



## **CURRICULUM GUIDE 2011-2012**

### **REGISTERED NURSING**

#### **Associate in Science in Registered Nursing**

The nursing program is an Associate in Science degree program that can be completed in four semesters and one summer term after admission to the major. The graduates of an associate degree program in nursing are prepared to practice as staff nurses in direct patient care in hospitals and long-term care facilities, clinics, and other agencies where nursing roles and services are structured and well developed. Clinical, hospital, and community experiences are provided at a number of sites in Alameda, Santa Clara, and other local counties. During the first year, nursing students take basic nursing and support courses to the major. The development of critical thinking, professional oral and written communications, and ethical practice form the foundation for success in future nursing courses. Beginning in the latter part of the first year and continuing through the second year, nursing courses are more specifically concerned with the care of patients ranging in age from infants to the elderly, with various conditions affecting their health. With expert faculty guidance, nursing students learn to function in the clinical setting as they care for patients with a wide variety of health-illness problems.

There is no Certificate of Achievement offered in this major. The program prepares the associate degree graduate to take the NCLEX-RN (licensing exam), leading to practice as a Registered Nurse (R.N.).

The program is based on a selective admission process and involves a special application due in April for admission the following Fall Semester (August) and October for Spring Semester (January). For more information on advanced placement, LVN-RN, and the 30-unit option, see the Health Sciences Web pages. The program is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 500, Atlanta, GA 30329; 404-975-5000; [www.nln.org](http://www.nln.org)) and the California Board of Registered Nursing (400 R Street, Suite 4030, Sacramento, California 95814; (916) 322-3350; [www.rn.ca.gov](http://www.rn.ca.gov)).

#### **Requirements for Associate in Science Degree:**

- a) Complete Major Field and Supporting Courses with a grade of C or better.
- b) Complete Plan A, B, or C General Education requirements. These requirements are specified in the Ohlone College catalog.
- c) Complete at least 60 degree-applicable units with a 2.0 grade point average.
- d) Complete at least 12 units at Ohlone College.
- e) Complete each Major Field and Supporting Course with a grade of C or better.

**MAJOR FIELD**

NUR-301	Foundations of Nursing	5.5
NUR-302	Nursing Care of the Medical-Surgical Patient I	5.5
NUR-303	Nursing Care of Women and Children	8
NUR-304	Nursing Care of the Medical-Surgical Patient II	5
NUR-305	Nursing Care of the Medical-Surgical Patient III	5
NUR-306	Nursing Care of the Mental Health Client and Advanced Gerontologic Care	5
NUR-307	Nursing Leadership and Preceptorship	<u>5</u>
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**SUPPORTING COURSES**

BIOL-103A	Human Anatomy and Physiology	4
BIOL-103B	Human Anatomy and Physiology	4
BIOL-106	Microbiology	5
CFS-109	Nutrition	3
PSY-108	A Survey of Human Development	3
SPCH-101	Introduction to Public Speaking OR	3
SPCH-103	Interpersonal Communication	<u>(3)</u>
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Total Required Units: 61