Program Description

A Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) is a graduate from an accredited school of nursing whose qualifications have been examined and approved by the state board of nursing and is then legally authorized to practice as a licensed nurse. The course of study is three semesters long as is designed to prepare the student for licensure as a LVN.

The patient-centered care concept is developed, based upon the nursing process, to meet the total needs of the client. The program is set up to introduce concepts that the beginning level student can comprehend and apply to the practice setting. New material is integrated following a simple to complex format. Client care is viewed using a holistic approach, involving homeostatic maintenance of the individual as well as treatment and care of the illness.

This non-transfer program is part of the career-ladder curriculum which allows students to enter as Certified Nursing Assistants (C.N.A) and move all the way up to the Registered Nursing Program. Students who have completed all necessary pre-requisites are able to enroll in a transition course. Once the transition course has been successfully completed, students are eligible to by-pass the first two semesters of the RN program and enter into the third semester.

All prerequisite courses must be taken for a full letter grade. Vocational Nursing students may not take a course for a Pass/No Pass grade.

Career Opportunities

All career opportunities listed are representative careers in each field. There are no guaranteed positions for students completing these programs. (See: www.onetonline.org)

Certificate

Vocational Nurse in the following settings: Hospital, Registry Agencies, Skilled Nursing Facilities, Health Promotion Facilities, Clinics, Home Health Care, Schools, Physician Offices, Military Government Offices

Transfer Preparation

MSJC offers a range of course work to prepare students to transfer to four-year colleges and universities. Courses that fulfill major requirements for an associate degree in this program might not be the same as those required for transfer into the major at a four year university. All four-year institutions prescribe their own standards for course evaluation and admissions. Prospective transfer students are advised to research careers, degrees and majors in the Career/Transfer Center, access www.assist.org, review the MSJC catalog and meet with a counselor to expedite their transfer plan.
LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Prepare to take and pass the national exam for licensure in the state California.
- Use appropriate communication skills: verbal, nonverbal, and written, while delivering care to their clients in various nursing practice settings.
- Utilize the nursing process to promote wellness by teaching: peers, assistive personnel, client, client’s families and the community.
- Act as a professional Vocational Nurse by using professional ethical behaviors while complying with the board mandate and scope of practice.

VOCATIONAL NURSING CERTIFICATE

Full-time Program (56.5 units) (Three semesters of study)

All prerequisites must have a grade “C” or better. A combined GPA of the prerequisites must be 2.5 or greater to be considered for entrance into the VN program.

Admission Requirements:
Pre-Nursing Information Workshop Certificate
High School graduate (or equivalent)

Prerequisite Courses
ENGL-098  English Fundamentals  4 units
or
ESL-098W English Writing Fundamentals  4 units
NURS-100/ANAT-100 Introduction to Anatomy and Physiology  3 units
NURS-182 Dosage Calculations for Allied Health  1 unit

Semester I
NURS-084B Nursing Skills Lab - Vocational Nurse  0.5 units
NURS-180 Vocational Nursing I  10 units
NURS-183 Understanding Human Behavior for Allied Health  2 units

TOTAL 12.5 units

Semester II
NURS-084B Nursing Skills Lab - Vocational Nurse  0.5 units
NURS-190 Vocational Nursing II  16 units
NURS-192 Introduction to Pharmacology for Allied Health  2 units
NURS-193 Understanding Human Development for Allied Health  2 units

TOTAL 20.5 units

Semester III
NURS-084B Nursing Skills Lab - Vocational Nurse  0.5 units
NURS-200 Vocational Nursing III  15 units

TOTAL 15.5 units

TOTAL Nursing Program units – 56.5

Part time Program
(Four semesters of study) (61 units)

All prerequisites must have a grade of “C” or better. A combined GPA of the prerequisites must be 2.5 or greater to be considered for entrance into the VN program.

Admission Requirements:
Pre-Nursing Information Workshop Certificate
High School graduate (or equivalent)

Prerequisite Courses
ENGL-098  English Fundamentals  4 units
or
ESL-098W English Writing Fundamentals  4 units
NURS-085 Certified Nursing Assistant and Home Health Aide (or LVN in the State of California)  7.5 units
NURS-100/ANAT-100 Introduction to Anatomy and Physiology  3 units
NURS-182 Dosage Calculations for Allied Health  1 unit

Prior to Program Entrance:
NURS-090 CNA Review and Assessment (Enroll after final acceptance)  1 unit

Semester I
NURS-084B Nursing Skills Lab - Vocational Nurse  0.5 units
NURS-170 Part Time Vocational Nursing I  7 units
NURS-183 Understanding Human Behavior for Allied Health  2 units

TOTAL 9.5 units

Semester II
NURS-084B Nursing Skills Lab - Vocational Nursing  0.5 units
NURS-171 Part Time Vocational Nursing II  9 units
NURS-192 Introduction to Pharmacology for Allied Health  2 units
NURS-193 Understanding Human Development for Allied Health  2 units

TOTAL 13.5 units

Semester III
NURS-084B Nursing Skills Lab - Vocational Nursing  0.5 units
NURS-172 Part-Time Vocational Nursing III  10.5 units

TOTAL 11 units

Semester IV
NURS-084B Nursing Skills Lab - Vocational Nursing  0.5 units
NURS-173 Part-Time Vocational Nursing IV  10 units

TOTAL 10.5 units

TOTAL Nursing Program units – 61

Note: Every effort has been made to keep program information current.
Please use this information as a guide and consult with the chair of the department/program or an MSJC counselor.