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Program highlights:

- Understand how to continually improve nursing care quality and safety and achieve desired outcomes

- Learn to manage, prioritize, and delegate patient care in a variety of health care settings

- Communicate and collaborate with patients, their families, and the interdisciplinary team

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Departmental Admission Requirements

To be eligible for admission to the LVN-BSN program, candidates must satisfy all of the following criteria:

- Have completed the National University undergraduate admission process.
- Hold a current, active license to practice as a licensed vocational nurse in the state of California.
- Submit the appropriate Nursing program application.
- Attend a pre-nursing program information forum.
- Complete all prerequisite courses.
- Take the Test of Essential Academic Skills.
- Complete a proctored written essay.
- Submit the appropriate nursing program application.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Develop caring, therapeutic nursing relationships with individuals, families and groups.
- Provide safe, high-quality, culturally competent, patient-centered nursing care for individuals across the life span in a variety of settings.
- Participate in the continuous improvement of nursing care quality and safety.
- Use nursing judgment to manage, prioritize, and delegate patient care in a variety of health care settings.
- Effectively communicate and collaborate with patients and the interdisciplinary team.
- Demonstrate professional identity by incorporating established standards of practice within the legal and ethical framework of nursing.
- Apply best, current evidence into nursing practice to achieve desired outcomes.

Degree Requirements

To receive a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN), students must complete at least 180 quarter units as articulated below, 45 of which must be completed in residence at National University, 76.5 of which must be completed at the upper-division level, and the University General Education requirements. In the absence of transfer credit, additional general electives may be necessary to satisfy total units for the degree. The following courses are specific degree requirements. Students should refer to the section on undergraduate admission procedures for specific information on admission and evaluation. Students exiting after completing the courses required for licensure by the California Board of Registered Nursing (as designated below) without completing at least 180 quarter units (at National University or through credit transfer) will not be granted the BSN degree. All students receiving an undergraduate degree in Nevada are required by state law to complete a course in Nevada Constitution.

Required General Education Preparation

(18 courses; 69 quarter units)

The following areas of General Education must be completed prior to beginning any preparation for the Major or Nursing Major core coursework: Area A1, A2, B, C, D E, and F.

AREA A: ENGLISH COMMUNICATION

CATEGORY 1-Writing

(2 courses; 6 quarter units)

ENG 100   Effective College English I (3 quarter units)
ENG 101   Effective College English II (3 quarter units)
           Prerequisite: ENG 100

CATEGORY 2 - Speech and Communication

(1 course; 4.5 quarter units)

COM 103   Public Speaking

AREA B: MATHEMATICAL CONCEPTS AND QUANTITATIVE REASONING

(1 course; 4.5 quarter units)

BST 322   Intro to Biomedical Statistics

AREA C: INFORMATION LITERACY AND TECHNOLOGY

(1 course; 4.5 quarter units)

ILR 260   Information Literacy
           Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101

AREA D: ARTS, HUMANITIES AND LANGUAGES

(4 courses; 18 quarter units)

SPN 340A   Spanish for the Work Place
SPN 341   Cross-Cultural Communication

For the remaining 9 units (2 courses), see the General Education section of the catalog for applicable courses.

AREA E: SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

(2 courses; 9 quarter units)

PSY 100   Introduction to Psychology
SOC 100   Principles of Sociology
           Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101

AREA F: PHYSICAL AND BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

(6 courses; 18 quarter units)

BIO 201   Human Anatomy & Physiol. I
           Recommended: Prior completion of: BIO 100, BIO 100A, CHE 101 and CHE 101A or equivalent courses.
BIO 201A   Human Anatomy & Physiol. Lab I (1.5 quarter units)
           Prerequisite: BIO 201
BIO 202   Human Anatomy & Physiol. II
           Recommended: Prior completion of: BIO 201, BIO 201A, BIO 100, BIO 100A, CHE 101 and CHE 101A or equivalent courses
BIO 202A   Human Anatomy & Physiol. Lab II (1.5 quarter units)
           Prerequisite: BIO 202
BIO 203   Introductory Microbiology
           Recommended: Prior completion of: BIO 201, BIO 201A, BIO 202, BIO 202A, BIO 100, BIO 100A, CHE 101 and CHE 101A or equivalent courses
BIO 203A   Introductory Microbiology Lab (1.5 quarter units)
           Prerequisite: BIO 203

AREA A-G: GENERAL EDUCATION

(1 course; 4.5 quarter units)

SOC 500   Cultural Pluralism in the USA
           Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101

OR

HUB 500   Cross-Cultural Dynamics
           Prerequisite: ENG 100, ENG 101 and PSY 100

Nursing Core Courses

(18 courses; 66 quarter units)

NSG 212   Health Assessment (3 quarter units)
           Prerequisite: Admission to nursing program and completion of required general education preparation with a minimum GPA 2.75, Corequisite: NSG 212A
NSG 212A   Health Assessment Clinical (2 quarter units)
           Corequisite: NSG 212
NSG 304   Pharmacology in Nursing
NSG 305   Pharmacology in Nursing II
           Prerequisite: NSG 304, NSG 335 with a minimum grade of "C" and NSG 335A with a minimum grade of "S"
NSG 310** Professional Nursing Values
NSG 330** Medical-Surgical Nursing II
           Prerequisite: "C" or better in NSG 245 and "S" in NSG 245A
NSG 330A** Medical-Surgical II Clinical (3.5 quarter units)
           Prerequisite: "C" or better in NSG 245 and "S" in NSG 245A
NSG 335** Psychosocial Nursing
           Prerequisite: "C" or better in NSG 330, "S" in NSG 330A and completion previous nursing courses with a passing grade, Corequisite: NSG 335A
NSG 335A** Psychosocial Nursing Clinical (3.5 quarter units)
           Prerequisite: "C" or better in NSG 330 and "S" in NSG 330A or all previous NSG Courses in the sequence or as approved by the Academic Program Director, Corequisite: NSG 335
NSG 340** Nursing Leadership/Management
           Prerequisite: "C" or better in NSG 335 and "S" in NSG 335A

NSG 340A**   Leadership/Management Clinical (1.5 quarter units)
             Prerequisite: "C" or better in NSG 335 and "S" in NSG 335A
NSG 403   Nursing Theories and Models
NSG 422   Nursing Research
             Prerequisite: BST 322
NSG 440   Professional Issues in Nursing
NSG 460   Community Healthcare I
             Corequisite: NSG 460A
NSG 460A   Community Healthcare I Lab (1.5 quarter units)
             Corequisite: NSG 460
NSG 462   Community Healthcare II
             Prerequisite: NSG 460 and NSG 460A, Corequisite: NSG 462A
NSG 462A   Community Healthcare II Lab (1.5 quarter units)
             Prerequisite: NSG 460 and NSG 460A, Corequisite: NSG 462

** Content required for licensure by CA Board of Registered Nursing