

## **NURSING PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY**

The Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Faculty accepts and operates within the framework of the Mission Statements of Victor Valley College (VVC). The basic education of the Associate Degree Nursing student is planned and implemented by qualified faculty committed to academic and instructional excellence. In addition, we believe that:

### **CONCEPTS OF HUMANITY**

People are unique beings composed of bio-psycho-social and cultural subsystems that form an integrated whole. An individual is an open system in constant interaction with his and her environment, growing and developing throughout the life cycle. This dynamic interaction known as homeo-kinesis reflects a person's ability to strive toward a feeling of well-being and self-actualization.

### **ART & SCIENCE OF NURSING**

Nursing is a dynamic caring process, practiced on various levels of complexity and responsibility. This process is derived from the evolving bio-psycho-social, cultural, spiritual, and environmental needs of people. The nursing process includes supporting the individual, sick or well, in the performance of those activities that contribute to attaining and maintaining an optimum level of wellness throughout the life cycle, including support to a peaceful death with dignity.

### **CONCEPTS OF NURSING EDUCATION**

Learning is defined as the acquisition of knowledge by inquiry and application, using critical thinking skills to demonstrate competencies as a manager of care. Faculty awareness and sensitivity of students' diverse learning styles, including learning disabilities and varied cultural and ethnic backgrounds, promote student success. The curriculum is arranged in a functional sequence to facilitate achievement of student learning outcomes. Vital components to the learning process and student fulfillment of their goals include student-teacher interaction, effective communication, and student support systems. Updated technology including Internet access, computer assisted instruction, and multi-media materials are integrated as a support system. The teacher serves as a facilitator of learning, and a resource person. The student as an adult learner is expected to take an active role in the learning process. The student will be accountable to maintain defined standards of the nursing program.

VVC ADN Program prepares students for an entry-level position in nursing practice. The structure of this program promotes professional and personal growth, including continuing education, and provides upward and lateral mobility for career options. Courses in general education increase the depth and broaden the scope of knowledge required to meet the health needs and trends of the community, helping to assure more comprehensive and holistic health care delivery. Using critical thinking structured around the nursing process, the associate degree graduate provides health care to individuals, their families, and to the community, and supervises the care of those with lesser preparation and skills.

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