



CURRICULUM GUIDE 2014-2015

REGISTERED NURSE

Associate in Science in Registered Nurse

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. Most classes are held on the Newark campus. 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). Anatomy, Physiology, Microbiology, English, Intermediate Algebra or higher, Nutrition, Developmental Psychology, and Speech must be completed at the time of application in order to be eligible for the Registered Nursing program.

For more information on advanced placement, LVN RN, and the 30 unit option, see 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) and the California Board of Registered Nurses (400 R Street, Suite 4030, Sacramento, California 95814; 916-322-3350; 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 Ohlone College General Education (Plan A), CSU GE (Plan B), or IGETC (Plan C) 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.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Qualify for state licensure as a registered nurse by achieving a passing score on the NCLEX-RN.
2. Value responsibility for professional development and practice within the ethical and legal framework of nursing.
3. Synthesize principles of the nursing process and apply critical thinking to help individuals, families, and communities achieve positive adaptation to change in health or a peaceful death.
4. Synthesize principles of communication to effectively relate with individuals, families, groups, and/or colleagues of diverse sociocultural backgrounds in various health care settings.
5. Empower individuals, families, and the community to develop positive health behaviors through health promotion and teaching.
6. Manage nursing care for individuals, families, and/or communities, in collaboration with a multidisciplinary team.
7. Value a commitment to caring.
8. Integrate evidenced based concepts of nursing practice across the health care continuum to ensure quality patient centered care.
9. Synthesize principles of holistic nursing practice when providing nursing care for clients at various stages in their life span.

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

All Supporting Courses must be completed at the time the student applies to the Nursing program.

BIOL-103A	Human Anatomy and Physiology	4
BIOL-103B	Human Anatomy and Physiology	4
BIOL-106	Microbiology	5
CFS-109	Nutrition	3
PSY-108	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