

Registered Nursing Program

Information



San Bernardino Valley College

2015/2016

- **APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED** August 1st – September 01st for Spring semester, Jan. 2nd – Feb. 2nd for Fall semester. (or the next business day if due date falls on a weekend)

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Nursing information can be found at:

- Valleycollege.edu/nursing
- OR search Google for “sbvc nursing”

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 or Nursing Application Workshop. A schedule of meetings and workshops is available in the Health Science Division Office, Health and Life Science Bldg., Room 101 and on the web page. Contact our Nursing Counselor, Gina Curasi at 909-384-8609 or gcurasi@valleycollege.edu for assistance in developing an educational 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.

Notes: All credits from a foreign college or university must be evaluated by a foreign transcript evaluation service (AERC or IERF). 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.

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 visit www.rn.ca.gov.

Prerequisites to the Nursing Program

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

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

Science Courses	
Complete the following courses with a grade of C or higher and a minimum GPA of 2.75	
General Psychology	Psychology 100 or the equivalent
Human Anatomy and Physiology I and Human Anatomy and Physiology II	Biology 250 or the equivalent And Biology 251 or the equivalent
OR	
Human Anatomy and Human Physiology	Biology 260 or the equivalent And Biology 261 or the equivalent
Microbiology	Biology 270 or the equivalent

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 . Please note that all remaining college coursework aside from the "Required General Education Courses" must be completed with a minimum of 2.0 GPA.	
Elements of Public Speaking or Interpersonal Communication (Required for State Licensing Exam)	Commst 100 or the equivalent or Commst 111 or the equivalent
Introduction to Sociology (Required for State Licensing Exam) 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	

Special Prerequisite Notes:

Effective, fall 2012, Chemistry 101 is a prerequisite for Biology 250, Biology 261 and Biology 270. However, Chemistry 101 is not a prerequisite counted for points. If a student has taken the equivalents of Biology 250 and 251 or Biology 260 and 261 as well as Biology 270 at another college where Chemistry was not a prerequisite for those courses, Chemistry 101 is not a prerequisite for entrance.

- Biology 270 has prerequisites of Biology 250 or 260 or 261 and Chemistry 101 if taken at SBVC.
- If a student elects to take the Biology 250/251 series, both courses must be completed within 5 years of application to the nursing program.
- If a student elects to take the Biology 260/261 series, Biology 261 must be completed within 5 years of application to the nursing program.
- Biology 270 must be completed within 5 years of application to the nursing program.
- The Biology 250/251 series or the equivalent must be completed at 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.
- 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. If the courses are not articulated with SBVC, they will need to be reviewed by the Science Division prior to the acceptance of these courses. Students will be expected to provide the Division with a course description, syllabus and course outline.
- A minimum of a **2.75** GPA is required in the "**Science Prerequisites**." A minimum of a **2.5** GPA is required in the "**Required General Education Courses**" and a minimum of a **2.0** cumulative GPA is required for all other coursework completed at all colleges. However, please note that GPA cutoffs vary each semester based upon the competition demonstrated by the application pool.
- **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.**

Special Prerequisite Notes for Bachelor's Degree Holders

- If a student possesses a Bachelor's degree or higher from a regionally accredited institution, all science prerequisites must be completed at time of application.

- 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**
- Therefore, 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 for purposes of applying for the nursing program and have grades posted at time of application.

Special Prerequisite Notes for LVN/RN Bridge Students

There is no longer a waitlist for the LVN/RN Bridge. Students interested in applying must apply via the point system; identically to the Generic ADN program. Therefore, a competitive GPA is indeed required.

However, please note that students applying on the point system 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.

Transcript Evaluations

It is now required that transcripts from all colleges and universities other than SBVC and Crafton Hills College are evaluated by the Admissions Office prior to applying to the nursing program. Students are required to submit official copies of transcripts from each school attended to the Admissions Office. It is recommended that you bring them in personally as opposed to relying on another college to mail the transcripts. You then must immediately fill out a form entitled, "Evaluation of Prior Credit" located in the Admissions Office. Without this form, your transcripts will not be automatically evaluated.

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. Thus, you cannot apply to the nursing program.

Transcripts must be submitted between MAY 01-JULY 15 for fall nursing program applications and OCTOBER 01-DECEMBER 15 for spring nursing program applications.

Also, please note that you are required to submit your evaluation with your nursing application. Please **DO NOT** include actual transcripts in your application packet.

