

Definition

Associate Degree Nursing prepares students to become Registered Nurses. Registered Nursing is a profession that incorporates arts and sciences from biology, behavioral sciences and physical sciences. The program is based on the Self-Care Deficit Theory of Dorothea Orem.

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Program Description

The Associate Degree Nursing program prepares graduates and program completers for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses. This exam is required by the California Board of Registered Nursing and the boards of nursing of other states and U.S. territories for licensure as a registered nurse.

Students must receive a minimum grade of “C” or better in all required core courses and the specific courses listed as program electives in order to qualify for the degree or certificate.

Distinctive Features

The Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program can be completed in four semesters after enrollment in the first nursing science course. In addition, students need at least three semesters to complete the prerequisites for admission to the program. The ADN program is accredited by the California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN). The number of students who can enroll is limited by the availability of classroom space, qualified instructors and clinical facilities.

Completion of the Associate Degree in Nursing provides students with the opportunity to take the national licensure examination to become a registered nurse. The Associate Degree in Nursing is also a stepping stone to an advanced degree in nursing. The rigorous curriculum consists of the knowledge and clinical skills to practice professional nursing. Registered nurses have one of the highest starting salaries in healthcare. Those with the Associate Degree in Nursing have freedom to find employment in virtually any location in a variety of rewarding environments while making a difference in the lives of others. Registered nurses work in hospitals, clinics, schools,

hospice, governmental agencies, home health, criminal justice, community and public health agencies, extended care facilities, physicians’ offices, industry, pharmaceutical companies and the military.

Certificate Program

Certificate not applicable.

Associate Degree

Nursing Program

PREREQUISITES FOR GENERIC APPLICANTS

Students who are applying for enrollment in the associate degree nursing program must meet the following prerequisites:

1. Graduation from a United States high school or an approved equivalent.
2. Freedom from communicable disease as verified by a licensed physician or certified nurse practitioner. Other health conditions that could impair the student’s ability to perform the essential functions of a nursing student safely and competently will be examined on a case-by-case basis. Do not have the physical examination until given the program forms by the dean, Health Sciences Division. Final permission to enroll in the nursing program will be dependent on the results of the physical examination.
3. Completion of:

	units
BIOL 201, Gen. Human Anatomy	4
BIOL 202, Gen. Human Physiology	4
BIOL 204, Gen. Microbiology	5
ENGL 101, Academic Composition	3
4. Minimum GPA of 2.4 for all college classes taken.
5. Minimum GPA of 2.5 for BIOL 201, 202 and 204.
6. Minimum GPA of 2.0 for college level English courses (taken for credit).
7. No more than one repeated science course of the three required.

NOTE: Students who do not meet the above prerequisites should contact the Health Sciences Program Coordinator to

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obtain a prerequisite challenge form. The form should be submitted to the Health Sciences Division with the complete enrollment packet. Students will be notified of the status of the prerequisite challenge by the Dean, Health Sciences Division.

ENROLLMENT PROCEDURE FOR ALL

STUDENTS

All items in the process must be submitted together.

- Obtain the “Verification of Prerequisites” form for the ADN program from the Health Sciences Division.
- Submit one set of official high school transcripts (or GED results) and one set of transcripts from all colleges attended to the Health Sciences Division with the program enrollment form. (Transcripts/GED results must be received in sealed, unopened envelopes.) Another set of transcripts should be sent to the transcript office. It is the student’s responsibility to contact the high school and college(s) attended for official transcripts. The student should contact educational institutions early in the enrollment process.

NOTE: Foreign transcripts of high school and college work must be evaluated for equivalency to United States education by an accredited credentials evaluation service. Subject and grade listing are required for college course work. **The high school evaluation must state that the student has the equivalent of a 12th grade high school graduation in the United States.** A list of credentials evaluation services is available from the Office of Admissions and Records or the Health Sciences Division.

- Submit an Educational Planning and Evaluation Form provided by an AVC counselor. The counselor will evaluate progress toward graduation requirements and courses from other colleges for equivalency to AVC courses. Contact the Counseling Department for an appointment.
- Transfer students must submit a letter from their previous nursing program director indicating that they are eligible to return to their former program.

