NAPA VALLEY COLLEGE
ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING (ADN) PROGRAM

Registered Nursing (ADN) (napavalley.edu)

The Associate Degree Program in Nursing (ADN) is a four-semester program approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN). It is designed to prepare qualified men & women to practice nursing in entry-level positions. Upon completion of the program, the student is awarded an AS Degree in Nursing & is eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nursing (NCLEX-RN). Opportunities are provided for advanced placement, transfer and challenge exam credit.

The Associate Degree Nurse is prepared to coordinate, plan & provide nursing care in hospitals & community settings. The Registered Nurse assists patients with personal care, provides teaching & counseling to prevent illness and promote health, performs specialized treatments, & administers medications. Registered Nurses function as team leaders & direct the care provided by Licensed Vocational Nurses (LVNs), nursing assistants (aides), as well as unlicensed health-care workers.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION

- Complete a Napa Valley College Application, *do this online at www.napavalley.edu.*
- Meet with an NVC counselor to review prerequisite requirements. Obtain and bring to them "Official Transcripts" from your High School (or equivalent GED certificate, CHSPE Certificate) and College(s). If they are sent to you instead of directly to Napa Valley College, DO NOT OPEN THE ENVELOPE; WE WILL ONLY ACCEPT SEALED OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS. If your High School or College transcripts are from outside the U.S. they must be evaluated by an International Evaluation service prior to submission of your application.
- **Submit an official transcript with a score of 62% or better on the Test of Essential Academic Skills, the NEW TEAS 7 exam.** The TEAS exam measures basic essential skills in the academic areas of reading, mathematics, science, and English and language use. The objectives assessed are those which nurse educators have deemed most appropriate and relevant to measure entry-level skills and abilities in nursing program applicants. The TEAS exam consists of 170 multiple-choice questions and has been proven to be a statistically significant predictor of early nursing school success. Please click here to get more information on TEAS testing.
- Complete the Prerequisite courses found on the "Applicant Information" link on the ADN webpage: Applicant Information (napavalley.edu)
- Hep B Surface Antibody, MMR and Varicella TITERS and initial COVID vaccination series. **We no longer require the yearly COVID booster. If accepted into the program, you may be subject to weekly COVID testing and a signed declination at certain clinical sites. Please note, this may change again as clinical sites' policies and procedures change.** You can add them to the application, or email to cmiller@napavalley.edu prior to application period. Please visit Health & Safety Requirements (napavalley.edu) for more information.
- **CNA, LVN OR PSYCH TECH State License.** Please see "Frequently Asked Questions" for more detailed information.
- Applicant must have a Social Security Number.

When you have met all requirements, you may then submit your application to the Admissions & Records (A&R) office as per the description on the "ADN Applicant Information" link on the webpage.

Eligibility to enter the Nursing Programs is determined by meeting admission requirements as above and meeting the California Community College Chancellor's Office Formula with a score of 70% or better. This "composite score" includes a combination of: (a) overall college GPA (b) English GPA (All English Classes with letter grades) (c) core Biology (Anatomy, Physiology & Microbiology) GPA & (d) core Biology course repetition(s).

While waiting to begin the Program, you should start working on completing your General Education requirements (page 4, courses listed in bold and underlined) and some of the highly recommended courses listed below.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED COURSES/ADVISORY

- ANTH 121- Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
- ANTH 150- Cross-Cultural Study of Sex Roles
- ASL 120- American Sign Language
- CISA 130- Computer Literacy
- ENGL 125- Critical Thinking
- HEOC 171- Medical Terminology (available online)
- MATH 232- Statistics (Required by CSU's)
- HUMA 104- Comparative Religions
- PSYC 128- Cross Cultural Psychology
- PSYC 135 Introduction to Human Sexuality
- HEOC 101- Pharmacology (available online)
- SPAN 120- First Semester Spanish
- Drug Dosage Calculation (not currently offered at NVC)

ESTIMATED COSTS

Expect approximately $4,400 in upfront costs due to electronic resource group package, uniforms, lab & registrations fees for a **total Program Cost of around $7,000.**

HEALTH & SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

Please visit our Health & Safety page on our website Health & Safety Requirements (napavalley.edu) for guidelines and requirements.

