking in nursing. A challenge examination covering first semester medical-surgical nursing content will determine eligibility for placement within the first or second semester of the program. Application of KSAs will occur in the hospital, on-campus skills laboratory, and simulation settings. REGISTRATION IS LIMITED TO STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED PROGRAM PREREQUISITES AND HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED INTO THE NURSING PROGRAM.

Associate Degree Applicable**Transfers to CSU only****NURS 150 4 Units****Foundations of Nursing****Lecture:** 36 contact hours**Lab:** 108 contact hours

This course focuses on the nurse's role in the collection of assessment data, identifying the relevance of the data collected, the analysis of patient priorities, the implementation of nursing interventions, and the evaluation of patient care for diverse adults and older adults ages 65 and over by focusing on universal practices including physical assessment, safety, infection control, hygiene, body mechanics, activity/exercise, nutrition, pain management, cultural awareness, communication and documentation. Application of KSAs will occur in the hospital, on-campus skills laboratory, and simulation settings. REGISTRATION IS LIMITED TO STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED PROGRAM PREREQUISITES AND HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED INTO THE NURSING PROGRAM.

Associate Degree Applicable**Transfers to CSU only****NURS 151 5 Units****Introduction to Medical Surgical Nursing****Lecture:** 45 contact hours**Lab:** 135 contact hours**Prerequisite:** NURS 150

This course is a first-year course that focuses on the nurse's role in the collection of assessment data, identifying the relevance of the data collected, the analysis of patient priorities, the implementation of nursing interventions, and the evaluation of patient care for diverse adults and adults ages 65 and over, nursing care and administration of medication for patients with the basic healthcare needs in pulmonary, musculoskeletal, cardiovascular, neurological, immunological, gastrointestinal, genitourinary, and endocrine body systems, as well as patients undergoing general surgery and/or requiring wound care. Application of KSAs will occur in the hospital, on-campus skills laboratory, and simulation settings. REGISTRATION IS LIMITED TO STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED PROGRAM PREREQUISITES AND HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED INTO THE NURSING PROGRAM.

Associate Degree Applicable**Transfers to CSU only****NURS 160 4 Units****Nursing Care of the Childbearing Family And Newborn****Lecture:** 36 contact hours**Lab:** 108 contact hours**Prerequisite:** NURS 150 and NURS 151**Corequisite:** NURS 161

This course is a first-year nursing course that focuses on the nurse's role in the collection of assessment data, identifying the relevance of data collected, the analysis of patient priorities, the implementation of nursing interventions, and evaluation of patient care for childbearing families. Maternity nursing also focuses on the biophysical aspects of human reproduction, assessment and management of the antepartal, intrapartal, and postpartal periods, and newborn care. Application of KSAs will occur in the hospital, on-campus skills laboratory, and simulation settings. REGISTRATION IS LIMITED TO STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED PROGRAM PREREQUISITES AND HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED INTO THE NURSING PROGRAM.

Associate Degree Applicable**Transfers to CSU only****NURS 161 5 Units****Beginning Medical Surgical Nursing****Lecture:** 45 contact hours**Lab:** 135 contact hours**Prerequisite:** NURS 150 and NURS 151**Corequisite:** NURS 160

This is first-year course that focuses on the nurse's role in the collection of assessment data, identifying the relevance of the data collected, the analysis of patient priorities, the implementation of nursing interventions, and evaluation of patient care for diverse adult patients and adults ages 65 and over with selected healthcare needs in respiratory, cardiovascular, neurological, immunological, gastrointestinal, genitourinary, and endocrine body systems. Application of KSAs will occur in the hospital, on-campus skills laboratory, and simulation settings. REGISTRATION IS LIMITED TO STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED PROGRAM PREREQUISITES AND HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED INTO THE NURSING PROGRAM.