- LVNs applying for advanced placement need to submit a copy of their California license and proof of IV certification.
- Students transferring science courses should consult with a counselor and the dean. Not all science courses are equivalent to those at AVC.

Submission of an enrollment packet does not guarantee enrollment in the program. Incomplete enrollment packets will not be considered.

SELECTION PROCEDURE FOR GENERIC

STUDENTS

1. Enrollment packets are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Students will be enrolled in the ADN program in numerical order until each class is filled. Students are advised of acceptance or non acceptance by mail. **The student is responsible for informing the Health Sciences Program Coordinator of any change of address and/or telephone number.** Eligible students who are not enrolled for the semester they apply for do not need to submit another enrollment packet. They will be placed on a list for enrollment into the next ADN class if they meet the prerequisites for that class.
2. 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 first semester 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 first semester RN class in which space is available.

Students who have been unsuccessful on the TEAS® at another college must complete that college’s remediation plan before taking the TEAS® at AVC.

The results of the Test of Essential Academic Skills® must be on file at Antelope Valley College. A study manual for the TEAS® is available from Assessment Technologies Institute, LLC (www.atitesting.com), or the Maruader Bookstore.

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.

3. A physical examination will be required after conditional acceptance into the program. The purpose of the examination is to ensure the absence of communicable disease and to ensure that the candidate is not adversely affected by physical and/or mental illness that may endanger the health and safety of a patient. Students will be required to submit evidence of the following immunizations: measles, mumps, rubella, chicken pox, Tdap (as an adult), annual seasonal flu vaccine, and hepatitis B. These immunizations are required by the facilities where students will be having clinical experiences. Antelope Valley College does not provide these immunizations.
4. A drug screen will be required. Information will be provided with the physical examination form.
5. Students are required to have background screening for felonies, misdemeanors, fraud and abuse, sexual crimes, and social security number verification. Information on how to obtain a background screening will be given to students with enrollment packets.
6. Purchase personal liability insurance. Information about personal liability insurance will be sent to students with

the acceptance letter.

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NOTE: Completion of BIOL 201, BIOL 202, BIOL 204, and ENGL 101 are prerequisites for the program.

Recommended Plan of Study

First Semester	units
NS 110, Professional Nursing	1.5
NS 111, Fundamentals of Nursing Science	7
* MATH 102, Intermediate Algebra	4
Total	12.5

Second Semester	units
NS 120, Professional Nursing II	.5
NS 121, Obstetrical/Neonatal/Women’s Health Nursing	4
NS 122, Medical-Surgical Nursing	5
* PSY 101, General Psychology	3
* PHIL 105, Ethics: Moral Issues in Contemporary Society	3
Total	15.5

Third Semester	units
NS 230, Professional Nursing III	.5
NS 231, Pediatric/Community Health Nursing	4.5
NS 232, Psychiatric/Geriatric/Community Health Nursing	4
* COMM 103, Process of Communication	3
* SOC 101, Introduction to Sociology	3
Total	15

Fourth Semester	units
NS 240, Professional Nursing IV	1
NS 241, Medical-Surgical Nursing II	12.5
Total	13.5

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

Transfer Students

Students transferring from other colleges must follow the enrollment procedure for all students.

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

Eligible transfer students must complete NS 200, Nursing Transition.

A student may be granted credit for

nursing courses taken at other colleges if the courses are comparable to AVC’s ADN courses in content, hours and units. Course syllabi must be provided with the enrollment packet to enable the ADN faculty to evaluate the course work for equivalency.

The student must petition the faculty for transfer credit of nursing courses. (Please refer to Transfer and Challenge Policy and Procedures.)

Challenge examinations are available for all nursing science courses.

Transfer students must meet with a counselor prior to submitting an enrollment packet for the ADN program to determine equivalency of science and general education courses from other colleges.

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 enrollment is limited by availability of classroom space, qualified instructors, and clinical facilities.

NS 200, Nursing Transition, and IV certification are required for LVNs who select this option.

A minimum grade of “C” is required in all courses.

