Nursing

The nursing programs at Allan Hancock College provide students interested in nursing the opportunity to progress through the various levels of nursing education in a career ladder, from Nursing Assistant to Licensed Vocational Nurse to Registered Nurse. Students in all nursing programs are required by the clinical agencies to have drug screening and background checks. A positive drug screen or conviction appearing on the background check may make the student ineligible for clinical placement, and therefore ineligible to continue in the program.

NURS 101 Transitions to Professional Practice 1.5 units
Acceptable for credit: Transfer CSU
Limitations on Enrollment: Admittance to RN Program
The course facilitates transition to professional nursing practice. It focuses on ethical and legal issues and personal accountability and responsibility. It analyzes standards of practice and the significance of functioning according to state regulations and statutes. Nursing process and clinical nurse thinking are applied in communication, patient teaching, culture, and across the lifespan. It also identifies issues and trends that affect nursing practice and healthcare in general. (Spring) (Letter Grade Only)

NURS 102 Med Surg Nursing 1 3.0 units
Acceptable for credit: Transfer CSU
Limitations on Enrollment: Admittance to RN Program
This course focuses on the care of patients across the lifespan with complex medical/surgical health problems. Emphasis is placed on helping clients and their families cope with alterations in body functions throughout the continuum of healthcare. Concepts of pharmacology, health promotion and education, evidence based practice, and interdisciplinary collaboration will be integrated throughout the course. (Spring) (Letter Grade Only)

NURS 103 RN Practicum 1 5.0 units
Acceptable for credit: Transfer CSU
Corequisite: NURS 111 - RN Skills 1
Limitations on Enrollment: Admittance to RN Program
This course provides the student with clinical opportunities to apply theoretical concepts and implement safe care to patients across the lifespan in a variety of care settings. Introduction to complex clinical skills, as well as priority setting, clinical judgment, and tenets of legal and ethical practice, are integrated throughout the course. (Spring) (Letter Grade Only)

NURS 104 Med Surg Nursing 2 3.0 units
Acceptable for credit: Transfer CSU
Limitations on Enrollment: Admittance to RN Program
This course focuses on the care of clients across the lifespan with complex medical/surgical health problems. Emphasis is placed on helping patients and their families cope with alterations in body functions. Concepts of pharmacology, health promotion and education, evidence based practice, and interdisciplinary collaboration will be integrated throughout the course. (Spring) (Letter Grade Only)

NURS 106 Leadership & Management 1.5 units
Acceptable for credit: Transfer CSU
Limitations on Enrollment: Admittance to RN Program and successful completion of first semester RN courses.

This course facilitates transition to professional nursing practice. It focuses on leadership and management concepts, delegation, teamwork, conflict management, and contemporary issues. It includes change, quality management, applicable ethical and legal standards, and workplace issues. It covers application by examination for nursing licensure. (Fall) (Letter Grade Only)

NURS 108 RN Practicum 2 5.0 units
Acceptable for credit: Transfer CSU
Corequisite: NURS 112 - RN Skills 2
Limitations on Enrollment: Admittance to RN Program and successful completion of first semester RN courses.
The course provides opportunities to apply nurse caring concepts to people at risk. The student implements the nursing process with increasing level of independence. It includes a learning-objectives based preceptorship. (Fall) (Letter Grade Only)

NURS 109 Med Surg Nursing 3 3.0 units
Acceptable for credit: Transfer CSU
Limitations on Enrollment: Admittance to RN Program and successful completion of first semester RN courses.
This course focuses on advanced concepts of nursing care as they relate to patients across the lifespan with complex, multisystem alterations in health. Emphasis is placed on implementing time management and organizational skills while managing the care of patients with multiple needs and collaborating with the interdisciplinary team. (Fall) (Letter Grade Only)

NURS 110 Mental Health Nursing 3.0 units
Acceptable for credit: Transfer CSU
Limitations on Enrollment: Admittance to RN Program and successful completion of first semester RN courses.
This course focuses on the care of patients across the lifespan experiencing cognitive, mental and behavioral disorders. Emphasis is placed on management of patients facing emotional and psychological stressors as well as promoting and maintaining the mental health of individuals and families. Concepts of crisis intervention, therapeutic communication, anger management, and coping skills are integrated throughout the course. The community as a site for care and support services is addressed. (Fall) (Letter Grade Only)

NURS 111 RN Skills 1 1.0 unit
Acceptable for credit: Transfer CSU
Limitations on Enrollment: Admittance to RN Program
This course provides opportunities to further develop clinical thinking and practice advanced nursing skills. These situations integrate previously nursing knowledge, skills, and attitudes with evidence-based protocols in a structured lab setting. (Spring) (Letter Grade Only)