Associate Degree Applicable**Transfers to CSU only****NURS 201 1 Unit****Application of Critical Thinking to Third Level Nursing Practice****Lecture:** 9 contact hours**Lab:** 27 contact hours**Corequisite:** NURS 200 or NURS 202

This course is designed to facilitate development of critical thinking and the application of third level medical-surgical and pediatric nursing theory. Includes analysis of clinical situations, practice of third level skills, mathematical nursing problems, and use of the nursing process. Graded on PASS/NO PASS basis only. REGISTRATION IS LIMITED TO STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED PROGRAM PREREQUISITES AND HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED INTO THE NURSING PROGRAM.

Associate Degree Applicable**Transfers to CSU only**

NURS 203 1 Unit**Application of Critical Thinking to Fourth Level Nursing Practice****Lecture:** 9 contact hours**Lab:** 27 contact hours**Corequisite:** NURS 210 and NURS 212

This course is designed to facilitate development of critical thinking and the application of fourth level medical-surgical, psychiatric and critical care nursing theory. Includes analysis of complex clinical situations, NCLEX style test taking practice, complex mathematical nursing problems and use of the nursing process. Graded on PASS/NO PASS basis only. REGISTRATION IS LIMITED TO STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED PROGRAM PREREQUISITES AND HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED INTO THE NURSING PROGRAM.

Transfers to CSU only**NURS 210 2.5 Units****Nursing Care of the Critically Ill****Lecture:** 27 contact hours**Lab:** 54 contact hours**Prerequisite:** NURS 200 and NURS 202

This course is an advanced medical-surgical nursing course with a focus on the application of the nursing process to critically ill adult patients with single or multiple subsystem failure. REGISTRATION IS LIMITED TO STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED PROGRAM PREREQUISITES AND HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED INTO THE NURSING PROGRAM.

Associate Degree Applicable**Transfers to CSU only****NURS 211 3.75 Units****Medical-Surgical Nursing IV****Lecture:** 18 contact hours**Lab:** 148.5 contact hours**Prerequisite:** /**Corequisite:** NURS 210 and NURS 212.

Fourth level medical-surgical nursing focuses on the physiological, psychological, sociocultural, and developmental variables that affect clients. Application of the nursing process is used to manage the nursing care of groups of clients to assist them to attain and maintain their optimum level of wellness. Included are advanced concepts in nursing leadership, home health care, disaster nursing, and aging. Includes preparation for NCLEX (National Council Licensure Examination) examination and explores employment opportunities. REGISTRATION IS LIMITED TO STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED PROGRAM PREREQUISITES AND HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED INTO THE NURSING PROGRAM.

Associate Degree Applicable**Transfers to CSU only****NURS 212 2.75 Units****Psychiatric Nursing****Lecture:** 27 contact hours**Lab:** 67.5 contact hours**Prerequisite:** NURS 200 and NURS 202

This is an introduction to psychiatric nursing with a focus on neurobiological theory, suicide, substance abuse, and crisis interventions. Application of the nursing process is used to assist clients with major alterations in the psychological variable to attain and maintain an optimum level of wellness. REGISTRATION IS LIMITED TO STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED PROGRAM PREREQUISITES AND HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED INTO THE NURSING PROGRAM.

Associate Degree Applicable**Transfers to CSU only****NURS 217 1 Unit****Advanced Ethical and Legal Aspects of Nursing****Lecture:** 18 contact hours**Prerequisite:** NURS 200 and NURS 202

This course explores ethical, legal and professional aspects of nursing practice. REGISTRATION IS LIMITED TO STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED PROGRAM PREREQUISITES AND HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED INTO THE NURSING PROGRAM.

