



# Vocational Nursing Program

## Responsibilities of a Vocational Nurse

Licensed Vocational Nurses (LVN's) function under the direct supervision of the Registered Nurse (RN) or Medical Doctor (MD). They provide nursing care to patients of all ages; pediatric to geriatric within the scope of LVN practice as delegated by the RN or MD. The LVN gathers data relevant to the patient's condition or individual needs. As a valued member of the healthcare team, LVN's document nursing observations, collect samples for testing, monitor vital signs including temperature, blood pressure, pulse, and respiration, O2 saturation, and pain level in order to report abnormal conditions/findings to the healthcare team. Separately, they administer medications and various treatments per MD's order as well as provide basic bedside care. As well educated and licensed professionals, LVN's reinforce patient education and support, and are responsible for knowledge of the legal aspects of nursing.

<b>Length of Program</b> Months: 14 Weeks: 62 Hours: 1564 Levels: 4 CIP Code: 51.3901	<b>Class Schedule</b> <b>Level 1 &amp; Level 4</b> <b>Theory:</b> 2 Days Per week: Monday and Wednesday from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM <b>Clinical:</b> 2-3 Days Per week: Student will be assigned to 8 hour shifts between the hours of 6:00AM – 11:30PM  <b>Level 2 &amp; Level 3</b> <b>Theory:</b> 2 Days Per Week: Tuesday and Thursday 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM <b>Clinical:</b> 2-3 Days Per week: Student will be assigned to 8 hour shifts between the hours of 6:00AM – 11:30PM
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***NOTE: Flexibility for Clinicals is Mandatory. The schedule is subject to change and may upon short notice. After the first six weeks, students will attend clinicals off site. You will be required to attend weekend clinical Friday, Saturday, and/or Sunday at some point. You may be required to travel up to 150 miles for Pediatric of Maternity hours in Level 4 (32 hours each maximum)***

## Prerequisites

The following are required before the first day of class:

- High school diploma or GED equivalent
- Passing score on the pre-entrance exam
- Full physical
- Immunizations (Tdap, Hep B, Flu)
- Negative TB result
- Titers: Hep B, MMR, VZV (boosters if no immunity documented)
- Negative drug screen
- Clean background without felonies
- Orientation

NOTE: All enrollments are subject to final approval by the Director of Nurses (DON).

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### Testing Dates and Requirements

- Testing times are available by appointment only!
- \$40 CASH ONLY fee is required on the testing date.
- The testing process will take about 1 hour to 1 ½ to 2 hours.
- The entrance test is valid for only one year.

### Graduation

Upon successful completion of the VN program, the student is provided a graduation ceremony and awarded a diploma in Vocational Nursing. The graduate will demonstrate competence in direct patient care activities in health care facilities.

Once the student successfully passes the Vocational Nursing Program and the NCLEX-PN® exam, the graduate will be eligible for employment as a Licensed Vocational Nurse.

### Course Description

#### Course: VN Level I

Clock Hours: 387

*Prerequisites:* High school diploma or GED equivalent, passing score on entrance exam, and orientation.

**Description:** Level I is designed to provide the beginning student with an introduction to personal and vocational relationships in nursing. Emphasis is placed upon the application of the nursing process within the scope of the Licensed Vocational Nursing practice. These areas will include: the health care environment, critical thinking, the caring role, and basic nursing skills and procedures including physical assessment. The student will be given quizzes, exams, and practical exams.

Student must achieve 75% or higher in each category for this course in order to progress to the next level.

*At the completion of Level I, the student will be eligible to apply for a CNA certificate and be employed as a CNA. Students will receive their BLS certificate at the end of Level I.*

#### Course: VN Level II

Clock Hours: 387

*Prerequisites:* Successful completion of VN Level I; or proof of previous equivalent nursing education which has been evaluated by Career Care Institute's Director of Nursing.

**Description:** Level II is designed to provide the student with a foundation in medical/surgical nursing. Topics include: general care of patients having problems with pain, cancer, immobility, and fluid and electrolyte imbalances. Emphasis is placed upon care of patients with disorders of the skin, endocrine glands, blood, cardiovascular system, respiratory system, and utilizing the nursing process. The student will be given quizzes, exams, and practical exams.

Student must achieve 75% or higher in each category for this course in order to progress to the next level.

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**Course: VN Level III**

Clock Hours: 386

**Prerequisites:** Successful completion of VN Level I and II; or proof of previous equivalent nursing education which has been evaluated by Career Care Institute's Director of Nursing.

