# PRE-NURSING WORKSHOP



# **Associate in Science - Nursing**

The two accrediting agencies are:

Board of Registered Nursing 1625 North Market Boulevard, Suite N217 Sacramento, Ca. 95834-1924

(916) 322-3350

www.rn.ca.gov

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc.<sub>(c)</sub> 3343 Peachtree Rd. NE, Suite 500 Atlanta, Ga

404-975-5000

www.acenursing.org

Students receive an Associate in Science Degree with a major in Nursing upon completion of this program and become eligible to take the California state examination (NCLEX-RN) leading to licensure as a registered nurse (RN).

The Associate Degree Nursing program is approved by the CA Board of Registered Nursing(BRN) and received national accreditation from the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (formerly the National League of Nursing for Accreditation NLNAC). Accreditation by the ACEN is an independent choice by Ventura College and validates that the nursing program meets higher standards of nursing education.

#### VENTURA COLLEGE ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREE: NURSING



REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY						
Must be completed with a grade of "C" minimum						
Note: There is <b>no recency requirement</b> for Moth, Chemistry, Anatomy, Physiology, or Microbiology						
	Intermediate Algebra course or higher level: Math V35, or Math V44, or Psy V04 (recommended options)					
	CHEM V30 & CHEM V30L or CHEM V20 & CHEM V20L or higher level course with lab or 1 year high school chemistry ("C" grades or better)					
	□ ANAT V01					
	PHSO V01					
	MICR V01					
Current CA CNA Certification: Can be completed at VC (HS V10) or through a State approved program						
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Minimum 2.5 Science GPA in Anatomy, Physiology & Microbiology						
No more than one repeat in either Anatomy or Physiology or Microbiology						
<ul> <li>Minimum score of 62% on the TEAS exam (VC Nursing utilizes the 1st attempt on TEAS version V or ATI TEAS)</li> </ul>						
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#### NURSING PROGRAM (4 semester program) – NS V10, NS V20, NS V30, NS V40

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Highly Recommended Courses: NS V07, Math V35, Bus V27A, Pathophysiology (offered at Moorpark College NS M25)

Courses noted with an asterisk \* can also be completed with a passing score of a 3, 4, or 5 on the required AP exam; or with the required passing score(s) on IB or CLEP exams.

A college-level physical science course (Area A2) if high school chemistry used to fulfill prerequisite requirement

# Nursing Prerequisites (to apply)

#### No recency requirements for prerequisite courses

- Intermediate Algebra course or higher level
  - Math V35, or Math V44, or Psy V04 (recommended options)
- Chem V30 & 30Lab or V20 & 20Lab Prereq: Math V01 (or higher level) or \*1 year high school chemistry with "C" or better
- Anat V01 Rec Prep: Bio V01 & V01Lab
- Phso V01 Prereq: Chem & Lab and Anat V01 or concurrent enrollment
- Micro VO1 Prereq: Chem, Lab & Phso VO1 or Bio VO4
- Current CA Certified Nurse Assistant certificate
  - Student must have current CA state certificate or state exam results showing passed written and skills exam upon application

No recency requirements for prerequisite courses

<sup>\*</sup>If Chemistry is taken in high school, student must complete a college-level physical science course to fulfill graduation requirements at Ventura College.

# Nursing Prerequisites Cont'd

#### CNA (Certified Nurse Assistant)

- Can be completed anywhere
  - Ventura College or other community college, Adult Ed or Vocational Ed Programs

https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/CNA.aspx#

- ❖ VC = HS V10 (1 semester course)
  - Packet to register for CNA is available online to register for following semester

http://www.venturacollege.edu/departments/academic/certified-nursing-assistant

Fall semester: March/April Spring semester: September

# Minimum Qualifying Requirements

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Requirements
are per State
Chancellor's
requirements

- Must have minimum 2.5 overall GPA (<u>ALL</u> colleges attended official transcripts must be on file)
- Must have minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA in Anatomy,
   Physiology, and Microbiology
- ✓ No more than one repeat ("W", "D" or "F") in <u>either</u>
  Anatomy, Physiology or Microbiology
- TEAS exam version V or ATI TEAS attain success score of 62% minimum (subject to change based on the State Chancellor's requirements)

Remediation may be required if students do not meet minimum requirements.

# Advanced Placement (LVN to RN)

#### 3 options available for Advanced Placement

Option I – Assessment Testing for Clinical Competency (credit for NS V10, NS V20, NS V30)

Option III – Admission into NS V20 without challenge testing

- Must have current LVN license in California
- •Must meet all prerequisite course and degree requirements (with exception of CNA)
- •Must meet all minimum qualifying requirements (overall GPA, science GPA, not exceed repeats in sciences, and success score on the TEAS)
- •All options are on space available basis
- •Applications accepted by appointment only during the same application period as regular applicants (Feb 1 March 15; Aug 1- Sept 15)

\*Option II -30 unit option (terminal option)\* (space available basis - two semesters of the program required NS V31 and NS V41)

30 unit option candidates are only required to have current CA LVN license, **Physiology (with lab)**, and **Microbiology (with lab)** with grades of "C" or better to apply.

### TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills)

### ATI TEAS (version 6)

	Reading	Mathematics	Science	English and Language Usage
	Key Ideas and Details Craft & Structure Integration of Knowledge & Ideas Pre-Test questions	Number & Algebra Measurement & Data Pre-Test questions	Human Anatomy & Physiology Life & Physical Sciences Scientific Reasoning Pre-Test questions	Conventions of Standard English Knowledge of Language Vocabulary Acquisition Pre-Test questions
Number of Questions	53	36	53	28
Time Limit (Minutes)	64 min	54 min	63 min	28 min From atitesting.com

Time limit is 209 minutes. 170 multiple choice questions. A four-function calculator will be provided at the time of testing.

\*Must score 62% or higher version V or ATI TEAS (subject to change)\*

The Ventura College Nursing Program will utilize the first attempt on TEAS version V or ATI TEAS for eligibility.

## TEAS cont'd

# TEAS can only be taken twice – VC Nursing only accepts the 1st attempt score on TEAS V or ATI TEAS

If not passed on the 1<sup>st</sup> attempt, student <u>must</u> remediate before retesting. The 2<sup>nd</sup> attempt score will then be used.

The <u>student</u> is responsible to register for a date to take the TEAS exam at Ventura College.

The <u>student</u> must arrange for the results of the TEAS exams if taken elsewhere to be sent (electronically) to the Ventura College School of Nursing by the stated deadline dates (April 1 or October 1).

Further information about the content, format, and/or study material for the TEAS exam may be found at <a href="https://www.atitesting.com">www.atitesting.com</a>

### REMEDIATION

#### Remediation required if:

- ❖Overall GPA less than 2.5
- ❖Cumulative GPA in Anatomy, Physiology, Microbiology less than 2.5
- \*More than one (1) repeat in the core sciences (Anatomy, Physiology, Microbiology)
- ❖TEAS success score less than 62%

Students must meet with a Nursing Counselor to establish a remediation plan.

Students will have to complete required remediation plan within designated timeframe to meet eligibility to apply to the Nursing Program.

# **Multi-Screening Criteria**

- Ventura College School of Nursing utilizes enhanced admission criteria to admit a minimum of 75% of the entering class.
  - GPA in required courses (Anat, Phso, Micro)
  - Academic Degrees, diplomas, or certifications
  - Relevant Work or Volunteer experience in healthcare
  - Life experiences or special circumstances
  - Proficiency or advanced level course in foreign language
  - TEAS scores
  - 25% of students will be admitted based on waitlist order

# Applying to Program (prerequisites completed)

Applications are accepted twice yearly (Regular and Advanced Placement)

# March 15<sup>th</sup> Deadline Application

#### Submit application to Nursing Counselor

- -By appointment only: Feb 1 March 15
- -All preregs must be completed
- -All multi-criteria documentation submitted (not required for Advanced Placement)
- -Allowed to schedule TEAS date at VC

#### April 1<sup>st</sup> Deadline

TEAS must be taken at VC or test scores sent to the Nursing Office (if taken at other location) by deadline

TEAS dates offered in March

# September 15<sup>th</sup> Deadline Application

#### Submit application to Nursing Counselor

- -By appointment only: Aug 1 Sept 15
- -All preregs must be completed
- -All multi-criteria documentation submitted (not required for Advanced Placement)
- -Allowed to schedule TEAS date at VC



#### October 1<sup>st</sup> Deadline

TEAS must be taken at VC or test scores sent to the Nursing Office (if taken at other location) by deadline

TEAS dates offered in September

<sup>\*</sup>If deadline falls on a weekend, applications will be accepted up through 5pm on the next business day\*

### Admission Process

- Submit Nursing Application and Multi-Criteria by deadline (March 15 or Sept 15)
- Take TEAS exam by deadline (April 1 or Oct 1)
- Each qualified applicant will be added to waitlist
- 75% entering class based on Multi-Criteria
- 25% entering class based on waitlist

#### Students not chosen will remain on waitlist

March 15<sup>th</sup> deadline for <u>possible</u> Fall admission September 15<sup>th</sup> deadline for <u>possible</u> Spring admission

### Licensure and GE courses

#### Licensure Courses

- Engl V01A
- Psy V01
- Anth V02 or Soc V01, V02, or V03
- CD V03 or Psy V05 (Required before entry)
- Comm V01 or V10

Must be completed with "C" grades or better

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## General Education Courses

