APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED August 1st – September 1st entering Spring semesters, Jan. 2nd –Feb. 2nd entering Fall semesters.
(or the next business day if due date falls on a weekend)

Nursing Program is accredited by:
California Board of Registered Nursing, P.O. Box 944210, Sacramento, CA 94244-2100, 916-322-3350
Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850 Atlanta, GA 30326
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 Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing.

To learn more about the program and how to apply, attend an information meeting the Nursing Application Workshop. A schedule of meetings and workshops is available on the web page and Flyers in the Health and Life Science Bldg., Room 101.

For more information, please call (909)384-4450 or for questions about submitted applications, call the Admissions Clerk, Robyn Bender at 909-384-8931.

Contact our Nursing Counselors for an educational plan or for any questions related to prerequisites, degree requirements, and/or nursing application:

Athena Corrales (909)384-4450 acorrales@valleycollege.edu
Gina Curasi (909) 384-8609 gcurasi@valleycollege.edu

Please note that it is easier to contact our counselors via email.

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 web page.

A background check, health clearance, CPR certification, and malpractice insurance are required for enrollment in the nursing program. Acceptance in the Nursing program may be denied based on a conviction(s). If a student has any conviction on their background check they may be denied entrance into SBVC Nursing Program. 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 applicant’s 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 visit www.rn.ca.gov.
Application to the Nursing Program

Entrance to the nursing program is limited to students who have completed all prerequisites and degree required classes, have taken the HESI exam upon receiving an invitation, have applied, and been accepted into the nursing program. LVN to ADN are not required to take the HESI.

Application requirements are listed below:

- Submit an application to SBVC online. If you are not currently enrolled in courses at SBVC at the time of application to the nursing program, you will need to submit an application to the college for the term of which you are applying to the nursing program.
- Review ADN and LVN to ADN Check list last page of packet
- Complete required course work
- Evaluation of Prior Credit. Please be sure to allow plenty of time for evaluation to be completed in that applications will not be accepted without the evaluation.
- Fill out Application for Admission form for the Nursing Program, available online.

How ADN & LVN to ADN Students are Selected

The nursing programs will solely be drawn from the point system no waitlist. The nursing program currently accepts in between 30-37 students per academic semester (fall and spring).

You are either “accepted” or “denied" based on your level of competition. If denied, you are welcome to re-apply. Competitive GPA is expected.
If you are interested in re-applying to the nursing program in the event that you don’t get in the first time you apply, please be sure to meet with the nursing counselors to determine how you will bolster your chances of being admitted in the future (i.e. repeat of course work, taking alternate courses for GE requirements, etc.).

Notes:

- Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- If application is mailed, it must be complete and be received by the deadline.
- If accepted into the program, a student may not defer to another semester.
- The new admission procedure for entrance to the nursing program has been adopted by the SBCCD. New admission to the program is competitively based on a multi-criteria point system.
- Approximately 30-37 students will be accepted into the Nursing Program each Fall and Spring. Applications will be ranked according to points determined by the admission criteria.
Prerequisites to the Nursing Program

**Science Courses**

Complete the following courses with a minimum GPA of **2.75**

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<td>General Psychology or Intro to Psych</td>
<td>Psychology 100 or the equivalent</td>
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<td>Biology 250 or the equivalent</td>
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<td>Microbiology</td>
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**Required General Education Courses**

Complete the following required general education prerequisites with a grade of C or better and with a minimum GPA of **2.5**.

- *Elements of Public Speaking or Interpersonal Communication* Commst 100 or the equivalent or Commst 111 or the equivalent
- *Introduction to Sociology or Cultural Anthropology* Sociology 100 or the equivalent or Anthropology 102 or the equivalent

**Humanity #1**

Selected from:
(Category III: Humanities) on the SBVC Associate Degree Requirements or the equivalent

**Humanity #2**

Selected from:
(Category III: Humanities) on the SBVC Associate Degree Requirements or the equivalent

**Math Course:**

Intermediate Algebra with a grade of C or better OR a higher level Math course.
Math 095 or the equivalent

**English Course:**

Freshman Composition with a grade of C or higher English 101 or the equivalent

All remaining college coursework must be completed with a minimum of **2.0 GPA**. Sciences must be completed within 5 Years.

