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REGISTERED NURSING PROGRAM

ADVANCED PLACEMENT APPLICANTS

(LVNs who want to enroll in the third semester or transfer students)

30-UNIT OPTION STUDENTS HAVE DIFFERENT ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS THAT ARE DESCRIBED ON PAGE 2

PREREQUISITES

Advanced placement LVNs and transfer students who are applying for the second, third or fourth semesters of the Registered Nursing Program must meet the following prerequisites:

Completion of:

- Biology 201 (General Human Anatomy with Lab) – 4 units
- Biology 202 (General Human Physiology with Lab) – 4 units
- Biology 204 (General Microbiology with Lab) – 5 units
- English 101 (Academic Composition) – 3 units
- For LVNs only: Completion of an IV therapy class
- For transfer students only: Letter from director of previous program indicating eligibility to return to that program

The four courses above must be completed with a grade of “C” or better and grades must be posted on the official college transcript at the time the student submits the enrollment packet to the Health Sciences Division.

After prerequisites are verified, students will be given permission to take the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS®), a nursing diagnostic assessment test. The test is free. Students who attain a satisfactory score on the test will be given permission to register for the next RN class in which space is available. Students who do not attain a satisfactory score on the test will have one year (365 days) from the date of the test to complete additional required coursework. Upon successful completion of the mandatory coursework, students will be given permission to take the TEAS® a second and final time. Students who attain a satisfactory score on the second test will be given permission to register for the next RN class in which space is available.

The results of the TEAS® must be on file at Antelope Valley College. All additional required coursework must also be taken at AVC. A study manual for the TEAS® is available from Assessment Technologies Institute, LLC (www.atitesting.com). AVC will be using Version V of the TEAS® effective January 1, 2011.

Exceptions to this procedure will not be granted.

Students planning to apply for admission to other nursing programs should contact those programs for admission requirements. Not all nursing programs require the same diagnostic test, and pre-entry courses are not the same at all colleges.

Please contact the Health Sciences Division at 661-722-6300, extension 6402, for additional information.

LVN TO RN CAREER OPTIONS

Vocational nurses who are licensed in California may be eligible for admission to the ADN program. After admission to the program, the following three options are available to the LVN:

- A. The **30-unit option** as specified by the Board of Registered Nursing (non-degree*).
- B. **Advanced placement** – entrance into the second year of the RN program (degree or non-degree*).
- C. Entrance into the **generic** ADN program (degree or non-degree*).

* *Individuals completing nursing requirements but not completing degree requirements of the college.*

A. 30 Unit Option

The Nursing Practice Act requires objective counseling and individual evaluation of each LVN who wants to enroll in a registered nursing program.

Additional education required for the 30-unit option should not exceed 30 semester units. LVNs who choose this option are not graduates of AVC and do not receive an Associate in Science degree in nursing.

There is no assurance that the RN licensure for “30 Unit Option” LVNs will be recognized outside of California.

All college admission requirements are waived for “30 Unit Option” students. To conform with State regulations, students must be 18 years of age, be a high school graduate, and be admitted to Antelope Valley College.

The number of students chosen for admission is limited by availability of classroom space, qualified instructors and clinical facilities.

LVNs choosing the 30-unit option must attain a satisfactory score on the Test of Essential Academic Skills TEAS®, a nursing diagnostic assessment test.

30 Unit Option – Required Curriculum

BIOL 202, General Human Physiology (4 Units)

BIOL 204, General Microbiology (5 Units)

(NOTE: BIOL 202 and BIOL 204 are prerequisites for NS 230 and NS 232.)

NS 200, Nursing Transition (3 units)

NS 230, Professional Nursing III (0.5 units)

NS 232, Psychiatric/Geriatric/Community Health Nursing (4 units)

NS 240, Professional Nursing IV (1 unit)

NS 241, Medical-Surgical Nursing II (12.5 units)

Intravenous certification is required for entrance into the 30-unit option.

