



Provide quality care to those in need Vocational Nursing



SJVC's Vocational Nursing program trains you to have the skills to offer professional care to the sick, injured, convalescent and disabled under the direction of physicians and registered nurses.

Vocational nurses are an important part of a health care team responsible for administering nursing care, detecting illnesses, and patient education.

The program includes a clinical rotation which allows students to further their studies in a real-world medical environment. This hands-on clinical training enhances the learning experience and allows students to develop a work history while completing their studies.



Training Today for a Better Tomorrow



Hands-On Training

Students Learn:

- Patient education and nursing fundamentals
- Medical treatment administration
- Critical thinking in a healthcare setting
- Therapeutic nursing techniques
- Administrative practices



Credentials and Professional Certifications

Graduates earn an Associate of Science degree and are eligible to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN). This exam requires a background check. Graduates also earn HIPAA certification.

San Joaquin Valley College's Vocational Nursing program is accredited by the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians.



Career Information

LVNs can work in hospitals, medical offices, clinics, and correctional facilities. These health professionals perform the following job duties:

- Administer prescribed medications and start intravenous fluids
- Observe patients, charting and reporting changes in patients' conditions
- Evaluate nursing intervention outcomes, conferring with other healthcare team members
- Assemble and use equipment, such as catheters, tracheotomy tubes, and oxygen suppliers
- Collect samples, such as blood, urine, and sputum from patients
- Prepare patients for examinations, tests, treatments, and explain procedures
- Set up equipment and prepare medical treatment rooms
- Inventory and requisition supplies and instruments
- Assist in delivery, care, or feeding of infants

Source: Occupational Information Network (O*Net), www.onetonline.org



Admissions Requirements

- High school diploma or equivalent
- Applicant must be in good health and physically fit
- Applicant must be age 18 by his/her expected start date
- Applicant must provide current CPR certification from the American Heart Association

Applicants to the Vocational Nursing program are selected based on points earned in an evaluation process that includes assessment, transcript review, and personal interview. Applicants must have reliable plans for transportation, child care and time to devote to academic work outside of scheduled class hours.



Course Listing*

Core Course Requirements

Course ID	Course Name	Credit Units	Credit Hours
VN 9	Anatomy and Physiology for Vocational Nurses	3.0	45
VN 11	Clinical Pharmacology for Nurses	4.0	60
VN 14	Nursing Fundamentals Theory	6.0	90
VN 21	Nursing of the Mature Adult Theory	8.0	120
VN 32	Maternity Nursing Theory	3.0	45
VN 33	Pediatric Nursing Theory	3.0	45
VN 40	Critical Care Concepts Theory	8.0	120
VN 46	Nursing Ethics and Professionalism	2.0	30
VN 51	Pharmacology: Dosages and Calculations	2.0	30
VN 100	Nursing Fundamentals of the Adult Clinical Rotation	3.0	160
VN 112	Nursing Fundamentals Skills Lab	1.0	80
VN 201	Nursing of the Mature and Older Adult Clinical Rotations	5.0	240
VN 301	Maternity and Pediatric Nursing Clinical Rotations	5.0	240
VN 401	Advanced Nursing Care in Medical/Surgical, Mental and Community Health Clinical Rotations	5.0	240
VN 501	Comprehensive Licensure Exam Review	2.0	40

General Education Course Requirements

Course ID	Course Name	Credit Units	Credit Hours
ENG 121	Reading and Composition – Part A	3.0	45
ENG 122	Reading and Composition – Part B	3.0	45
MTH 121	College Algebra – Part A	3.0	45
MTH 122	College Algebra – Part B	3.0	45
PHIL 1C	Ethics	3.0	45
PSY 1	General Psychology	3.0	45
SOC 1	Introduction to Sociology	3.0	45
Total		81.0	1,900

*Course listings are subject to change. Reference the SJVC College Catalog for the most current program information.

Institutional Accreditation

San Joaquin Valley College is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, 10 Commercial Blvd., Suite 204, Novato, CA 94949, (415) 506-0234, an institutional accrediting body recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and the U.S. Department of Education. Additional information about accreditation, including the filing of complaints against member institutions, can be found at: www.accjc.org.

California State Approval

SJVC is a private institution and is approved to operate as an accredited institution by the California Bureau of Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE). Approval to operate means that SJVC has been found in compliance with the standards set forth in the California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2009 (as amended) and Title 5, Division 7.5, - Private Postsecondary Education of the California Code of Regulations. As a prospective student, you are encouraged to review the catalog prior to signing an enrollment agreement. You are also encouraged to review the School Performance Fact Sheet, which must be provided to you prior to signing an enrollment agreement.

Consumer Information

San Joaquin Valley College publishes important consumer information for all programs and campus locations. For comprehensive consumer information, visit <https://www.sjvc.edu/admissions/consumer-information>.

SJVC Locations

ATASCADERO 805.470.7130	FRESNO 559.448.8282	LANCASTER 661.974.8282	ONTARIO 909.948.7582	TEMECULA 951.296.6015	VISALIA 559.651.2500
BAKERSFIELD 661.834.0126	HANFORD 559.584.8840	MADERA 559.302.2155	PORTERVILLE 559.853.4114	FRESNO - TRADES EDUCATION CENTER 559.453.0123	ONLINE 877.367.7582
DELANO 661.778.1145	HESPERIA 760.948.1947	MODESTO 209.542.8800	RANCHO CORDOVA 916.638.7582		

Program availability varies by campus location. Please see the catalog for details.