NURS 112 RN Skills 2 0.5 units
Acceptable for credit: Transfer CSU
Limitations on Enrollment: Admittance to RN Program and successful completion of first semester RN courses.
This course provides opportunities to develop and practice advanced nursing skills. These complex skills integrate previously learned nursing skills and applied protocols in the structured lab setting. It facilitates clinical thinking, timely decision-making, and nursing actions to address patient conditions. (Fall) (Letter Grade Only)

NURS 119 Independent Projects in Nursing 1.0 - 3.0 units
Acceptable for credit: Transfer CSU
Courses for student capable of independent work who demonstrate the need or desire for additional study beyond the regular curriculum. Enrollment allows students to pursue activities such as directed field experience, search, or development of skills and competencies under faculty advisement and supervision. Independent Projects may be earned in most disciplines. Students wishing to enroll in Independent Projects should contact the appropriate instructor identified in the class schedule. If the project proposed is acceptable to that instructor, a contract will be developed no later than the end of the second week of the semester. Units are awarded depending upon satisfactory performance and the amount of time committed by the student to the course. Allowable units vary according to discipline, and are based on the following formula: 1 unit - 48 hours per semester 2 units - 96 hours per semester 3 units - 144 hours per semester (Letter Grade Only)

NURS 300 CNA/Acute Care Aide 12.0 units
Acceptable for credit: D - Credit - Degree Applicable
Limitations on Enrollment: Admittance to CNA program.
Prerequisite: ENGL 101 - Freshman Composition: Exposition
The course details the roles and responsibilities of the certified nursing assistant in both long-term and acute care settings. It emphasizes the importance of professionalism, responsibility, and accountability. It introduces various health care professional careers. (Letter Grade Only)

NURS 310 Pharmacology 3.0 units
Acceptable for credit: D - Credit - Degree Applicable
Limitations on Enrollment: Admittance to the VN Program
The course studies all the phases of clinical pharmacology including types of medications, general actions and uses, adverse effects, nursing considerations, and patient teaching. It includes accurate dose calculations. (Letter Grade Only)

NURS 311 Medication Administration 1.5 units
Acceptable for credit: D - Credit - Degree Applicable
Limitations on Enrollment: Admittance to VN Program and successful completion of NURS 310
This course presents the knowledge and skills associated with safe and effective medication administration within the scope of practice of the licensed vocational nurse. (Letter Grade Only)

NURS 317 Fundamentals of Nursing 3.5 units
Acceptable for credit: D - Credit - Degree Applicable
Limitations on Enrollment: Admittance to VN Program and successful completion of NURS 310
The course provides a foundation of theory and skills necessary to perform basic nursing techniques and procedures safely and effectively. (Letter Grade Only)

NURS 318 Clinical Lab 1 8.0 units
Acceptable for credit: D - Credit - Degree Applicable
Corequisite: NURS 311 - Medication Administration; and NURS 317 - Fundamentals of Nursing
Limitations on Enrollment: Admittance to VN Program and successful completion of NURS 310
The course provides supervised clinical experiences in various health care settings where students apply knowledge and demonstrate safe and effective nursing skills. (Pass/No Pass)

NURS 320 Gerontology 2.0 units
Acceptable for credit: D - Credit - Degree Applicable
Limitations on Enrollment: Admittance to the VN program and/or successful completion of spring semester VN courses

NURS 322 Maternal and Infant Health 2.0 units
Acceptable for credit: D - Credit - Degree Applicable
Limitations on Enrollment: Admittance to VN Program and/or successful completion of the summer semester VN courses
The course studies the phases of the maternity cycle. It includes the nursing care of the obstetrical patient and the newborn infant. (Letter Grade Only)

NURS 323 Respiratory System 2.0 units
Acceptable for credit: D - Credit - Degree Applicable
Limitations on Enrollment: Admittance to VN Program and/or successful completion of spring semester VN courses
The course prepares the vocational nursing student to perform safe, effective nursing care of patients with disorders of the respiratory tract. (Letter Grade Only)

NURS 327 Digestive and Urinary Systems 2.5 units
Acceptable for credit: D - Credit - Degree Applicable
Limitations on Enrollment: Admittance to VN Program and/or successful completion of spring semester VN courses
The course provides the theory and training necessary for the student to perform safe and effective nursing management for patients with disorders of the gastrointestinal and urinary systems. (Letter Grade Only)

NURS 328 Clinical Lab 2 3.0 units
Acceptable for credit: D - Credit - Degree Applicable
Limitations on Enrollment: Admittance to VN Program and/or successful completion of spring semester VN courses
The course is a supervised experience in various health care settings using intermediate vocational nursing skills. (Pass/No Pass)

NURS 329 Endocrine and Reproductive Systems 2.5 units
Acceptable for credit: D - Credit - Degree Applicable
Limitations on Enrollment: Successful Completion of NURS 310 and Admission to VN Program
Provides the foundations of safe and effective vocational nursing care of various disease processes of the endocrine and reproductive systems. (Letter Grade Only)

