

Diploma Program

Contact Hours: 1,722

Semester Credits: 66.5

Instructional Weeks – Full Time: 50

Program Overview

As a vital member of the healthcare team, the Vocational Nursing combines nursing skills with human understanding to care for both chronically and acutely ill patients in a variety of settings. The program combines classroom study with clinical experience in a variety of settings. Upon completion of this program, the graduate will be able to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination–Practical Nurse (NCLEX-PN). Registration and certification requirements for taking and passing these examinations are not controlled by Concorde, but by outside agencies, and are subject to change by the agency without notice. Therefore, Concorde cannot guarantee that graduates will be eligible to take these exams, at all or at any specific time, regardless of their eligibility status upon enrollment.

Program Mission

Concorde Career College Practical Nursing Program ensures the healthcare community of competent graduates who are capable and productive entry-level practitioners. These individuals espouse professionalism and adhere to established standards of care and ethical practice.

Program Philosophy

The Vocational Nursing program is founded on beliefs that are consistent with the parent organization and the community at large. The faculty of the Vocational Nursing program hold the following beliefs about the individual, nursing, health, and nursing education.

Program Objectives

Concorde Practical Nursing graduates will:

1. Provide safe, caring and compassionate nursing care to diverse patients across the lifespan in various healthcare settings using evidenced based practice to improve outcomes.
2. Function as a competent, entry-level healthcare provider applying leadership and management skills and embracing ethical and legal principles in the provision of culturally appropriate nursing care.
3. Collaborate with members of the inter-professional healthcare team to provide optimal care for diverse patients and their families.
4. Communicate effectively through verbal, nonverbal and technological methods with patients, families and members of the inter-professional healthcare team.

California State Requirements

1. Must successfully complete the NCLEX-PN.
2. Must be a graduate of a California accredited school of Vocational Nursing or one of the following:
 - Be a graduate of an out-of-state school of Practical/Vocational Nursing;
 - Have the equivalent education and/or experience; or
 - Have nursing service in the Medical Corps of any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States

**This course is offered online*

***Includes up to 32 hours of Simulation*

Student Co-Requisite Requirements

Students must successfully complete all requirements as set forth by the course syllabus, understanding they must also successfully complete all components of any co-requisite courses as required by the corresponding course syllabus. If a student fails one or more courses during the term, they will immediately be withdrawn from the failed course and remaining courses and will be required to repeat all co-requisite courses offered within that term. Additionally, the student cannot proceed to the next term. Students should also note: the grades received in this second attempt will be the permanent grade of record. There can be no averaging of grades between attempts.

If any course is failed at any time during a term, the student will be immediately withdrawn from all remaining courses being taken that term and will need to repeat all failed and withdrawn courses and clinical before proceeding further in the program. If only the clinical is failed, only the clinical will need to be repeated. Courses that have been passed during the term are not required to be repeated.

Course #	Course Title	Theory Hours (Ground/Online)	Lab Hours (Ground/Online)	Externship Hours (Ground/Online)	Semester Credit Hours
PNVN1811	Basic Foundations in Nursing & Nursing Practice	170 (0 / 0)	0 (0 / 0)	0 (0 / 0)	8
PNVN1111	Personal & Vocational Concepts	25			1
PNVN1319	Clinical Practice I		100	100	3.5
PNVN1729	Clinical Practice II		220		7.5
PNVN1631	Medical-Surgical Nursing I	141			6.5
PNVN1739	Clinical Practice III		200		7
PNVN1541	Medical-Surgical Nursing II	111			5
PNVN1749	Clinical Practice IV		215		7.5
PNVN1350	Family Health Nursing	66			3
PNVN1150	Transitions to Practice	40 (34 / 6)	0	0	1.5
PNVN1759	Clinical Practice V		220		7.5
CPSO1101	Career Path Success 1	30	0	0	1
CPSO1102	Career Path Success 2	30	0	0	1
CPSO1103	Career Path Success 3	30	0	0	1
Total		767 (98/66)	955 (0/0)	100 (0/0)	66.5