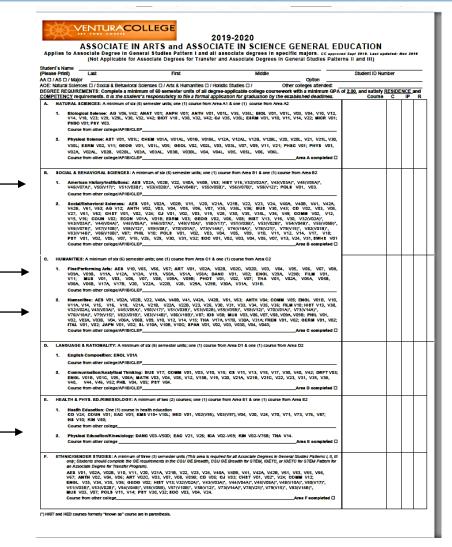
### See AA/AS Checksheet

Take one (1) course in each:

- American History and Institutions (Area B1)
- Fine or Performing Arts (Area C1)
- Humanities (Area C2)
- Physical Education/Kinesiology (Area E2)
- No additional GE courses required if student has Bachelor degree

Recommended: NS V07, Math V35, Bus V27A, Pathophysiology

All licensure and GE courses must be completed by the time you complete NS V40



# Other Requirements...

- $\sqrt{}$  Background check, drug and alcohol screening before entry
  - Students with any previous Misdemeanor or Felony conviction within the past SEVEN (7) years will be denied placement at a clinical facility. This will prevent entrance into the Ventura College Nursing Program.
    - Drug and Alcohol Screening any positive result will be denied placement at a clinical facility. This will prevent entrance into the Ventura College Nursing Program.

(See a Nursing Counselor for further details)

# Board of Registered Nursing

- The California Board of Registered Nursing protects the public by screening applicants for licensure in order to identify potentially unsafe practitioners.
- □ The law provides for denial of licensure for crimes or acts which are substantially related to nursing qualifications, functions, or duties. A crime or act meets this criterion if, to a substantial degree, it evidences present or potential unfitness to perform nursing functions in a manner consistent with the public health, safety, or welfare (California Code of Regulations, Section 1444).

# VC Nursing Program

(Fall & Spring Entry)

- 4 semester program
  - NS V10 (9 units)
  - NS V20 (9 units)
  - NS V30 (9 units)
  - NS V40 (9 units)

No courses in summer

#### **Clinical Facilities**

- □ CMH
- VCMC
- St. John's Regional Medical Center
- St. John's Pleasant Valley Hospital
- Ojai Valley Community Hospital

This is a partial list of clinical agencies used by the Nursing program. For a full list see the Student Handbook on the Nursing Science webpage.

# Core Nursing Coursework

Sample Schedules							
First Semester	NS V10	5 hrs lecture weekly 12 hrs lab/clinical weekly	Mon $12:30 - 3:30$ pm Lecture Wed $3:30 - 5:20$ pm Lecture Th & F $6:30$ am $- 12:20$ pm Clinical				
Second Semester	NS V20	4 hrs lecture/weekly 15 hrs lab/clinical weekly	Mon $9:30 - 11:20$ am Lecture Wed $3:30 - 5:20$ pm Lecture Th & F $6:30$ am $- 1:45$ pm Clinical				
Third Semester	NS V30	5 hrs lecture weekly 12 hrs lab/clinical weekly	Mon 9:30 - 11:45am Lecture Th 9:30 - 11:45am Lecture W&Th 2:00pm - 7:50pm Clinical				
Fourth Semester	NS V40 Part II	4 hrs lecture weekly 15 hrs lab/clinical facility weekly 38 hrs lecture weekly for 2 weeks Clinical preceptorship — 142.5 clinical hours over 6 weeks 11 (12 hour shifts)	Mon 9:30 - 11:20am Lecture Wed 9:30 - 11:20am Lecture M & Tu 1:30 - 8:45pm Clinical				

- Recommended students work no more than 20 hrs/wk if at all
- Students should plan to devote 15-20 additional hours per week to reading, studying, and preparing for hospital labs

A variety of facilities are utilized for clinical experiences and students may change clinical facilities every 4 to 8 weeks. Clinical assignments are made by the nursing faculty and students are notified of their assigned lecture/lab sections before registration.

# Educational Planning for Nursing

### Things to consider

- Course load
- Time commitment support
- Academic preparedness
- Financial aid Please check with Financial Aid Office as Federal regulations determine eligibility

### Meeting with a Counselor

- If you have attended any other regionally accredited college/university – send all official transcripts to Ventura College Admissions and Records Office.
- Request to have your transcripts evaluated requests can be made at the Counseling Information desk.
- Meet with a Counselor to review evaluation

# Applying for March 15<sup>th</sup> Deadline?