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## Catalog Information

### Period of Time Catalog Covers

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### Student Consumer and Disclosure Information

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ACCET Student Outcomes, Annual Crime Disclosure, State BPPE Annual Report, Cost of Attendance Allocations, Drug-Free Campus Guidelines, College Navigator, Gainful Employment Information, Student Right to Know Graduation Rates, Textbooks by Program details and more.

### Summary of Civil and Criminal Penalties for Violation of Federal Copyright Laws

Copyright infringement is the act of exercising, without permission or legal authority, one or more of the exclusive rights granted to the copyright owner under Section 106 of the Copyright Act (Title 17 of the United States Code). These rights include the right to reproduce or distribute a copyrighted work. In the file-sharing context, downloading or uploading substantial parts of a copyrighted work without authority constitutes an infringement.

Penalties for copyright infringement include civil and criminal penalties. In general, anyone found liable for civil copyright infringement may be ordered to pay either actual damages or "statutory" damages affixed at not less than \$750.00 and not more than \$30,000.00 per work infringed. For "willful" infringement, a court may award up to \$150,000.00 per work infringed. A court can, in its discretion, also assess costs and attorneys' fees. For details, see Title 17, United States Code, Sections 504, 505.

Willful copyright infringement can also result in criminal penalties, including imprisonment of up to five years and fines of up to \$250,000.00 per offense. For more information, please see the website of the U.S. Copyright Office at [www.copyright.gov](http://www.copyright.gov) imprisonment.

### File Sharing and Peer-to-Peer Files

Use of school computers and networks is strictly for educational purposes. The sharing of copyrighted works is prohibited over High Desert Medical College's network through the use of email, web-pages, and peer-to-peer file sharing software. The unauthorized distribution of copyrighted material, including unauthorized peer-to-peer file sharing, may subject students to disciplinary action, as well as civil and criminal liabilities. This policy applies to computers owned by High Desert Medical College, as well as personal computers that may be using the High Desert Medical College network or working with High Desert Medical College documents.

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## Getting to Know High Desert Medical College

### Mission Statement

The mission of High Desert Medical College is to educate students in career specific disciplines in the areas of allied health and veterinary that match industry demands. High Desert Medical College is committed to offering a quality educational experience, and assistance in individualized placement so graduates can utilize their knowledge and skills to enter their chosen career fields.

### Core Values

In pursuit of this mission, High Desert Medical College is guided by the following core values, principles and objectives:

- **Integrity:** By constantly striving for the best in education, we remain true to our mission, our vision, and our commitment to students, faculty, staff and investors.
- **Creativity:** Our inventive spirits and industrious imaginations fuel our efforts to consistently situate the company on the leading edge of its field and offer the latest innovations in instructional techniques and technologies.
- **Ambition:** The pursuit of education has at its very core a sound work ethic, a burning motivation, and an insatiable drive. These qualities nourish our venture and drive us forward in achieving our goals.
- **Teamwork:** While Legacy started with a close-knit, loyal group of educators, its true legacy will be the spirit of constructive collaboration it inspires in its students, faculty and staff.

### Philosophy of the Nursing Program

High Desert Medical College believes that nursing is caring, and that caring is a nursing virtue. Orem's nursing framework guides the education of our Vocational Nursing students based on the nursing paradigm that includes the person, health, environment and the nursing systems. The framework emphasizes the interrelationships between the self-care agency and the nursing systems.

Central to Orem's theory, limitations or loss of self-care results in dependence to the nursing systems. It is the goal of the nurse to assist the individual from having self-care deficit to autonomous self-care, and to promote the well-being of every individual with health care needs.

We believe that it is only through nursing education that a person's worldview of caring becomes meaningful. Nursing education is a continuous learning process, which encourages active participation, self-awareness, and self-direction in a rapidly changing society. Embracing Orem's framework in our nursing education program allows the student to develop a deeper appreciation of the core of nursing, the person, the environment, and the person's health.

Vocational Nursing is an integral, interacting part of the health care structure. The Vocational Practice Act, states that Vocational Nursing incorporates the nursing process in-patient care to promote, restore, and maintain homeostasis in collaboration with the other health care disciplines. Our Faculty and Staff are committed to providing a quality educational program that prepares and produces competent nurses to be part of the health care system.

