



ANTELOPE VALLEY COLLEGE
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REGISTERED NURSING PROGRAM

GENERIC APPLICANTS

PREREQUISITES

Students who are applying for enrollment in the first semester 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 (Freshman Composition) – 3 units

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.

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

Students who do not meet the above prerequisites should see a counselor (located on the first floor of the Student Services Building) to obtain a prerequisite challenge form. The form should be submitted to the Counseling Center and a copy submitted to the Health Sciences Division with the complete enrollment packet. Students will be notified of the status of the prerequisite challenge by the Counseling Office.

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.

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.atitest.com).

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.

CURRICULUM: REGISTERED NURSING

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 (freshman composition) are prerequisites for the program. Refer to the front of this page for additional information about prerequisites.

First Semester (12.5 units)

NS 110, Professional Nursing I (1.5 units)
NS 111, Fundamentals of Nursing Science (7 units)
*MATH 102, Intermediate Algebra (4 units)

Second Semester (15.5 units)

NS 120, Professional Nursing II (0.5 units)
NS 121, Obstetrical/Neonatal/Women's Health Nursing (4 units)
NS 122, Medical-Surgical Nursing I (5 units)
*PSY 101, General Psychology (3 units)
*PHIL 105, Ethics: Moral Issues in Contemporary Society (3 units)

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)

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

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, uniforms, course syllabi, 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, tetanus (with booster) 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 exam includes drug and alcohol abuse screening.

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. 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 Disabled Student Services (DSS). The faculty and dean/director will work closely with DSS 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 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.