BACKGROUND CHECKS/DRUG SCREENS

The California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) may deny licensure to any person who has been convicted of a crime. If you have had such a conviction, you should review the California Nurse Practice Act-Section 480 at www.rn.ca.gov. The program requires background checks for all students because hospitals require background checks and drug screens. Students will need to pay online for background checks and drug screenings. If they do not clear, they may not be able to meet clinical requirements and may have to be dropped from the program. See student handbook for additional information.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Students transferring from other nursing programs may be considered for entrance into the 2nd, 3rd, or 4th semester of the ADN program **as long as there is space and resources available.** They must also have passed a Nursing class within two years and be able to demonstrate competent skills at the level of admission. Admission requirements are as per page one. Submit nursing course descriptions with your unofficial transcripts to the Director of Nursing via email, with your request for transfer. The Director will complete a transcript evaluation of nursing courses and then discuss potential placement in the NVC program dependent on space and resources available at that time. Re-admits to the program take priority.

Please note: Nursing programs offer different content within semesters. For example: 2nd semester students from XYZ college does not necessarily mean you will enter 3rd semester at NVC.

Please contact Napa Valley College Counseling Department should you have any **academic** related (prereq or degree requirement) questions at 707-256-7220. Any transferring student must complete at least 12 units of courses at Napa Valley College to earn your A.S. Degree.

LVN to ADN REQUESTS

There is no "VN/Paramedic to ADN program" currently. At this time, VN's may apply to the ADN program as a new applicant, so long as all prerequisites are met. Students requesting placement should contact the Program Director via email with request, brief educational and work experience, as well as unofficial transcript attached. LVN applicants who desire to enter the ADN program will be subject to the same eligibility requirements as other ADN students indicated in preceding pages. As indicated, students may be admitted to the ADN program only on a space/resource available basis when there is a bridge program available.

Required Prerequisites:

- A current valid California LVN license
- Successful Skills demonstration
- ENGL C1000 (formally known as ENGL 120 – Academic Reading & Writing
- BIOL 218 – Human Anatomy **AND** BIOL 219 – Human Physiology (4-5 units)
- BIOL 220 – General Microbiology (4-5 units)
- PSYC 125 – Human Growth & Development (Life Span)

30 Unit Option: The 30-unit option was created by the legislature for LVN's. LVN's complete 30 units of nursing and related sciences, **but do not meet graduation requirements for the ADN Program.** They may be able to take the NCLEX-RN in California **ONLY** and may not be able to become licensed by endorsement in other states. Students choosing the 30-unit option are enrolled on a space/resource available basis only and must declare their intent for the 30-unit option to the Director of Nursing prior to evaluation / acceptance into the program.
Once enrolled in the ADN program, a graduation-track student may not decide to change to the 30-unit option, nor may a 30-unit option student decide to change to graduation- track.

MILITARY PERSONNEL AND VETERANS:

Military Personnel and Veterans may be eligible for enrollment into Napa Valley College Associate Degree Nursing Program based on the following requirements:

1. Recency of education and experience within the last two years prior to application. However, competency may be verified for each course, per program policy.
2. Education and experience meet the basic requirements per college guidelines.
3. Honorable discharge (DD214) or current active honorable service required (letter from supervisor). Military records and transcripts must be reviewed by a counselor.

Pathways have been established to assist with obtaining nursing credit for previous education and experience.
These guidelines apply to ADN program applicant only, not to include Veteran's spouses or children.

Pathway I- Including but not limited to Basic Medical Technician (Navy Hospital Corpsman) or USAF Basic Medical Service Technician or Army Medical specialist.

a) Challenge exam per college policy for the first semester of the ADN program.

