

# HEALTH OCCUPATIONS (HOC)

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## Certificate of Achievement in Vocational Nursing

Certificate of Achievement in Vocational Nursing The licensed vocational nurse is a member of the health care team and works under the direction of a registered nurse or physician. The certificate requirements consist of three semesters of study. Classroom theory consists of 10 to 12 hours per week. Approximately 16 hours per week are spent in clinical experiences and three hours per week in clinical simulation. Students must achieve a score of 75% or higher in all core courses and a C or better in all other courses in the program. Upon completion of the program, students are eligible to apply for the national licensing examination (NCLEX-PN). Enrollment is limited. Students may obtain information from the Mission College website, under the Nursing/Health Occupations link, for information-session dates, application process, required courses, and recommended courses prior to entry into the program. Students are encouraged to make an appointment with a counselor for additional information and clarification.

There is no recency requirement for required courses; however, you are held strictly accountable for knowledge of their content. It is highly recommended that you refresh your knowledge of these subjects if you took them more than five years ago.

### Required Prerequisite Coursework and Certification:

BIO 022 Anatomy & Physiology for Allied Health Workers 4.0 units.  
HOC 020 Introduction to Professional Health Care 0.5 units.

Students must provide proof of current California Nursing Assistant certification and BLS-CPR certification. Students must have completed ENG 908 or the equivalent, or be eligible for ENG 001A, prior to enrolling in the program.

Major Requirements for the Vocational Nursing Degree Admission to the program is required prior to enrollment in these courses.

### Program Learning Outcomes:

- Students will use the language of the profession of nursing to communicate appropriately using verbal, written and technological methods.
- Students will critically analyze relevant information in the utilization of the nursing process, applying principles of evidence-based practice as needed.
- Students will demonstrate personal and professional growth. Students will successfully complete all requirements for eligibility to apply for the Psychiatric Technician licensure and pass the national examination.

### Career/Transfer Opportunities:

The licensed vocational nurse is a member of the health care team who works under the supervision of a registered nurse or physician.

Employment opportunities for the licensed vocational nurse following licensure include sub-acute and extended care facilities, convalescent and rehabilitation institutions, home health agencies, and ambulatory care clinics.

**To earn this certificate, students must complete the minimum required courses with a grade of C (or P) or better.**

Semester I (18 Units)		Units
HOC 022	Patient Nursing Care Fundamentals	1.5
HOC 023A	Beginning Medical-Surgical Nursing Theory	2.5
HOC 023B	Beginning Cognitive Disabilities - Mental Health Theory	1.0
HOC 024	Pharmacology A	1.0
HOC 025A	Fundamentals Skills/Simulation Lab	1.0
HOC 026A	Beginning Clinical Practicum	5.0
HOC 027	Nursing Process and Communication	2.0

HOC 028 *	Care of the Geriatric Patient	1.0
PSY 001	General Psychology OR	3.0
PSY 001H	General Psychology - Honors	3.0

Semester II (15.5 Units)		Units
HOC 032	Care of Obstetrical and Neonatal Patients	2.0
HOC 033A	Intermediate Medical/Surgical Nursing Theory	2.0
HOC 033B	Intermediate Project-Based Medical/Surgical Reasoning	1.5
HOC 034	Pharmacology B	1.0
HOC 035A	Intermediate Nursing Skills/Simulation Lab	1.0
HOC 036A	Intermediate Clinical Practicum	5.0
NTR 015 *	Human Nutrition OR	3.0
NTR 040 *	Nutrition and Disease	3.0

Semester III (17 Units)		Units
HOC 042	Care of the Pediatric Patient	2.0
HOC 043A	Advanced Medical/Surgical Theory	2.0
HOC 043B	Advanced Project-Based Medical Surgical Reasoning	1.5
HOC 044	Pharmacology C	1.0
HOC 045A	Advanced Skills/Simulation Lab	1.0
HOC 046A	Advanced Clinical Practicum	5.0
HOC 047	Leadership and Professional Practice	1.5
PSY 012 *	Human Growth and Development	3.0

\*It is highly recommended that these courses be completed prior to starting the program.

**Total Required Units: 50.5**