*(Required for BRN State Licensing Exam)*

**ALL OF THE ABOVE COURSES LISTED MUST BE COMPLETED AT TIME OF APPLICATION TO THE NURSING PROGRAM. ALL GRADES FOR THESE COURSES MUST BE POSTED AT TIME OF APPLICATION TO THE NURSING PROGRAM.**

Please consult with nursing counselor to determine course equivalencies and fill out a prerequisite checklist.
BIOLOGY COURSES

- Biology 270 has prerequisites of Biology 250 or 260 or 261 and **Chemistry 101 OR CHEM 105 (specifically designed for health science majors)** if taken at SBVC. Chemistry 101 or 105 is not a prerequisite counted for points or entrance into the nursing program.

- If a student elects to take the Biology 250/251 series, both courses must be completed from the **same regionally accredited college or university**.

- The Biology 260/261 series or the equivalent **is not required to be completed at the same regionally accredited college or university** as long as they are equivalent to SBVC’s “Human Anatomy” and “Human Physiology.”

- The nursing department will only allow 1 repeat of a science. For instance, a student takes BIOL 270 and withdrawals and then repeats. This is the one repeat allowed. Please note that both an earned grade and a W count as attempts.

- If a student is required to repeat one of the science prerequisites because they have expired, the repeat thereafter the expiration date will not count toward the 1 repeat of a science rule.

- Additionally, note that once a student passes a science course with grade of “C” or better, they cannot repeat the course at SBVC. Students may only retake the course at another college. However, please note that repeats at another college still are counted.

- If a student elects to take a science course or series at another college or university, it is recommended that you meet with our nursing counselor to make certain that the courses you are proposing to take are indeed equivalent to the nursing prerequisite courses.

**Online and Accelerated Sciences**

If your science courses are in question, Admissions and Records will direct students to provide a course description, syllabus and course outline to the Science Division for review. If the courses are not articulated with SBVC, they will need to be reviewed by the Science Division as well prior to the acceptance of these courses. Additionally, the nursing program is currently **not accepting any online science courses**.

Please Note: We do not accept science prerequisites from the Integrated Health Science Program at the Southern California University of Health Sciences located in Whittier, CA. Nor any science prerequisites from any trade or career colleges.

**CLEP, DANTE and Credit by Exam**

The nursing program does not accept any form of Credit by Examination scores to suffice any of the prerequisites.
Transcript Evaluations “Evaluation of Prior Credit”

Submit transcripts from all colleges and universities even our sister school Crafton Hills other than SBVC to the Admissions Office, once received. Students must officially request for the evaluation via filling out an “Evaluation of Prior Credit” located in the Admissions Office between MAY 01-JULY 15 for Fall nursing program applications and OCTOBER 01-DECEMBER 15 for Spring prior to applying. (Without this form, your transcripts will not be automatically evaluated.) It is recommended that you bring them in personally as opposed to relying on another college to mail the transcripts.

Please note that you MUST adhere to the Admissions Office deadlines for transcript submission. Transcripts turned in after the published deadlines will not be evaluated.

Bachelor’s Degree or Higher Holders

- If a student possesses a Bachelor’s degree or higher from a regionally accredited institution, the only general education courses that will be counted for points and GPA are:
  1. Sociology 100 or Anthropology 102
  2. Communication Studies 100 or 111
  3. English 101

- If a student graduated from a college or university that did not require either of the above 3 courses, they will need to complete them.

LVN/RN Bridge Students

Students interested in applying must apply via the point system; identically to the Generic ADN program. LVN must have at least 1 year of full time employment as a LVN prior to applying.

Students for the LVN-RN Bridge program will not be competing with the Generic ADN applicants. Instead, they will be considered for admission using a separate pool inclusive of only LVN-RN Bridge students. Eight to ten LVN/RN Bridge students are admitted per-semester. License, resume and minimum of 1-year experience in LVN work required to apply. HESI exam is not required.

