

Nursing 99abc**Independent Study**

1-3 units; hours to be arranged

Enrollment Limitation: Two courses in Nursing with a minimum grade of C in each and acknowledgment by the instructor with whom the student will work.

Credit, degree applicable

Transfer CSU - limitations apply

This course provides advanced studies in a specialized nursing subject not covered in the regular departmental offerings. Regularly scheduled conferences with an instructor are coordinated with assigned laboratory work and/or research project (60 hours per unit).

Note: Refer to page 11 of this Catalog for eligibility requirements.

Nursing 101**Exploring Health Occupation Careers**

2 units; 2 hours lecture

Recommended Preparation: English 84

Credit, not degree applicable

This is an introductory course for students considering careers in health care. Students will explore career options and be introduced to the major job responsibilities and technical skill requirements of a variety of health care occupations. The information provided will enable students to match their abilities and interest to a specific health care occupation.

Nursing 103**Nurse Assistant**

5 units; 3 hours lecture, 6 hours lab

Prerequisite: Physical examination including a negative tuberculin skin test or a clear chest x-ray

Recommended Preparation: English 84

Credit, not degree applicable

This course prepares the student to function as an entry-level worker on a health care team in a long-term care facility. Focus will be on preparing the student to provide direct care to the patient/resident; promote comfort measures; and collect, record and report data to licensed personnel. Principles of critical thinking, team building, ethics, caring and cultural sensitivity are integrated throughout the course. The student will be eligible for certification by the State of California as a nurse assistant upon satisfactory completion of this course and the State Competency Evaluation.

The hours per week of courses may be adjusted based on the length of the term.

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Other Information

1. Complete a Reading Assessment test with a passing score of 60 or greater. (If a student receives a score below 60, the student must complete remediation which includes Academic Strategies 1abcd).
2. Complete or have in progress Nursing 145. If Nursing 145 is in progress, the student must provide documentation of completion of the course to the Nursing Office by the end of the semester.
3. Contact the counseling center to schedule an appointment with a nursing counselor.
4. Students starting their first Nursing course at El Camino College must follow the guidelines in the Nursing Student Handbook and comply with all regulations.
5. After a student is admitted into the nursing program, a full-time load is considered 10 units per semester.

Wait List

If there are more applicants than places, a wait list will be generated. The date stamped on the application by the Admissions office on the Crenshaw campus or the Nursing department office on the Compton campus will determine the applicants place on the wait list. The earlier a student submits the completed application, the higher the student will be placed on the wait list. Students will not be advised of their wait list number. Please do not contact the nursing department office to make inquiries about waitlist status. Currently the wait time is 1-3 semesters. If a 2.5 cumulative GPA is maintained by the nursing applicant, eligibility continues while on the waiting list. The wait list does not guarantee a place in the program, it merely lists qualified applicants in the order their applications were received.

Required Program GPA

Nursing students must maintain a minimum overall GPA of 2.0 to continue in the nursing program, graduate and receive an Associate in Science degree. Nursing Assistant certification is highly desirable for entry into the nursing program.

Advanced Standing

Prospective students who have had prior education in nursing or other health-related areas may request consideration for entry into the nursing program with advanced placement. Applicants would include licensed Vocational/Practical Nurses, Licensed Psychiatric Technicians, and transfer students from accredited nursing programs. Specific information regarding the advanced placement procedure is available through the Counseling Center or the Nursing Department Office. Advanced standing applicants are admitted to the program on a space available basis. Upon request, transfer students' transcripts will be individually evaluated for granting credit.

Note: Licensed Vocational Nurses who apply for advanced standing will be required to provide documentary evidence that they have been employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse for a minimum of one year.

Program Readmission and Course Repetition

Students who leave the nursing program (self or faculty initiated) are eligible to be readmitted to the program subject to availability of space. Only one single nursing course, in which a student has received a D or F grade, may be repeated. The repeat and stop out policy is available for review in the Nursing Office and is published in the Student Handbook. Student academic standing at the time of leaving the program will determine whether academic support courses will be prescribed for completion before re-entry. Students not eligible to re-enter the program may individually appeal their re-entry status through the Acceptance, Transfer and Progression Committee.

El Camino College Major Requirements

Nursing 145, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 250, 251, 253, 254, 255. All general education courses and Nursing courses must be completed with a minimum grade of C. (Credit may be granted to transfer students for coursework completed at an accredited nursing program.)

