

NURSING

DEGREES, CERTIFICATES AND AWARDS

Associate in Science Degree (A.S.) – Registered Nursing (R.N.)

Associate in Science Degree (A.S.) – Licensed Vocational Nurse (L.V.N.)

Certificate of Achievement - Licensed Vocational Nurse

DESCRIPTION

The Division of Health and Public Safety offers programs leading to the associate degree in Registered Nursing (R.N.) and associate degree in Licensed Vocational Nursing (L.V.N.) along with an Licensed Vocational Nursing (L.V.N.) certificate.

The **Registered Nursing** program is designed to provide the education necessary for licensure eligibility and practice as a Registered Nurse (R.N.). Acceptance into the program requires successful completion of all prerequisites and successful completion of the application and selection processes.

The **Vocational Nursing Program** is designed to provide the education necessary for licensure eligibility and practice as a Licensed Vocational Nurse (L.V.N.). Acceptance into the program required successful completion of all prerequisites and successful completion of the application and selection processes.

All required prerequisites and nursing courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better. Contact the Nursing and Allied Health Department for more specifics.

LVN to RN Student - Advanced placement options are found in the Nursing Appendix at the end of the Imperial Valley College general catalog.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

Nursing - R.N. (Associate Degree)

1. Students meet or exceed pass rates set for national licensing exam (NCLEX-RN).
2. Student cohort "complete on-time" rate.
3. Students demonstrate comprehensive knowledge of registered nursing prior to exiting NURS 227.

Nursing - V.N. (Vocational)

1. Students meet or exceed pass rates set for national licensing exam (NCLEX-VN).
2. Student cohort "complete on-time" rate.
3. Students demonstrate comprehensive knowledge of vocational nursing prior to exiting VN 132.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE AND CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAMS

The Associate in Arts (AA) or the Associate in Science (AS) Degree involves satisfactory completion of a minimum of 60 semester units with a C average or higher, including grades of C in all courses required for the major, and fulfillment of all IVC district requirements for the associate's degree along with all general education requirements. The degree provides a sound basis for transfer to upper division institutions for additional degrees or for higher vocational preparation. To be eligible to receive an Associate Degree the student must complete the requirements for the major, the District requirements for an Associate Degree, and the General Education requirements. In addition students must maintain a minimum grade point average and meet the minimum grade requirements of their program. Detailed information is available in the college catalog.

The Certificate of Achievement program is designed for students with personal or occupational goals who wish early employment. To qualify for the Certificate, a student must satisfy the following requirements: (1) complete all courses listed for a particular certificate.; (2) achieve a "C" average (2.0 GPA) for all courses used to complete the certificate; and, (3) file a Certificate Application form with Admissions and Records by the appropriate deadline(s) identified on the application.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Of the career opportunities identified below many will usually require the completion of bachelor degree requirements at 4-year colleges and universities.

- Registered Nurse (B.S.N.)
- Hospital Nurse
- Medical Nurse
- Surgical Nurse
- Emergency Room Nurse
- Operating Room Nurse
- Pediatrics Nurse
- Obstetrics Nurse
- Mental Health Nurse
- Critical Care Nurse
- Oncology Nurse
- Rehabilitation Nurse
- Community Health Nurse
- Home Health Nurse
- Vocational Nurse
- Extended Care Nurse
- Physician's Office Nurse
- Clinics and Industry Nurse
- Traveling Nurse

Advanced Practice (M.S.) roles: Clinical Nurse Specialist, Educator, Nurse Practitioner, Case Manager, and School Nurse

Gainful Employment: Federal regulations require institutions to provide students with Gainful Employment information for specific certificate programs offered at IVC. Please click on our Programs of Study link to view the information for each certificate program: <http://www.imperial.edu/courses-and-programs/programs-of-study/>



TRANSFER PREPARATION

Courses that fulfill major requirements for an associate degree at Imperial Valley College may not be the same as those required for completing the major at a transfer institution offering a bachelor's degree. Students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university should schedule an appointment with an IVC Counselor to develop a student education plan (SEP) before beginning their program.

