Nursing: Registered Nursing

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Degree(s)
Transfer: None

Non-Transfer:
A.S. in Nursing (4413 AS.NURS.RN or 4413 AS.LVN2RN (with General Education Requirements Option A)

Certificate(s)
None

Employment Concentration Certificate(s)
None

Program Description

The Associate in Science degree in Registered Nursing provides courses that are transferable to four year colleges and universities. The program is accredited by the California State Board of Registered Nursing. Graduates are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX). The program pass rates are consistently above the state and national averages.

The Associate in Science degree in Nursing is a 78-unit degree program which requires four semesters (40 units in nursing) of study beyond completion of prerequisite courses. In addition, Mt San Jacinto College offers a LVN-RN articulation option for completion of the Associate in Science degree in Nursing or a non-degree 30-unit option.

Nursing is based upon the knowledge of natural and behavioral sciences in addition to ethics and legal mandates. The nursing process is used as a framework for providing independent or dependent interventions to persons from diverse groups while encouraging personal, family, and community participation to attain optimal health throughout the life span.
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]

Degree

Register Nursing in the following settings: Physician’s Offices, Outpatient Treatment Facilities, Home Healthcare Agencies, Hospitals, Military and Government Agencies.

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 NCLEX State Board Examination utilizing the concept of the current NCLEX Test Plan.
- Prepare for entry level jobs in nursing practice settings utilizing the concept of: therapeutic written, oral, and nonverbal communication skills; critical thinking and the nursing process to direct and manage client care; drug and intravenous therapy for promoting a safe, effective care environment; growth and development and socio-cultural to view the client as a holistic person; and evidence-based practices and principles of education to promote, maintain, and restore optimum health for clients with acute and chronic alterations in health.
- Act as a professional Registered Nurse by utilizing professional nursing ethics and accepted standards of care to comply with the scope of practice as defined by the Board of Registered Nursing in the state of California.

DEGREE

A.S. in Nursing (78 units)
Minimum cumulative college level GPA of 2.5 on 4.0 scale with a grade of “C” or better in the following courses:

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

Prerequisites: 24 units
ANAT-101 Human Anatomy & Physiology I (A) 5 units
ANAT-102 Human Anatomy & Physiology II (A) 5 units
BIOL-125 Microbiology (A) 5 units
or
BIOL-125H Honors Microbiology (A) 5 units
ENGL-101 Freshman Composition (D1) 4 units
or
ENGL-101H Honors Freshman Composition (D1) 4 units
MATH-096 Intermediate Algebra (G) 5 units

Semester One: 12 units
NURS-084C Nursing Skills Lab - Registered Nurse 0.5 unit
NURS-194 Pharmacology & Dosage Calculations for Nurses 3.5 units
NURS-212 Foundations of Nursing 4 units
NURS-214 Introduction to Medical-Surgical Nursing I 4 units

Semester Two: 12.5 units
NURS-084C Nursing Skills Lab - Registered Nurse 0.5 unit
NURS-222 Nursing Care of Children & Families 3.5 units
NURS-224 Beginning Medical-Surgical Nursing II 5 units
NURS-226 Nursing of Childbearing & Families 3.5 units

Semester Three: 10.5 units
NURS-084C Nursing Skills Lab - Registered Nurse 0.5 unit
NURS-234 Intermediate Medical-Surgical Nursing III 5 units
NURS-236 Mental Health Nursing 3 units
NURS-238 Gerontology and Community Nursing 2 units

Semester Four: 7 units
NURS-084C Nursing Skills Lab - Registered Nurse 0.5 units
NURS-244 Advanced Medical-Surgical Nursing IV 4 units
NURS-248 Preceptorship (5 wks) 2.5 units

Additional Associate Degree and Requirements: 12 units
Psychology 101 (must be taken prior to 3rd semester) (B2) 3 units
Political Science 101 (B1) 3 units
Communication 100 or 103 (D2) 3 units
Humanities/Multicultural Gender Studies (Any course from Area C (Humanities) or Area F (Multicultural Gender Studies) 3 units
Many courses will satisfy both requirements: 3 units
(See the MSJC General Education Breadth Pattern)

