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Nursing

What preparation will this program give me?

The 12-unit Certified Nurse Assistant Home Health Aide program trains students on basic principles and skills underlying patient care, with an emphasis on geriatric nursing and state-required topics to qualify for the California Certified Nurse Assistant/ Home Health Aide certificate.

The 50-unit Vocational Nursing curriculum prepares the student to practice intelligent care at the bedside, to assist in the rehabilitation of the sick and the prevention of disease. Graduates of the program are eligible to apply for the California state examination to become a Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN).

The 81-unit Associate Degree Nursing program is designed to prepare students for beginning positions in Registered Nursing. Upon successful completion of the program, students are eligible to take the state licensing examination for registered nurses.

What kind of job will I be qualified for when I finish?

Students who complete the Home Health Aide program are qualified for jobs with a home care agency or nurse registry and receive client care assignments in client's homes. Median hourly earnings of home health aides were \$8.54 in 2006.

Students who complete the Vocation Nursing curriculum are qualified to work for acute care hospitals, convalescent hospitals, outpatient clinics, physician's offices, home care and community health facilities. A licensed vocational nurse works under the direction of a registered nurse or physician to give direct care to patients. The average earnings of vocational nurses were \$36,550 in 2006.

Students who complete the Associate Degree Nursing program are qualified for jobs as Registered Nurses in hospitals, clinics, home health care agencies and private duty. The average earnings of registered nurses were \$57,280 in 2006, with the highest paid 10% earning more than \$83,000.



What classes will I take?

Required Courses:

Certified Nurse Assistant/ Home Health Aide		Units
NURAD 201	Certified Nurse Assistant/ Home Health Aide	12
Total Required Units		12

Vocational Nursing		Units
V/NUR 214	Basic Medical-Surgical Nursing	15
V/NUR 215	Introduction to Pharmacology	1
V/NUR 216	Therapeutic Nutrition	1
V/NUR 217	Intermediate Medical-Surgical Nursing	10
V/NUR 218	Intermediate Pharmacology	2
V/NUR 220	Maternal-Child Nursing	4
V/NUR 219	Advanced Medical-Surgical Nursing	17
Total Required Units		50

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What classes will I take? (cont.)

Required Courses:

Associate Degree Nursing Program

(this program requires completion of requirements from Group A, B, and C below)

Group A – Prerequisite Requirements

	Units
BIOL 20A Human Anatomy and Physiology	5 OR
BIOL 2 Human Anatomy	5
BIOL 20B Human Anatomy and Physiology	5 OR
BIOL 4 Human Physiology	5
BIOL 3 Microbiology	5
MATH 201 Elementary Algebra	4

Total required prerequisite units 19

Group B – General Education/ Graduation Requirements

	Units
COMM 20 Interpersonal Communication Skills	3
ENGL 1A Composition and Reading	4
ENGL 1B Composition and Reading	4 OR
ENGL 5 Critical Thinking in Reading and Writing	3
PSYCH 1A Introduction to General Psychology	3
SOC 1 Introduction to Sociology	3 OR
ANTHR 3 Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology	3
Plus: Computer Literacy Requirement	1
And: Ethnic Studies Requirement	1

Total required GE/graduation units 20-21

Group C – Degree Major Requirements

	Units
NURS 1 Fundamentals in Nursing: Beginning Principles of Health Care	9
NURS 3A Perinatal Nursing	4
NURS 3B Pediatric Nursing	4
NURS 4A Intermediate Medical-Surgical Nursing	4
NURS 4B Psychiatric Nursing	4
NURS 5 Advanced Medical-Surgical Nursing	9
NURS 10 Leadership and Management	1
NURS 11 Ethics and Law	1
NURS 12 Calculation of Drug Dosages for Health Professionals	1
NURS 13 Pharmacology in Nursing	3
NURS 14 Nutrition and Diet Therapy in Nursing	2

Total required major units 42

Total required program units 81-82

What degree will I receive and how many course credits will I need?

A Certificate of Achievement in Certified Nurse Assistant/ Home Health Aide will be awarded for satisfactory completion of NURAD 201.

An Associate of Science degree in Vocational Nursing will be awarded upon satisfactory completion of the major course requirements and the general education requirements. A certificate will be awarded upon satisfactory completion of the major course requirements.

An Associate of Science in Nursing will be awarded upon satisfactory completion of the Group A Prerequisite requirements, the Group B General Education/ Graduation requirements, and the Group C Major course requirements.

Where do I get more information?

Contact the Merritt College Nursing Program at (510) 436-2422.

