

Vocational Nursing

Diploma Program

Contact Hours: 1,722

Semester Credits: 66.5

Instructional Weeks – Full Time: 50

Average Time to Complete – Full Time: 13 Months

Program Overview

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California State Licensure Requirements

1. Must successfully complete the NCLEX-PN.
2. Must be a graduate of a California accredited school of Vocational Nursing or one of the following:
 - Be a graduate of an out-of-state school of Practical/Vocational Nursing;
 - Have the equivalent education and/or experience; or
 - Have nursing service in the Medical Corps of any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States.

Clinical Sites

A current list of Board approved clinical facilities may be found posted outside the Director of Nursing's office.

Program Objectives

The objective of this program is to prepare the student with sufficient theoretical knowledge and specialized practical skills to qualify for an entry-level position as a member of the nursing staff in acute care hospitals, extended care facilities, physicians' offices, and other healthcare agencies.

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Program Mission

Concorde Career College Practical Nursing Program ensures the healthcare community of competent graduates who are capable and productive entry-level practitioners. These individuals espouse professionalism and adhere to established standards of care and ethical practice.

Program Philosophy

The Vocational Nursing program is founded on beliefs that are consistent with the parent organization and the community at large. The faculty of the Vocational Nursing program hold the following beliefs about the individual, nursing, health, and nursing education.

End of Program Student Learning Outcomes:

Concorde Practical Nursing graduates will:

1. Provide safe, caring and compassionate nursing care to diverse patients across the lifespan in various healthcare settings using evidenced based practice to improve outcomes.
2. Function as a competent, entry-level healthcare provider applying leadership and management skills and embracing ethical and legal principles in the provision of culturally appropriate nursing care.
3. Collaborate with members of the inter-professional healthcare team to provide optimal care for diverse patients and their families.
4. Communicate effectively through verbal, nonverbal and technological methods with patients, families and members of the inter-professional healthcare team.

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Term 1

Course #	Course Title	Pre-Requisites	Co-Requisites	Theory Hours	Lab/Clinical Hours	Semester Credit Hours
CPSO1101	Career Path Success I			30	0	1
PNVN1111	Personal & Vocational Concepts			25		1
PNVN1319	Clinical Practice I		PNVN1811		100	3.5
PNVN1811	Basic Foundations in Nursing & Nursing Practice		PNVN1319	170	0	8
Subtotal				225	100	13.5

Term 2

Course #	Course Title	Pre-Requisites	Co-Requisites	Theory Hours	Lab/Clinical Hours	Semester Credit Hours
CPSO1102	Career Path Success 2			30		1

PNVN1729	PNVN1111 PNVN1319 PNVN1811					
PNVN1729	Clinical Practice II	PNVN1111 PNVN1319 PNVN1811	PNVN1521		220	7.5
Subtotal				154	220	14

Term 3

Course #	Course Title	Pre-Requisites	Co-Requisites	Theory Hours	Lab/Clinical Hours	Semester Credit Hours
CPSO1103	Career Path Success 3			30	0	1
PNVN1631	Medical-Surgical Nursing I	PNVN1521 PNVN1729	PNVN1739	141		6.5
PNVN1739	Clinical Practice III	PNVN1521 PNVN1729	PNVN1631		200	7
Subtotal				171	200	14.5

Term 4

Course #	Course Title	Pre-Requisites	Co-Requisites	Theory Hours	Lab/Clinical Hours	Semester Credit Hours
PNVN1541	Medical-Surgical Nursing II	PNVN1631 PNVN1739	PNVN1749	111		5
PNVN1749	Clinical Practice IV	PNVN1631 PNVN1739	PNVN1541		215	7.5
Subtotal				111	215	12.5

Term 5

Course #	Course Title	Pre-Requisites	Co-Requisites	Theory Hours	Lab/Clinical Hours	Semester Credit Hours
PNVN1150	Transitions to Practice	All Courses In Terms 1-4	PNVN1350 PNVN1759	40	0	1.5
PNVN1350	Family Health Nursing	All Courses In Terms 1-4	PNVN1150 PNVN1759	66		3
PNVN1759	Clinical Practice V	All Courses In Terms 1-4	PNVN1150 PNVN1350		220	7.5
Subtotal				106	220	12