Prerequisite Note for Students with International Coursework

Students who have completed coursework internationally must have their transcripts evaluated by a SBVC recognized international transcript evaluation agency (See nursing counselor for list of acceptable agencies). 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.).

Please consult with nursing counselor to determine course equivalencies.

For any questions related to prerequisites, degree requirements, and/or nursing application, please contact the Nursing Counselor:

Gina Curasi

(909) 384-8609

gcurasi@valleycollege.edu

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

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. Application requirements are listed below:

How to Calculate Grade Point Average (GPA)

- Calculate the grade points for each course using the following formula:
A = 4 grade points X units of course or
B = 3 grade points X units of course or
C = 2 grade points X units of 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:

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)

- 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.
- Complete required course work
- Requested and received an Evaluation of Prior Credit for transcripts outside of SBCCD.

Program Grade Point Average Calculation

- Submit the following to the Nursing Department, HLS 101, during regular business hours M-F, 8am – 5 pm. Dates for submission are: August 1st – September 1st for Spring semester, Jan. 2nd – Feb. 2nd for Fall semester
(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 online)
- 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)
- Social Security card – copy made by nursing office
- Evaluation of Prior Credit: Students who have completed coursework at other colleges and universities are required to submit their official transcripts to the Admissions Office for evaluation prior to applying for the nursing program. Students must officially request for the evaluation via filling out an “Evaluation of Prior Credit” form in the Admissions Office. It is recommended that students hand deliver transcripts as opposed to having them mailed. Please be sure to allow plenty of time for evaluation to be completed in that applications will not be accepted without the evaluation.

Notes:

- **All courses must be completed when application is submitted.**
- 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 points system. See application on the website and sample included in this booklet.
- Beginning fall 2013, approximately 30-35 students will be accepted into the Nursing Program each fall and spring. Applications will be ranked according to points determined by the admission criteria.
- The Nursing Program will admit approximately 25% of students via the point system and the remaining 75% will be admitted from the existing waitlist. Once the waitlist is completely diminished, all students will be admitted via the point system only. Please note that new applicants will **not** be placed on the waitlist.

HESI INFORMATION

Effective Fall 2014, 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.

Additionally, please note that the HESI Exam will be administered on campus.

Invitations may be sent out at any time. Therefore, it is recommended that you are well prepared for the HESI in advance in the event that your invitation is sent out close to the test date.

Please note that if a student elects to re-take the HESI they will need to register and pay for the re-take via the Evolve website. The re-take will not be available on campus and students will register to take the exam at a test center.

- Dates and specific information will be announced on the SBVC nursing website: valleycollege.edu/nursing
- Bring photo ID to test with you.
- Amazon and Barnes and Nobles carry study guides for the HESI A2.
- Topics included on the HESI are as follows: (1) Reading Comprehension, (2) Vocabulary, (3) Mathematics, (4) Critical Thinking, (5) Anatomy, (6) Physiology and (7) Microbiology.
- “HESI A2 Pocket Prep” application has also been identified as a useful study guide for students who have IPHONES and IPADS.
- Chemistry and Physics are excluded.

HESI TEST RESULTS

- Composite score on Test of Essential Academic Skills HESI. Please be sure to submit your highest HESI score if you elect to re-take the exam.
 - 90-100% = **40 points**
 - 80-89% = **35 points**
 - 75-79% = **30 points**
 - 62-74% = **15 points**

– Less than 62% = **0 points**

Courses in the Nursing Major: See College [Catalog for course](#) descriptions.

First Semester:

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:

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

Third Semester:

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

Fourth Semester:

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

Estimate of Expenses (4 semesters, Nursing Courses Only)

Books	\$1500
Tuition & fees (\$46/unit/semester for Calif. residents. Subject to change)	\$1943.50
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
Approximate Total	\$4,403.50

Optional expenses: Graduation expenses & nursing pin about \$200-\$250

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 **March 02nd** of every year. The later the FAFSA is filled out, the longer it will take to be processed. Loans may be available.

Typically, students who are admitted to the nursing program will need to appeal for financial aid continuation. 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. Therefore, 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.

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.

Please note that due to budget constraints and significant impaction, we are not accepting transfer students from foreign nursing schools for the 2014-2015 academic year.

Transferring 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 regarding the method to evaluate transcript for equivalency.