Note: Graduates from the A.S. in Nursing Program meet the requirement of Physical Education and Healthful Living.
LVN to RN Transition
[Degree/Non-Degree Candidate]

Students choosing this option are Licensed Vocational Nurses (LVN’s) or Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN’s) who would be eligible to enter the third semester of the Associate in Science in Nursing program after completing the recommended LVN to RN Transition courses. Students can opt to meet all of the requirements for the Associate in Science in Nursing degree (degree candidate) or to satisfy the course requirements for only those courses that are required by the California State Board of Registered Nursing as content required for RN licensure (non-degree candidate). Students can apply for advanced placement if he/she has completed courses at another college. Students will be admitted once a year in the fall semester.

LVN to RN Transition [Degree Candidate]

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

Prerequisites:
(For admission into the third semester of the program)
Minimum cumulative college level GPA of 2.5 on 4.0 scale with a grade of "C" or better in the following courses:
ANAT-101 Human Anatomy & Physiology I 5 units
ANAT-102 Human Anatomy & Physiology II 5 units
BIOL-125 Microbiology 5 units
or
BIOL-125H Honors Microbiology 5 units
ENGL-101 Freshman Composition 4 units
or
ENGL-101H Honors Freshman Composition 4 units
MATH-096 Intermediate Algebra 5 units
NURS-084C Nursing Skills Lab - Registered Nurse 0.5-2.0 units
NURS-232 Role Transition 3 units
PSYC-101 Introduction to Psychology 3 units
or
PSYC-101H Honors Introduction to Psychology 3 units

LVN, licensed in California or proof of LVN program graduate awaiting licensure.

3rd Semester:
NURS-084C Nursing Skills Lab - Registered Nurse 0.5-2.0 units
NURS-234 Intermediate Medical-Surgical Nursing III 5 units
NURS-236 Mental Health Nursing 3 units
NURS-238 Gerontology and Community Nursing 2 units

4th Semester:
NURS-084C Nursing Skills Lab - Registered Nurse 0.5-2.0 units
NURS-244 Advanced Medical-Surgical Nursing IV 4 units
NURS-248 Preceptorship 2.5 units

Additional Associate Degree and Requirements:
9 units

Political Science 101 (B1) 3 units
Communication 100 or 103 (D2) 3 units
Humanities/Multicultural Gender Studies (Any course from Area C (Humanities) or Area F (Multicultural Gender Studies)
Many courses will satisfy both requirements: 3 units
(See the MSJC General Education Breadth Pattern)

Note: Graduates from the A.S. in Nursing Program meet the requirement of Physical Education and Healthful Living.

LVN to RN [30 Unit Non-Degree Option]

Students choosing this option are Licensed Vocational Nurses (LVN’s) or Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN’s) who would be eligible to enter the third semester of the program after the LVN to RN Transition course (NURS-232). This student will be required to satisfy 30-semester units in nursing and physical sciences in order to qualify them to apply for RN licensure in California. This option is recognized only in the state of California. Students will be admitted once a year in the fall semester.

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

Prerequisites:
Minimum cumulative college level GPA of 2.5 on 4.0 scale with a minimum grade of "C" in the following courses:
ANAT-102 Human Anatomy & Physiology II 5 units
BIOL-125 Microbiology 5 units
or
BIOL-125H Honors Microbiology 5 units
NURS-232 Role Transition 3 units
LVN, licensed in California or proof of awaiting licensure.

Note: Special Projects (299's) can be arranged for individuals who have exceeded the 7 year recency requirements for ANAT-101, ANAT-102, and BIOL-125.

Nursing Courses

3rd Semester:
NURS-084C Nursing Skills Lab - Registered Nurse 0.5-2.0 units
NURS-234 Intermediate Medical-Surgical Nursing III 5 units
NURS-236 Mental Health Nursing 3 units
NURS-238 Gerontology and Community Nursing 2 units

4th Semester:
NURS-084C Nursing Skills Lab - Registered Nurse 0.5-2.0 units
NURS-244 Advanced Medical-Surgical Nursing IV 4 units
NURS-248 Preceptorship 2.5 units