



LICENSED VOCATIONAL NURSING PROGRAM

Application Packet



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MiraCosta College

Licensed Vocational Nursing Program

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The Licensed Vocational Nursing Program at MiraCosta College was founded in January 1965 and is accredited by the California Board of Vocational Nurse and Psychiatric Technicians. Beginning Fall 2010, the LVN program will become a part-time, two-year program which will include summers. This will be a predominately weeknight/weekend program. During the Fall and Spring semesters the schedule will include a Wednesday evening class for 4.5 hours, Friday clinical for 2 hours and Saturday clinical for approximately 8 hours. The more condensed Summer session may include some day hours.

Please Note: This schedule is subject to change without notice.

Prerequisites

- **Nursing 151** - Body Systems Survey for Health Professionals or Anatomy (BIO210) or Physiology(BIO220) .
- **Pharmacology 100** – Basic Pharmacology.
Please note: the prerequisite for PHAR100 is MATH820 or qualification through the Math Competency Exam.
- **Nursing 160** – Certified Nursing Assistant OR current California CNA license.

Please note: the prerequisite for NURS 160 is ENG803 or ESL803 or qualify through the English assessment. These prerequisites must be completed with a grade “C” or better **prior** to applying for the program.

Career Opportunities

The annual salary for Licensed Vocational Nurses, according to the Department of Labor May, 2003 is approximately \$39,000. They may seek employment in hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, physicians’ offices, industry, public health agencies or various governmental agencies. The Licensed Vocational Nurse may also work at private duty in hospitals or homes.

Associate Degree

You may receive an associate degree upon completion of additional course requirements as listed in the college catalog.

Application Process

Complete applications are accepted on an on-going basis and students will be added to the established list. Application packets must be submitted in person to the Allied Health Secretary in Bldg. T420. **Please call (760) 757-2121 ext. 6466 to make an appointment prior to submission.** It is the wait-list student’s responsibility to ensure his/her application is kept current (i.e., CPR card, TB clearance and Physical). Any student on the wait list whose packet is not kept up to date will be removed from the list and will need to reapply.

To be eligible for the MiraCosta College LVN Program applicants must be 17 years of age or older and have the following:

- Submit an **official** high school transcript **OR** an official transcript of a bachelor’s or associate degree from an

accredited college **OR** official score report for GED or High School Proficiency Examination. Foreign transcripts **must** be evaluated by <http://www.ierf.org/> to show U.S. equivalency of 12th grade education;

- Official transcripts of prerequisite courses;
- American Heart Association Healthcare Provider BLS with AED CPR card, physical examination, TB clearance and immunizations. **See Check Off List of application packet for details.**

Background Check

The Joint Commission of Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) which accredits healthcare facilities across the country has set requirements mandating that a background investigation must be completed prior to your rotation to any clinical experience. This check will include the following: Criminal History Record Search, SSN Trace, Medicare/Medicaid Fraud, Nationwide Sex Offender Registry and a 10-Panel Drug Screen test. The firm conducting the screening process has been designated by the San Diego Nursing Service-Education Consortium. Once accepted into the LVN program, students will be informed how to go about completing the drug screening and background investigation. Students will also be responsible for payment of their background investigation.

Please note: If a MiraCosta College Nursing Student is denied access to a clinical site by the clinical agency based on information obtained during the background and drug check, the student will be unable to continue in the LVN program.

Expenses

Students should plan on spending approximately \$1800 during the LVN Program for tuition, uniforms, books, background check, and the required physical examination and immunizations. Since the clinical portion of the program is taught at local hospitals, students must have reliable transportation to these sites and should budget for these expenses. Scholarships and loans are available for qualified students. Contact the Financial Aid Office for further details.

Contact

Call the information line at (760)795-6842 to request information be mailed to you. Eligibility requirements, application process, and application packets are available on the web at <http://www.miracosta.edu/Instruction/Nursing>, in the Admission & Records office and in Building T420.

Courses listed in this flyer are subject to change. MiraCosta College is committed to providing equal education and employment opportunities to all persons regardless of, but not limited to, race, color, religion, national origin, gender, marital or parental status, disability, age, sexual orientation or status as a Vietnam-era veteran. Individuals with verifiable disabilities may be accommodated with advance notice

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Physical Evaluation

Student's/Patient's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Date of this physical examination: _____

Medical History

Do you have or have had in the past:

Table with 4 columns: Condition, Yes, No, If yes, please explain. Rows include Seizures or neurological disorder(s), Eye, ear, nose or throat disorder(s), Diabetes, thyroid or other endocrine disorder(s), Muscle, bone or joint disorder(s), Asthma or respiratory disorder(s), Heart or circulation disorder(s), Skin disorder, Gastrointestinal disorder(s), Psychiatric disorder(s).

Previous Hospitalizations or Surgical History (date and reason):

Current Medications: _____

T.B. clearance is required. Please submit lab results.

Is patient currently pregnant? [] Yes [] No

Allergies: _____

Physical Examination This is a physical evaluation for occupational ability and is not to be interpreted as a diagnostic medical examination. The Essential Functions Required of Nursing Students (page 2) must accompany this form.

Height: _____ Weight: _____ B/P _____ P _____

Ears, nose, and throat: _____

Neck: _____ Lymph Nodes: _____

Skin: _____

Heart: _____ Lungs: _____

Abdomen: _____

Extremities: _____

Neurological: _____

Can this student perform the essential motor and sensory functions (see reverse side of form) required of nursing students? [] Yes [] No If no, please explain on reverse side.

Physician's Signature: _____

Name typed or printed: _____

Address: _____

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS REQUIRED OF NURSING STUDENTS

MOTOR CAPABILITY:

1. Move from room to room and maneuver in small places.
2. Transfer patients who may require physical assistance.
3. Guard and assist patients with ambulation.
4. Lift and carry up to 50 pounds and exert up to 100 pounds force for push/pull.
5. Squat, bend/stoop, reach above shoulder level, kneel, use standing balance, and climb stairs.
6. Use hands repetitively; use manual dexterity.
7. Adjust, apply, and clean therapeutic equipment.
8. Perform CPR
9. Travel to and from academic and clinical sites.
10. In the average clinical day, students sit 1-2 hours; stand 6-7 hours, travel 1-2 hours.

SENSORY CAPABILITY:

1. Coordinate verbal and manual instruction.
2. Assess a patient 10 feet away to observe patients posture and response to treatment.
3. Respond to a timer, alarm, or cries for help.
4. Monitor vital signs.
5. Auditory, visual, and tactile ability sufficient to assess patient status and perform treatments (Example: color changes in skin, hear heart and lung sounds).

COMMUNICATION ABILITY:

1. Communicate effectively in English with patients, families, and other health care providers, both verbally and in writing (Example: explain treatment procedures, teach patient and families, document in charts).
2. Effectively adapt communication for intended audience.
3. Interact and establish rapport with individuals, families, and groups from a variety of social, emotional, cultural and intellectual backgrounds.
4. Assume the role of a health care team member.
5. Function effectively under supervision.

PROBLEM SOLVING ABILITY:

1. Function effectively under stress.
2. Respond effectively to emergencies.
3. Adhere to infection control procedures.
4. Demonstrate problem-solving skill in patient care (measure, calculate, reason, prioritize, synthesize data).
5. Use sound judgment and safety precautions.
6. Address problems or questions to the appropriate person at the appropriate time.
7. Organize and prioritize tasks.
8. Follow policies and procedures required by clinical and academic settings.