A Course of Study for

Nursing - RN A.A. Degree

The objectives of this program are to prepare students to meet the minimum standards of the California Board of Registered Nursing and employment in the field. Students must complete all requirements for the Associate in Arts degree in order to graduate from this program (exception: LVN 30 unit option). Upon completion, graduates are eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination to become a Registered Nurse. Students must achieve a minimum grade of C in all prerequisite courses, as well as, each nursing course in order to remain enrolled and complete the program. A grade of C or higher must also be maintained in all other required courses in the nursing curriculum.

Enrollment is open to both men and women who meet the following requirements: a 2.5 overall grade point average (GPA) or higher, 2.5 grade point average AND no more than ONE repeat in the prerequisite science courses; each science prerequisite must have been completed in the last five years; minimum physical qualifications; completion of specific prerequisite courses and requirements for the appropriate curriculum option. Information regarding the nursing program is available in the Health Sciences office and through the Santa Monica College website (www.smc.edu). Application for admission to the nursing program is made through the nursing program counselor at the Bundy campus. For more information see: www.smc.edu/nursing.

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE - 71 UNITS

The Associate in Arts degree in Nursing involves satisfactory completion of at least 71 semester units with a C average or higher in the Nursing 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.

*Students must complete the area of emphasis (major) requirements in effect at the time enrollment begins or the requirements in effect at graduation as long as continuous enrollment is maintained.

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

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)

Prerequisites Courses: (16 units)

- English 1, Reading and Composition 1 (3)
- Anatomy 1, General Human Anatomy (4)
- Physiology 3, Human Physiology (4)
- Microbiology 1, Fundamentals of Microbiology (5)

Once above prerequisites are completed you may then meet with the nursing counselors to apply to the program. There is a 3 semester wait period from the date of application.

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

LEVEL 1/FIRST SEMESTER (8 units)

Admission to the Nursing Program:
- Nursing 10, Nursing Skills (2)
- Nursing 10L, Nursing Skills Laboratory (2)

Prerequisites Courses: Nursing 10, Nursing 10L, Nursing 36
- Nursing 15, Nursing Fundamentals (2)
- Nursing 15L, Nursing Fundamentals Laboratory (2)

LEVEL 2/SECOND SEMESTER (8 units)

Prerequisite Courses: Nursing 15, Nursing 15L
- Nursing 20, Introduction to Medical/Surgical Nursing (2)
- Nursing 20L, Introduction to Medical/Surgical Nursing Laboratory (2)

Prerequisite Courses: Nursing 20, Nursing 20L, Nursing 19*
- 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 16, Physical Assessment (1)**

**Nursing 28, Nursing 16 and Nursing 25L must be taken concurrently with Nursing 25
**LEVEL 3/THIRD SEMESTER** (10 units)

| Prerequisite Courses: Nursing 25, Nursing 25L, Nursing 16, Nursing 28, Nursing 17 |
| Nursing 30, Intermediate Medical/Surgical Nursing (2.5) |
| Nursing 30L, Intermediate Medical/Surgical Nursing Laboratory (2.5) |
| Nursing 35, Advanced Medical/Surgical Nursing (2.5) |
| Nursing 35L, Advanced Medical/Surgical Nursing Laboratory (2.5) |

**LEVEL 4/FOURTH SEMESTER** (9 units)

| Prerequisite Courses: Nursing 35, Nursing 35L, Psychology 19 |
| Nursing 40, Nursing of Children/Pediatrics (1.5) |
| Nursing 40L, Nursing of Children/Pediatrics Laboratory (1.5) |
| Nursing 45, Women's Health Care (1.5) |
| Nursing 45L, Women's Health Care Laboratory (1.5) |

**Additional ADN Graduation Requirements** (19 units)

Each course must be completed with a grade of C or higher, except for Social Science Group A, Global Citizenship/Humanities and Math, which must be completed with a grade of D or higher.

- Speech 5, Interpersonal Communications (3)*
- Psychology 19, Lifespan Human Development (3) *
- Sociology 1, Introduction to Sociology (3)

Global Citizenship/Humanities; select one course from the following: Art (72), (79) (satisfies Global Citizenship requirement if completed Fall 2008 or later), Art History 11 (satisfies Global Citizenship requirement if completed Fall 2008 or later), 72, Cinema (7) (see Film Studies), Dance 2, English 9, 10, Film Studies 7, Music 33 (satisfies Global Citizenship requirement if completed Fall 2005 or later), 36 (satisfies Global Citizenship requirement if completed Fall 2009 or later), 37, Speech 4 (3)

- Nursing 17, Pharmacology (3)*
- Nursing 36, Calculations in Drugs and Solutions (1)*
- Social Science-Group A (3)/History 10, 11, 12, 15 (same as Economics 15), 45, 46, Political Science 1

Choose one option from the following three:

**Option 1:**
- CS 10 (same as Math 10); Math 2, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 15, 18, 20, 21, (22), (23), (24), 26, 28, 29, 32 (satisfies area if completed Fall 2006 or later), 41, 52, 54

