



A Course of Study for

NURSING – REGISTERED NURSE

This program prepares students to meet the standards of the California Board of Registered Nursing. The program is approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing and accredited by the Accreditation Commission of Education in Nursing, Inc. Upon completion of the program, graduates receive an Associate in Science Degree and are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) to become a Registered Nurse. Students are encouraged to follow a transfer curriculum course of study that will enable transfer to BSN programs.

In order to pursue this LVN to ADN Career Ladder Program, the student must have a valid CA LVN license, IV Certification and one year's experience in direct patient care within the past two years.

Upon completion, graduates are eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensing Examination to become a Registered Nurse.

Students seeking admission to the Nursing Program must meet all the following criteria:

- A cumulative grade point average of 2.7 for all college coursework;
- An overall grade point average of 2.7 for the Human Anatomy, Human Physiology and Microbiology prerequisite courses, taken in the last 5 years, with no grade less than "C" for each course, and no more than one repetition/withdrawal in the group of courses;
- College-level English composition class (*minimum 3 semester units*) with a grade no less than C;
- Be in good standing at Santa Monica College (*not on academic or lack-of-progress probation*);
- Meet the minimum physical qualifications & essential functions (more information at www.smc.edu/nursing/majorpreparation.htm);
- Must have negative criminal background check;
- Must take and achieve the required score on an Admissions Assessment; **and**
- Must have a valid Social Security Number or a valid Individual Tax Identification Number.

Please visit the Nursing website (www.smc.edu/nursing) for additional application and admission information.

PROGRAMS OFFERED

- Transfer Preparation
- Nursing Associate Degree (ADN) (74 units)

ASSOCIATE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

An Associate degree is granted upon successful completion of a program of study with a minimum overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 (C) and a minimum of **60 degree applicable semester units**, including:

- Completion of the area of emphasis with a grade of C or higher in each course, or with a P if the course was taken on a Pass/No Pass basis, and the P is equal to a C or higher;
- Completion of at least 50% of area of emphasis units at Santa Monica College;
- Completion of one of the following general education patterns: SMC GE, CSU GE, or IGETC;
- Completion of the SMC Global Citizenship graduation requirement.

CATALOG RIGHTS

A student may satisfy the requirements of a degree that were in effect at any time of the student's *continuous* enrollment. Continuous enrollment is defined as enrolment in consecutive Fall and Spring semesters until completion.

TRANSFER PREPARATION

Many colleges/universities offer baccalaureate degrees in this field. Students planning to transfer to a four-year college or university should complete the lower-division major requirements and the general education pattern for the specific transfer institution. SMC has articulation agreements with the many UC and CSU campuses, as well as several private and out-of-state institutions.

Exact major requirements for UC and CSU campuses can be found online at *assist.org*.

A listing of private, non-profit California colleges and universities can be found online at *aiccu.edu*. For articulation agreements between SMC and some of these institutions see *smc.edu/articulation*.

NURSING, ASSOCIATE DEGREE (ADN)

Program Learning Outcomes: Students who complete the Nursing program will use theoretical concepts of leadership and management to administer and design plans of care which integrate knowledge and skills pertinent to the role of manager of care of a group of patients and members of the health care team. Graduates will also utilize delegation, priority setting skills, and knowledge of legal-ethical issues, and health care delivery systems to design and coordinate a plan of nursing care for a group of patients.

Prerequisite Courses; must be completed PRIOR to applying for admission to the Nursing program: (16 units)

ENGL 1, Reading and Composition 1 (3)

ANATMY 1, General Human Anatomy (4) (*prerequisite: ENGL 1 **or** equivalent*)

PHYS 3, Human Physiology (4) (*prerequisites: ANATM 1 **and** CHEM 10 **or** CHEM 19, **or** eligibility for CHEM 11*)

MCROBIO 1, Fundamentals of Microbiology (5) (*prerequisites: CHEM 10 **or** CHEM 19, **or** eligibility for CHEM 11 **and** PHYS 3 **or** BIOL 3 **or** 21*)

The above Anatomy, Microbiology, and Physiology must be completed no more than 5 years prior to application to the program.

Once the above prerequisites are completed, students may meet with the nursing counselors to apply for admission into the Nursing program.

