VOCATIONAL NURSING
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Vocational Nursing: Associate in Science (AS)
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Program Admissions Information
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.

Required Prerequisite Coursework and Certification (prior to admission to the program):
• Proof of current California Nursing Assistant certification and BLS-CPR certification.
• BIO 022 Anatomy and Physiology for Allied Health Workers 4.0 units.
• HOC 020 Introduction to Professional Health Care 0.5 units.
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.

Program Learning Outcomes:
• Use the language of the profession of nursing to communicate appropriately using verbal, written and technological methods.
• Critically analyze relevant information in the utilization of the nursing process, applying principles of evidence-based practice as needed.
• Demonstrate personal and professional growth.
• Complete all requirements for eligibility to apply for the Vocational Nursing licensure and pass the national examination.

Career/Transfer Opportunities:
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To earn this degree, students must meet the following requirements:
a. Completion of 60 degree applicable units with an overall GPA of 2.0.
b. Completion of a minimum of 18 semester units in the major with a grade of C (or P) or better.
c. Completion of the AA/AS Graduation Requirements, CSU GE-B or IGETC.

Core Requirements (50.5 units)
• Admission to the program is required prior to enrollment in Nursing courses.
• Students are strongly encouraged to complete all General Education requirements for the Associate degree prior to beginning the required courses for the VN program.
• Courses marked with ** below may be completed prior to beginning the VN program, and it is highly recommended that students do so.

Semester I (18 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)
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)
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

Required Units for the Major: 50.5

Completion of General Education Requirements and electives as needed to reach 69.5 units.

Total Required Units: 69.5
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