NURS 330 Pediatrics 1.5 units
Acceptable for credit: D - Credit - Degree Applicable
Prerequisite: See Catalog: Nursing (Vocational Nursing Program-Nursing 310 through Nursing 338)
Provides the theory and training necessary for the student to perform safe, effective, vocational nursing care for children, ranging in life stage from neonate to adolescence. (Letter Grade Only)

NURS 331 Circulatory System 2.0 units
Acceptable for credit: D - Credit - Degree Applicable
Limitations on Enrollment: Admittance to VN Program and/or successful completion of summer semester VN courses
The course provides the theory and training necessary for the student to perform safe and effective nursing care for patients with disorders of the circulatory system. (Letter Grade Only)
NURS 332 Neurosensory System  2.0 units
Acceptable for credit: D - Credit - Degree Applicable
Provides the theory and training necessary for the student to perform safe, effective vocational nursing care for patients with disorders of the brain, spinal cord, and the special senses of the eye and ear. (Letter Grade Only)

NURS 335 Skin & Musculoskeletal Systems  2.5 units
Acceptable for credit: D - Credit - Degree Applicable
Limitations on Enrollment: Admittance to VN Program and/or successful completion of spring semester VN courses.
The course covers safe and effective nursing care of patients with health conditions affecting the skin and musculoskeletal systems. (Letter Grade Only)

NURS 337 Professional Relationships  1.0 unit
Acceptable for credit: D - Credit - Degree Applicable
Limitations on Enrollment: Admittance to VN Program and/or successful completion of summer semester VN courses.
The course prepares the graduating vocational nursing student for the working world of nursing, licensure, Nurse Practice Act, participation in professional organizations and job seeking techniques. (Letter Grade Only)

NURS 338 Clinical Lab 3  8.0 units
Acceptable for credit: D - Credit - Degree Applicable
Limitations on Enrollment: Admittance to VN Program and/or successful completion of summer semester VN courses.
This course provides supervised clinical experiences in various care settings. It has specific focus on vocational nursing leadership and clinical nursing skills and behaviors in maternity and newborn nursing, pediatric care settings, and patients with neurological and cardiovascular health problems. (Pass/No Pass)

NURS 370 Intravenous Therapy  2.0 units
Acceptable for credit: D - Credit - Degree Applicable
Limitations on Enrollment: Current California LVN license or concurrent enrollment in the third semester VN program.
The course prepares the student for starting and superimposing intravenous fluids, blood, and blood products. Licensed vocational nurses that successfully complete the course will be issued a California Board of Vocational Nurse and Psychiatric Technician Examiners certificate of completion. (Letter Grade Only)

NURS 380 Licensed Vocational Nursing Skills Lab  0.5 units
Acceptable for credit: D - Credit - Degree Applicable
Corequisite: enrollment in the licensed vocational nursing program
Open-entry laboratory class designed to provide students with the opportunity to refine and expand skills learned in the corequisite program. Students may repeat the course as they progress through the program. (Fall, Spring) (Pass/No Pass)

NURS 401 Certified Home Health Aide  2.0 units
Acceptable for credit: D - Credit - Degree Applicable
Advisories: MA 305 - Body Systems and Disease
Limitations on Enrollment: Completion of course admission packet.
Prerequisite: NURS 400; or NURS 300 - CNA/Acute Care Aide ; Proof of current CNA certificate
The course prepares the certified nurse assistant to expand skills and meet the home health aide eligibility requirements for State of California certification. (Letter Grade Only)

NURS 420 Restorative Aide  1.5 units
Acceptable for credit: D - Credit - Degree Applicable
Limitations on Enrollment: Must provide documentation of being a current certified nursing assistant or proof of successful completion of NATAP testing.
Prepares the certified nursing assistant to assist the resident in maintaining or promoting independence in the areas of mobility and performing activities of daily living. Upon successful completion, the student will receive a certificate of completion and will be qualified to work as a restorative aide in a long-term facility under the guidance of a licensed physical or occupational therapist or a licensed nurse. 26 CEUs will be offered. (Summer) (Letter Grade Only)

NURS 422 EKG/Monitor Observer  1.5 units
Acceptable for credit: D - Credit - Degree Applicable
Limitations on Enrollment: Completion of course admission packet.
Prepares the medical professional to function as a monitor observer in a clinical area where patients receive cardiac monitoring. Basic electrocardiograph patterns and cardiac arrhythmias are learned. (Letter Grade Only)

NURS 480 Certified Nursing Assistant Skills Lab  0.5 units
Acceptable for credit: D - Credit - Degree Applicable
Corequisite: enrollment in the licensed vocational nursing program
Open-entry laboratory class designed to provide students with the opportunity to refine and expand skills learned in the corequisite program. Students may repeat the course as they progress through the program. (Fall, Spring) (Pass/No Pass)