



# Vocational Nursing Program

## Responsibilities of a Vocational Nurse

Licensed Vocational Nurses (LVNs) 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, LVNs document nursing observations, collect samples for testing, monitor vital signs including temperature, blood pressure, pulse, respiration, O<sub>2</sub> 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, LVNs reinforce patient education and support and are responsible for knowledge of the legal aspects of nursing.

<u>Length of Program</u>	<u>Class Schedule</u>
<p>Months: 14  Weeks: 62  Hours: 1564  Semesters: 4  CIP Code: 51.3901</p>	<p><b>Theory:</b> 2 Days per Week:  Monday and Wednesday or  Tuesday &amp; Thursday  8:00 am - 1:00 pm or 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm  <b>Clinical:</b> 2-3 Days per Week:  Students will be assigned to 8-hour shifts  6:00 am - 2:30 pm or 2:00 pm - 10:30 pm</p>

***NOTE: Flexibility for Clinicals is Mandatory. The schedule is subject to change and may be upon short notice. After the first six weeks, students will attend clinicals off-site. You will be required to attend weekend clinicals on Friday, Saturday, and/or Sunday at some point.***

## Mandatory Prerequisites

The following are required before the first day of class:

- Passing score (pre-entrance exam)
- High school diploma or GED equivalent
- ID or Driver's License
- Social Security card (signed)
- Program Director's interview
- Orientation
- Full Physical
- Negative TB result
- Immunizations (Tdap, Hep B, Flu)
- Titters: Hep B, MMR, VZV (boosters for immunity documented)
- Negative drug screen
- Clear background without felonies

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 ½ to 3 hours.
- The entrance test is valid for only one year.

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## Graduation

Upon successful completion of the VN program, the student may participate in a pinning ceremony and will be awarded a diploma in Vocational Nursing. The graduate will demonstrate competence in direct patient care activities in healthcare 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: Math Preparation

Clock Hours: 25 (not included in program hours)

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

**Description:** This **mandatory** course is designed to ensure that students begin the Vocational Nursing program with confidence in their math skills. It includes a review of basic math skills such as fractions, decimals, and rounding; assesses the level of math competence in preparation for math medications; introduces math for medications in semester I; evaluates test scores for math medication readiness; reassesses and identifies tutoring needs for at-risk students; and evaluates the overall math readiness of each student prior to classroom instruction.

### Course: VN Semester I

Clock Hours: 387

*Prerequisites:* High school diploma or GED equivalent, a passing score on the entrance exam, math preparation course, and orientation.

**Description:** Semester 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. Students are assessed by means of quizzes, exams, and practical exams.

Students must achieve a grade of 75% or higher in each category for this course in order to progress to the next semester.

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

### Course: VN Semester II

Clock Hours: 387

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

**Description:** Semester II is designed to provide the student with a foundation in medical/surgical nursing. Topics include general care of patients struggling 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

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Students must achieve a grade of 75% or higher in each category for this course in order to progress to the next semester.

**Course: VN Semester III**

Clock Hours: 386

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

**Description:** Semester III is a continuation of medical/surgical nursing. Emphasis is placed upon the care of patients with musculoskeletal, gastrointestinal, neurological, eye and ear, urological, and reproductive disorders. Focus is also placed on patients with AIDS and utilizing the nursing process. Students are assessed by means of quizzes, exams, and practical exams.

Students must achieve a grade of 75% or higher in each category for this course in order to progress to the next semester.

**Course: VN Semester IV**

Clock Hours: 404

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

**Description:** Semester IV is designed to provide the advanced student with basic knowledge in several specialty areas, including family nursing, pediatrics, mental health, home health, hospice, and rehabilitation. Emphasis is placed upon the 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 students are assessed by means of quizzes, exams, and practical exams. This course includes a 3-day ATI® Live Review (NCLEX preparation workshop) at the end of the semester.

Students must achieve a grade of 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)

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Tuition and Costs

<b>Vocational Nursing Program</b>	
Registration <sup>1</sup>	\$80.00
Books <sup>3</sup> :	
Foundations & Adult Health Nursing	\$175.44
Introduction to Clinical Pharmacology	\$89.78
Structure & Function of the Body	\$79.88
Mosby's Drug Guide	\$34.95
Calculation of Drug Dosages	\$86.95
Medical Terminology: PDF Booklet	\$0.00
Canvas LMS	\$53.00
ATI <sup>®1</sup>	\$1500.00
Preparation Course <sup>3</sup> (math preparation week)	\$500.00
Supplies <sup>3</sup> : stethoscope + training supplies	\$225.00
Uniform <sup>3</sup> : 2 sets + jacket + white scrub top in semester III	\$180.00
Immunization Records <sup>3</sup> : clinical onboarding platform	\$75.00
ATI <sup>®</sup> Live Review <sup>1</sup> (3-day live NCLEX <sup>®</sup> preparation)	\$550.00
Exam Fees: BVNPT Application + NCLEX Exam	\$0.00
STRF <sup>2</sup>	\$0.00
Tuition	\$31,365.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$34,995.00</b>
<b>Required Items Not Included in Tuition Upon Enrollment</b>	
Testing Fee <sup>1</sup>	\$40.00
Background Check <sup>1</sup>	\$60.00
Drug Screen <sup>1</sup>	\$60.00
<b>Required Items Not Included in Tuition</b>	
Fire Class	\$35.00
AV Hospital ID Badge	\$7.00
Drug Screen to admit to the clinical site (upon request)	\$60.00
LiveScan Before 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> 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.

(For more information on program pass rates, please visit - [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

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## VN PROGRAM INFORMATION

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Consumer Information, go to our website: <http://ccicolleges.edu/financial-aid/> or request an appointment with one of our Financial Aid Representatives.

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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