30 Unit Option

Required Curriculum:	units
BIOL 202, General Human Physiology	4
BIOL 204, General Microbiology	5
NOTE: BIOL 202 and 204 are prerequisites for NS 230 and NS 232.	
NS 200, Nursing Transition	3
NS 230, Professional Nursing III	.5
NS 232, Psychiatric/Geriatric/Community Health Nursing	4
NS 240, Professional Nursing IV	1
NS 241, Medical/Surgical Nursing II	12.5

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

B. Advanced Placement: An LVN enrolled in the second year of the ADN program can elect to receive credit for the 1st and 2nd semester nursing science courses for his/her LVN course work. The units will be posted on the student’s transcript after successful completion of all 3rd semester nursing science courses. The credit for the course work is equivalent to the credit granted for the first year nursing science courses in the ADN program.

Advanced Placement

Required Curriculum:	units
NOTE: Completion of BIOL 201, BIOL 202, BIOL 204, and ENGL 101	

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are prerequisites for the program.

Third Semester	units
NS 230, Professional Nursing III	.5
NS 231, Pediatric/Community Health Nursing	4.5
NS 232, Psychiatric/Geriatric/Community Health Nursing	4
* COMM 103, Process of Communications	3
* SOC 101, Introduction to Sociology	3
* PHIL 105, Ethics: Moral Issues in Contemporary Society	<u>3</u>
Total	18

Fourth Semester	units
NS 240, Professional Nursing IV	1
NS 241, Medical-Surgical Nursing II	12.5
* PSY 101, General Psychology	3
* MATH 102, Intermediate Algebra	<u>4</u>
Total	20.5

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

Enrollment Procedure

Refer to the Associate Degree Nursing Program brochure for details.

Minimum Entrance Requirements

Refer to the Associate Degree Nursing Program brochure for details.

C. Entrance into the Generic ADN Program:

A Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) can choose to enter the generic ADN program beginning with the first semester courses. The LVN who elects this route follows the same enrollment and selection procedures as generic nursing students. Minimum entrance requirements are the same as those for generic nursing students.

SELECTION PROCEDURE FOR TRANSFER AND LVN-RN STUDENTS

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

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 Test of Essential Academic Skills® 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.

Students who have been unsuccessful on the TEAS® at another college must complete that college's remediation plan before taking the TEAS® at AVC.

The results of the TEAS® must be on file at Antelope Valley College. A study manual for the TEAS® is available from Assessment Technologies Institute, LLC (www.atitesting.com).

Transfer and LVN-RN students are enrolled on a first-come, first-served basis as space is available.

General Information

The student who completes the program is eligible to apply for an Associate in Science degree.

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

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

Students are responsible for purchasing textbooks, personal liability insurance, uniforms, 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.

Registered nurses who lack California licensure and LVNs who are licensed in California can meet state licensing regulations through this program. Credit by equivalency is available. Students requesting advance standing should follow the enrollment procedure for all nursing students.

LVNs and transfer students must complete NS 200, Nursing Transition, before being admitted to the program.

Students will be required to have an examination by a licensed physician or certified nurse practitioner, once an acceptance letter is received. 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.

A drug screening will be required.

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 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.

The following immunizations are required: measles, mumps, rubella, chicken pox, Tdap (as an adult), annual seasonal 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.

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

Students are required to have background screening for felonies, misdemeanors, fraud and abuse, sexual crimes, and social security number verification. Information on how to obtain background screening will be given to students with enrollment packets.

The 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 Board Policies and Administrative Procedures Manual.

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 reenroll 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.

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 and in accordance with Antelope Valley College policy.

- * Challenge exams are only given if instructors and clinical spaces are available.

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 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. Applicants are asked to submit course descriptions, course outlines, and/or syllabi for evaluation of content as necessary.

Applicants 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.

Transfer

Students who are planning to pursue a bachelor's degree in nursing and who plan to transfer to the California State University system should plan a general education program individually with a counselor early in their enrollment.

Prerequisite Completion

If a course is listed as a prerequisite for

another course, that prerequisite course must be completed with a satisfactory grade in order to enroll in the next course. According to Title 5, Section 55200(d), a satisfactory grade is a grade of "A," "B," "C" or "P". Classes in which the Pass/No Pass option is available are indicated with an asterisk (*) before the course title. See "Pass/No Pass Option" in the catalog for full explanation.

