



A Course of Study for
NURSING - RN (AS)
Associate Degree

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 for additional application and admission information: www.smc.edu/nursing.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE

The Associate degree involves satisfactory completion of a minimum of 60 semester units with a C average or higher including the required units in the area of emphasis (articulated below), fulfillment of the Global Citizenship requirement, and fulfillment of all Santa Monica College general education requirements, CSU GE or IGETC.

Catalog rights dictate that a student may satisfy the requirements of a degree or certificate by completing the general education and major/area of emphasis requirements in effect at any time of their continuous enrollment. Continuous enrollment is defined as enrollment in consecutive Fall and Spring semesters until completion.

At least 50% of the area of emphasis (major) units must be completed at Santa Monica College.

Each course in the area of emphasis (major) must be completed with a grade of C or higher.

NURSING - ADN CURRICULUM (71 units)

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 which must be completed PRIOR to applying for admission to the Nursing Program: (16 units)

English 1, Reading and Composition 1 (3)

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

Physiology 3, Human Physiology (4) (*prerequisites: Anatomy 1 and Chemistry 10 or, Chemistry 19, or eligibility for Chemistry 11*)

Microbiology 1, Fundamentals of Microbiology (5) (*prerequisites: Chemistry 10 or, Chemistry 19, or eligibility for Chemistry 11, and Physiology 3 or Biology 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 Nursing Courses; Enrollment in the courses below is limited to students admitted to the Nursing Program, with the exception of Nursing 17: (40 units)

Nursing 10, Nursing Skills (2)

Nursing 10L, Nursing Skills Laboratory (2)

Nursing 15, Nursing Fundamentals (2)

Nursing 15L, Nursing Fundamentals Laboratory (2)

Nursing 16, Physical Assessment (1)

Nursing 17, Pharmacological Aspects of Nursing (3)

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

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

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

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

Nursing 28, Community-Based Nursing Practice (1)

Nursing 30, Intermediate Medical-Surgical Nursing (2.5)

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

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

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

Nursing 36, Calculations in Drugs and Solutions (1)

Nursing 40, Nursing of Children 1 (1.5)

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

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

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

Nursing 50, Professional Role Transition (1)

Nursing 50L, Professional Role Transition Laboratory (2)

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

Required Supporting Discipline Courses: (9 units)

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

or

Communication Studies 35, Interpersonal Communications (3)

Psychology 19, Lifespan Human Development (3)

Sociology 1, Introduction to Sociology (3)

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

- Economics** 15, Economics History of the US (3) (*same as History 15*)
History 10, Ethnicity and American Culture (3)
History 11, United States History Through Reconstruction (3)
History 12, The United States History Since Reconstruction (3)
History 14, U.S. Environmental History (3) (*same as Environmental Studies 14*)
History 15, Economic History of the United States (3) (*same as Economics 15*)
History 45, United States Cultural History Honors Colloquium (3)
History 46, United States Cultural History Seminar (3)
Political Science 1, National and California Government (3)

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

Required Humanities: (3 units); the Humanities courses listed in the Global Citizenship Graduation Requirement area double count as a Humanities/Global Citizenship course.

General Education Rationality Requirement; select one option from the following:**OPTION 1:** (3 units minimum)

Math 2, 7, 8, 10 (*formerly same as CS 10*), 11, 13, 15, 18, 20, 21, 26, 28, 29, 32, 41, 49 (*only 3 units apply to the degree*), 50 (*only 3 units apply to the degree*), 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: Successfully pass the Math Proficiency Test OR complete the Santa Monica College Math Assessment Test with a place into Math 18, 20, 32 or higher

and

Complete one of the courses below:

Accounting 1, 2; **Communication Studies** 21 (*formerly Speech 11*), 31; any 3 unit **Computer Science** course except CS 88C **or** 90C; **History** 47; **Philosophy** 7, 9; **Psychology** 7; **Sociology** 4

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: **Art History** 6, 11, 72; **Communication Studies** 14; **Dance** 2; **English** 9, 10, 49; **Film Studies** 7; **Linguistics** 1; **Music** 33, 36, 37; **Philosophy** 20 (*same as Environmental Studies 20*); **Portuguese** 1

Social Science: **History** 10, 14 (*same as Environmental Studies 14*); **Environmental Studies** 14

LVN TO ADN, CAREER LADDER CURRICULUM OPTION - (FOR LVN's ONLY) (60 UNITS)

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Prerequisite Courses which must be completed PRIOR to applying for admission to the Nursing Program: (18 units)

English 1, Reading and Composition 1 (3)

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

Physiology 3, Human Physiology (4) (*prerequisites: Anatomy 1 and Chemistry 10 or, Chemistry 19, or eligibility for Chemistry 11)*)

Microbiology 1, Fundamentals of Microbiology (5) (*prerequisites: Chemistry 10 or, Chemistry 19, or eligibility for Chemistry 11, and Physiology 3 or Biology 3 or 21)*)

Nursing 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.

Additional Requirements include California Vocational License and at least 2 years of nursing core experience.

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

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Nursing 16, Physical Assessment (1)**

Nursing 17, Pharmacological Aspects of Nursing (3)

Nursing 25, Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing (1.5)

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

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

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

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

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

Nursing 50, Professional Role Transition (1)

Nursing 50L, Professional Role Transition Laboratory (2)

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

Required Supporting Discipline Courses: (9 units)

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

or

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Social Science: History 10, 14 (same as Environmental Studies 14); **Environmental Studies** 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:

Chemistry 10

or

Chemistry 19

or

eligibility for **Chemistry** 11

Prerequisite Courses (with a grade of C or higher): (11 units)

Microbiology 1, Introduction to Microbiology (5) (prerequisites: **Chemistry** 10 **or**, **Chemistry** 19, **or** eligibility for **Chemistry** 11, **and** **Physiology** 3 **or** **Biology** 3 **or** 21)

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

Physiology 3, Human Physiology (4) (prerequisites: **Anatomy** 1 **and** **Chemistry** 10 **or**, **Chemistry** 19, **or** eligibility for **Chemistry** 11)

Nursing theory classes have a corresponding Clinical (*laboratory*) component that must be taken concurrently.

LEVEL 3:

Required Nursing Courses; each course must be completed with a grade of C or higher: (10 units)

Nursing 16, Physical Assessment (1)**

Nursing 25, Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing (1.5)

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

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

Nursing 35, Advanced Medical/Surgical Nursing (2.5)

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

Nursing 28, Nursing 16 **and Nursing 25L must be taken concurrently with Nursing 25.

LEVEL 4:

Required Nursing Courses; each course must be completed with a grade of C or higher: (9 units)

Nursing 40 Nursing of Children (1.5)

Nursing 40L Nursing of Children Laboratory (1.5)

Nursing 45 Women's Health (1.5)

Nursing 45L Women's Health Laboratory (1.5)

Nursing 50 Professional Role Transition (1)

Nursing 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.