Please note that due to budget constraints and significant impaction, we are not accepting transfer students from other accredited nursing programs for the 2015-2016 school year.

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.

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.

Online and Accelerated Sciences

The nursing program and Science Division reserves the right to not accept science prerequisites from another college and/or university if they are not articulated or perfectly equivalent with the SBVC science prerequisites. If your science courses are

in question, please note that you will be instructed to provide course syllabi and outlines of record to the nursing counselor to forward to the science division for review.

Information and/or Questions

Contact our Nursing Counselor, Gina Curasi at 909-384-8609 or gcurasi@valleycollege.edu or the Nursing Department at 909-384-4450. Attendance at a Nursing Program Application Workshop is highly recommended. For dates & times of Nursing Application Workshops, see Nursing Workshop flyer or nursing website. For questions about submitted applications, call the Admissions Clerk, Mary Gutierrez at 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.

The courses that will be counted for points for Bachelor's Degree holders are:

- (1) English 101
- (2) Communication Studies 100 or 111
- (3) Sociology 100 or Anthropology 102

If a student who has completed a Bachelor's Degree has not completed the equivalent(s) of any of the above courses, they will in fact need to complete them prior to applying to the nursing program.

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Email is preferred.

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	CRITERIA	MAXIMUM POINTS FOR THE CATEGORY	EXAMPLE OF POSSIBLE POINT DISTRIBUTION
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. A total of 1 repeat is allowed for a science. Grades of a <i>W</i> , <i>D</i> , or <i>F</i> , in any of the science courses, count as one repetition.	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 25 points GPA = 3.5 – 3.99 20 points GPA = 3.0 – 3.49 15 points GPA = 2.75 – 2.99 10 points b. Minimum 2.5 GPA in all remaining general education courses required for graduation: GPA= 4.0 20 points GPA = 3.5 – 3.99 15 points GPA = 3.0 – 3.49 10 points GPA = 2.5 – 2.99 5 points c. For applicants with a Bachelor's degree, the GPA points will be calculated from the grades in English, Speech, and Sociology/Cultural Anthropology.

CRITERIA	MAXIMUM POINTS FOR THE CATEGORY	EXAMPLE OF POSSIBLE POINT DISTRIBUTION
Life experience or special circumstances Please indicate whether any of the below conditions are applicable to you. The identification of 1 condition will automatically yield a total of 5 points. No more than 5 points will be awarded in this area. Additionally, note that the conditions listed below with asterisks require documentation. Please recognize for those conditions not necessitating verification documentation, your report needs to be truthful. Therefore, a signature will be required. *Disabilities (Verification from DSPS that you are part of the program; no specific information regarding disability type, limitation, or nature of the disability is required). *Low Family Income (Verification obtained from financial aid award letter, Cal Works, etc.) First generation of family to attend college (no documentation required) Need to work during prerequisite courses (no documentation required)	5 points Maximum A student will earn 5 points for any one of these conditions and will not earn additional points for multiple conditions	Criteria/Application question If any item below is selected documentation is required (see application) a. Do you have a disability? Yes No b. Do you have financial need? Yes No c. Are you the first generation of family to attend college? Yes No d. Were you employed during prerequisite course work? Yes No e. Are you an EOPS Student? Yes No f. Any recent difficulty family or personal circumstances? Yes No (Single parent, Deployed spouse, Family caregiver, Death of family member within 6 months, Medical problem, financial issue) g. Refugee? Yes No h. Veteran? Yes No i. Did you successfully complete 12 units in the SBCCD system? Yes No

Disadvantages, social or educational environment (no documentation required) Difficult personal and family situations or circumstances (no documentation required) Refugee (no documentation required) *Veteran (Copy of DD-214) 12 units taken in SBCCD system (automatically verified via review of transcripts)		
Documented proficiency or advanced level of coursework in languages other than English. 5 points *Completion of 1 category below: *SPANISH: 103 *SPANISH: 157 for Native Speakers *AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE: 111 or ASL Certificate *Certificate for Translating for Medical Facility	5 points Maximum	Ability to communicate in a health care setting in: American Sign or Spanish.
Assessment/readiness test results HESI	40 points Maximum Total= ____/100	Composite score on FIRST ATTEMPT of Test of Essential Academic Skills HESI 90-100% = 40 points 80-89% = 35 points 75-79% = 30 points 62-74% = 15 points Less than 62% = 0 points