## About the College

High Desert Medical College (HDMC) was incorporated in the state of California in 2002 and began offering classes at its Lancaster campus in 2003. In 2008, High Desert Medical College launched its Bakersfield branch campus. In 2018, High Desert Medical College opened their Temecula campus. On July 2, 2010, the college assets were acquired by Legacy Education LLC, an educational company with commitment to excellence in education. It is the belief of Legacy Education, DBA High Desert Medical College, that education is an investment in the student's vocational future. Together we can work as a team to help them reach career goals with self-confidence gained through solid, practical training and knowledge.

## Institutional Control

Legacy Education, DBA as High Desert Medical College, is a California LLC. The governance and control of the institution are invested in the Legacy Education Board of Directors, which consists of leading educators and experienced public servants. The Board of Directors is the ultimate policy making body of the institution. The Board of Directors is comprised of the following members: LeeAnn Rohmann, Gerry Amato, Blaine Faulkner and Peggy Tiderman. The Majority ownership of Legacy Education is owned by the following: LeeAnn Rohmann, DeRose Family Trust, DIT Equity and Allen Benello.

The college has no pending petitions in bankruptcy, is operating as a debtor in possession, has not filed a petition within the preceding 5 years or has had a petition in bankruptcy filed against it in the preceding 5 years that resulted in reorganization under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code.

## Locations

### Lancaster Campus

701 W. Avenue K  
Suite 123  
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661-940-9300

### Bakersfield Campus

2000 24<sup>th</sup> Street  
Bakersfield, CA 93301  
661-579-2901

### Temecula Campus

31625 De Portola Road  
Suite 200  
Temecula, CA 92592  
951-365-5390

## Hours of Operation

### Admissions

#### Monday to Thursday

8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

#### Friday

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### Financial Aid

**Monday to Thursday**  
8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Friday**  
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### Business Office

**Monday to Thursday**  
8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Friday**  
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### Career Services

**Monday to Thursday**  
8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Friday**  
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### Student Services

**Monday to Thursday**  
8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Friday**  
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### Registrar

**Monday to Thursday**  
8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Friday**  
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### LANCASTER CAMPUS

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday**  
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Wednesday**  
10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### BAKERSFIELD CAMPUS

**Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday**  
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Tuesday**  
10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### Instructional Hours

**Monday to Thursday**  
8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

**Friday**  
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### LANCASTER CAMPUS (VN PROGRAM ONLY)

**Saturday and Sunday**  
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The campuses will be closed for the following holidays:

- New Year's Day
- Memorial Day

- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Veterans Day
- Thanksgiving
- Day after Thanksgiving
- Christmas Day

*\*High Desert Medical College reserves the right to move certain holidays above to other months during the year. Students will be notified by their program faculty or college administration of any changes.*

## Accreditation

High Desert Medical College is accredited by the Accrediting Council of Continuing Education and Training (ACCET) and is licensed to operate under the State of California Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE) ([www.bppe.ca.gov](http://www.bppe.ca.gov)). ACCET is listed by the U.S. Department of Education as a nationally recognized accrediting agency. High Desert Medical College is also recognized by the United States Department of Education (U.S.DOE) as an institution eligible to participate on Title IV Financial Aid Programs. The Licensed Vocational Nursing Program is accredited by the State of California Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has approved certain programs at High Desert Medical College for veteran's enrollment. Copies of approval to operate and accreditation certificates are posted in the lobby for review.

## Curriculum and Policy Changes

High Desert Medical College reserves the right to change internal academic and administrative policies at any time, schedules, tuition and fees, student rules, regulations and requirements at any time and without notice. In keeping with the philosophy of maintaining up-to-date program content, the school reserves the right to modify or change course content and / or the structure of course curricula at any time.

