

Associate Degree Nursing Program

PLACEMENT/ADVANCEMENT POLICY

I. ADMISSION

APPLICATION AND ADMISSION TO THE PROGRAM IS BASED ON ESTABLISHED CRITERIA DUE TO REQUIREMENTS FOR ENROLLMENT TO THE PROGRAM AND LIMITATION OF CLASS SIZE. THE VICTOR VALLEY COLLEGE ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM SUPPORTS THE STUDENT AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLAN STATED IN THE COLLEGE CATALOG (2008-2010, p. 11).

II. PLACEMENT OPTIONS

A. Generic students are those who complete the entire nursing program. The application is submitted, and after approval, class selection is made according to the current enrollment process. Students must also take and pass ($\geq 67\%$) the Testing of Essential Academic Skills (Basic Math, English, Reading and Science) prior to program start. Remediation and passing the TEAS is required for program start. More information regarding TEAS & Remediation will be given to the student once accepted into the Nursing program.

B. Transfer students are those who transfer nursing units from another college. The education code allows one to transfer only lower division units to a community college. Each student requesting transfer of Nursing units will be individually evaluated by the Nursing Program Admission, Promotion and Program Effectiveness (AEPE) Committee to determine appropriate placement in the VVC program. Transfer students must attend the Nursing Program for at least two semesters. Therefore, transfers will only be accepted for 2nd (NURS 222) and 3rd (NURS 223) semesters. Placement will be made on a space available basis and be determined by the course content and number of nursing degree units completed. A Priority Transfer List will be established according to the Policy for Nursing Program Transfer. Students will be given credit for general education courses according to the college's published policy (see College Catalog). If the student has earned a non-progression grade (D or F) in a registered nursing at another school, acceptance to Victor Valley College Nursing Program will be considered their second chance. TEAS requirement will be determined by the director.

C. Advanced placement students (LVN to RN) are those documented as a Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) in California. Students choosing this option must apply to the program, meet the prerequisites (Completion of college-level Anatomy, Physiology and Microbiology; documented proof of one year full-time or two-thousand hours working as an LVN), and take the Credit by Examinations for NURS 220 (Pharmacology and Nursing Management), NURS 221 (Nursing Process 1), NURS 246 (Assessment and Nursing Skills), and NURS 222 (Nursing Process 2). Advanced placement students must pass the Credit by Examination for NURS 221. Students are also required to pass (C or better) NURS 225-LVN to RN Transition course. Placement into 2nd or 3rd semester is determined by resultant scores on the Credit by Examinations. Depending on the number of applicants, acceptance into the transition course may be based on the program's entry policy (Nursing Student Handbook). Applications for this option are accepted in the winter and summer. Program placement will be in spring and fall respectfully. TEAS requirement will be determined by the director.

(LVN-RN) Please note: All Victor Valley College requirements for Credit by Examination must also be met. 1) Twelve units completed at VVC. 2) Minimum overall cumulative GPA of 2.0. 3) No previous grade received for the course. 4) Currently enrolled.

D. Challenge Students. Students admitted to the Nursing Program with previous documented experience may be allowed to challenge certain specified content areas. (Education Code, Section 5557537, Title 5 of the California Administrative Code. Refer to current college catalog.)

E. Thirty-Unit option is available to California Licensed Vocational Nurses. The Board of Registered Nursing regulation 1435.5 provides the option of completing 30 semester units in nursing and related sciences. In order to enter under this option the applicant must: 1) Have a current California LVN license; 2) Have previously completed Human Physiology, 4 or 5 units with a lab, and Microbiology, 4 or 5 units with a lab; both with C or better. The application and placement

policy for Advanced Placement Students also applies to this option. (See C. above.) Candidates completing this option are not graduates of VVC, but are eligible to take the licensure exam. They are not eligible to wear the VVC graduate nursing pin.

- F. Non-graduate option allows students to complete only those classes required to take the NCLEX exam. In the VVC Nursing Program those classes are:

BIOL 211 or BIOL 212	SOC 101	SPCH 106, 107, 108, or 109
BIOL 231 OR 232	PSYC 101	ENGL 101
BIOL 221	PSYC 110	Nursing (5 classes)

All courses must be passed with a C or better. Students choosing this option are not graduates of Victor Valley College. TEAS requirement applies to this entry option. (See 'A' above.)

- G. Paramedic to Nursing (RN)
Paramedic to RN students are those documented as a licensed Paramedic. Students choosing this option must apply to the program, meet the prerequisites (completion of college-level Anatomy, Physiology, and Microbiology); and provide documented proof of one (1) year or 2,000 hours paid experience. The Paramedic to RN students complete a targeted first semester course and once completed are integrated into the regular program courses. Students entering the program must take and pass the Testing of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) Exam. Availability of the entry option is contingent on government/grant funding.

- H. Contracts or Grants
The Nursing program reserves the right to bypass portions of the enrollment process to designate a certain number of spaces from any of the above entry options for contracts, grants, pilot programs or partnerships and/or to meet requirements of grant-designated outcomes.

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