Nursing Science Courses

AH 101 *PRE-NURSING: INTRODUCTION TO NURSING

(formerly same course as NS 100/VN 100)

2 units

40 hours total

(17.5 hours lecture, 22.5 hours clinic)

Advisory: Completion of BIOL 201, BIOL 201, or BIOL 202, and Eligibility for ENGL 099, READ 099 and MATH 070.

Optional course that introduces the aspiring nursing student to the role of the registered nurse and the licensed vocational nurse in both theory and clinical practice within the various settings in today's healthcare system. Students assess their own learning styles using a learning assessment tool and compare their abilities to those required in nursing. Basic nursing skills and the use of nursing theory and the nursing process are introduced. Written, verbal, and math skills are emphasized, along with the use of learning resources, study strategies and stress management. There is an introduction to critical thinking skills used in the care of patients. (AVC)

NS 110 PROFESSIONAL NURSING I

1.5 units

1.5 hours weekly

Limitation on Enrollment: Formal admission to ADN Program. Satisfactory score on the Associate Degree Nursing admission test.

Prerequisite: Completion of BIOL 201, BIOL 202, BIOL 204 and ENGL 101.

Minimum GPA of 2.4 for all college classes. Minimum GPA of 2.5 for BIOL 201, 202, and 204. Minimum GPA of 2.0 for college level English courses. No more than one repeated science course of the three required is allowed.

This course introduces nursing theory with presentation of the basic concepts of self-care theory. Focus is on Orem's Universal, Developmental and Health Deviation Self-Care Requisites. Major emphasis is on the role of the nurse, nursing process, legal and ethical aspects of nursing and development of critical thinking skills. (CSU, AVC)

NS 111 FUNDAMENTALS OF NURSING SCIENCE

7 units

15 hours weekly

(3 hours lecture, 12 hours clinic)

Limitation on Enrollment: Formal admission to ADN Program.

Prerequisite: Completion of BIOL 201, BIOL 202, BIOL 204 and ENGL 101. Minimum GPA of 2.4 for all college classes. Minimum GPA of 2.5 for BIOL 201, 202 and 204. Minimum GPA of 2.0 for college level English courses. No more than one repeated science course of the three required is allowed.

Instructional materials fee required for this course and must be paid at registration.

Fundamental nursing principles of patient care are presented within the self-care framework. Focus is on Orem's universal requisites. Pharmacology, nutrition, geriatric nursing and culturally competent patient care are integrated. Major emphasis is on the acting for, doing for, role of the nurse and the development of critical thinking skills. Participation in concurrent clinical experience in acute care nursing facilities is required. (CSU, AVC)

NS 120 PROFESSIONAL NURSING II

0.5 unit

0.5 hours weekly

Limitation on Enrollment: Formal admission to ADN Program.

Prerequisite: Completion of NS 110 and NS 111.

This course further develops nursing

theory and Orem's Universal, Developmental and Health-Deviation Self-Care Requisites. Major emphasis is on role of the nurse, nursing process, teaching/learning process, adult growth and development and end of life issues. (CSU, AVC)

NS 121 OBSTETRICAL, NEONATAL AND WOMEN'S HEALTH NURSING

4 units

128 hours total

(32 hours lecture, 96 hours clinic)

Limitation on Enrollment: Formal admission to ADN Program.

Prerequisite: Completion of NS 110 and NS 111.

Instructional materials fee required for this course and must be paid at registration.

Nursing Science 121 is based on Orem's Self-Care Theory as applied to the care of women from the age of menarche throughout the life span and the newborn infant. This course provides theory and related clinical practice to assist the student in meeting the short term self-care needs of the woman and newborn infant. Theory addresses the normal and pathophysiological processes in relation to women and their health, self-care practices that support a developmental environment for the growing fetus and newborn and the supportive-educative role of the nurse. Students learn to collaborate with patients, and other members of the health care team to deliver compassionate care. (CSU, AVC)

NS 122 MEDICAL/SURGICAL NURSING I

5 units

144 hours total

(48 hours lecture, 96 hours clinic)

Limitation on Enrollment: Formal admission to ADN Program.

Prerequisite: Completion of NS 110 and NS 111.

Instructional materials fee required for this course and must be paid at registration.