## Approval Disclosure Statement

High Desert Medical College, Inc., 701 West Avenue K, Suite 123, Lancaster, CA 93534; 2000 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Bakersfield, CA 93301; and 31625 De Portola Road, Suite 200, Temecula, CA 92592 are approved to operate by the Accrediting Council for Continuing Education and Training (ACCET) and the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE) pursuant to California Education Code §94800. The Bureau's licensure means that the institution and its operation comply with the standards established under the law for occupational instruction by private postsecondary educational institutions. An institution must renew its license every three years and is subject to continuing review. The college is currently approved and licensed to offer the following programs:

### Program List

#### CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

- Clinical Medical Assisting
- Medical Billing and Coding
- Medical Administrative Assisting
- Dental Assisting

- Pharmacy Technician
- Phlebotomy Technician
- Ultrasound Technician
- Veterinary Assistant
- Vocational Nursing
- Nursing Assistant

#### **DEGREE PROGRAMS**

- Cardiac Sonography Associate of Applied Science
- Magnetic Resonance Imaging Associate of Applied Science
- Ultrasound Technician Associate of Applied Science
- Vocational Nursing Associate of Applied Science
- Associate Degree of Nursing

An open-enrollment California statute requires that a student, who successfully completes a course of study, be awarded an appropriate diploma, certificate or degree verifying the fact.

As a prospective student, you are encouraged to review this catalog, visit the facilities of the school and to discuss personal educational and occupational plans with school personnel prior to enrolling or signing enrollment agreements. You are also encouraged to review the **School Performance Fact Sheet**, which must be provided to you prior to signing an enrollment agreement. High Desert Medical College offers the following financing options:

- Federal and State Financial Aid including the Federal Pell Grant, Federal Direct Student Loan Program and the Cal Grant program.
- Legacy Education's Institutional loan student financing through EdVisio's TuitionFlex Program.
- Monthly in-house installment cash payment plans.
- Private Student Loans

The Vocational Nursing course meets the requirements established by the California Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians (BVNPT). The Vocational Nursing program is approved. The Associate Degree of Nursing program meets the requirements established by the California Board of Registered Nursing. There are no other state boards, bureaus, departments or agencies that set minimum standards for your program of studies in accordance with Education Code §94860.

Persons seeking to resolve problems or complaints should first contact the instructor in charge. Requests for further action can be made to the Lead Instructor, Department Director, Director of Education or Campus Director, in respective order. Any questions a student may have regarding this catalog that have not been satisfactorily answered by the institution may be directed to the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education at 1747 North Market Boulevard, Suite 225, Sacramento, CA 95834, [www.bppe.ca.gov](http://www.bppe.ca.gov), toll-free 888-370-7589 or by fax 916-263-1897.



## Faculty Qualifications

In accordance with the state of California Code of Regulations Section 71720, High Desert Medical College requires the following qualifications for faculty teaching degree and non-degree programs.

- An institution shall employ instructors who possess the academic, experiential and professional qualifications to teach, including a minimum of three years of experience, education and training in current practices of the subject area they are teaching. If an instructor does not possess the required three years of experience, education and training in the subject area they are teaching, the institution shall document the qualifications the instructor possesses that are equivalent to the minimum qualifications.
- For degree programs, see Appendix A for minimum faculty qualifications.

## Facility Specifications

### Lancaster

High Desert Medical College's main campus is located at 701 West Avenue K, Suite 123, Lancaster, CA 93534. The facility has a student lounge, handicap accessible rest room facilities, administrative offices, learning resource center containing reference books and other material relevant to each program and a reception area. In addition, the main campus has a 4,150 square foot meeting space utilized regularly for student award ceremonies, company-wide events and staff and faculty training. Parking is provided to all students at no charge in the designated spaces of the college parking lot. High Desert Medical College does not accept responsibility for damage or theft of students' personal belongings or vehicles while parked in the college's parking areas. Students park at their own risk. **PLEASE LOCK YOUR VEHICLE! HIGH DESERT MEDICAL COLLEGE IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST OR STOLEN ITEMS!** The equipment used in training programs consists of standard office equipment that can be found in modern business and medical offices.

