VN CURRICULUM PATTERN

VN Program Prerequisites

- **AMY 10: Survey Human Anatomy and Physiology (3 units)**
  A survey of the structure and function of human cells, tissues and systems - for Allied Health majors.

- **Nursing 55: Introductory Course to Vocational Nursing Practice (5 units)**
  Focuses on the definition, functions, responsibilities, and roles of the vocational nursing student, and the Licensed Vocational Nurse as members of the interdisciplinary healthcare team. Introduces beginning concepts of getting started as a vocational nursing student, understanding the profession of vocational nursing, preparing for successful practice, and moving forward into the profession of a licensed vocational nurse. This course provides the student with an introduction to the responses of the body to diseases that affect basic human needs and are discussed in terms of illness, respiratory and circulatory disturbances, fluid and electrolytes, congenital, degenerative, allergic, and immune processes. Essential of nutrition throughout the life cycle and an introduction to therapeutic diet therapy are examined. (Lecture: 90 hours.)

- **PSY 9: Developmental Psychology (3 units)**
  A survey of biological, cognitive and psychosocial development throughout the human life cycle from conception to death.

**Fall Semester**

- **Nursing 52: Introductory Concepts of Vocational Nursing-Nursing Fundamentals (9.5 units)**
  Focus on provider of care role of the vocational nurse in assisting clients in the adult life cycle states to meet essential activities of daily living. A beginning knowledge of specialized nursing techniques with an understanding of principles, rationales, and procedures for each (Lecture: 72 hours, Clinical/Laboratory: 297 hours.)

- **Nursing 52A: Nursing Learning Laboratory (Elective) (0.5 units)**
  An on-campus activity laboratory designed for self-pace practice/remediation and mastery of nursing skills necessary for providing safe patient care throughout the program. Provides instructional guidance to assist students to refine newly acquired skills and develop the competency level expected of foundational vocational nursing students. Various multimedia and computer assisted instructional materials which support the semester learning outcomes will be assigned. (27 hours laboratory, Pass/No Pass only.)
• **Nursing 60: Intermediate Vocational Nursing Foundations-Nursing Process/Communication**  
  (1 unit)  
  Emphasis is on the vocational nursing roles and understanding the five steps of the nursing process to identify clients' basic human needs which require nursing intervention. (Lecture: 18 hours.)

**Winter Intersession**

• **Nursing 61: Intermediate Concepts of Vocational Nursing- Care of the Family (6 units)**  
  Application of the nursing process in common health/illness situations experienced by families require nursing intervention. Includes care of mothers, infants, children, and adolescents with health problems associated with their age groups. (Lecture: 63 hours, Clinical/Laboratory: 135 hours.)

**Spring Semester**

• **Nursing 62: Intermediate Concepts of Vocational Nursing-Medical/Surgical (12 units)**  
  Application of the nursing process to the care of clients with common health/illness problems and needs according to Maslow. Opportunity for development of provider of care role for clients in the adult life cycle stages in a variety of clinical settings, from various ethnic and social backgrounds, and with common medical/surgical conditions. Lecture: 126 hours, Clinical/Laboratory: 270 hours.)

• **Nursing 62A: Nursing Learning Laboratory (Elective) (0.5 unit)**  
  An on-campus activity laboratory designed for self-pace practice/remediation and mastery of nursing skills necessary for providing safe patient care throughout the program. Provides instructional guidance to assist students to refine newly acquired skills and develop the competency level expected of foundational vocational nursing students. Various multimedia and computer assisted instructional materials which support the semester learning outcomes will be assigned. (27 hours laboratory, Pass/No Pass only.)

• **Nursing 63: Intermediate Concepts of Vocational Nursing-Mental Health (3 units)**  
  Application of the nursing process and principles of mental health in the care of clients, in all health delivery settings, with conditions which interfere with normal intellectual, social and/or emotional behavior and result in disturbed interpersonal relationships. (Lecture: 36 hours, Clinical/Laboratory: 65 hours.)
Summer Intersession

- **Nursing 70: Advanced Vocational Nursing Foundations-Role Transition (1 unit)**
  Emphasis is on guidance regarding vocational nursing opportunities and on responsibilities in making the transition to the provider of care and member of the discipline of nursing roles of the licensed vocational nurse. (Lecture: 18 hours.)

- **Nursing 71: Advanced Concepts of Vocational Nursing-Medical/Surgical (7.5 units)**
  Advanced application of the nursing process to the care of multiple clients from various ethnic and social backgrounds, in the adult life cycle stages with common health/illness problems/needs. (Lecture: 72 hours, Clinical/Laboratory: 189 hours.)

**For students who wish to put more time into self-paced practice in the Nursing Learning Laboratory, Nursing 7 (54 hours, 1 units) and Nursing 8 (108 hours, 2 units) may be taken. Nursing 6 (27 hours, .5 units) is available during Winter and Summer intersession for students who wish to review skills and knowledge in preparation for the upcoming semester.**

- **Nursing 93: Calculations for Healthcare Providers (1.0 unit)**
  This elective course is designed to help those who need further help with dosage calculation, and includes systems of measurement and principles of dosage calculation for the administration of medications and fluids. Nursing 93 is offered during Winter and Summer Intersessions.