

Vocational Nursing (LVN) Certificate 25-26

(Draft)



ABOUT THIS MAJOR

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For more information, visit the [Health and Safety Sciences](#) division.

TO EARN A Certificate A STUDENT MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

- [1] Completion of Major Courses
- [2] Minimum grade point average of 2.0
- [3] A "C" or better in all courses required for the major

Certificate- Licensed Vocational Nursing [Total Units 51]

* **Prerequisites:** Students must take these courses prior to applying to the program. Students who want to pursue the associate degree in registered nursing should consider completing BIOL 201 and BIOL 202.

Prerequisites: Courses below must Complete to apply to program "C" or better (9 units)	
BIOL 100-Elementary Human Anatomy and Physiology	3
NF 100- Nutrition	3
PSYCC1000/H - Introduction to Psychology/Honors	3
Required Courses (41.75 units)	
VN119 - Fundamentals of Patient Care for Vocational Nurses	2.25
VN120 - Self-Care Fundamentals, Pharmacology	12.25
VN121 - Medical-Surgical Nursing for the Adult and Child	15.5
VN122 - Vocational Nursing in the Child-Bearing Family and Pediatric Patient	5.25
VN123 - Nursing Leadership and Medical-Surgical Nursing	6.75

The following courses are NOT required to complete prior to applying for the program, however, are **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED**

BIOL201 - General Human Anatomy *pre-req: BIOL 100 or 101 or 102 or 110+ or 120+	4
BIOL202 - General Human Physiology *pre-req: BIOL 201+ & CHEM 101+	4
BIOL204 - General Microbiology *pre-req: BIOL 101 or 110+ or 120 & CHEM 101+	5
ENGLC1000/H - Academic Reading and Writing	3
STATC1000/H - Introduction to Statistics	4

RECOMMENDED PATHWAY

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The Recommended Plan of Study is determined by the discipline faculty. Take classes in Summer or Intersession if needed to complete your degree in a timely manner!

Fall/Spring: Max 19 units | Summer: Max 9 units | Intersession: Max 6 units

■ Major

▲ Program Prerequisites

SEMESTER 1 (Prerequisite)

Course	Units
▲ NF 100	3
▲ PSYC C1000	3
▲ BIOL 100	3
Total Units	9

SEMESTER 2

Course	Units
■ VN 119	2.25
■ VN 120	12.25
Total Units	14.5

SEMESTER 3

Course	Units
■ VN 122	5.25
Total Units	5.25

SEMESTER 4

Course	Units
■ VN 121	15.5
Total Units	15.5

SEMESTER 5

Course	Units
■ VN 123	6.75
Total Units	6.75
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COUNSELING NOTE SECTION

Prerequisite: If a course is listed as a prerequisite for another course, that prerequisite course must be completed with a satisfactory grade to enroll in the next course. A satisfactory grade is a grade of "A," "B," "C" or "P". Students who enroll in classes for which they do not meet the prerequisites will be involuntarily dropped. Students will be notified of this involuntary drop. Title 5, Section 55200(d)

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Application Deadline:

-February: to be considered for fall admission

Minimum Requirement for Entrance into the VN program

1. Pre-Req courses and Graduation from a United States high school or completion of GED.

2. Freedom from communicable diseases

3. Request for enrollment to the Health & Safety Sciences Division (Nursing Department) on appropriate forms.

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INFORMATION and RESOURCES

Tutoring Assistance

Career Center

AVC Student Health Services

Transfer Center

Office of Students with Disabilities

Palmdale Center

The State requires ALL STUDENTS to have a Comprehensive Education Plan. You MUST make a counseling appointment as soon as enrollment is established to receive your plan. Stop by the Counseling Center or call 661-722-6300 x 6338 to schedule an appointment.

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Vocational Nursing - VN

The Vocational Nursing Program is a 12-month course of study leading to a certificate in Vocational Nursing. Upon completion of this program, the student is eligible to take the NCLEX-PN, the licensure examination required by the California Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians to practice vocational nursing.

At the conclusion of the enrollment period, all complete applications will be screened using the multi-criteria points system and placed into the program according to highest points. Order of application by date will apply when point number is the same (ex. If two applicants have the same number of points, the applicant who applied at an earlier date will be admitted. Ten percent of those admitted for enrollment will be selected using a lottery system.

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Application Process: Application will be available beginning December. Check website for specific dates.

Students must submit the enrollment form, an official high school transcript showing graduation date or an official copy of GED results, and an educational planning and evaluation form completed by a Antelope Valley College counselor if any college courses pertaining to vocational nursing were completed, within one year prior to the date of submitting the enrollment form. Official college transcripts are required for any courses that pertain to the vocational nursing certificate, i.e., BIOL 100 (Elementary Anatomy and Physiology), PSY 101 (General Psychology) and NF 100 (Nutrition).

All students will be required to attend a mandatory student orientation, complete a background screen (including social security number verification), and physical examination, including drug and alcohol screening. Instructions will be sent to students who are offered spaces in the program.

*****Applications must be received by the Health and Safety Sciences Division office February, check LVN website for specific dates*****

1. Apply to AVC to receive a Student ID Number. If you already have a 900 number you will still want to apply to the college to make your status active.

2. Request two official copies of transcripts from college that prerequisites were completed. One official set will need to be sent to the transcripts department. One official set will need to be attached to your application. Open transcripts, copies of transcripts or electronic transcripts will not be accepted. If all your prerequisites were completed at AVC, you will still need to attach an official college transcript to your application.

Transcripts (Coursework from another College): If you have transferable credits from another college or university, you will need one set of official transcripts from every institution for the counselor's evaluation. If your prior education comes from a foreign evaluation service that AVC recognizes before a counselor from AVC can complete an Educational Plan. Request a list of International Evaluation services at the from AVC can complete an Educational Plan. Request a list of International Evaluation services at the Counseling Center. (661) 722-6338

3. Request official transcript from high school/GED. There is no exception to this requirement.

4. Make an appointment to meet with an AVC nursing counselor to have your transcripts evaluated. They will issue you an educational plan. Should you require a request for equivalency/substitution, please note it must be approved in order for your application to be considered. If you turn in your application and the educational plan from the counselor states one of your prerequisite courses are pending approval, the department will not accept your application. Please be aware, counseling will not make appointments two weeks from the deadline. If you wait two weeks until the deadline to try and complete this, you will not be able to see a counselor and you will not be able to turn in your application. Please do not wait until the last minute to complete this step.

5. Once steps 1 - 4 have been completed, attach your educational plan, official college transcripts, attach official transcripts showing graduation of high school or GED, fill out application for Vocational Nursing Program and turn into the Health and Safety Sciences Department during the designated application period.

6. Once you have all documents needed, you can turn in your application to the Health and Safety Sciences Office by mail:

Antelope Valley College

ATTN: Health and Safety Sciences

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Lancaster, CA 93536