Required Courses; Enrollment in the courses below (except NURSNG 17) is limited to students already admitted to the Nursing program: (40 units)

NURSNG 10, Nursing Skills (2)

NURSNG 10L, Nursing Skills Laboratory (2)

NURSNG 15, Nursing Fundamentals (2)

NURSNG 15L, Nursing Fundamentals Laboratory (2)

NURSNG 16, Physical Assessment (1)

NURSNG 17, Pharmacological Aspects of Nursing (3)

NURSNG 20, Introduction to Medical-Surgical Nursing (2)

NURSNG 20L, Introduction to Medical-Surgical Nursing Laboratory (2)

NURSNG 25, Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing 1 (1.5)

NURSNG 25L, Psychiatric-Mental health Nursing Laboratory 1 (1.5)

NURSNG 28, Community-Based Nursing Practice (1)

NURSNG 30, Intermediate Medical-Surgical Nursing (2.5)

NURSNG 30L, Intermediate Medical-Surgical Nursing Laboratory 2 (2.5)

NURSNG 35, Advanced Medical-Surgical Nursing 2 (2.5)

NURSNG 35L Advanced Medical-Surgical Nursing Laboratory 2 (2.5)

NURSNG 36, Calculations in Drugs and Solutions (1)

NURSNG 40, Nursing of Children 1 (1.5)

NURSNG 40L, Nursing of Children Laboratory 1 (1.5)

NURSNG 45, Women's Health Care 1 (1.5)

NURSNG 45L, Women's Health Care Laboratory 1 (1.5)

NURSNG 50, Professional Role Transition (1)

NURSNG 50L, Professional Role Transition Laboratory (2)

NOTE: NURSNG 17 **and** 36 may be taken PRIOR to being admitted to the Nursing program.

Required Humanities: (3 units)

The Humanities courses listed in the Global Citizenship Graduation Requirement area double count as a Humanities/Global Citizenship course.

Required Supporting Discipline Courses: (9 units)

COM ST 11, Elements of Public Speaking (3) *(may apply if completed Summer 2013 or later)*

or

COM ST 35, Interpersonal Communications (3)

PSYCH 19, Lifespan Human Development (3)

SOCIOL 1, Introduction to Sociology (3)

Required Social Science Course; Select 1 of the following courses: (3 units)

ECON 15, Economics History of the US (3) *(same as HIST 15)*

ENVRN 14, US Environmental History (3) *(same as HIST 15)*

HIST 10, Ethnicity and American Culture (3)

HIST 11, United States History Through Reconstruction (3)

HIST 12, The United States History Since Reconstruction (3)

HIST 14, U.S. Environmental History (3) *(same as ENVRN 14)*

HIST 15, Economic History of the United States (3) *(same as ECON 15)*

HIST 45, United States Cultural History Honors Colloquium (3)

HIST 46, United States Cultural History Seminar (3)

POL SC 1, National and California Government (3)

NOTE: HIST 10 **or** HIST 14 highly recommended as they also satisfy SMC's Global Citizenship Graduation Requirement.

General Education Rationality Requirement; Select 1 option from the following:

OPTION 1: (3 units minimum)

MATH 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 10 *(formerly same as CS 10)*, 11, 13, 15, 18, 20, 21, 26, 28, 29, 32, 41, 49, 50, 54

OPTION 2: (3 units minimum)

Students who enrolled at Santa Monica College Fall 2007 or later OR who enrolled prior but have NOT maintained continuous enrollment* must: Successfully pass the Math Proficiency Test OR complete the Santa Monica College math assessment and place into MATH 18, 20, 32 or higher,

AND complete one of the following courses:

ACCTG 1, 2; COM ST 21 *(formerly SPEECH 11)*, 31; any 3 unit **CS** courses (except **CS 88C or 90C**); **HIST 47;**

PHILOS 7, 9; PSYCH 7; SOCIOL 4

*Continuous Enrollment is defined as enrollment in each Fall and Spring semester until graduation.

Global Citizenship Graduation Requirement:

While any 3 units designated to satisfy SMC's Global Citizenship Graduation Requirement may be used, it is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED that students select one of the courses below, as it would also satisfy another required general education area:

Humanities:

AHIS 6, 11, 72; COM ST 14; DANCE 2; ENGL 9, 10, 49; ENVRN 20; FILM 7; LING 1; MUSIC 33, 36, 37; PHILOS 20; PORTGS 1

Social Science:

ENVRN 14; HIST 10, 14

LVN TO ADN, CAREER LADDER CURRICULUM OPTION – (FOR LVNS ONLY)

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MCROBIO 1, Fundamentals of Microbiology (5) (*prerequisites: CHEM 10 **or** CHEM 19, **or** eligibility for CHEM 11 **and** PHYS 3 **or** BIOL 3 **or** 21*)

NURSNG 19, Orientation to Advanced Placement – ADN program (2)

The above Anatomy, Microbiology, and Physiology must be completed no more than 5 years prior to application to the program.

Once the above prerequisites are completed, students may meet with the nursing counselors to apply for admission into the Nursing program.

