



## Nursing

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## Registered Nursing Associate of Science Degree

The study of nursing is the application of knowledge from the arts and sciences. The purpose of the Bakersfield College Associate Degree Program is to provide the foundation for students to become competent registered nurses. The ADN Program respects the individuality of students and recognizes that each student has different educational, experiential, cultural, spiritual, economic and social backgrounds and a unique support system. The aim of the program is to provide a positive, innovative learning model that fosters the development of critical thinking and problem-solving skills so that the graduate nurse is equipped to deliver care to a culturally diverse population in a variety of healthcare settings.

### Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion, the student will:

- utilize the nursing process and evidenced based practice to facilitate optimal client outcomes for diverse cultures across the lifespan and in a variety of settings.
- demonstrate knowledge, skills, and attitudes required of the professional nurse as defined by the California Nursing Practice Act, standards of nursing practice, considering legal, moral and ethical principles.
- communicate and collaborate effectively, in both oral and written formats, employing patient care technologies and information systems, with individuals, families, populations, communities, and the interdisciplinary team across the health care continuum.
- collaborate with healthcare professionals to enhance quality improvement and safety initiatives at individual and systems levels of care.
- assume the roles of provider of care, manager of care, and member of the profession as an entry level nurse

### Career Opportunities:

Employment in a variety of healthcare facilities and settings

### Estimated Program Costs (Gainful Employment):

The estimated cost for the entire program is approximately \$7,435. (This includes tuition for Nursing courses only.) For information on Estimated Program Costs, please visit our [Registered Nursing web page](#).

### To Achieve the Associate of Science Degree

Upon completion of graduation requirements and the required degree courses with at least a 'C' grade in each course, the student will be awarded an Registered Nursing Associate of Science Degree.

### Requirements for the Registered Nursing (AS) program:

Conditional Enrollment: As a condition of enrollment in any Nursing/Allied Health Program, students are required to submit to and pass a designated drug and alcohol screening, a background screening, and physical examination clearance (at the student's expense). Please note the following:

- A history of felony conviction(s) or any bar, exclusion or other ineligibility for federal program participation could render student ineligible for clinical placement, as determined by the clinical agencies.

- If a student cannot obtain background clearance from the clinical agencies, it will not be possible to place the student in the clinical areas, which is a required component of the program. In the event that a student cannot obtain a background clearance, the space will be forfeited. Students who are found to be ineligible for clinical placement by the clinical agency after admission to the program shall be subject to dismissal from the program, as they will be unable to complete mandatory clinical rotations.
- A physical examination completed by a physician of the student's choice is required after acceptance to the Program to demonstrate that a student meets the technical standards necessary to meet the Program objectives. Appropriate immunizations and/or vaccinations and mask fit testing are also required and are performed at the student's expense.

### Prerequisite Coursework (Total Units: 42-45)

The following course work must be completed at Bakersfield College or equivalent course work at another accredited college.

Course #	Name	Units
ENGL B1A	Expository Composition	3
MATH B70	Intermediate Algebra <i>or higher</i>	3
CHEM B11	Introduction to General, Organic and Biochemistry	5
BIOL B16	General Microbiology	5
BIOL B32	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4
BIOL B33	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4
PSYC B1A	General Psychology	3
NURS B100*	Strategies for Success in a Nursing Program <i>or</i>	2
STDV B1	Educational Planning	1
COMM B1	Public Speaking	3
PHIL B12	Ethics of Lifting and Dying (Recommended) <i>or</i>	3
	Any course in BC GE Area C.1 or C.2	
PHED	Physical Education (B2-B22)	1
HIST B17A	History of the United States <i>or</i>	3
HIST B17B	History of the United States (Since 1870) <i>or</i>	3
POLS B1	American Government: National, State and Local <i>or</i>	3
	Any course in BC area D.3	
SOCI B1	Introduction to Sociology <i>or</i>	3
ANTH B2	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	3

\*NURS B100 is now NURS B99.