Students with International Coursework

Students who have completed coursework internationally must have their transcripts evaluated by a SBVC recognized international transcript evaluation agency (AERC or IERF) list of agency in HLS 101. The evaluation received from these agencies must show the letter grade received for each course and distinguish between lower and upper division. Directions to apply for the evaluation are available at the Counseling Office, AD/SS 103. Please note that not all prerequisites and/or general education courses are deemed equivalent for purposes of applying to the nursing program or graduation (e.g., Communication Studies, English, etc.).
HESI INFORMATION

HESI will be taken on an “invitation-only” basis. Students will submit their completed application packet to the nursing department without HESI scores. Applications will then be screened and students will be selected to take the HESI Exam. Students will receive an invitation in the mail if they are eligible to take the HESI Exam. The HESI Exam will be administered on campus.

Invitations may be sent out at any time. It is recommended that you are well prepared for the HESI in advance in the event that your invitation is sent out.

What to study:
• Amazon, and Barnes & Noble’s carry study guides for the HESI A2.
• Topics included are as follows:
  (1) Reading Comprehension  (5) Anatomy
  (2) Vocabulary  (6) Physiology
  (3) Mathematics  (7) Microbiology
  (4) Critical Thinking
• “HESI A2 Pocket Prep” is a useful study guide for students who have IPHONES and IPADS.

Day of the HESI exam:
• Bring photo ID to test with you.

Graduates from Foreign Nursing Schools Seeking California Licensure
Due to budget constraints and significant impaction, we are not accepting transfer students from foreign nursing schools for the academic year.
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.

Transferring from another Nursing Program
Due to budget constraints and significant impaction, we are not accepting transfer students from other accredited nursing programs for this school year.
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 regarding the method to evaluate transcript for equivalency.

Military Challenge/Advance Placement
Please refer to Nursing website for full details under Military Challenge/Advance Placement
SBVC Nursing Program Expenses
Individual students are responsible for the following expenses in the program (some fees are approximate)

**First Year Approx. Cost:**

Pre-Entrance
- Health Exam & Immunizations: variable
- 2 Uniforms (name pin, patch, nursing shoes, stethoscope, bandage scissors, penlight): $650
- Books (most are used throughout the program): $1100
- Elsevier resources (per semester): $125
- Malpractice Insurance (for 1 yr.): $23
- Castle Branch – Background Check: $105
- CPR certification (American Heart) (obtain from outside agency): $40-$80

Tuition & fees: $485
Parking permit: $30

**Second Semester**
- Tuition & fees: $485
- Elsevier resources: $125
- Parking permit: $30

**First Year Total**: $3238

**Second Year Approx. Cost:**

**Third Semester**
- Tuition & fees: $485
- Books: $350
- Elsevier resources: $125
- Parking permit: $30
- Striping Ceremony, donation for decoration: $10
- Striping Ceremony, nursing cap for females + strip: $12
- Stripe for uniform collar: $2
- Renew Malpractice Insurance: $23

**Fourth Semester**
- Tuition & fees: $485
- Elsevier resources: $125
- Parking permit: $30
- Stripe for uniform collar: $2
- Misc. projects: $20
- RN license (paid to state)
  - Application fees: $150
  - Live scan fingerprinting: $67
  - NCLEX-RN exam fee: $200
  - Interim permit (optional): $50
- Pinning Ceremony (optional)
  - Nursing School pin: $71
  - Picture (optional): $30-$40
  - Decorations (donation): $25.00
  - Stripe for cap: $3.00

**Second Year Total**: $2305.00

**Approximate Cost for ADN Total Program**: $5543.00
Courses in the Nursing Major: See College Catalog for course descriptions.

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<td>Fundamentals of Nursing</td>
<td>NURS 102 4.5 units</td>
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<td>Medical-Surgical Nursing I</td>
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<td>Pharmacology for Nurses</td>
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<td>Pediatric Nursing</td>
<td>NURS 202 4.75 units</td>
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<td>NURS 210 2.5 units</td>
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<td>Medical-Surgical Nursing IV</td>
<td>NURS 211 3.75 units</td>
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<td>Psychiatric Nursing</td>
<td>NURS 212 2.75 units</td>
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<tr>
<td>Advanced Ethical and Legal Aspects of Nursing</td>
<td>NURS 217 1 unit</td>
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Total 42.25 units

Am I eligible for Financial Aid?