### Bakersfield

High Desert Medical College's branch campus is located at 2000 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Bakersfield, CA 93301. The facility has handicap accessible rest room facilities, administrative offices, learning resource center containing reference books and other material relevant to each program and a reception area. High Desert Medical College does not accept responsibility for damage or theft of students' personal belongings or vehicles while parked in the college's parking areas. Students park at their own risk. **PLEASE LOCK YOUR VEHICLE! HIGH DESERT MEDICAL COLLEGE IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST OR STOLEN ITEMS!** The equipment used in training programs consists of standard office equipment that can be found in modern business and medical offices.

### Temecula

High Desert Medical College's branch campus was approved to operate October of 2018 and is located at 31625 De Portola Road, Suite 200, Temecula, CA 92592. Temecula branch campus occupies approximately 15,500 square feet in a two-story modern building, built in 2019. The facility is readily accessible for students requiring physical accommodations, spacious classrooms, laboratory, computer lab, Multipurpose Hall (Legacy Hall), administrative offices, learning resource center containing online library and reference books and other material relevant to each program. Temecula campus also provides classrooms that are appropriately furnished with laboratory and instructional furniture for the type of work performed. Equipment and supplies for each program of study are available in the classrooms and laboratories at each campus. The equipment used in training programs consists of standard equipment that can be found in modern medical offices. In addition to ample parking, the campus is conveniently located near public transportation and freeway access. High Desert Medical College does not accept responsibility for damage or theft of students' personal belongings or vehicles while parked in the college's parking areas. Students park at their own risk. **PLEASE LOCK YOUR VEHICLE! HIGH DESERT MEDICAL COLLEGE IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST OR STOLEN ITEMS!**

## Student Equality

High Desert Medical College's Faculty and Staff are committed to actively pursue equality for all High Desert Medical College students of diverse cultures, disabilities, and lifestyles through the implementation of our mission and objectives. High Desert Medical College incorporates the ethnic and academic pluralism, which is represented within our community into its educational process.

High Desert Medical College is dedicated to respecting, integrating, and celebrating our students' diverse cultures into all aspects of campus life. The college maintains a professional and safe environment where students are free to express and share their unique backgrounds and experiences.

## Civil and Criminal Penalties for Violation of Federal Copyright Laws

Copyright infringement is the act of exercising, without permission or legal authority, one or more of the exclusive rights granted to the copyright owner under Section 106 of the Copyright Act (Title 17 of the United States Code). These rights include the right to reproduce or distribute a copyrighted work. In the file-sharing context, downloading or uploading substantial parts of a copyrighted work without authority constitutes an infringement.

Penalties for copyright infringement include civil and criminal penalties. In general, anyone found liable for civil copyright infringement may be ordered to pay either actual damages or “statutory” damages affixed at not less than \$750.00 and not more than \$30,000.00 per work infringed. For “willful” infringement, a court may award up to \$150,000.00 per work infringed. A court can, in its discretion, also assess costs and attorneys’ fees. For details, see Title 17, United States Code, Sections 504, 505. Willful copyright infringement can also result in criminal penalties, including imprisonment of up to five years and fines of up to \$250,000.00 per offense. For more information, please see the website of the U.S. Copyright Office at [www.copyright.gov](http://www.copyright.gov).

## Environmental Considerations

High Desert Medical College is proud to be an active participant in working to help clean up our environment. We encourage all students to join our **RIDE SHARE Program**. Please see the Student Services Staff for information on ride sharing. Please recycle used aluminum cans in the bins provided in the student lounge. **Remember that every little bit helps.** We encourage all students to join our staff in efforts to clean up the environment and conserve energy both at home and at school. Together, we can make a difference!

## Learning Resources

The institution uses LIRN (Library and Information Resources Network) which is an online library and has the necessary reference, research and information resources to support the program and to enhance student learning. The LIRN library has a librarian available to students. The librarians have masters’ degrees from programs accredited by the American Library Association and high levels of engagement in the profession. They participate in regular professional development activities and attend national, regional, and state events to stay informed with the latest information and best practices in the field. The holdings include general education resources including social sciences, the arts, health research and biological sciences.

Students have access to the College’s Online Learning Resource System which can be accessed from the College’s Learning Management System (Canvas). A link to the LIRN Library is embedded in each course along with LIRN Orientation and Training.