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### Total Units: 38

#### Required Courses

##### Semester 1 (11.5 units)

Course #	Name	Units
NURS B40	Foundations of Nursing Practice	4.5
NURS B41	Nursing Care of the Medical Surgical Patient 1	4.0
NURS B42	Pharmacology for Nursing Practice	3.0

##### Semester 2 (8.5 units)

Course #	Name	Units
NURS B43	Nursing Care of the Medical Surgical Patient 2	5.5
NURS B44	Nursing Care of the Psychiatric-Mental Health Client	3.0

##### Semester 3 (11 units)

Course #	Name	Units
NURS B46	Nursing Care of the Medical Surgical Patient 3	5.0
NURS B47	Nursing Care of Maternal Newborn Patients	3.0
NURS B48	Nursing Care of Children and Adolescents	3.0

##### Semester 4 (7 units)

Course #	Name	Units
NURS B49	Nursing Care of the Medical Surgical Patient 4	7.0

#### Category

Category	CSU	IGETC
Units in Major	38	38
Possible double counting of GE's	0	0
General Education	42-45	42-45
Electives (CSU Transferrable)	0	0
Degree Total	80-83	80-83

More information can be found on the [Registered Nursing web page](#) or in the Bakersfield College Nursing/Allied Health Office, MS 178.

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## LVN to Associate Degree Nursing Program Associate of Science

The study of nursing is the application of knowledge from the arts and sciences. The purpose of the Bakersfield College LVN to Associate Degree Program is to provide the foundation for students to become competent registered nurses. The LVN-ADN Program respects the individuality of students and recognizes that each student has different educational, experiential, cultural, spiritual, economic and social backgrounds and a unique support system. The aim of the program is to provide a positive, innovative learning model that fosters the development of critical thinking and problem solving skills so that the graduate nurse is equipped to deliver care to a culturally diverse population in a variety of healthcare settings. Mission The mission of the Bakersfield College LVN-Associate Degree Nursing Program is to prepare entry-level registered nurses as providers and managers of care across the health/illness continuum and as members within the profession. Graduate nurses will collaborate with members of the health care team, be effective communicators, be politically aware, and demonstrate a commitment to lifelong learning.

### Estimated Program Costs (Gainful Employment):

The estimated cost for the entire program is approximately \$7,435. (This includes tuition for Nursing courses only.) For information on Estimated Program Costs, please visit our website at: <https://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/nursing/lvn-rn>

### Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion, the student will:

- demonstrate the standards of competent performance as defined by the California Board of Registered Nursing. The successful graduate will be considered competent when he/she consistently demonstrates the ability to transfer knowledge scientific knowledge from social, biological, and physical sciences in applying the nursing process as follows:
- formulates a nursing diagnosis through observation of the client's physical condition and behavior, and through interpretation of information obtained from the client and others, including the health team.
- formulates a care plan, in collaboration with the client, which ensures that direct and indirect nursing care services provide for the client's safety, comfort, hygiene, and protection, and for disease prevention and restorative measures.
- performs skills essential to the kind of nursing action to be taken, explains the health treatment to the client and family and teaches the client and family how to care for the client's health needs.
- delegates tasks to subordinates based on the legal scopes of practice of the subordinates and on the preparation and capability needed in the tasks to be delegated, and effectively supervises nursing care being given by subordinates.
- evaluates the effectiveness of the care plan through observation of the client's physical condition and behavior, signs and symptoms of illness, and reactions to treatment and through communication with the client and health team members, and modifies the plan as needed.
- acts as the client's advocate, as circumstances require, by initiating action to improve health care or to change decisions or activities which are against the interests or wishes of the client, and by giving the client the opportunity to make

informed decisions about health care before it is provided. (Title 16, California Code of Regulations, Division 14 – Board of Registered Nursing, Article 4, Section 1443.5)

- perform Nursing practice, which includes those functions, including basic health care, that help people cope with difficulties in daily living that are associated with their actual or potential health or illness problems or the treatment thereof, including all of the following:
- direct and indirect patient care services that ensure the safety, comfort, personal hygiene, and protection of patients; and the performance of disease prevention and restorative measures. (Business and Professions Code, Division 2, Chapter 6, Section 2725)
- direct and indirect patient care services, including, but not limited to, the administration of medications and therapeutic agents, necessary to implement a treatment, disease prevention, or rehabilitative regimen ordered by and within the scope of licensure of a physician, dentist, podiatrist, or clinical psychologist, as defined by Section 1316.5 of the Health and Safety Code.
- the performance of skin tests, immunization techniques, and the withdrawal of human blood from veins and arteries.
- observation of signs and symptoms of illness, reactions to treatment, general behavior, or general physical condition, and:
- determination of whether the signs, symptoms, reactions, behavior, or general appearance exhibit abnormal characteristics.
- implementation, based on observed abnormalities, of appropriate reporting, or referral, or standardized procedures, or changes in treatment regimen in accordance with standardized procedures, or the initiation of emergency procedures

