



CURRICULUM GUIDE 2017-2018

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 Communication 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 Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326; 404-975-5000; www.acenursing.org) and the California Board of Registered Nurses (1747 N. Market Blvd., Suite 150, Sacramento, California 95834; 916-322-3350; www.rn.ca.gov).

Requirements for Associate in Science Degree:

- a) Complete Major Field and Admission Requirements 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. Morally commit to ethical, caring practice in complex health situations with appreciation for diverse perspectives and a holistic view.
3. Synthesize holistic nursing process with multiple ways of knowing, including critical thinking and intuition, to effectively care for self and others.
4. Integrate intentional, respectful communication with caring presence to effectively relate with individuals, families, groups, communities, and colleagues of diverse sociocultural backgrounds in various health care settings.
5. Partner with individuals, families, and communities through teaching/coaching/learning activities to explore patterns and promote positive health changes for humans and their environment.
6. Coordinate and manage seamless nursing care and resources for individuals, families, and/or communities as a collaborative interprofessional leader and team member.
7. Value a commitment to self-care and reflective practice.
8. Internalize lifelong learning using multiple forms of evidence to improve professional caring practice, clinical competence, patient healing, and the profession of nursing.
9. Internalize principles of holistic nursing practice to promote healing and wellness in all life experiences and stages of human development, including the dying process.

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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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

All 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
COMM-111	Introduction to Public Speaking OR	3
COMM-113	Interpersonal Communication	(3)
ENGL-101A	Reading and Written Composition	4
MATH-152	Algebra II OR	5
MATH-153	Intermediate Algebra OR	(3)
MATH-155	Math for the Associate Degree	(3)
PSY-108	Human Development	<u>3</u>
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Total Required Units: 68-70