



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 an externship 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.

***This Associate Degree program is available at these SJVC Locations:**

**Bakersfield
Rancho Mirage
Santa Maria
Visalia**





Hands-On Training

Students Learn:

- Diagnostic and therapeutic nursing techniques
- Creative, critical thinking, and nursing judgment skills
- Interpersonal skills as it pertains to therapeutic practice
- Communication skills for clients/families, and members of the health care delivery team
- Organizational skills pertaining to patient needs and allied health workers
- Licensed Vocational Nurse Board Examination preparation
- Communication concepts, critical analysis, and ethical behavior appropriate to interpersonal and professional interactions



Credential and Professional Certifications

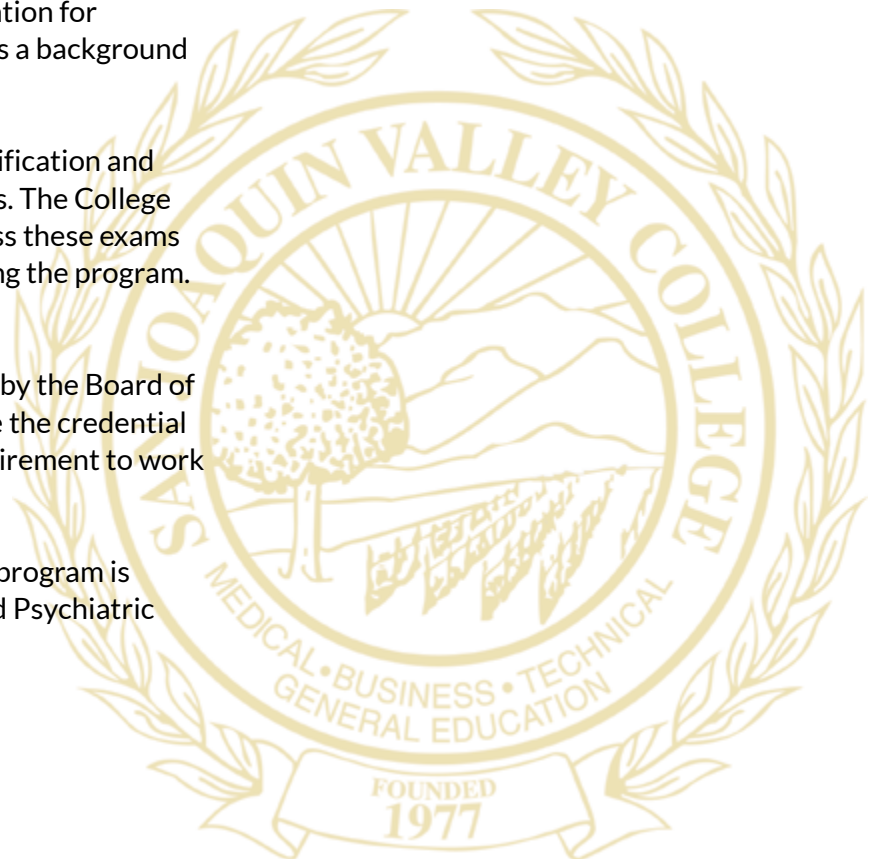
Graduates earn an Associate of Science degree and are eligible to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN). This exam requires a background check. Graduates also earn HIPAA certification.

SJVC prepares students to take appropriate certification and licensure exams related to their individual majors. The College does not guarantee students will successfully pass these exams or be certified or licensed as a result of completing the program.

State Licensure

Graduates who pass the NCLEX-PN are licensed by the Board of Vocational Nursing and are authorized to use the credential Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN), which is a requirement to work in this field.

San Joaquin Valley College's Vocational Nursing program is approved 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 are selected based on points earned in an evaluation process that includes assessment, transcript review, professional reference 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 15 | Fundamentals of Nursing Theory | 6.0 | 90 |
| VN 16 | Pharmacology for Nurses | 4.0 | 60 |
| VN 17 | Anatomy and Physiology | 3.0 | 45 |
| VN 22 | Medical-Surgical Nursing Theory I | 8.0 | 120 |
| VN 34 | Maternal and Pediatric Nursing Theory | 3.0 | 45 |
| VN 36 | Medical-Surgical Nursing Theory II | 3.0 | 45 |
| VN 42 | Medical-Surgical Nursing Theory III | 8.0 | 120 |
| VN 47 | Nursing Leadership | 2.0 | 30 |
| VN 52 | Pharmacology Dosages and Calculations | 2.0 | 30 |
| VN 101 | Fundamentals of Nursing Clinical | 3.0 | 160 |
| VN 113 | Fundamentals of Nursing Skills Clinical | 2.0 | 80 |
| VN 202 | Medical-Surgical Clinical I | 5.0 | 240 |
| VN 302 | Maternity, Pediatric, and Intermediate Medical-Surgical Clinical II | 5.0 | 240 |
| VN 402 | Medical-Surgical Nursing Clinical III | 5.0 | 240 |
| VN 501 | Comprehensive Licensure Exam Review | 2.0 | 40 |
| Total | | 61.0 | 1,585 |

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 | | 21.0 | 315 |
| Program Total | | 82.0 | 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 WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC), 985 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 100, Alameda, CA 94501, (510)748-9001 (<https://www.wscuc.org>). The WSCUC is an institutional accrediting body recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and the U.S. Department of Education.

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

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| ATASCADERO 805.470.7130 | DELANO 661.778.1145 | HANFORD 559.584.8840 | MADERA 559.302.2155 | PORTERVILLE 559.853.4114 | SANTA MARIA 805.608.3104 |
| BAKERSFIELD 661.834.0126 | FRESNO 559.448.8282 | HESPERIA 760.948.1947 | MODESTO 209.542.8800 | RANCHO CORDOVA 916.638.7582 | TEMECULA 951.296.6015 |
| BAKERSFIELD NORTH 661.835.1100 | FRESNO - TRADES EDUCATION CENTER 559.453.0123 | LANCASTER 661.974.8282 | ONTARIO 909.948.7582 | RANCHO MIRAGE 442.305.7701 | VISALIA 559.651.2500 |

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