### Requirements for the LVN to ADN program:

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### Associate of Science

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- also required and are performed at the student's expense.
- Proof of IV Certification is required. Students may meet this requirement by taking MEDS B66 prior to entering the LVNADN Program.
- One year experience working as an LVN.
- Possession of current California Vocational Nurse License
- American Heart Association BLS - Healthcare Provider card - current within one year. (MEDS B52 fulfills this requirement).
- Graduation from high school or an equivalent education.
- Overall GPA of 2.5

General education courses are required to graduate from Bakersfield College with an Associate Degree in Nursing. It is suggested that most of these courses be completed prior to beginning the Nursing Program.

Courses must be completed with a C grade or better

#### Prerequisite Coursework

- ENGL B1A Expository Composition 3 units at Bakersfield College or equivalent course at another accredited college.
  - MATH BD/B70 Intermediate Algebra or higher 3 units at Bakersfield College or an equivalent course at another accredited college.
  - CHEM B11 Introduction to General, Organic and Biochemistry
- or
- CHEM B1A General Chemistry at Bakersfield College or an equivalent Chemistry course (3-5 units) from another accredited college.
  - BIOL B16 General Microbiology 5 units at Bakersfield College or equivalent course at another accredited college.
  - BIOL B32 Anatomy & Physiology I 4 units at Bakersfield College or equivalent course at another accredited college.
  - BIOL B33 Anatomy & Physiology II 4 units at Bakersfield College or equivalent course at another accredited college.  
*Anatomy and Physiology requirement can also be met with Human Anatomy (min. of 4 units) AND Human Physiology (min. of 4 units) of equivalent courses from another accredited college.)*
  - Social Science (3 units) – any course listed in Area D3 of the Bakersfield College General Education Pattern
  - Arts, Literature, Philosophy, and Foreign Language (3 units) –any course as listed in Area C of the Bakersfield College General Education Pattern.
  - COMM B1\*
  - ANTHB2\* or SOC B1\*
  - PSYC B1A\*
  - Physical Education (1 unit) required from PHED courses numbered from B2-B33 or B49.
  - HLED Health Education (3 units) is waived for RN students
  - NURS B100 Educational Planning - recommended or any course listed under Bakersfield College General requirements for graduation.  
*(A student development course is recommended to be taken during the first semester of courses at Bakersfield College to assure priority registration.)*

#### Career Opportunities:

Employment in a variety of healthcare facilities and settings

#### To Achieve the Associate of Science Degree

Upon completion of graduation requirements and the required degree courses with at least a 'C' grade in each course, the student will be awarded a LVN to Associate Degree Nursing Program Associate of Science Degree.

#### Total Units: 20

##### Required Courses

##### Semester 1

Course #	Name	Units
NURS B25	Mental Health - Psychiatric Nursing	3.5
NURS B26	Medical Surgical Nursing 3	5.5
NURS B70	Role Transition: Bridging Nursing Theory to Practice	2.0

##### Semester 2

Course #	Name	Units
NURS B28	Medical Surgical Nursing 4	7.0
NURS B29	Gerontology - Community Nursing	2.0

More information can be found on the [Allied Health website](#) or in the Bakersfield College Allied Health Office, MS 178.

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## LVN to Non-Degree Nurse (30 Unit Option)

Students seeking information regarding the 30-unit option preparation for the registered nurse licensing examination may receive further information from the Dean of the Associate Degree Nursing Program. The 30 unit option is specific to California only. As a 30 unit option you are not a graduate of Bakersfield College's Nursing Program.

### Transfer and Challenge by Exam Policy

For transfer and challenge by exam policies, contact the Nursing Department for further information.

### Career Opportunities in Registered Nursing

Employment in a variety of healthcare facilities and settings.

