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Information



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The Nursing Department at San Bernardino Valley College offers a program leading to an Associate of Science Degree with a major in nursing. Students learn to assist patients, through the nursing process, attain or maintain their optimum level of wellness. Learning activities occur on the SBVC campus and in local community healthcare agencies. Graduates are eligible to take the licensing exam to become a Registered Nurse (RN). The program has a reputation of excellence in the community and is fully accredited by the California Board of Registered Nursing and the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission.

To learn more about the program and how to apply, attend an information meeting. A schedule of meetings is available in the Health Science Division Office, Health and Life Science Bldg., Room 101 and on the web page. Contact the Counseling Office, 909-384-8979 or 384-4404 for assistance in developing an education plan.

Registration in nursing program courses is limited to students who have completed program prerequisites, have applied, and been accepted into the nursing program. The nursing program is four semesters in length after completion of prerequisites. Classes and clinical experiences are scheduled Monday through Friday (daytime and evenings). Students are admitted twice a year in the fall and spring semesters. Licensed Vocational Nurses who are interested in becoming RNs see the [LVN to RN Nursing Program](#) brochure or the web page.

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Note: All credits from a foreign college or university must be evaluated by the foreign transcript evaluation service; AERC (must show the letter grade received for each course and indicate lower and upper division). Directions to apply for the evaluation are available at the Counseling Office, ADSS 100.

A background check, health clearance, CPR certification, and malpractice insurance are required for enrollment in the nursing program. Enrollment may be denied based on a conviction(s) substantially related to nursing practice. If a student has received a DUI in the last 24 months, he/she will not be accepted into the nursing program. If a DUI is anywhere on the applicants background check, a yearly background check will be required. The California Board of Registered Nursing requires a background check when applying for the RN license. For further information; www.rn.ca.gov.

Prerequisites to the Nursing Program

- **Freshman Composition** ENGL 101, with a grade of C or higher
- **Intermediate Algebra** MATH 095 or higher level, with a grade of C or higher
- **Science Courses** - complete each course below with a grade of C or higher and a minimum G.P.A. of 2.75 in the four courses below.
 - General Psychology PSYCH 100
 - Human Anatomy and Physiology I & II or (Human Anatomy and Human Physiology BIOL 250 & 251 (Minimum 8 units with lab) BIOL 260 & 261)
 - Microbiology BIOL 270 (Minimum 4 units with lab)

Note:

- Micro (BIOL 270) has prerequisites of BIOL 250 or BIOL 260 or BIOL 261 and CHEM 101
- Physiology (BIOL 261 or BIOL 250/251) and Microbiology (BIOL 270) must be taken **within 5 years** of application to the nursing program.
- A&P I & II series (BIOL 250/251) must be taken at the **same** college
- Human Anatomy & Human Physiology series (BIOL 260/261) must be taken at the **same** college

- **Cumulative G.P.A. of 2.0 or higher** (all college courses)

Support Courses

Courses below may be completed before or during the program, but must be completed by the end of the program to be eligible to take the state licensing exam.

- **Elements of Public Speaking** SPEECH 100 or Interpersonal Comm. SPEECH 111 with a grade of C or higher
- **Introduction to Sociology** SOC 100 or Cultural Anthropology ANTHRO 102 with a grade of C or higher

Additional Graduation Requirements

Complete SBVC Graduation requirements by the end of the program; i.e. 6 units of Humanities. See college Catalog and counselor.

Application to the Nursing Program

Entrance to the nursing program is limited to students who have completed program prerequisites, have applied, and been accepted into the nursing program. Application requirements are listed below:

- Submit application to the College and be admitted (Admissions Office or on-line)
- All nursing program prerequisites must be completed to apply. Submit the following to the Nursing Department, HLS 101, during regular business hours M-F, 8am – 5 pm. Deadlines for submission are; **February 1** for Fall semester entry or **September 1** for Spring semester entry (or the next business day if due date falls on a weekend):
 - Application for Admission form for the SBVC Department of Nursing (available in the Health Science Division Office, Health & Life Science Bldg, Rm. 101 or on-line)
 - Proof of High School completion (transcript or Diploma or G.E.D. score or California State High School Proficiency exam score or previous college degree)
 - Official college transcripts from all colleges or universities attended, except SBVC or Crafton Hills College. Transcripts must have been issued within the last 6 months and show the grades for the nursing prerequisites. Transcripts from foreign colleges/universities must be evaluated by AERC evaluation service. See Admission Clerk, Health Science Division Office, HLS 101, for details.

Note:

- All prerequisite courses must be completed when application is submitted.
- When the number of applicants with prerequisites completed is greater than the number of available spaces, applicants will be chosen by random selection and added to the bottom of the Wait List. Applicants will be accepted from the top of the Wait List until the class is filled. Applicants will be notified in writing of their application status.
- Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- If application is mailed, it must be complete and be received by the deadline.

Courses in the Nursing Major See college Catalog for course descriptions.