- The course(s) challenged are based on the needs and prior experience of the individual requesting.
- Candidates must meet the same eligibility requirements for admission into the ADN program as other applicants, including completion of prerequisites.

Pathway II- We do not have an Advanced Placement Option. We need to evaluate the curriculum and methodology for a transition course.

CREDIT BY EXAMINATION (CHALLENGE)

See the NVC Catalog concerning credit by examination. In accordance with college policy, credit by examination may not be used to change a previous grade, to remove a "W" (Withdrawal) notation or to change an "I" (Incomplete grade). The grade and credit on a challenge exam, including grades of "D" and "F", will become part of a student's permanent record. Students seeking to challenge a nursing course must (1) take the exams in sequential order and achieve a minimum grade of "C" (75%) or equivalent (per student handbook) and (2) pass a demonstration of clinical proficiency for the course being challenged. *Please note that the failure of either of these indicators of proficiency will be considered a failure in the course and give a grade of "F" and cannot be repeated via challenge exam process.



NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY:

The Napa Valley Community College District, in compliance with state and federal policies, regulations and statues, does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical or mental disability, medical condition, marital status, gender, sexual orientation, or age. The college encourages participation by minorities, women and persons with disabilities in the district's employment and educational opportunities.

The college is committed to overcoming gender discrimination and stereotyping in vocational education programs. The lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in career education programs.
For information regarding the college's equal opportunity/affirmative action policies or to file a complaint, contact Dr. Oscar DeHaro, Vice President, Student Services (707) 2567365,*.For information regarding the requirements of Sections 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act or to file a complaint, contact Special Services, 707-253-3080 (voice), 707-253-3085 (TDD).*

SOME CLINICAL FACILITIES AFFILIATED WITH NVC

- Queen of the Valley Medical Center & Community Sites
- Sonoma Valley Hospital
- St. Helena Hospital
- Kaiser Hospital – Vallejo/Vacaville
- Veterans Home – Yountville
- St. Helena Behavioral Health- Vallejo
- North Bay Medical Center
- Napa State Hospital
- Piner's Nursing Home
- Napa Valley Care & Rehab Center
- Meadows Napa Valley Facility

The following sequence of courses is approved by the Board of Registered Nursing and the Chancellors Office currently. The only way to reduce the time demand is to complete the non-nursing courses BEFORE starting the program.

APPROVED SEQUENCE OF COURSES	UNITS	THEORY HOURS	LAB/CLINICAL HOURS	TOTAL HOURS
TITLE OF PREREQUISITE COURSES				
BIOL 218–Human Anatomy (or equivalent)	5	3/week	6/week	9/week
BIOL 219–Human Physiology (or equivalent)	5	3/week	6/week	9/week
BIOL 220 – General Microbiology (or equivalent)	5	3/week	6/week	9/week
ENGL C1000 (formally known as ENGL 120) – Academic Reading and Writing (or equivalent)	3	3/week	0	3/week
PSYC 125- Human Growth & Development (Life-span) (or equivalent)	3	3/week	0	3/week
COMM- Communication course; choose one from below: **120- Interpersonal Communication (or equivalent)** **C1000- (formerly known as COMM 122) Intro to Public Speaking (or equivalent)** **124- Career Communication (or equivalent)** **126- Intercultural Communication (or equivalent)** **128- Critical Thinking: Argumentation & Debate (or equivalent)**	3	54	0	54
TOTAL	24			
Math requirement is a pre-requisite for the Sciences and should include Math 106 (College Algebra) or Math 232 (Statistics) or equivalent, which will also make you transfer ready for a higher degree, if desired.* **Those who do not do this are often unprepared for the medication calculations required to pass the nursing courses.				
FIRST SEMESTER				
NURS 151 – Nursing Fundamentals	5.5	45	162	212.5
NURS 152 – Health & Wellness, Chronic Illness & Geriatric Care	5.0	54	108	167
TOTAL	10.5			
SECOND SEMESTER				
NURS 153 – Maternal Newborn Nursing Care	4.0	45	81	130
NURS 154 – Mental Health Nursing Care	3.5	45	54	102.5
NURS 155 – Pediatric Nursing Care	3.0	36	54	93
TOTAL	10.5			
THIRD SEMESTER				
NURS 251 – Nursing Care of Patients with Acute Illness I	10	90	270	370
Ethnic Studies from approved A.S. Degree list (except PSYC 125); ETHS 100 or Equivalent	3	3	0	3
TOTAL	13			
FOURTH SEMESTER				
NURS 252 – Nursing Care of Patients with Acute Illness II	8	72	216	288
NURS 253 – Capstone Course	2	18	54	74
Humanities from approved A.S. Degree List	3	3	0	3
TOTAL	13			
Advanced Placement options for LVN's and PTEC's are currently being explored.				