B. Advanced Placement

An LVN admitted to the second year of the ADN program can elect to receive credit for the first and second semester nursing science courses for his/her LVN course work. The credit will be posted on the student's transcript after successful completion of NS 200, 230, 231 and 232. The credit for the course work is equivalent to the credit granted for NS 110, 111, 120, 121, and 122 in the RN program.

Advanced Placement LVN – Required Curriculum

Prerequisites: Completion of BIOL 201 (college level general human anatomy with lab), BIOL 202 (college level general human physiology with lab), BIOL 204 (college level general microbiology with lab), and ENGL 101 (academic composition) are prerequisites for the program. Refer to the front of this page for additional information about prerequisites.

Third Semester (15 units)

NS 230, Professional Nursing III (0.5 units)
NS 231, Pediatric/Community Health Nursing (4.5 units)
NS 232, Psychiatric/Geriatric/Community Health Nursing (4 units)
*COMM 103, Process of Communications (3 units)
*SOC 101, Introduction to Sociology (3 units)

Fourth Semester (13.5 units)

NS 240, Professional Nursing IV (1 unit)
NS 241, Medical-Surgical Nursing II (12.5 units)
*PSY 101, General Psychology (3 units)

Other Graduation Requirements:

*MATH 102, Intermediate Algebra (4 units)
*PHIL 105, Ethics: Moral Issues in Contemporary Society (3 units)

* These courses may be taken prior to enrollment in the RN program.

C. Entrance into the Generic ADN Program

A Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) can choose to enter the RN program beginning with the first semester nursing science courses. The LVN who elects this route follows the same admission and selection procedures as generic nursing students. Minimum entrance requirements are the same as those for students entering the first semester of the program. Students electing this option should refer to the brochure for RN students entering the first semester for curriculum information.

TRANSFER STUDENTS

Students transferring from other colleges must follow the enrollment procedure for first semester RN students. Transfer students must submit syllabi for all nursing courses that were successfully completed.

Transfer students must submit a letter from their previous nursing program director indicating that they are eligible to return to their former program.

Transfer and LVN-RN students are admitted on a first-come, first-served basis, as space is available, after completion of Nursing Science 200. The number of students admitted is limited by availability of classroom space, qualified instructors and clinical facilities

GENERAL INFORMATION

The student who completes all requirements for the program is eligible to apply for an Associate in Science degree. Students who elect the 30-unit option or who do not complete graduation requirements do not receive an Associate in Science degree and may not be eligible to practice as a registered nurse outside of California.

Nursing courses include classroom instruction and supervised clinical experiences in local hospitals and health care agencies in each of the semesters.

For successful completion of the program, a minimum grade of "C" is required in all courses of the program.

All students must have a valid social security number when they apply for the program.

Students are responsible for purchasing textbooks, uniforms, course syllabi, personal liability insurance and health services. Students must provide their own transportation to and from the campus and the clinical sites. Current expense sheets for the program are mailed to students with acceptance letters.

High school students who would like to enter the field of registered nursing should take courses relevant to nursing, such as chemistry, biology, algebra, anatomy and physiology.

Students will be required to have an examination by a licensed physician or certified nurse practitioner, once an acceptance letter is received, and annually while enrolled in the program. The examination must show that the student is free from communicable disease and does not have a physical and/or mental illness that may endanger the health or safety of a patient. The following immunizations are required: measles, mumps, rubella, chicken pox, Tdap (as an adult), annual season flu vaccine, and hepatitis B. These are required by health care facilities in which the student will be practicing as a student nurse. Antelope Valley College does not provide immunizations. The physical examination includes drug and alcohol abuse screening.

Students are required to purchase personal liability insurance. Information about personal liability insurance will be sent to students with the enrollment packet.

Impairment by controlled substances or alcohol during class or clinical experience violates college policy and compromises physical and emotional patient safety. Therefore, impairment by substance abuse or alcohol abuse that affects class or clinical performance is reason for dismissal from the nursing program.

Students are required to have background screening for felonies, misdemeanors, fraud, abuse, sexual crimes and social security number verification. **All students must have a valid social security number when they apply for the program.** Information on how to obtain background screening will be given to students with enrollment packets.