# Becoming a High Desert Medical College Student

## Applying to High Desert Medical College

### Admissions Requirements

#### CORE PROGRAMS

High Desert Medical College is in compliance with federal, state and local government agencies. The college does not discriminate or will not deny admission to any person for reasons of race, age, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, ethnic background, religious affiliation. In accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), High Desert Medical College abides by the regulation that “no otherwise disabled individual” shall be excluded from participation in programs and services offered by the College “solely by reason of the disability.” The college does reserve the right to deny admission to applicants who do not successfully meet admissions requirements.

To be eligible for admission to any of High Desert Medical College’s programs a prospective student must meet the following requirements:

- Be at least 18 years of age. If 17 years of age, requires parental signature.
- Provide documentation of a High School Diploma or G.E.D.
- Possess a High School Diploma, GED or pass the Ability to Benefit (ATB) test and enroll in an eligible career pathways program requiring the student to attend an adult education program while concurrently attending their vocational training. The adult education will be provided by an outside vendor and could lead to a high school diploma.
- Be able to read, write, speak and understand the English language.
- Students enrolling in a program that leads to a degree must take and pass a nationally standardized test, the Wonderlic SLE. Minimum passing scores are listed below:

Core Program	Minimum Score
Cardiac Sonography	18
Ultrasound Technician	18
Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)	18
Vocational Nursing*	19

*\*See additional admissions requirements in the next section.*

**NOTE: An applicant may attempt the SLE no more than four times within a 12-month period. A different version of the SLE must be used for all four attempts. Should a student not pass on their first attempt, they must wait 24 hours before the second attempt. Should the applicant not meet the minimum required score on the second attempt, they must wait two days after the second attempt, to re-take the test for the third time. Should the applicant fail to achieve the minimum required score on the first three testing attempts, the applicant must wait one week between administration of test three and four.**

Students may enroll at any time; however, scheduled start days are the only days that students may begin classes. In certain programs, students may be able to start their training after the first day but no later than the second day of classes per California regulations.

### **Direct Notice Policy for Programs leading to Licensure or Certification**

High Desert Medical College (HDMC) determines the student's physical location during the admissions process. Applicants share their address on the Application for Admission. Their address is verified through a government issued ID that is collected as part of the admissions process. Students located outside of California are not accepted into High Desert Medical College

High Desert Medical College provides direct notice via email regarding the determination of qualification for licensure for states outside of California.

High Desert Medical College maintains student information, including their physical location, within the Student Information System. Students must notify the institution if they plan to relocate out of state. The institution is only approved to operate in the state of California. Relocating out of state may adversely impact a student's ability to complete their program. Students must notify the Registrar or Campus Director of a change to their physical location. Students are encouraged to speak with HDMC staff before relocating to determine options for continuing training or withdrawing prior to moving outside of California. If a student moves out of California, or if the determination of qualification for licensure for a state on the list changes, High Desert Medical College provides Direct Notice to all students. Direct Notice is provided via email within 14 days after the day the change in determination is identified by HDMC.

### **Learners with Special Needs**

High Desert Medical College is committed to Equality of Opportunity, and positively values the participation of learners with special needs. High Desert Medical College is committed to the admission of all qualified students without regard to applicants' race, color, religion, sexual orientation, or disability if they are able to meet the physical and academic requirements of the programs. We further commit ourselves to make reasonable accommodations and provide information in order to render the academic programs and support services of the school accessible to all persons. Every effort is made to individually and appropriately serve students and to enable them to attain success and reach their educational goals.

Students requesting accommodations must present a formal physical or cognitive evaluation by a professional in the field that outlines areas in which the student would need reasonable assistance or accommodations to complete classroom, clinical rotations, or externship training. Learners with Special Needs are encouraged to meet with High Desert Medical College's onsite ADA coordinator.