- Courses listed in **BOLD AND UNDERLINED** can all be taken before starting the nursing courses.
- **Students must complete MATH 106 (College Algebra) or higher, or equivalent, to meet graduation requirements at NVC.**
- To remain in the nursing program, and qualify for the A.S. degree, students must maintain a "C" grade or above, in all required Arts & Science courses & Nursing theory courses, have satisfactory evaluations in all clinical experiences & meet national standards in standardized tests.
- COMM 124 includes Public Speaking as well as Interpersonal Communications. Equivalent coursework may be substituted.
- Humanities is a degree requirement. It is not required for eligibility to take the NCLEX-RN. Students who do not receive an A.S. degree in Nursing probably will not be eligible for licensure by endorsement in other states.
- Students may select a Social Science or Humanities elective that meets the Cultural Diversity requirement for graduation.
- Multicultural/Gender Studies is a degree requirement (Course may double count for one other general education area, where that particular course appears). Courses will explore cross-cultural views, including male/female perspectives and contributions.
- Computer literacy is required in the program.

The best way to ensure all requirements have been met for the program and graduation is to keep in contact with your NVC college counselor.

BSN PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES

NVC counselors & the Transfer Center can help you prepare for transfer to a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing program at a 4-year college after you finish your ADN at NVC. Review catalogs in the Transfer Center & meet with a counselor for appropriate advice in setting your educational goals.

Other Opportunities for BSN (MSN) by way of concurrent collaboratives with NVC ADN Program:

- **Sonoma State University-** For information, go to http://www.sonoma.edu/nursing/bsn-post/cnecm.html
- **University of Phoenix** that allows students to work on their ADN and BSN concurrently. For information please email: gloria-peralta@phoenix.edu or laura.burch@phoenix.edu or hauntel.jacob@phoenix.edu.
- **Ohio University-** For information, please contact Renee Morris at morris1@ohio.edu.
- **Grand Canyon University-** For information, please email Monique Hollis Patrick at monique.hollispatrick@gcu.edu.

WHO TO CONTACT FOR HELP! www.napavalley.edu	
Financial Aid Office: for your questions about eligibility for Financial Aid and Scholarships. 707-256-7300	**Testing and Tutoring Center:** All students are encouraged to complete Math and English placement testing before they register. 707- 256-7437 or ttc@napavalley.edu.
Counselor: for help understanding Nursing program requirements, setting an Ed Plan, or with plans for a transfer to a 4-year Nursing degree program. 707-256-7220	**Admissions & Records:** Administration Building (A & R) Margarita Ceja - Nursing Admissions Coordinator Contact by email mceja@napavalley.edu.
Diagnostic Learning Service Department: Diagnostic assessments for those who might have a learning disability. 707-256-7345	**Director of Nursing**: Karen Canepa RN, MSN, CCRN, CWCN, PHN 707-256-7611; 707-256-7609 (Fax); Email- Karen.canepa@napavalley.edu