First Semester:

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| Intro. to the Assoc Degree Nursing Program | NURS 100 | 1 unit |
| Fundamentals of Nursing | NURS 102 | 4.5 units |
| Medical-Surgical Nursing I | NURS 104 | 5 units |
| Pharmacology for Nurses | NURS 108 | 1 unit |

Second Semester:

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| Medical-Surgical Nursing II | NURS 110 | 5.5 units |
| Maternity Nursing | NURS 112 | 5 units |

Third Semester:

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| Medical-Surgical Nursing III | NURS 200 | 5.5 units |
| Pediatric Nursing | NURS 202 | 4.75 units |

Fourth Semester:

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| Nursing Care of the Critically III | NURS 210 | 2.5 units |
| Medical-Surgical Nursing IV | NURS 211 | 3.75 units |
| Psychiatric Nursing | NURS 212 | 2.75 units |
| Advanced Ethical and Legal Aspects of Nursing | NURS 217 | 1 unit |

Total

42.25 units

How to Calculate Grade Point Average (GPA)

- Calculate the grade points for each course using the following formula:
 A = 4 grade points X units in course or
 B = 3 grade points X units in course or
 C = 2 grade points X units in course
- Add the total grade points for all courses
- Add the total units for all courses
- Divide total grade points by total course units = GPA

Example:

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| Gen Psychology "C" | 3 units | X 2 grade points | = | 6 course grade points |
| A & P I "A" | 4 units | X 4 grade points | = | 16 course grade points |
| A & P II "B" | 4 units | X 3 grade points | = | 12 course grade points |
| Microbiology "B" | 5 units | X 3 grade points | = | 15 course grade points |

Total course grade points (49) ÷ Total units (16) = 3.06 G.P.A. (2.75 minimum required)

Estimate of Expenses (4 semesters, Nursing Courses Only)

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| Books | \$1400 |
| Tuition & fees (\$26/unit/semester for Calif. residents. Subject to change) | 1300 |
| Parking | 150 |
| Malpractice insurance (\$20/year) | 40 |
| Uniform (2 sets) /shoes/cap | 275 |
| Stethoscope, bandage scissors | 35-80 |
| Achievement testing (4 th semester) | 50 |
| Licensing examination (paid to state) | 365 |
| Total | \$3660 |

Optional expenses: Graduation expenses & nursing pin about \$200

Am I eligible for Financial Aid?

Students who need assistance to pay for the costs of attending SBVC are encouraged to contact the Financial Aid Office, ADSS 106. A minimum of six weeks is necessary to process applications. Documentation of need is required. See college [Catalog](#) for requirements, application procedure, and aid programs available. Some loans are available.

Graduates from Foreign Nursing Schools Seeking California Licensure

Graduates from nursing programs outside the United States seeking licensure in California may be admitted to specific nursing courses upon the recommendation of the California Board of Registered Nursing as space is available. Apply to California Board of Registered Nursing and receive their letter of requirements. Complete an Application for Admission form for the SBVC Department of Nursing and include a copy of the BRN letter outlining the course(s) needed.

Attended another Nursing Program or Wish to Transfer to SBVC from another Nursing Program?

Students who have attended or wish to transfer from another accredited nursing program will be considered as space is available and if no more than one failure or withdrawal in a nursing course occurred at the previous nursing school. Space for transfer students is very limited. Students wishing to transfer must meet the same program prerequisites and submit: an application, official transcripts, a letter of recommendation from the nursing program director (program previously attended), and course syllabi of courses completed at the other nursing school. If the previous school is in a foreign country, see admission clerk for method to evaluate transcript for equivalency.

Credit for Previous Education or Experience

Courses taken at another accredited college or university will be accepted for transfer if it is equivalent to an SBVC course. Students who feel that their knowledge in a nursing subject is equivalent to a course offered by the SBVC nursing program may apply for credit-by-examination. To do so, the following conditions must exist:

- The student must submit evidence of extensive background and/or experience in the subject to the instructor of the course.
- The student must have completed twelve (12) or more units at San Bernardino Valley College or be a permanent employee of the San Bernardino Community College District.
- The student must be enrolled in the college during the semester in which he/she takes the examination.

See college Catalog for procedure.

Information or Questions

Contact a college counselor at 909-384-4404 or the Nursing Department at 909-384-4450. Attendance at an information meeting is highly recommended. For dates & times of information meetings, see schedule available in the Health Science Division office, HLS 101, or on-line. For questions about submitted applications, call the Admission Clerk, 909-384-8931.

SBVC's Nursing Program is accredited by:

- California Board of Registered Nursing, P.O. Box 944210, Sacramento, CA 94244-2100, 916-322-3350
- National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, 61 Broadway – 33rd floor, New York, NY 10006, 800-669-1656

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To obtain an associate degree in nursing, students who have baccalaureate or higher degrees are only required to complete the course work required for completion of the registered nursing program, including prerequisites and nursing course work. These students are not to be required to complete any other courses required by the college for an associate degree.

SECTION 1 Section 66055.8 of the Education Code is amended to read:

66055.8 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a campus of the California State University or the California Community College that operates a registered nursing program shall not require a student who has been admitted to that registered nursing program and who has already earned a baccalaureate or higher degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education to undertake any coursework other than the coursework that is unique and exclusively required to earn a nursing degree from that institution.

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