Total Units: 43.5

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Nursing 104**Home Health Aide**

2 units; 1.5 hours lecture, 1.5 hours lab

Enrollment Limitation: Nurse Assistant

Certificate required

Credit, not degree applicable

This course prepares the Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) to apply for certification as a Home Health Aide. The student will be prepared to function as an entry-level worker on a health care team in a home health agency. The focus will be on providing direct and supportive care to the client, promoting comfort measures, and collecting, recording and reporting data in the home care setting. Principles of critical thinking, team building, ethics, caring and cultural sensitivity are integrated throughout the course. Upon completion of this course, the student will be eligible for certification by the State of California as a Home Health Aide.

Nursing 110**Introduction to the School and Community Health Paraprofessional**

3 units; 3 hours lecture

Recommended Preparation: eligibility for English A

Credit, degree applicable

This course introduces students to the skills necessary to fulfill the roles and responsibilities of the health paraprofessional in caring for children in schools and the community. The course includes an overview of the legal and ethical responsibilities of the health paraprofessional as well as the basic concepts of anatomy, physiology, and wellness.

Nursing 112**Basic Health Care for Children**

3 units; 3 hours lecture

Prerequisite: Nursing 110 with a minimum grade of C

Credit, degree applicable

This course introduces students to common conditions and treatments found in children. Content includes acute infections, chronic illnesses and conditions, psychosocial issues, triage, medication and treatment monitoring, specialized equipment usage, and communicable disease reporting.

*Some UC transferable courses have credit limitations. For details, see a counselor, the Transfer Center advisor, or the articulation officer.

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Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) - Career Ladder - Two Options

Option I
Licensed Vocational Nurses are eligible to participate in the 30-Unit Option Non-Degree Track. Persons who desire to pursue the 30-Unit Non-Degree Track must complete a total of 30 units in Science and Nursing courses. The following courses are required in the 30-Unit Non-Degree Track: Microbiology 33 or equivalent, Nursing 149, 154, 251, 253, 254, and 255, Physiology 31 or equivalent. All courses must be completed with a grade of C or better. Individuals completing the 30-Unit Option Track are eligible to take the NCLEX-RN licensing exam but are not considered graduates of El Camino College's Associate Degree Nursing Program. The 30-Unit Option is a non-degree option and no degree is awarded by the college.

Option II

The Associate Degree Nursing Program is designed to recognize previous educational preparation and an Advanced Placement Degree Option is available for Licensed Vocational Nurses. This enables LVN's to enter the Associate Degree Nursing Program at an advanced level and earn an Associate in Science Degree in a shorter period of time. The Advanced Placement Option requires that a student take the following courses: all required general education courses for a A.S. Degree in Nursing and Nursing 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 250, 251, 253, 254, 255. All nursing courses may be challenged. Contact the Nursing Office for challenge procedures. Specific information on either of the above two options (30-Unit Option Track and the Advanced Placement Degree Track) is available in the Counseling Center and the Nursing Office. Potential applicants are advised to seek counseling from a nursing counselor to examine both choices prior to deciding on the track to pursue. Entry into both career tracks is on a space-available basis. Licensed Psychiatric Technicians will be granted credit for Nursing 154 by filing a petition in Admissions.

Associate Degree for the Diploma Graduate Option

This option, required by the Board of Registered Nursing, is designed for licensed diploma RNs. The option allows a licensed diploma RN to earn credit for previous educational preparation. Specific general education or science courses, selected on a case-by-case basis, must be completed to fulfill the requirements for the Associate in Science degree with a major in Nursing. Transcript evaluation will allow up to a maximum of 34 units of credit.

California State Licensure

All graduates of the Nursing Program are eligible to take the National Licensing Examination (NCLEX) and must pass the exam to practice in California. The California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) requires that all students applying for the NCLEX be fingerprinted and submit a fingerprint card with the licensing examination application. The law provides for denial of licensure for crimes or misdemeanors which are substantially related to nursing qualifications, functions or duties. If the BRN determines that the denial of licensure is valid, it is the responsibility of the applicant to present sufficient evidence of rehabilitation. Applicants who have questions regarding limitations related to licensure should contact the California Board of Registered Nursing, (916) 322-3350 prior to entering the program.

Nursing 114**School Health Office and Information Management**

2 units; 4 hours lecture

Prerequisite: Nursing 110 with a minimum grade of C

Credit, degree applicable

This course provides the student with the basic knowledge to set up and maintain the school health office and to manage and record health information on appropriate health databases. Topics also include disaster preparedness, the handling of biohazardous material, and mandated reporting. Students will have the opportunity to observe in a school health office.

