Enrollment Eligibility
To be eligible for enrollment in the program, the student must meet the following criteria:

• Complete program application and submit by due date to be considered for acceptance into the program
• 12th grade or equivalent as granted by the California State Department of Education
• BIOL 100 with a grade of “B” or better; or BIOL 430 and BIOL 431 with grades of “B” or better
• AH 110, FCS 324, NUTRI 300 or NUTRI 480, and PSYC 300 or PSYC 480 with a grade of “C” or better and a cumulative GPA of 2.5 in these four (4) courses
• ENGRD 11 for applicants who do not have an Associate Degree or higher
• In-progress grades will not be accepted for prerequisite courses. Courses taken for credit/no credit (C/NC) will be calculated into GPA’s as a “C” grade.
• It is highly recommended that the student take a medical dosage calculation class prior to beginning the program.
• A grade of 75% or better is mandatory in each required course.
• Students accepted into the program will be required to undergo a physical examination, immunizations, background check, and drug screen, as well as transportation to and from clinical agencies for day and evening learning experiences. All students must have a current American Heart Association Health Care Provider CPR with Automated External Defibrillator (AED).

Students with a conviction record will be required to disclose this information to the State Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians (BVNPT). The board reviews individual circumstances on a case-by-case basis to determine whether a person is qualified to be licensed as a Vocational Nurse. For further information consult the BVNPT website at https://www.bvnpt.ca.gov/enforcement/.

The nursing program is a full-time rigorous course of study. In order to ensure academic success and to protect students’ health, full time employment is not advisable. It is recommended that students who must continue outside employment reduce their hours to 8-12 hours or less per week. Informational meetings are held several times each semester and provide prospective students with information on program prerequisites, enrollment process, and other facts about the program. For information call (916) 558-2271 or visit the SCC web site at https://www.scc.losrios.edu/nursing/nursing-vocational/.

Recommended high school preparation: classes in biology, mathematics, and English.

Career Opportunities
This program prepares the student for employment as a licensed vocational nurse. The LVN may work in hospitals, doctors’ offices, ambulatory care settings, skilled nursing facilities, correctional facilities, home health, and extended care facilities to provide basic patient care to clients of all ages under the supervision and direction of physicians or registered nurses. The specific procedures performed vary greatly depending on the work setting.

Gainful Employment
For more information about program costs, graduation rates, median debt of program graduates, and other important information regarding gainful employment, please visit: http://www.losrios.edu/gainful-emp-info/gedt.php?major=051202C01.
The 30-unit option provides the Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) the opportunity to qualify for the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN). This option is available to LVNs entering the SCC Registered Nursing Program but does not meet the requirements for an associate degree in nursing.

In addition to regular expenses such as enrollment fees, living costs, activity fees, and books, nursing students have the expense of uniforms, equipment, malpractice insurance, graduation, and licensing costs. They also are responsible for their physical examination, immunizations, background check, and drug screen, as well as transportation to and from clinical agencies for day and evening learning experiences. All enrolled students must have a current health provider America Heart Association CPR with Automated External Defibrillator (AED) card. The nursing program is a full-time rigorous course of study. In order to ensure academic success and to protect students' health, full time employment is not advisable. It is recommended that students who must continue outside employment reduce their hours to 8-12 hours or less per week.

A 75% passing grade is mandatory in theory and clinical of each nursing course for progression in the program.

NOTE: In accordance with Regulation 480 of the State Board of Registered Nursing, a person convicted of any offense, other than a minor traffic violation, may not qualify to be licensed as a Registered Nurse. If there are any questions regarding this matter, please contact the State Board of Registered Nursing or visit their website at www.rn.ca.gov.

**Enrollment Eligibility**

To be eligible for enrollment in the program, the student must meet the following criteria:

- Possession of a current clear and active California Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) license at the time of application and throughout program completion.
- Completion of a minimum of six months recent LVN work experience, preferably in the medical-surgical area.
- Completion of BIOL 431 or equivalent 4-5 semester-unit physiology course and BIOL 440 or equivalent 4 semester-unit microbiology course with a grade of “B” or better prior to enrollment in the nursing courses.
- Completion of the current curriculum planning summary sheet including the semester in which the pre-enrollment packet is being submitted.
- LIBR 307 is recommended

**Enrollment Process**

Eligible students are selected for the program according to the following steps:

- Contact the Nursing department at 916-558-2345 for an appointment with the Program Director.
- Complete an application to the registered nursing program. Provide official transcripts and course descriptions of physiology, microbiology, and a previously attended licensed vocational nursing (LVN) program prior to the appointment.
- Provide proof of current California LVN licensure.