### **Ultrasound Technician Associate of Applied Science Admissions**

High Desert Medical College will not deny admission to any person for reasons of race, age, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, ethnic background, religious affiliation, or physical disabilities, but does reserve the right to deny admission to applicants who do not successfully meet admissions requirements. The college utilizes the Digital Readiness Risk Assessment as an entrance examination for all Ultrasound Technician Associate of Applied Science students. To be eligible for admission to the Ultrasound Technician Associate of Applied Science Program, an applicant must meet the following requirements:

- Take and pass the Wonderlic Digital Learning Risk Assessment test with less than three risks identified.
- Take and pass a nationally standardized test, the Wonderlic SLE, with a minimum score of 18.
- Provide documentation of a High School Diploma or G.E.D.

There are four pathways for students to obtain an Associate Degree:

1. Students may enroll directly into the full UTAAS program if they have fulfilled the entrance requirements.

2. Students enrolled in the Certificate program may transfer directly in to the AAS program at any point in their education if they have fulfilled the entrance requirements.
3. Students who attended another institution and would like to transfer into the Ultrasound Associate Degree program must meet all admission requirements and will be evaluated according to the institutions transfer of credit policy.
4. Graduates of HDMC's or another institutions Ultrasound Technician / DMS Certificate program must meet all admission requirements and will be evaluated according to the institutions transfer of credit policy, and will enroll into the General Education component of the UTAAS program upon successful transfer of all certificate program requirements.

The following are the General Education courses needed to obtain an AAS Degree:

Course Number / Name	Course Length	Description
<b>BUSM 101</b> <b>Business Math</b>	4 Weeks Semester Credit Hours: 5.33	This course applies math fundamentals to business applications. Topics include a basic math review, business statistics, profit calculations, payroll, banking, interest calculations, insurance, taxes, and other business topics.
<b>CRT 101</b> <b>Critical Thinking</b>	4 Weeks Semester Credit Hours: 5.33	This introductory level course presents a variety of topics essential to a student's development in critical thinking. Students are introduced to concepts essential to the comprehension, analysis, and creation of arguments: induction, deduction, informal fallacies, Aristotelian and symbolic logic, modes of persuasion, perspective and bias, and language and meaning, culminating in the development of reasonable strategies for belief formation.
<b>ENG 101</b> <b>English Composition</b>	4 Weeks Semester Credit Hours: 5.33	This course is a general introduction to the principles of effective writing with emphasis on writing process, thesis, context, purpose, and audience. By completing this course, the student will acquire the ability to write effective sentences, paragraphs, and themes and the ability to read with understanding of rhetorical forms and devices with critical awareness. The course aims to build sequentially on students' ability to read both written and cultural texts closely and critically and to analyze those texts in ways that also engage and problematize students' own experience, the perspectives of "experts," and the world they live in.
<b>GOVT 101</b> <b>American Government</b>	4 Weeks Semester Credit Hours: 5.33	This course introduces students to the fundamentals of American government and politics focusing on the historical evolution of government and policies, the major institutions, and the major processes. Course goals include developing an interest and understanding of today's government, policy development, and politics as well as to develop critical thinking and information literacy skills in government and politics areas. Topics include the Constitution, federalism, civil rights and civil liberties, the structure and processes of the three branches of government, political socialization, interest groups and public opinion, political parties and the election process, as well as basic U.S social, economic, and foreign policy.

Course Number / Name	Course Length	Description
<b>PSYC 101</b> <b>Introduction to Psychology</b>	4 Weeks Semester Credit Hours: 5.33	This course introduces human behavior. It includes the study of the theories and concepts of psychology including the scope of psychology, biological foundations and the brain, sensation, perception, motivation, personality, learning and memory, emotion, states of consciousness, personality theories, cognition, lifespan development, and applied psychology.
<b>SOCI 101</b> <b>Introduction to Sociology</b>	4 Weeks Semester Credit Hours: 5.33	This course explores sociological processes that underlie everyday life. The course focuses on globalization, cultural diversity, critical thinking, modern technology, and the growing influence of mass media.

## Magnetic Resonance Imaging Associate of Applied Science Admissions

High Desert Medical College will not deny admission to any person for reasons of race, age, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, ethnic background, religious affiliation, or physical disabilities, but does reserve the right to deny admission to applicants who do not successfully meet admissions requirements. The college utilizes the Digital Readiness Risk Assessment as an entrance examination for all Magnetic Resonance Imaging Associate of Applied Science students. To be eligible for admission to the Magnetic Resonance Imaging Associate of Applied Science Program, an applicant must meet the following requirements:

- Take and pass the Wonderlic Digital Learning Risk Assessment test with less than three risks identified.
- Take and pass a nationally standardized test, the Wonderlic SLE, with a minimum score of 18.
- Provide documentation of a High School Diploma or G.E.D.