Students who need assistance paying for the nursing program costs are encouraged to contact the Financial Aid Office, ADSS 106. A minimum of six weeks is necessary to process applications. Completion of the FAFSA is required for the evaluation of financial aid eligibility. The priority deadline for submission of the FAFSA is Oct 1st-March 2nd of every year. The later the FAFSA is filled out, the longer it will take to be processed.

Financial aid currently funds up to 90 attempted units or the completion of an Associate’s Degree. The nursing program itself is 42.25 units not including the prerequisites. Students need to budget their units accordingly. If you have applied for an Associate’s Degree or have an Associate’s Degree or higher, you may need to appeal immediately for funding continuation. If you receive a “Financial Aid Dismissal” appeal in the mail, please bring this to the nursing counselor so that they can better assist you with this process.

The BOGW is now additionally tied to satisfactory process. All students must maintain a minimum of a 2.0 GPA and a 50% completion rate in order to keep their BOGW each semester. However, please note for nursing, you are required to be in “good academic standing” anyway simply in order to apply.
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| 1 | **Academic degrees or diplomas, or relevant certificates** held by an applicant. | 5 points Maximum | BS/BA/MS/MA = 5 points  
Associate Degree = 4 points  
LVN/LPT = 3 points  
Allied Health Certification = 2 points |
| 2 | **Grade Point Average** in relevant course work. | 45 points Maximum | a. **Minimum 2.75 GPA in anatomy, physiology, microbiology, and psychology.** Physiology and microbiology must be taken within the last 5 years.  
GPA = 4.0  
GPA = 3.5 – 3.99  
GPA = 3.0 – 3.49  
GPA = 2.75 – 2.99  
25 points  
20 points  
15 points  
10 points  

|  |  |  | b. Minimum 2.5 GPA in all remaining general education courses required for application:  
GPA = 4.0  
GPA = 3.5 – 3.99  
GPA = 3.0 – 3.49  
GPA = 2.5 – 2.99  
20 points  
15 points  
10 points  
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<p>|  |  |  | c. For applicants with a Bachelor’s degree, the GPA points will be calculated from the grades in English, Speech, and Sociology/Cultural Anthropology. |</p>
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<td>for any ONE of these conditions</td>
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<td>c. Are you the first generation of</td>
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<td>Documented proficiency or advanced level of coursework in languages</td>
<td>5 points Maximum</td>
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* Completion of 1 category below:                                          |                                 | Spanish.                               |
* Spanish: 103                                                           |                                 |                                         |
* Spanish: 157 for Native Speakers                                       |                                 |                                         |
* American sign language: 111 or ASL Certificate                         |                                 |                                         |
* Certificate for Translating for Medical Facility                       |                                 |                                         |
| Assessment/readiness test results HESI                                  | 40 points Maximum               | Composite score on FIRST ATTEMPT of  |
| Total = ____/100                                                        |                                 | HESI                                   |
|                                                                         |                                 | 90-100% = 40 points                    |
|                                                                         |                                 | 80-89% = 35 points                     |
|                                                                         |                                 | 75-79% = 30 points                     |
|                                                                         |                                 | 62-74% = 15 points                     |
|                                                                         |                                 | Less than 62% = 0 points               |
Nursing Application Check list:

This application must be completed in **FULL** and submitted with required documents in order for you to be considered for admission. Please review it carefully.

- [ ] New students and those who have missed a Spring or Fall semester at SBVC must complete the [Application for Admission](#)
- [ ] A typed nursing application with signature
- [ ] Official Transcript & Evaluation by Admission & Records
- [ ] For coursework completed at SBVC please print a copy of unofficial transcript
- [ ] Attended a Nursing Information workshop (recommended)
- [ ] Met the required GPA requirements to apply
- [ ] High school diploma or GED scores unless proof of degree from a U.S. institution
- [ ] Social Security card or Tax ID card
- [ ] For LVN resume verifying 1-year minimum employment and LVN license

**Note:** Official College transcripts from all colleges attended must be on file before starting the program. It is highly recommended that you make an appointment with a college counselor to verify all General Education and Major Requirements are fulfilled before entering the program.

It is your responsibility to fill out this application and turn in all required documents this check list is for your convenience. San Bernardino Valley college nursing department is not responsible for overlooking or verifying if your application is complete. If you agree please sign below.

Signature: ____________________________ date: _____________