This course is based on Orem's Self-Care Theory as applied to the care of patients with chronic illness. The concept that the patient should be involved as

much as possible in the decisions and activities connected with their own health maintenance, restoration and prevention of complications is presented. The course provides theory and clinical practice to develop an understanding of the pathophysiology of chronic diseases. (CSU, AVC)

NS 200 NURSING TRANSITION

3 units

80 hours total

(32 hours lecture, 48 hours clinic)

Limitation on Enrollment: Formal admission to ADN Program for LVN students and transfer students. All LVNs must possess an Intravenous Certificate.

Prerequisite: Completion of BIOL 202, BIOL 204 and ENGL 101 with a grade of "C" or better.

Instructional materials fee required for this course and must be paid at registration.

This course is designed to ease the entry of the LVN and/or transfer student into the second year of the ADN program. The course provides an introduction to self-care theory and its application in the clinical setting. Nursing care plan development at the level of manager of care is introduced. Dosage calculation is reviewed with specific instruction and practice in the administration of intravenous medications. Study skills for nursing success in the ADN program are threaded throughout the course. (CSU, AVC)

NS 230 PROFESSIONAL NURSING III

0.5 unit

0.5 hours weekly

Limitation on Enrollment: Formal admission to ADN Program.

Prerequisite: Completion of NS 120, NS 121 and NS 122, or Completion of NS 200 for transfer or LVN students.

This course is one of a sequence of building knowledge of nursing practice integrating the framework of Orem's Self-Care Nursing Theory. These include content related to quality of patient care, performance standards, nursing responsibilities, education, health

promotion, treatment, self-care and planning for the continuity of care. (CSU, AVC)

NS 231 PEDIATRIC/ COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSING

4.5 units

136 hours total

(40 hours lecture, 96 hours clinic)

Limitation on Enrollment: Formal admission to ADN Program.

Prerequisite: Successful completion of NS 120, NS 121 and NS 122, or Completion of NS 200 for transfer and LVN students.

Instructional materials fee required for this course and must be paid at registration.

Nursing Science 231 is based on Orem's Self-Care Theory as applied to the pediatric and community health patient. This course provides theory and related clinical practice to assist the student in meeting the pediatric and community health patient's short term self-care needs. Theory addresses nursing care from growth and development, physiological pathophysiology, and psychosocial context and encourages critical thinking. Students learn to collaborate with patients, their care giver, and other members of the health care team to deliver compassionate care. (CSU, AVC)

NS 232 PSYCHIATRIC/ GERIATRIC/COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSING

4 units

132 hours total

(36 hours lecture, 96 hours clinic)

Limitation on Enrollment: Formal admission to ADN Program.

Prerequisite: Completion of NS 120, NS 121 and NS 122, or Completion of NS 200 for transfer and LVN students.

Instructional materials fee required for this course and must be paid at registration.

Introduction into psychiatric/geriatric, community health nursing based on Orem's framework of self-care nursing theory. Major emphasis is on the supportive/educative role of the nurse,

nursing process, patients rights, patients safety, the nurse practice act, legal and ethical aspects of nursing with the development of critical thinking skills. (CSU, AVC)

NS 240 PROFESSIONAL NURSING IV

1 unit

1 hour weekly

Limitation on Enrollment: Formal admission to ADN Program.

Prerequisite: Completion of NS 230, NS 231 and NS 232.

This course provides theory to assist the student transition to professional nursing practice. It provides the knowledge necessary to manage patient care, make decisions related to setting priorities, delegate responsibilities, and collaborate with other health care professionals. Ethical and legal issues that confront nurses will be discussed. (CSU, AVC)

NS 241 MEDICAL/SURGICAL NURSING II

12.5 units

28.5 hours weekly

(4.5 hours lecture, 24 hours clinic)

Limitation on Enrollment: Formal admission to ADN Program.

Prerequisite: Completion of NS 230, NS 231 and NS 232.

Instructional materials fee required for this course and must be paid at registration.

Medical/Surgical Nursing II is based on Orem's self-care theory as applied to the care of acutely ill adult medical/surgical patients. This course provides theory and related clinical practice to assist the student in meeting the acutely ill patient's short and long term needs quickly and to collaborate with patients and other members of the health care team to deliver compassionate care. It addresses nursing care from a physiological, pathophysiology, and psychosocial context and encourages critical thinking. (CSU, AVC)