Students with disabilities who anticipate they may need reasonable accommodation to participate in the nursing program should contact the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD). The faculty and dean/director will work closely with OSD to determine if reasonable accommodations are required to perform essential job functions and identify effective accommodation that would not pose an undue hardship.

Once admitted, if a student is unable to participate in the nursing program due to illness, the student must obtain a written statement from a primary health care provider stating that the student is in good health and able to participate in the nursing program without compromising the physical or emotional safety of any patient.

A student enrolled in the nursing program may be allowed to re-enroll in the program twice. Unsuccessful completion of a course, withdrawal from any course, or failure in a course after the two re-enrollments will result in the student not being able to continue in the program.

The Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) may deny licensure to individuals who have been convicted of a felony. An individual seeking enrollment into the nursing program who has a conviction should contact the BRN to ascertain their status prior to seeking enrollment. The BRN may be contacted by writing or calling:

Board of Registered Nursing
1625 North Market, #N-217
Sacramento, CA 95834
(916) 322-3350

Additional information about the Nursing Practice Act can be found on the BRN's web site (www.rn.ca.gov).

Appeals procedures for the resolution of grievances can be found in the Antelope Valley College Board Policy and Administrative Procedures Manual.

Antelope Valley College prohibits discrimination and harassment based on race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, marital status, sex, age or sexual orientation. Upon request, we will consider reasonable accommodations to permit individuals with protected disabilities to (a) complete the employment or admission process, (b) perform essential job functions, (c) enjoy benefits and privileges of similarly-situated individuals without disabilities, and (d) participate in instruction, programs, services, activities or events.

ATTACHMENT A (REV. 3/97; UPDATED 4/04, 2/06)

TRANSFER AND CHALLENGE POLICY AND PROCEDURES

A. General Policies Governing Challenge Examination

Individuals from health profession backgrounds other than nursing will be evaluated on an individual basis as to education and work experience.

Credit by challenge examination will be given to qualified individuals. Nursing courses may be challenged by examination. Candidates for the challenge process may obtain preparatory materials after notifying the Director of intent to challenge. These materials include copies of the course objectives, course syllabus, and information regarding the format of the challenge examination.

Challenge examinations for credit will be given one semester before enrollment in the nursing program.

Challenge examinations will be given one at a time according to curriculum sequence. Challenge examinations will be given in accordance with Antelope Valley College policy.

B. Challenge Procedure

The challenge examination will include the final examination given to students enrolled in the course being challenged. The clinical component of the challenge examination will vary with the area being challenged, but will consist of:

1. Patient assessment.
2. Development of a care plan.
3. Implementation of the care plan.
4. Documentation of care given with evaluation.

The examination will be designed to validate that the student possesses the critical skills necessary to perform safely in the clinical area. The student will be evaluated with the evaluation tool used for the particular course which is being challenged.

C. Grading of Nursing Challenge Examinations

Grading of nursing challenge examinations will be exactly the same as for examinations given to regular students. The score required for a "C" grade will be the minimum score required for passing - 70 percent. The student is allowed one attempt to be successful.

Grades for challenge examinations in nursing are recorded only if the student is successful. This is to ensure that, if an individual is not successful with the challenge, there is no penalty incurred. The student may then enroll in the course for credit and receive the grade earned. If the student is successful with the challenge, "Credit by Examination" and a letter grade are recorded on the college transcript.

D. Students Transferring from Another Program Educating Registered Nurses

Transfer credit for non-nursing courses is granted by the Office of Admissions and Records based on equivalency evaluation of official transcripts from a regionally accredited college.

If a nursing course from a regionally accredited nursing program is comparable in content and level to a course offered in the Antelope Valley College ADN program, transfer credit is granted. Students are asked to submit course descriptions, course outlines, and/or syllabi for evaluation of content as necessary.

Students must provide a letter from the director of the previous nursing program indicating that they were in good standing at the time of withdrawal from that program.