**Description:** Level III is a continuation of medical/surgical nursing. Emphasis is placed upon care of patients with musculoskeletal, gastrointestinal, neurological, eye and ear, urological, and reproductive disorders. Focus will also be placed on patients with AIDS and utilizing the nursing process. The student will be given quizzes, exams, and practical exams.

Student must achieve 75% or higher in each category for this course in order to progress to the next level.

**Course: VN Level IV**

Clock Hours: 404

**Prerequisites:** Successful completion of VN Level III

**Description:** Level IV is designed to provide the advanced student with basic knowledge in several specialty areas: family nursing, pediatrics, mental health, home health, hospice, and rehabilitation. Emphasis is placed upon care of these patients utilizing the nursing process. Other important topics include: leadership and supervision. Preparation for a career as an LVN is also covered. The student will be given quizzes, exams, and practical exams.

Student must achieve 75% or higher in each category for this course.

**Licensure**

Achieving a passing score on the NCLEX-PN exam is required for licensure as a Licensed Vocational Nurse and for employment in California. For license examination pass rate information, go to the following link: [http://www.bvnpt.ca.gov/education/vn\\_stats.shtml](http://www.bvnpt.ca.gov/education/vn_stats.shtml)

*Career Care Institute is accredited by the Commission of the Council on Occupational Education (COE).*

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Tuition and Costs

<b>Vocational Nursing Program</b>	
Registration <sup>1</sup>	\$80.00
Books <sup>3</sup> :	
Adult Health Nursing & Foundation of Nursing	\$175.19
Introduction to Clinical Pharmacology	\$ 89.78
Structure & Function of the Body	\$ 79.88
Mosby Drug book	\$ 34.95
Calculation of Drug Dosages	\$ 86.95
Medical Terminology; PDF Booklet	\$ 0.00
	\$466.75
ATI <sup>3</sup>	\$1,100.00
Supplies <sup>3</sup> : stethoscope + training Supplies	\$225.00
Uniform <sup>3</sup> : 2 sets + Jacket + white scrub top in Level III	\$180.00
Exam Fees: BVNPT Application + NCLEX Exam	\$0.00
STRF <sup>2</sup>	\$16.25
Tuition	\$30,431.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$32,499.00</b>
<b>Required Items Not Included in Tuition Upon Enrollment</b>	
Testing Fee <sup>1</sup>	\$40.00
Background Check <sup>1</sup>	\$50.00
Drug Screen <sup>1</sup>	\$40.00
<b>Required Items Not Included in Tuition</b>	
Fire Class	\$25.00
AV Hospital ID Badge	\$5.00
Drug Screen to admit to clinical site (Upon request)	\$40.00
LiveScan Prior to Graduation	Up to \$80.00
Passport Photo for Application Form	Up to \$10.00

<sup>1</sup> Non-refundable

<sup>2</sup> You must pay the state-imposed assessment for the Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) if all of the following applies to you: 1) You are a student, who is a California resident, or are enrolled in a residency program, and prepay all of part of your tuition either by cash, guaranteed student loans, or personal loans, and 2) Your total charges are not paid by any third-party payer such as an employer, government program or other payer unless you have a separate agreement to repay the third party. You are not eligible for protection from the STRF and you are not required to pay the STRF assessment, if either of the following applies: 1) You are not a California resident, or are not enrolled in a residency program, or 2) Your total charges are paid by a third party, such as an employer, government program or other payer and you have no separate agreement to repay the third party.

<sup>3</sup> Books, Uniform, and Supplies become student purchases once issued to student. Students who drop or have been dismissed after these have been issued will assume ownership for said items and will not be eligible for refunds.

Career Care Institute consistently produces the most Licensed Vocational Nurses in the Antelope Valley.  
(According to [http://www.bvnpt.ca.gov/pdf/vn\\_pass\\_rates.pdf](http://www.bvnpt.ca.gov/pdf/vn_pass_rates.pdf))

**JOB PLACEMENT ASSISTANCE IS PROVIDED TO ALL GRADUATES IN ALL PROGRAMS**

We can help you through the Financial Aid process! Career Care Institute's Financial Aid Staff is ready to help you apply for a financing package that fits your goals and get your financing plan together before your chosen class starts. Financial Aid is available to those who qualify. For further Financial Aid Consumer Information, go to our website:

<http://ccicolleges.edu/financial-aid/> or request an appointment with one of our Financial Aid Advisors.

For updated Crime Safety and Security Report information, go to: <http://ccicolleges.edu/general-disclosures/>. (PDF file is available for download). We also provide current information in student break rooms and/or by requesting a copy from the Admissions Office.



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