Transfer Resources:

www.ASSIST.org – CSU and UC Articulation Agreements and Majors Search Engine

www.CSUMentor.edu – CSU System Information

www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/index.html - UC System Information

www.aiccu.edu – California Independent Colleges and Universities, Association of

<http://wiche.edu/wue> - Western Undergraduate Exchange Programs

FINANCIAL AID

Paying for the cost of a college education requires a partnership among parents, students and the college. As the cost of higher education continues to rise we want you to know that IVC offers a full array of financial aid programs – grants, work study, scholarships, and fee waivers (we do not participate in the federal loan programs). These programs are available to both full and part time students who are seeking a degree or certificate. For those who qualify, financial aid is available to help with tuition, fees, books and supplies, food, housing, transportation, and childcare. Please log onto our website for additional information: www.imperial.edu/students/financial-aid-and-scholarships/

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ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM

NURSING – ASSOCIATE DEGREE (R.N) MAJOR – A.S. DEGREE

Admission Requirements

1. Prerequisites for the major

• ENGL	110	Composition and Reading	4.0
• BIOL	220	General Microbiology	5.0
BIOL	200	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4.0
AND			
BIOL	202	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4.0
OR			
BIOL	204	Human Anatomy	4.0
AND			
BIOL	206	Human Physiology	4.0
• SOC	101	Introduction to Sociology	3.0
OR			
ANTH	102	Cultural Anthropology	3.0
• PSY	204	Developmental Psychology: Conception to Death	3.0
• Math Competency: A score of 7006 or 2006 or higher on the ACCUPLACER™ College Level Mathematics test OR MATH 091 OR MATH 090 (Intermediate Algebra) OR an advanced level mathematics course with a grade of “C” or higher.			
• Reading Competency: A placement score of 5010 or 3006 on the ACCUPLACER™ Reading Test OR ENGL 110 (Composition and Reading) OR ENGL 101 (Composition and Rhetoric) with a grade of “C” or higher.			

2. **TEAS Exam:** Must pass exam at the predetermined minimum cut score (or higher) as set by the college and the State of California.

3. **Background:** Must pass a criminal background check as a requirement of the clinical agencies.

4. **Drug Screen:** Must pass a drug screen as defined by the Nursing Program as a requirement of the clinical agencies.

5. **American Heart BLSL/CPR Certification:** Must be current.

Additional Program Requirements

1. Degree Requirements

• COMM	100	Oral Communication	3.0
• PE	100	Lifetime Exercise Science	2.0
• PE		Activity Course	1.0
• Humanities Elective			3.0
• American Institution Requirement			6.0

2. Progression Policy

All nursing courses must be taken in sequence and must be completed with a “C” or better with skills and clinical experience courses receiving the equivalent of “C” or “Satisfactory” or higher to progress to the next level. Nursing Program graduates must submit a transcript demonstrating successful completion of all course work and graduation prior to sitting for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses.

3. Registered Nursing Program Specific Courses:

Semester 1:

NURS	107	Nursing Fundamentals	7.0
NURS	109	Pharmacology	1.0

Semester 2:

NURS	123	Pharmacology II	1.5
NURS	127	Medical Surgical Nursing I	4.0
NURS	128	Nursing Care of the Childbearing Family	4.0

Semester 3:

NURS	218	Nursing Care of the Childrearing Family	3.5
NURS	219	Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing *	3.0
NURS	223	Medical Surgical and Geriatric Nursing	5.0

*NURS 219 may be taken summer before or after 3rd semester

Semester 4:

NURS	227	Medical-Surgical Nursing III/Preceptorship	8.0
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** Clinical experience may include a rotation outside of county.

Total Nursing Units

37.0

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ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM

NURSING – VOCATIONAL NURSING (V.N.) MAJOR – A.S. DEGREE

Admission Requirements

1. Prerequisites for the major

• AHP	100	Medical Terminology	3.0
• BIOL	200	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4.0
and			
• BIOL	202	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4.0
OR			
• BIOL	204	Human Anatomy	4.0
and			
• BIOL	206	Human Physiology	4.0
• ENGL	110	Composition and Reading	4.0
• PSY	101	Introduction to Psychology	3.0

2. **Background:** Must pass a criminal background check as a requirement of the clinical agencies.

3. **Drug Screen:** Must pass a drug screen as defined by the Nursing Program as a requirement of the clinical agencies.

4. **American Heart BLSL/CPR Certification:** Must be current.

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3. Vocational Nursing Program Specific Courses:

Semester 1:

VN	110	Introduction to Client Care I	5.0
VN	112	Introduction to Client Care II	5.0
VN	114	Pharmacology I	1.5
VN	116	Patient Care Management & Critical Thinking	2.5
PSY	204	Developmental Psychology: Conception to Death	3.0

Semester 2:

VN	120	Maternity Cycle	5.5
VN	122	Common Health Problems I	5.5
VN	124	Pharmacology II	2.0

Semester 3:

VN	130	Common Health Problems II	5.5
VN	132	Common Health Problems III	5.5

Total Nursing Units

41.0

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CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

NURSING – VOCATIONAL NURSING (V.N.) CERTIFICATE

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