Associate Degree Applicable**Transfers to CSU only****NURS 250 4 Units****Nursing Care of Children and Their Families****Lecture:** 36 contact hours**Lab:** 108 contact hours**Prerequisite:** NURS 160 and NURS 161**Corequisite:** NURS 251

This is a first-year course that focuses on the nurse's role in the collection of assessment data, identifying the relevance of the data collected, the analysis of patient priorities, the implementation of nursing interventions, and evaluation of patient care for diverse pediatric populations and their families. Pediatric nursing also focuses on a family-centered approach to the nursing care of infants and children. Application of KSAs will occur in the hospital, on-campus skills laboratory, and simulation settings. REGISTRATION IS LIMITED TO STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED PROGRAM PREREQUISITES AND HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED INTO THE NURSING PROGRAM.

Associate Degree Applicable**Transfers to CSU only****NURS 251 5 Units****Intermediate Medical Surgical Nursing****Lecture:** 45 contact hours**Lab:** 135 contact hours**Prerequisite:** NURS 160 and NURS 161**Corequisite:** NURS 250

This is a second-year course that focuses on the nurse's role in the collection of assessment data, identifying the relevance of the data collected, the analysis of patient priorities, the implementation of nursing interventions, and evaluation of patient care for diverse adult patients and adults aged 65 and over with selected healthcare needs in neurological, gastrointestinal, respiratory, genitourinary, immunological, cardiovascular, and endocrine diseases. Application of KSAs will occur in the hospital, on-campus skills laboratory, and simulation settings. REGISTRATION IS LIMITED TO STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED PROGRAM PREREQUISITES AND HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED INTO THE NURSING PROGRAM.

Associate Degree Applicable**Transfers to CSU only**

NURS 260 4 Units**Mental Health Nursing****Lecture:** 36 contact hours**Lab:** 108 contact hours**Prerequisite:** NURS 250 and NURS 251**Corequisite:** NURS 261

This course focuses on the nurse's role in the collection of assessment data, identifying the relevance of the data collected, the analysis of patient priorities, the implementation of nursing interventions, and evaluation of patient care for diverse adult patients and adults aged 65 and over with mental health disorders. Psychiatric nursing also focuses on neurobiological theories, risks and interventions for suicide, substance abuse, and other mental health disorders. Application of KSAs will occur in the hospital, on-campus skills laboratory, and simulation settings. REGISTRATION IS LIMITED TO STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED PROGRAM PREREQUISITES AND HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED INTO THE NURSING PROGRAM.

Associate Degree Applicable**Transfers to CSU only****NURS 261 5 Units****Complex Care and Leadership****Lecture:** 45 contact hours**Lab:** 135 contact hours**Prerequisite:** NURS 250 and NURS 251**Corequisite:** NURS 260

This is a second-year nursing course that builds upon previously learned knowledge, skills and attitudes while focusing on the application of the nursing process, discrimination of data, and identification of care priorities in order to manage complex needs of adults ages 65 and over, critically ill or injured adults with single or multisystem failure. Complex Care and Leadership provides learning opportunities for leadership, community outreach and disaster nursing. Correlated clinical experiences provide the senior student opportunities to assume nursing responsibilities in complex care areas and to function as part of an inter-professional team as a pre-licensed preceptee. Application of knowledge, skills and attitudes (K-S-A) will occur in the hospital, on-campus skills laboratory, and simulation settings. The course also reviews graduate responsibilities for the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) application and professional employment/licensure responsibilities. REGISTRATION IS LIMITED TO STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED PROGRAM PREREQUISITES AND HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED INTO THE NURSING PROGRAM.

Associate Degree Applicable**Transfers to CSU only****NURS 600 Noncredit****Nursing Assistant Training Program****Lecture:** 60 contact hours**Lab:** 144 contact hours

Students completing the Nursing Assistant Training Program (NATP, NURS 600) course will be prepared to assist the professional nurse in direct client care, undertaking those tasks which are supportive to the care of the stable clients. Limitation on Enrollment: Students must be at least 17 years of age, have a San Bernardino Valley College (SBVC) application on file, are eligible to attend SBVC, have graduated from an accredited high school or equivalent (G.E.D., High School Proficiency Examination), have a CPR certification by American Heart Association.