NURSING

DEGREES, CERTIFICATES AND AWARDS
Associate in Science Degree (A.S.) – Registered Nursing (R.N.)
Associate in Science Degree (A.S.) – Licensed Vocational Nurse (L.V.N.)
Certificate of Achievement - Licensed Vocational Nurse

DESCRIPTION
The Division of Health and Public Safety offers programs leading to the associate degree in Registered Nursing (R.N.) and associate degree in Licensed Vocational Nursing (L.V.N) along with an Licensed Vocational Nursing (L.V.N.) certificate.

The Registered Nursing program is designed to provide the education necessary for licensure eligibility and practice as a Registered Nurse (R.N.). Acceptance into the program requires successful completion of all prerequisites and successful completion of the application and selection processes.

The Vocational Nursing Program is designed to provide the education necessary for licensure eligibility and practice as a Licensed Vocational Nurse (L.V.N.). Acceptance into the program required successful completion of all prerequisites and successful completion of the application and selection processes.

All required prerequisites and nursing courses must be completed with a grade of “C” or better. Contact the Nursing and Allied Health Department for morospecifics.

LVN to RN Student - Advanced placement options are found in the Nursing Appendix at the end of the Imperial Valley College general catalog.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES
Nursing - R.N. (Associate Degree)
1. Students meet or exceed pass rates set for national licensing exam (NCLEX-RN).
2. Student cohort “complete on-time” rate.
3. Students demonstrate comprehensive knowledge of registered nursing prior to exiting NURS 227.

Nursing - V.N. (Vocational)
1. Students meet or exceed pass rates set for national licensing exam (NCLEX-VN).
2. Student cohort “complete on-time” rate.
3. Students demonstrate comprehensive knowledge of vocational nursing prior to exiting VN 132.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE AND CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAMS
The Associate in Arts (AA) or the Associate in Science (AS) Degree involves satisfactory completion of a minimum of 60 semester units with a C average or higher, including grades of C in all courses required for the major, and fulfillment of all IVC district requirements for the associate's degree along with all general education requirements. The degree provides a sound basis for transfer to upper division institutions for additional degrees or for higher vocational preparation. To be eligible to receive an Associate Degree the student must complete the requirements for the major, the District requirements for an Associate Degree, and the General Education requirements. In addition students must maintain a minimum grade point average and meet the minimum grade requirements of their program. Detailed information is available in the college catalog.

The Certificate of Achievement program is designed for students with personal or occupational goals who wish early employment. To qualify for the Certificate, a student must satisfy the following requirements: (1) complete all courses listed for a particular certificate; (2) achieve a “C” average (2.0 GPA) for all courses used to complete the certificate; and, (3) file a Certificate Application form with Admissions and Records by the appropriate deadline(s) identified on the application.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Of the career opportunities identified below many will usually require the completion of bachelor degree requirements at 4-year colleges and universities.

- Registered Nurse (B.S.N.)
- Hospital Nurse
- Medical Nurse
- Surgical Nurse
- Emergency Room Nurse
- Operating Room Nurse
- Pediatrics Nurse
- Obstetrics Nurse
- Mental Health Nurse
- Critical Care Nurse
- Oncology Nurse
- Rehabilitation Nurse
- Community Health Nurse
- Home Health Nurse
- Vocational Nurse
- Extended Care Nurse
- Physician's Office Nurse
- Clinics and Industry Nurse
- Traveling Nurse

Advanced Practice (M.S.) roles: Clinical Nurse Specialist, Educator, Nurse Practitioner, Case Manager, and School Nurse

Gainful Employment: Federal regulations require institutions to provide students with Gainful Employment information for specific certificate programs offered at IVC. Please click on our Programs of Study link to view the information for each certificate program: http://www.imperial.edu/courses-and-programs/programs-of-study/

TRANSFER PREPARATION
Courses that fulfill major requirements for an associate degree at Imperial Valley College may not be the same as those required for completing the major at a transfer institution offering a bachelor's degree. Students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university should schedule an appointment with an IVC Counselor to develop a student education plan (SEP) before beginning their program.

Transfer Resources:
- www.ASSIST.org – CSU and UC Articulation Agreements and Majors Search Engine
- www.CSUMentor.edu – CSU System Information
- www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/index.html - UC System Information
- www.accjc.edu – California Independent Colleges and Universities, Association of
- http://wiche.edu/wue - Western Undergraduate Exchange Programs

FINANCIAL AID
Paying for the cost of a college education requires a partnership among parents, students and the college. As the cost of higher education continues to rise we want you to know that IVC offers a full array of financial aid programs – grants, work study, scholarships, and fee waivers (we do not participate in the federal loan programs). These programs are available to both full and part time students who are seeking a degree or certificate. For those who qualify, financial aid is available to help with tuition, fees, books and supplies, food, housing, transportation, and childcare. Please log onto our website for additional information: www.imperial.edu/students/financial-aid-and-scholarships/
ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM
NURSING – ASSOCIATE DEGREE (R.N) MAJOR – A.S. DEGREE

Admission Requirements
1. Prerequisites for the major
   - ENGL 110 Composition and Reading 4.0
   - BIOL 220 General Microbiology 5.0
   - BIOL 200 Human Anatomy & Physiology I 4.0
   AND
   - BIOL 202 Human Anatomy & Physiology II 4.0
   OR
   - BIOL 204 Human Anatomy (4.0)
   AND
   - BIOL 206 Human Physiology (4.0)
   - SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology 3.0
   OR
   - ANTH 102 Cultural Anthropology (3.0)
   - PSY 204 Developmental Psychology: Conception to Death 3.0
   - Math Competency: A score of 7006 or 2006 or higher on the ACCUPLACER™ College Level Mathematics test OR MATH 091 OR MATH 090 (Intermediate Algebra) OR an advanced level mathematics course with a grade of “C” or higher.
   - Reading Competency: A placement score of 5010 or 3006 on the ACCUPLACER™ Reading Test OR ENGL 110 (Composition and Reading) OR ENGL 101 (Composition and Rhetoric) with a grade of “C” or higher.