### Prerequisite Requirements

All prerequisite courses must be completed prior to submission of program application. Courses in-progress at the time of application will not be considered.

The following courses must be completed with a grade of 'C' or higher:

- Introductory Physiology (with lab) must meet Board of Registered Nursing requirements in Physiology.
- General Microbiology (with lab) must meet Board of Registered Nursing requirements in Microbiology.

### Additional Prerequisites:

- Graduation from high school or an equivalent education.
- Possession of a current California Vocational Nurse License.
- Employment as a LVN for at least 1 year.
- IV Certification.

### 30 Unit Option Curriculum\*

#### Third Semester

Course #	Name	Units
NURS B25	Mental Health-Psychiatric Nursing	3.5
NURS B26	Medical Surgical Nursing 3	5.5
NURS B70	Role Transition: Bridging Nursing Theory to Practice	2.0

#### Fourth Semester

Course #	Name	Units
NURS B28	Medical Surgical Nursing 4	7.0
NURS B29	Gerontology - Community Nursing	2.0

\*The prerequisites of microbiology and physiology equal 10 units.

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## Vocational Nursing Program Certificate of Achievement

**V**ocational Nursing Program Mission: The mission of the Bakersfield College Vocational Nursing Program is to prepare entry-level vocational nurses as providers of care across the health/illness continuum and as members within the profession.

Upon completion of the program of study for Vocational Nursing, the student is eligible for a Certificate of Achievement.

### Estimated Program Costs (Gainful Employment):

The estimated cost for the entire program is approximately \$5,910. (This includes tuition for Nursing courses only.) For information on Estimated Program Costs (and program information), please visit [our website](#).

### Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion, the student will:

- demonstrate an understanding of how to use and practice basic assessment (data collection), participate in planning, execute interventions in accordance with the care plan or treatment plan, and contribute to evaluation of individualized intervention related to the care plan or treatment plan.
- Perform direct patient/client care by which the student:
  - performs basic nursing services.
  - administers medications.
  - applies communication skills for the purpose of patient/client care and education.
  - contributes to the development and implementation of a teaching plan related to self-care for the patient/client.

### Requirements for the Vocational Nursing program:

#### Prerequisite Requirements

All prerequisites must be completed prior to the start of the Program with a C grade or higher. Priority is provided to students with all prerequisite courses completed at the time of submitting an enrollment form.

- Proof of graduation from high school or an equivalent education.
- BIOL B18 (Essentials of Human Anatomy and Physiology) at Bakersfield College or an equivalent course at another accredited college.
- PSYC B1A (General Psychology) at Bakersfield College or an equivalent course at another accredited college.
- MATH B60 (Elementary Algebra) at Bakersfield College or an equivalent course at another accredited college.
- Eligibility for ENGL B1A (Expository Composition) as demonstrated by qualifying scores on the college assessment test or completion of ENGL B53 or ENGL B50 at Bakersfield College or equivalent course from another accredited college with a C or higher.
- Nurse Assistant certification – required (Effective Fall 2016).
- MEDS B60 (Medical Terminology) – highly recommended. Note: Students desiring to continue their education and become a registered nurse need to refer to the prerequisites required for the Associate Degree Nursing Program.

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### Application Procedure

The Allied Health office must receive all application forms and transcripts during the designated filing periods. For detailed information on the application period and procedures, please refer to the [Allied Health web site](#) or in the Bakersfield College Allied Health Office in MS 178.

### Conditional Enrollment

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### Program Costs

An estimated cost for the first semester of the program is approximately \$3,200.

### Transfer and Challenge by Exam Policy

For transfer and challenge by exam policies, contact the Nursing Department for further information.

### Program Approval/Accreditation

The California Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians accredits the Bakersfield College Vocational Nursing Program. The Western Association of Schools and Colleges accredits Bakersfield College.

### Licensure/Certification Eligibility

Conviction of any offenses other than minor traffic violations must be reported to the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians at the time of application for licensure. For clarification contact the VN Program Director or the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians, 2535 Capitol Oaks Drive, Suite 205, Sacramento, California, 95833, (916) 263-7800. Applicants for VN Licensure must submit a valid Social Security number at the time of application.