**Upon completion of this program, the student will be able to:**

- Integrate the nursing process with critical reasoning skills, in direct and indirect nursing care to meet the patient's developmental and basic human needs.
- Revise individualized nursing interventions to safely provide care to assist patients of all ages in need of preventative, restorative, or rehabilitative patient centered care.
- Incorporate evidence-based practice, patient care standards, informatics, and critical thinking skills to enhance safety, quality improvement, and effectiveness in nursing care.
- Generate therapeutic, respectful, and caring communication with patients and families, while promoting collegiality with peers and colleagues.
- Formulate accurate and timely documentation and reporting of patient assessments, interventions, progress, and outcomes of care in the written and electronic medical record.
- Design patient-centered teaching plans and assist patients and their families in developing self-advocacy skills necessary to maintain optimum levels of functioning and health.
- Manage the nursing care for a group of patients, utilizing leadership skills, collaboration, teamwork, resource utilization, and supervision of team members consistent with their scope of practice.
• prioritize patient care needs, using critical thinking and time
management skills, to organize and provide safe nursing care in a
responsible and accountable manner.
• integrate ethical provisions, legal boundaries, and cultural
competency in all areas of nursing practice.
• assess his or her own learning needs through reflective thinking and
use resources to engage in continuous improvement in skills and
knowledge.

Career Opportunities
This program prepares the student for employment as an entry-level
staff nurse in hospitals, physician's offices, skilled nursing or long-term
care facilities, surgery centers, ambulatory care settings, occupational
health, and other related agencies. Registered nurses provide nursing
care to clients and groups of clients throughout the lifespan. The State
of California allows the LVN-RN 30-unit option student to be eligible
for the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN). The
LVN seeking this path to RN licensure may not receive reciprocal RN
licensure in other states. LVNs considering moving out-of-state are en-
couraged to consult with that state's board of nursing for RN licensure
requirements before committing to the 30-unit option.

Required Program

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Total Units Required: **29**

Certificate of Achievement
The Certificate of Achievement may be obtained by completion of the
required program with grades of “C” or better.

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**Vocational Nursing (VN)**

**VN 120 Meeting Adult Basic Health Needs**

Prerequisite: See Enrollment Limitations

Enrollment Limitation: BIOL 100 with a grade of “B” or better; or BIOL 430 and BIOL 431 with grade of “B” or better; AH 110, FCS 324, NUTRI 300 or NUTRI 480, and PSYC 300 or PSYC 480 with a grade of “C” or better and a cumulative GPA of 2.5 in these four (4) courses. ENGRD 11 with a grade of “C” or better if applicant does not have an AA Degree or higher; and, acceptance into the Vocational Nursing Program.

Hours: 108 hours LEC; 324 hours LAB

This course is an orientation to Vocational Nursing and the role of the Vocational Nurse within the health care team, including historical, ethical, and legal aspects. Theory and practice introduce the nursing process and related concepts of basic human needs, life-cycle develop-
ment, health-illness continuum, and major health problems related
to cardiovascular, respiratory, nutrition-elimination, mobility, hormonal
disturbances, and surgical interventions. Fundamental skills and
responsibilities involved in patient care, including medication admin-
istration, principles of communication, health teaching, cultural diversity,
and human sexuality are included. Emphasis is on assessment of
patient needs and basic nursing interventions for adults of all ages.

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**VN 130 Meeting Health Needs of All Age Groups**

Prerequisite: VN 120 with a grade of “C” or better

Enrollment Limitation: Enrollment in the Vocational Nursing program

Hours: 108 hours LEC; 324 hours LAB

Students apply theory in utilizing the nursing process to meet the
needs of: 1) adult patients with major health problems related to more
complex regulatory, cardio-vascular/respiratory, and reproductive
disturbances; 2) mothers during the maternity cycle and newborns;
3) hospitalized children of various ages. Emphasis is on increasing in-
dependence in the implementation of care of the patient. Focus is also
directed at enhancing the contribution of data to the care plans under
the supervision of the Registered Nurse. Concepts and principles
related to legal and ethical aspects of nursing care, communications,
health teaching, cultural diversity, and human sexuality are applied in
a variety of clinical settings and with patients of all ages.

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**VN 140 Meeting Complex Adult Health Needs**

Prerequisite: VN 130 with a grade of “C” or better

Enrollment Limitation: Enrollment in the Vocational Nursing program

Hours: 108 hours LEC; 324 hours LAB

Students apply theoretical concepts in utilizing the nursing process to
meet the needs of adult patients of all ages with major health problems
related to more complex regulatory, elimination, cardiovascular/respira-
tory, and nutritional disorders. Emphasis is on understanding all steps
of the nursing process and identifying the role of the Vocational Nurse
as it relates to the nursing process. Principles related to legal and bio-
ethical aspects, communication, health teaching, cultural diversity, and
human sexuality are included. Management principles, the Vocational
Nursing Practice Act, professional organizations, resume writing, and
job search are presented.

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**VN 150 Intravenous Therapy and Blood Withdrawal**

Prerequisite: VN 130 with a grade of “C” or better; or current LVN
license.

Hours: 27 hours LEC; 9 hours LAB

This course will provide the student with the knowledge and skills to
start and superimpose intravenous fluids and withdraw blood. The
course meets the requirements of the Board of Vocational Nursing and
Psychiatric Technicians for Licensed Vocational Nurses to become
certified in IV therapy and blood withdrawal.

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**VN 299 Experimental Offering in Vocational Nursing**

Prerequisite: None

Hours: 90 hours LEC

See Experimental Offerings