2. TEAS Exam: Must pass exam at the predetermined minimum cut score (or higher) as set by the college and the State of California.
3. Background: Must pass a criminal background check as a requirement of the clinical agencies.
4. Drug Screen: Must pass a drug screen as defined by the Nursing Program as a requirement of the clinical agencies.
5. American Heart BLSL/CPR Certification: Must be current.

Additional Program Requirements
1. Degree Requirements
   - COMM 100 Oral Communication 3.0
   - PE 100 Lifetime Exercise Science 2.0
   - PE Activity Course 1.0
   - Humanities Elective 3.0
   - American Institution Requirement 6.0

2. Progression Policy
   All nursing courses must be taken in sequence and must be completed with a “C” or better with skills and clinical experience courses receiving the equivalent of “C” or “Satisfactory” or higher to progress to the next level. Nursing Program graduates must submit a transcript demonstrating successful completion of all course work and graduation prior to sitting for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses.

3. Registered Nursing Program Specific Courses:
   Semester 1:
   - NURS 107 Nursing Fundamentals 6.0
   - NURS 108 Gerontology Nursing 2.0
   - NURS 109 Pharmacology 1.5

   Semester 2:
   - NURS 127 Medical Surgical Nursing I 4.0
   - NURS 128 Nursing Care of the Childbearing Family 4.5

   Semester 3:
   - NURS 217 Medical Surgical Nursing II 4.0
   - NURS 218 Nursing Care of the Childbearing Family 4.5
   - NURS 219 Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing * 3.0
   
   NURS 219 may be taken summer before or after 3rd semester

   Semester 4:
   - NURS 227 Medical-Surgical Nursing III/Preceptorship 8.0

   ** Clinical experience may include a rotation outside of county.

Total Nursing Units 37.5
ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM

NURSING – VOCATIONAL NURSING (V.N.) MAJOR – A.S. DEGREE

Admission Requirements
1. Prerequisites for the major
   • AHP 100 Medical Terminology 3.0
   • BIOL 090 Anatomy & Physiology for Health Occupations 3.0
   • ENGL 110 Composition and Reading 4.0
   • PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology 3.0

2. Background: Must pass a criminal background check as a requirement of the clinical agencies.

3. Drug Screen: Must pass a drug screen as defined by the Nursing Program as a requirement of the clinical agencies.

4. American Heart BLSL/CPR Certification: Must be current.

Additional Program Requirements
1. Additional Degree Requirements
   • COMM 100 Oral Communication 3.0
   • PE 100 Lifetime Exercise Science 2.0
   • PE Activity Course 1.0
   • Humanities Elective 3.0
   • American Institution Requirement 6.0

2. Progression Policy
   All nursing courses must be taken in sequence and must be completed with a "C" or better with skills and clinical experience courses receiving the equivalent of "C" or "Satisfactory" or higher to progress to the next level.

3. Vocational Nursing Program Specific Courses:
   Semester 1:
   VN 110 Introduction to Client Care I 5.0
   VN 112 Introduction to Client Care II 5.0
   VN 114 Pharmacology I 1.5
   VN 116 Patient Care Management & Critical Thinking 2.5
   PSY 204 Developmental Psychology: Conception to Death 3.0

   Semester 2:
   VN 120 Maternity Cycle 5.5
   VN 122 Common Health Problems I 5.5
   VN 124 Pharmacology II 2.0

   Semester 3:
   VN 130 Common Health Problems II 5.5
   VN 132 Common Health Problems III 5.5

Total Nursing Units 41.0
**CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM**

**NURSING – VOCATIONAL NURSING (V.N.) CERTIFICATE**

**Admission Requirements**

1. **Prerequisites for the major**
   - AHP 100 Medical Terminology 3.0
   - BIOL 090 Anatomy & Physiology for Health Occupations 3.0
   - ENGL 110 Composition and Reading 4.0
   - PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology 3.0

2. **Background:** Must pass a criminal background check as a requirement of the clinical agencies.

3. **Drug Screen:** Must pass a drug screen as defined by the Nursing Program as a requirement of the clinical agencies.

4. **American Heart BLSL/CPR Certification:** Must be current.

**Additional Program Requirements**

1. **Progression Policy**
   - All nursing courses must be taken in sequence and must be completed with a “C” or better with skills and clinical experience courses receiving the equivalent of “C” or “Satisfactory” or higher to progress to the next level.

3. **Vocational Nursing Program Specific Courses:**
   - **Semester 1:**
     - VN 110 Introduction to Client Care I 5.0
     - VN 112 Introduction to Client Care II 5.0
     - VN 114 Pharmacology I 1.5
     - VN 116 Patient Care Management & Critical Thinking 2.5
     - PSY 204 Developmental Psychology: Conception to Death 3.0
   - **Semester 2:**
     - VN 120 Maternity Cycle 5.5
     - VN 122 Common Health Problems I 5.5
     - VN 124 Pharmacology II 2.0
   - **Semester 3:**
     - VN 130 Common Health Problems II 5.5
     - VN 132 Common Health Problems III 5.5

**Total Nursing Units** 38.0