Required Courses; Enrollment in the courses below (except NURSNG 17) is limited to students already admitted to the Nursing program: (40 units)

NURSNG 16, Physical Assessment (1)

NURSNG 17, Pharmacological Aspects of Nursing (3)

NURSNG 25, Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing 1 (1.5)

NURSNG 25L, Psychiatric-Mental health Nursing Laboratory 1 (1.5)

NURSNG 28, Community-Based Nursing Practice (1)

NURSNG 30, Intermediate Medical-Surgical Nursing (2.5)

NURSNG 30L, Intermediate Medical-Surgical Nursing Laboratory 2 (2.5)

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NURSNG 35L Advanced Medical-Surgical Nursing Laboratory 2 (2.5)

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NURSNG 40, Nursing of Children 1 (1.5)

NURSNG 40L, Nursing of Children Laboratory 1 (1.5)

NURSNG 45, Women's Health Care 1 (1.5)

Nursing 45L, Women's Health Care Laboratory 1 (1.5)

NURSNG 50, Professional Role Transition (1)

Nursing 50L, Professional Role Transition Laboratory (2)

NOTE: NURSNG 17 is a prerequisite for NURSNG 30/30L.

Required Supporting Discipline Courses: (9 units)

COM ST 11, Elements of Public Speaking (3) (*may apply if completed Summer 2013 or later*)

or

COM ST 35, Interpersonal Communications (3)

PSYCH 19, Lifespan Human Development (3)

SOCIOL 1, Introduction to Sociology (3)

Required Social Science Course; Select 1 of the following courses: (3 units)

- ECON 15**, Economics History of the US (3) *(same as HIST 15)*
- ENVRN 14**, US Environmental History (3) *(same as HIST 15)*
- HIST 10**, Ethnicity and American Culture (3)
- HIST 11**, United States History Through Reconstruction (3)
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- POL SC 1**, National and California Government (3)

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Global Citizenship Graduation Requirement:

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Humanities:

AHIS 6, 11, 72; COM ST 14; DANCE 2; ENGL 9, 10, 49; ENVRN 20; FILM 7; LING 1; MUSIC 33, 36, 37; PHILOS 20; PORTGS 1

Social Science:

ENVRN 14; HIST 10, 14

CURRICULUM 30-UNIT OPTION – NO ASSOCIATE DEGREE; OPTION OPEN TO LVNS ONLY

It is possible for an LVN to become eligible to take the RN license exam without having earned the Associate degree.

Requirements Are:

- Meeting admission requirements for the Nursing program; Minimum physical qualifications; completion of all required courses listed below;
and
- Licensure in California as a vocational nurse in good standing with the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technician and at least one year of direct nursing experience within the past two years, preferably in an acute care setting.

Persons interested in this curriculum option are advised that:

1. There are out of California licensure limitations;
2. There may be employment limitations; ***and***
3. No degree is granted.

Pre-Preparation:**CHEM 10*****or***eligibility for **CHEM 11****Prerequisite Courses (must be completed with a grade of C or higher): (11 units)**

MCRBIO 1, Introduction to Microbiology (5) (*prerequisites: CHEM 10 ***or*** CHEM 19, ***or*** eligibility for CHEM 11, ***and*** **PHYS 3 *or* BIOL 3 *or* 21**)*

NURSNG 19, Orientation for Advanced Placement in ADN Program (2)

PHYS 3, Human Physiology (4) (*prerequisites: ANATMY 1 ***and*** CHEM 10 ***or*** CHEM 19, ***or*** eligibility for CHEM 11)*

NOTE: Nursing Theory courses have a corresponding Clinical (*laboratory*) component that must be taken concurrently.

LEVEL 3: Required Nursing Courses (must be completed with a grade of C or higher): (10 units)

NURSNG 16, Physical Assessment (1)**

NURSNG 25, Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing (1.5)

NURSNG 25L, Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing Laboratory (1.5)**

NURSNG 28, Community-Based Nursing Practice (1)**

NURSNG 35, Advanced Medical/Surgical Nursing (2.5)

NURSNG 35L, Advanced Medical/Surgical Nursing Laboratory (2.5)

NOTE: NURSNG 16, NURSNG 25L, ***and*** NURSNG 28 must be taken concurrently with NURSNG 25.

LEVEL 4: Required Nursing Courses (must be completed with a grade of C or higher): (9 units)

NURSNG 40 Nursing of Children (1.5)

NURSNG 40L Nursing of Children Laboratory (1.5)

NURSNG 45 Women's Health (1.5)

NURSNG 45L Women's Health Laboratory (1.5)

NURSNG 50 Professional Role Transition (1)

NURSNG 50L Professional Role Transition Laboratory (2)

GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENT

Students who entered Santa Monica College prior to Fall 1998 are exempt from this requirement only if continuous enrollment has been maintained (*Continuous enrollment is defined as enrolling in each Fall and Spring semester until graduation*).

ASSOCIATE DEGREE FOR RN WITH NO COLLEGE CREDIT

A Registered Nurse, who has trained in a hospital where no college credit is granted for such training and who holds a current California Registered Nurse License, may receive 30 units of credit in Nursing toward an Associate degree at Santa Monica College. A Petition for Graduation can be made when at least 30 units, including all graduation requirements, have been completed or are in the process of being completed.