

Nursing (NURS) — Mount Vernon Campus

Program Descriptions

The Nursing (NURS) program at Skagit Valley College (SVC) prepares graduates for licensure as Registered Nurses (Associate in Technical Arts), as Practical Nurses (Certificate of Practical Nursing) and as Nursing Assistants (Certificate of Nursing Assistant). Licensed Practical Nurses can enter the program on space available basis in the third quarter and progress to RN completion. Skagit Valley College has an agreement with the University of Washington Nursing Program-Bothell that allows the SVC graduate to transition into a Bachelor of Science Nursing Degree program after completion of the Associate Degree Nursing program at SVC. If interested, please contact an advisor at University of Washington Bothell: www.uwb.edu. Also, indicate your interest to an SVC pre-nursing counselor.

The SVC Nursing Program is approved by the Washington State Nursing Commission and the RN program is nationally accredited by the National League for Nursing Accreditation Commission (NLNAC): 3343 Peachtree Road NW, Suite 500, Atlanta, GA 30326, 404-975-5000, www.nlnac.org.

The SVC Nursing Program is offered on both the Mount Vernon Campus and Whidbey Island Campus. Descriptions of each campus offerings are presented in the next section.

Associate in Technical Arts/Registered Nurse (RN) Degree & Practical Nurse Certificate (PN) Program

Mount Vernon Campus Program Description—Full-Time Program

The Mount Vernon Campus RN and PN Nursing programs are state-approved. Students complete prerequisites, related education, and six quarters of nursing courses for the ATA/RN program. After specified courses, students are eligible for a certificate in practical nursing at the Mount Vernon

campus. Most students who become LPNs at Mount Vernon continue on to complete the ATA/RN program (see Certificate in Practical Nursing, MV Campus).

Entry into the Program

Enrollment is limited. Admission to the college does not guarantee acceptance into the nursing program. Entry into the ATA/RN nursing program occurs when the student begins the first nursing course. Students are enrolled through a competitive admissions process. Information about the Mount Vernon Nursing admissions process is accessible on the Skagit Valley College web site (www.skagit.edu) under Future student/Professional Technical Programs/Nursing.

All interested students must meet minimum qualifications in order to be considered for admission. Minimum qualifications include:

- 3.0 or higher GPA in required science prerequisites.
- 3.0 or higher in all required nursing prerequisites.
- Current CNA Certificate.

All prerequisites must be completed prior to applying for competitive admission. See nursing website required prerequisites and application deadline dates. http://www.skagit.edu/directory.asp_Q_pagenuumber_E_219

Steps involved to be considered for admission to the program include:

- Attend an information session to get questions answered and meet a pre-nursing advisor.
- Complete an SVC application (submit online or paper) indicating the nursing program as your area of interest and the nursing options form.
- Take the college placement test in Math and English.
- Submit transcripts and appropriate forms showing completion of prerequisite courses to SVC Admissions, attention Nursing Admissions Coordinator, as soon as all prerequisites are completed.
- Attend intake session after notification of acceptance into the program.

Once accepted into the program and prior to course registration, the following requirements must be met:

- Current immunizations - negative TB test or chest X-ray and clearance by health care provider; positive Titer (German Measles) or measles, mumps and rubella vaccination; Hepatitis B vaccination series.
- Current Health Care Provider CPR card
- Acknowledgment of information regarding questions about the application for PN/RN licensure in Washington State.
- Pass both an Illegal Substance-Drug Screen and Criminal Background check. This is based on medical industry standards and Washington State laws protecting vulnerable populations (RCW 43.43.880 and 43.43.842). This practice is common among colleges and universities in Washington State and is required by clinical agencies where students complete their clinical experiences.

The LPN transfer student entering into the program must have all the above requirements plus show a current Washington State practical nurse license.

Re-entry to Nursing Program

Prior students not currently enrolled in Nursing who wish to reenter the Nursing program must fulfill requirements for re-admission as specified by the SVC Nursing Admissions Committee. Students will not be allowed to reenter the program more than once.

Associate in Technical Arts Degree

An Associate in Technical Arts degree (ATA) is awarded upon completion of a minimum of 118 credits of specified technical and related education coursework above the 100 level with both an overall 2.0 grade point average and a 2.0 grade point average in the technical major. Please note annual schedule: not every nursing course may be offered every quarter.

SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

MOUNT VERNON CAMPUS – ATA NURSING DEGREE

Includes required ATA courses. Student schedule may vary based on entry point, credit load, and prerequisites. Consult with department chair or SVC counselor for scheduling options.

Prerequisite and general education courses required prior to entering NURS 161: Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) certificate/license (NURS 100); WMATH 100 or NMATH 100 or above, †ENGL& 101, CHEM& 121, BIOL& 241, 242, 260, PSYC& 100, and 200. These courses may require prerequisites before taking.

Courses required by Graduation: CMST 125 or CMST& 210, SOSC 113 and 125.

FIRST YEAR

1st Qtr.... Cr	2nd Qtr . Cr	3rd Qtr ... Cr
NURS 161..... 12	NURS 162.....12	NURS 163.....12
Total..... 12	Total..... 12	Total..... 12

SECOND YEAR

4th Qtr ... Cr	5th Qtr .. Cr	6th Qtr ... Cr
NURS 201..... 12	NURS 202.....12	NURS 203.....12
CMST 125.....3	SOSC 125.....2	SOSC 113.....1
or CMST& 210..5		
Total.. 15-17	Total..... 14	Total..... 13

CERTIFICATE IN PRACTICAL NURSING: MOUNT VERNON CAMPUS

A Certificate in Practical Nursing will be awarded to those students who complete NURS 161, 162, 163, and NURS 166 and 167, with a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 and a “C” in each course. Minimum total credits for PN certificate equal 67. After completion of the course work for the practical nursing certificate, students are eligible to apply to take the PN licensing exam. At the time of application, the student may have to show proof of being 18 years old and a GED or a high school diploma.

Entry into the Nursing Assistant Certificate Course

The Nursing Assistant course (NURS 100) is a State approved course, meeting ORBRA Federal guidelines. Graduates are eligible to take the State Competency Test to become certified Nursing Assistants. This is a one-quarter course offered evenings, requiring 35 hours of classroom instruction and 50 hours of clinical/lab experience

Applicants are admitted on a first-come, first-served basis. No wait list is maintained. Students must attend all scheduled classes and clinical time to meet State certification requirements.

Prior to participating in any clinical experience, students must show proof of:

- Negative TB test OR chest x-ray and clearance by Health Care Provider.
- Current CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) card for the adult is required. If pursuing an LPN or RN license, a cur-

rent AHA Health Care Provider CPR card is required.

- Pass both an Illegal Substance-Illegal Drug Screen and Criminal Background check. This is based on medical industry standards and Washington State laws protecting vulnerable populations (RCW 43.43.880 and 43.43.842). This practice is common among colleges and universities in Washington State and is required by clinical agencies where students complete their clinical experiences.

Students must perform in a safe and competent manner in the clinical area, complying with OBRA guidelines and Program Clinical Affiliates. Failure to do so may prevent the student from receiving a certificate. Students must attend all classes and clinical experiences to receive a certification. There are additional fees for State registration and certification. If a student is employed at a nursing home, fee reimbursement may be available

Course Descriptions

NURS 065 Ward Clerk (6)
Safety techniques, clerical and communication skills, and patient-centered activities.

**NURS 100 Nursing Assistant/
AIDS Education (6)**

Focused toward employment in nursing homes. Current Healthcare Provider CPR card required. This course is state-approved and includes 35 classroom hours and 50 clinical hours. A completion certificate is issued after passing the course. In order to receive NA certification, the student must pass a written and skills exam through the National Nurse Aide Assessment Program (NNAAP) Examination, mandated by Washington State. (Student information: there are additional fees for state registration and certification testing of approximately \$110. If employed at a nursing home, fee reimbursement may be available.)

**NURS 161 Fundamentals
of Nursing with
Practicum (MV RN): D
(12)**

Introduces health care system, role of nursing, and health-illness continuum with a focus on promotion and maintenance of health, nursing process, pharmacology concepts, and normal changes of aging. Practicum includes basic nursing skills in simulated campus and clinical environments. Assessment focuses on geriatric patients in the long term care nursing environment. Prerequisites: CHEM& 121, BIOL& 241, BIOL& 242, BIOL 260, ENGL& 101, WMATH 100 or

NMATH 100 or above, PSYC& 100 and 200. Grade of 3.0 (B) or above required in each. CNA certificate required.