## Vocational Nursing Program Certificate of Achievement

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### Certificate of Achievement

Upon completion of the program of study for Vocational Nursing, the student is eligible for a Certificate of Achievement.

### Career Opportunities:

Employment as a Licensed Vocational Nurse can be in a variety of health care settings. [Additional employment information can be found online.](#)

### To Achieve the Certificate of Achievement

Upon completion of the following courses with at least a 'C' grade in each course, the student will be awarded a Vocational Nursing Certificate of Achievement.

### Vocational Nurse Program Curriculum

The following courses are taken after the student enters the Vocational Nursing Program

#### Total Units: 44

##### Required Courses

##### First Semester - 14 units

Course #	Name	Units
VNRS B67	Principles of Pharmacology	2.0
VNRS B68	Basic Medical Surgical Nursing	3.0
VNRS B69	Foundations for Vocational Nursing Practice	3.0
VNRS B69L	Foundations for Vocational Nursing Practice – Lab	6.0

##### Second Semester - 15 units

Course #	Name	Units
VNRS B79	Intermediate Medical Surgical Nursing	9.0
VNRS B79L	Intermediate Medical Surgical Nursing – Lab	6.0

##### Third Semester - 15 units

Course #	Name	Units
VNRS B83	Critical Thinking and Leadership for the Vocational Nurse	1.5
VNRS B84	Maternal/Child Pharmacology	1.0
VNRS B88	Maternal /Child Nursing	3.0
VNRS B88L	Maternal/Child Nursing – Lab	3.0
VNRS B89	Advanced Medical Surgical Nursing	3.5
VNRS B89L	Advanced Medical Surgical Nursing – Lab	3.0

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## Nurse Assistant Job Skills Certificate

The Nurse Assistant job skills certificate prepares the student to provide services to those who need health care. The student will learn the role of the caregiver, the healthcare environment, health care safety, adult needs in health and illness, and basic caregiving skills.

The mission of the Bakersfield College Nurse Assistant Program is to provide vocational education that will prepare the student to provide basic services to those who need healthcare. The program is committed to improving and advancing the health and welfare of our community by preparing competent, safe, health care professionals.

### Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion, the student will demonstrate an understanding of knowledge and skills necessary to provide basic patient care including but not limited to the following skills:

- performing basic hygiene • taking and documenting vital information (vital signs, height, weight)
- documenting patient care
- assisting with elimination needs
- collecting specimens
- demonstrate an understanding of effective communication and interpersonal skills
- promote the independence of patients
- demonstrate an understanding of protection of patient privacy and patient rights
- demonstrate an understanding of safety and emergency procedures including the Heimlich maneuver

### Requirements for the Nurse Assistant (JSC) program:

Conditional Enrollment: As a condition of enrollment in any Nursing/Allied Health Program, students are required to submit to and pass a designated drug and alcohol screening, a background screening, and physical examination clearance (at the student's expense). Please note the following:

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### Program Costs

An estimated cost for the program (fees, textbooks, uniforms, and examination) is approximately \$1,000. Financial aid may be available.

### Program Approval Accreditation

The California Department of Public Health approves the Bakersfield College Nurse Assistant Program. The Western Association of Schools and Colleges accredits Bakersfield College. Licensure/Certification Eligibility Students with a misdemeanor and/or felony arrest conviction, either current or prior, may not receive certification or licensure from the State or County. Also, a Social Security number and fingerprinting are required by State certification/licensure agencies.

### Licensure/Certification

Upon successful completion of the Nurse Assistant course, the student is eligible to take the competency exam for a Certified Nurse Assistant administered by the American Red Cross. This job skills certificate provides proof to the California Department of Public Health that the student has met the requirements for licensure. Students must complete the required courses with at least a 'C' grade.

### Career Opportunities:

Employment as a Licensed Vocational Nurse can be in a variety of health care settings.

### To Achieve the Job Skills Certificate

Upon completion of the following courses with at least a 'C' grade in each course, the student will be awarded a Nurse Assistant Job Skills Certificate.

### Total Units: 6.0

#### Required Courses

Course #	Name	Units
MEDS B69	Nurse Assistant	6.0

More information can be found on the [Allied Health website](#) or in the Bakersfield College Allied Health Office, MS 178.

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