(1) Courses in parenthesis are no longer offered

**Option 2:**

Students who enrolled at Santa Monica College Fall 2007 or later or who have not maintained continuous enrollment* must: Pass Math Proficiency Test** and take one of the courses listed below or complete the Santa Monica College math assessment and place into Math 18, 20, 32 or higher and take one of the courses listed below:

- Accounting 1, 2, Computer Science; Philosophy 7, 9; Sociology 4; Speech 11

**Option 3:**

Students who enrolled at Santa Monica College prior to Fall 2007 and who have maintained continuous enrollment* must: Pass Math Proficiency Test** and take one of the courses listed below or complete the Santa Monica College math assessment and place into Math 18, 20, 32 or higher and take one of the courses listed below:

- Accounting 1, 2, 21; Business 32; Computer Information Systems/Computer Science; English 2, 23, 48; ESL 23; Journalism 1; Philosophy 7, 9; Psychology 5; Sociology 4; Speech 1, 2, 5, 11

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

**Students may complete this exam any time within one year of their anticipated graduation date. Note that students may retest only once, after an 8-week wait.
**LVN TO ADN, CAREER LADDER CURRICULUM OPTION - (FOR LVN’s ONLY)**

Each course must be completed with a grade of C or higher.

**Preparation:**
- English Assessment Test
- Math Assessment Test
- High School Chemistry or Chemistry 10

**Prerequisites (18 units)**
- English 1, Reading and Composition 1 (3)
- Anatomy 1, Human Anatomy (4)
- Physiology 3, Human Physiology (4)
- Microbiology 1, Introduction to Microbiology (5)
- Nursing 19, Orientation for Advanced Placement in ADN program (2)

**Additional ADN Graduation Requirements* (18 units)**

Each course must be completed with a grade of C or higher, except for Social Science Group A, American Cultures/Humanities and Math which must be completed with a grade of D or higher.

- Speech 5, Interpersonal Communications (3)
- Psychology 19, Lifespan Human Development (3)
- Sociology 1, Introduction to Sociology (3)
- Global Citizenship/Humanities; select one course from the following: Art (72), (79) (satisfies Global Citizenship requirement if completed Fall 2008 or later), Art History 11 (satisfies Global Citizenship requirement if completed Fall 2008 or later), 72, Cinema (7) (see Film Studies), Dance 2, English 9, 10, Film Studies 7, Music 33 (satisfies Global Citizenship requirement if completed Fall 2005 or later), 36, 37, Speech 4 (3)
- Math 20 or Proficiency Test

**Social Science - Group A (3)**
- Nursing 17, Pharmacology Aspects of Nursing (3)

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

**LEVEL 3:**

Each course must be completed with a grade of C or higher.

**Required Nursing Courses (10 units)**
- 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 16, Physical Assessment (1) **
- Nursing 35, Advanced Medical/Surgical Nursing (2.5)
- Nursing 35L, Advanced Medical/Surgical Nursing Laboratory (2.5)

**LEVEL 4:**

Each course must be completed with a grade of C or higher.

**Required Nursing Courses (9 units)**
- Nursing 40, Nursing of Children/Pediatrics (1.5)
- Nursing 40L, Nursing of Children/Pediatrics Laboratory (1.5)
- Nursing 45, Women’s Health Care (1.5)
- Nursing 45L, Women’s Health Care Laboratory (1.5)
- Nursing 50, Professional Role Transition (1)
- Nursing 50L, Professional Role Transition Laboratory (2)

**TOTAL UNITS: 55 UNITS**

*Courses may be taken prior to semester listed and some courses must be completed prior to entry into Level 3 and all courses part of the nursing curriculum plan (*) must be taken before Level 4/Fourth Semester.

**Note:** For students who have not taken Math to meet the Santa Monica College general Associate in Arts degree requirements, the Math Proficiency Test must be taken prior to receiving the degree. Students may complete this exam any time within one year of their anticipated graduation date. Note that the exam may only be taken once.
**CURRICULUM 30 UNIT OPTION - NO ASSOCIATE OF ARTS 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 in Arts 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:

High School Chemistry or Chemistry 10

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

- Physiology 3, Human Physiology (4)
- Microbiology 1, Introduction to Microbiology (5)
- Nursing 19, Orientation for Advanced Placement in ADN Program (2)

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

**LEVEL 3:**

Each course must be completed with a grade of C or higher.

**Required Nursing Courses (10 units)**

- 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 16, Physical Assessment (1)**
- Nursing 35, Advanced Medical/Surgical Nursing (2.5)
- Nursing 35L, Advanced Medical/Surgical Nursing Laboratory (2.5)

**LEVEL 4:**

Each course must be completed with a grade of C or higher.

**Required Nursing Courses (9 units)**

- Nursing 40 Nursing of Children/Pediatrics (1.5)
- Nursing 40L Nursing of Children/Pediatrics 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 IN ARTS 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 in Arts 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.