**NURS 162 Nursing Care Adult /
Child Practicum I
(MV RN) (12)**

Focuses on nursing care for individuals experiencing common alterations in the respiratory, neurological, musculoskeletal and cardiovascular systems. Also, care of the surgical patient. Includes psychological, sociocultural, spiritual, developmental factors. Integrates pharmacology, nutrition, health teaching, communication, and legal/ethical aspects. Provision of care to maintain and restore health. Nursing process focus: diagnosis and planning. Prerequisite: NURS 161.

**NURS 163 Nursing Care of
Adult & Child with
Practicum II (MV RN)
(12)**

Focuses on nursing care for individuals experiencing common alterations in the endocrine, renal/urinary, gastrointestinal, and reproductive systems. Includes pediatrics, oncology, and communicable disease nursing. Includes psychological, sociocultural, spiritual, and developmental factors. Integrates pharmacology, nutrition, health-teaching, communication, and legal/ethical aspects. Provision of care to maintain and restore health. Nursing process: intervention and evaluation. Prerequisite: NURS 162.

NURS 165 Transition to ADN (6)

Focuses on concepts basic to Associate Degree Nursing education, the nursing process, the role of the Associate Degree Nurse, and nursing assessment. Theoretical concepts will be applied to clinical experiences. Selected clinical competencies will be practiced and evaluated in the campus nursing lab. Grade of C or above is required to pass this course. Prerequisite: Eligible for admission to NURS 201 with either a current LPN license OR accepted to take NCLEX-PN exam (must pass NCLEX-PN exam to stay enrolled in NURS 201).

**NURS 166 Preparation for
Practical Nurse
Certificate I (3)**

Preparation for a practical nurse certificate. Focuses on nursing care of the individual experiencing commonly occurring alterations in physiological and psychological functioning not addressed in NURS 161, 162, and 163. Obstetrics and the newborn, congenital abnormalities, communicable diseases, mental health conditions, cardiac and respiratory conditions. Includes sociocultural and spiritual factors, as well

as concepts about pharmacology, nutrition, communication and developmental theory. Prerequisite: NURS 161, 162, and 163. Grade of C or above required in each. Strongly recommended: Computer literacy.

NURS 167 Preparation for Practical Nurse Certificate II (3)

Preparation for a practical nurse certificate. Focuses on nursing care of the individual experiencing commonly occurring alterations in physiological and psychological functioning not addressed in NURS 161, 162, and 163. Visual-auditory, endocrine, neurological and integumentary conditions are included. Leadership, nursing career goals, career opportunities, professional growth, legal responsibilities and principles of time management are also emphasized. Includes sociocultural and spiritual factors, as well as concepts about pharmacology, nutrition, communication and developmental theory. Prerequisite: NURS 161, 162, 163. Grade of C or above required in each. Strongly recommended: computer literacy.

NURS 201 Nursing Care Adult/Child Practicum III (12)

Focuses on nursing care for individuals experiencing complex alterations in the cardiovascular, reproductive, and respiratory systems. Includes alterations related to mental illness and psychological, social, cultural, spiritual, and developmental factors. Integrates pharmacology, nutrition, health teaching, communication, and legal/ethical aspects. Provision and management of nursing care in acute care and community settings. Prerequisite: NURS 163; CHEM& 121; BIOL& 241, 242, 260; PSYC& 100 and 200; ENGL& 101; WMATH 100 or NMATH 100. Grade C or above required in each.

NURS 202 Nursing Childbearing Family Adult/Child IV (12)

Focuses on nursing care for individuals experiencing complex alterations in endocrine, respiratory, neurological, and cardiovascular systems and childbearing process. Management and leadership concepts. Includes psychological, sociocultural, spiritual, and developmental factors. Integrates pharmacology, nutrition, health-teaching, communication and legal/ethical aspects. Provision and management of care to promote, maintain, and restore health in acute care and community settings. Prerequisite: NURS 201.

NURS 203 Nursing Adult/Child Practicum V (12)

Focuses on nursing care for individuals experiencing acute neurological and renal system alterations, burns, communicable disease, pediatric disorders, and childbearing process. Emergency nursing concepts. Includes psychological, sociocultural, spiritual, and developmental factors. Integrates pharmacology, nutrition, health-teaching, communication, and legal/ ethical aspects. Preceptorship simulates graduate RN role in providing and managing care. Prerequisite: NURS 202.