## Vocational Nursing Admissions

High Desert Medical College will not deny admission to any person for reasons of race, age, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, ethnic background, religious affiliation, or physical disabilities, but does reserve the right to deny admission to applicants who do not successfully meet admissions requirements. The college utilizes the **Scholastic Level Exam and the HESI** as entrance examinations for all Vocational Nursing students.

To be eligible for admission to the Vocational Nursing Program, an applicant must meet the following requirements:

- Take and pass VN PRQ 101 (128 hours) the pre-requisite course for the VN Program.
- Take and pass a nationally standardized test, the Wonderlic SLE, with a minimum score to gain admittance to the College. The minimum score is listed below for the Vocational Nursing Program. (**See “NOTE” above in reference to additional attempts to retakes and achieving the minimum required score for the SLE.**)
- Vocational Nursing – 19 and
- Take and pass the required entrance exam (HESI) with a score of 75%. If a prospective student should fail the examination, he / she will not be allowed to retake the test for 48 hours.
- Be at least 18 years of age. If 17 years of age, requires parental signature.
- Provide documentation of a High School Diploma or G.E.D.
- Be able to read, write, speak and understand the English language.

- Submit a 150-word essay, “**Why you want to be a nurse**”.
- Successfully pass a background screening.
- Successfully pass a drug test
- Complete a physical exam
- Provide documentation of all required immunizations
- Final approval from the Director of Nursing to enter the program.
- Attend the required Student Orientation.

High Desert Medical College utilizes the Scholastic Level Exam and the HESI as an entrance examination for all Vocational Nursing students. For the Vocational Nursing Program, new students must begin instruction in Term I and complete the objectives of each sequential Term.

*\*Students may enroll at any time; however, scheduled start days are the only days that students may begin classes. In certain programs, students may be able to start their training after the first day but no later than the second day of classes per regulations.*

## Vocational Nursing Prerequisite Course

This course is a prerequisite requirement for admissions into the Vocational Nursing Program. Students must successfully pass this course with a 75% or higher. The course introduces the nursing student to critical thinking, basic arithmetic and medication dosage calculation and normal anatomy and physiology, the interrelationships between structure and functions of human cells, tissues, and systems, and the effects of disease on body systems and basic medical terminology as well as study techniques and strategies to ensure student success throughout the program. This course will involve lectures and reading assignments. The student will undergo daily exams. The student will be required to participate in class discussions and take notes.

## Vocational Nursing Associate of Applied Science Admissions

High Desert Medical College will not deny admission to any person for reasons of race, age, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, ethnic background, religious affiliation, or physical disabilities, but does reserve the right to deny admission to applicants who do not successfully meet admissions requirements.

In Order to enroll into the Vocational Nursing Associate of Applied Science program you must:

- Provide evidence of graduating from a Vocational Nursing Certificate Program.
- Must hold a Valid State License (LVN / LPN).
- Take and pass the Wonderlic Digital Learning Risk Assessment test with less than three risks identified.
- Request Transfer of Credit for the Vocational Nursing Certificate Program.

The following are the General Education courses needed to obtain an AAS Degree:

Course Number / Name	Course Length	Description
<b>ANT 101</b> <b>Human Anatomy I</b> <b>PHYS 101</b> <b>Human Physiology I</b>	Semester Credit Hours: 2.5 Semester Credit Hours: 2.5 Total: 5 semester credits	This course is first combined course of Human Anatomy and Physiology in a two-course sequence in which human anatomy and physiology are studied using a body systems approach. Coursework emphasizes interrelationships between form and function at the gross and microscopic levels of organization. Topics include basic anatomical and directional terminology, muscle tissues, fundamental concepts and principles of cell biology, history and the integumentary, skeletal, muscular and nervous systems. The course starts with an introduction to the human body, defining anatomical terms and describing the physiological organization of the body from cells to systems. An overview of the biochemical basis of life and cell structure and function will be studied next. Students then learn how cells combine to form tissues which, in turn, combine to form organs and organ systems. Having laid the foundation for understanding the anatomical organization of the body, the course describes each body system in turn, explaining in general terms what the system does and how it interacts with other systems. The integumentary, skeleton, and muscular, nervous, and special senses systems will complete the course. This course includes one semester credit hour of virtual lab.
<b>ANT 102</b> <b>Human Anatomy II</b> <b>PHYS 102</b> <b>Human Physiology II</b>	Semester Credit Hours: 2.5 Semester Credit Hours: 2.5 Total: 5 semester credits	This course is the second combined course of Human Anatomy and Physiology in a two-course sequence in which human anatomy and physiology are studied using a body systems approach. The course builds on the previously presented content related to the anatomical structures and physiology of the human body. Course content includes the following body systems: Lymphatic, Blood, Cardiac, Vascular, Respiratory, Urinary, Gastrointestinal, Reproductive systems, and the Endocrine system. Each body system is discussed in terms of the major anatomical structures and functions including how each system participates in homeostasis of the body. The student will also be provided with content and opportunity for discussion related to selected major pathologies, changes that occur in disease process, causes, and diagnostic procedures. This course includes one semester credit hour of virtual lab.
<b>ENG 101</b> <b>English Composition</b>	Semester Credit Hours: 3.00	This course is a general introduction to the principles of effective writing with emphasis on writing process, thesis, context, purpose and audience. By completing this course, the student will acquire the ability to write effective sentences, paragraphs, and themes and the ability to read with understanding of rhetorical forms and devices with critical awareness. The course aims to build sequentially on students' ability to read both written and cultural texts closely and critically and to analyze those texts in ways that also engage and problematize students' own experience, the perspectives of "experts," and the world they live in.



Course Number / Name	Course Length	Description
<b>ENG 102</b> <b>Public Speaking</b>	Semester Credit Hours: 3.00	The course explores ways in which people interact verbally and non-verbally and teaches basic principles of interpersonal communication, including perception, self-concept, persuasive communication, nonverbal communication, semantics, roles and norms and communication barriers. Activities include participating in groups, pairs and interactive communication situations.
<b>MIC 101</b> <b>Microbiology with Lab</b>	Semester Credit Hours: 4.00	The course covers basic concepts of microbiology, with emphasis on medically important microorganisms and infectious diseases. The topics studied also include microscopy, microbial growth and genetics, antimicrobial agents, epidemiology and immune system responses to pathogens. Lab exercises emphasize aseptic techniques, isolation and culture of microorganisms, microscopy and staining techniques.
<b>MTH 101</b> <b>College Algebra 101</b>	Semester Credit Hours: 3.00	The course focuses on topics such as basic treatment of algebraic expressions, solving linear equations and inequalities, graphing linear equations and inequalities, polynomial operations, positive and negative integral exponents, factoring, systems of linear equations, radical and rational expressions, quadratic equations and various application problems.
<b>MTH 102</b> <b>Statistics</b>	Semester Credit Hours: 3.00	The course stresses the practical use of statistics in the collecting, organizing, analyzing, interpreting and presenting of data. Both descriptive and inferential techniques are covered.
<b>PSY 101</b> <b>Introduction to Psychology</b>	Semester Credit Hours: 3.00	This course introduces human behavior. It includes the study of the theories and concepts of psychology including the scope of psychology, biological foundations and the brain, sensation, perception, motivation, personality, learning and memory, emotion, states of consciousness, personality theories, cognition, lifespan development, and applied psychology.
<b>SOC 101</b> <b>Introduction to Sociology</b>	Semester Credit Hours: 3.00	This course explores sociological processes that underlie everyday life. The course focuses on globalization, cultural diversity, critical thinking, modern technology, and the growing influence of mass media.

## Associate Degree of Nursing Admissions

High Desert Medical College will not deny admission to any person for reasons of race, age, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, ethnic background, religious affiliation, or physical disabilities, but does reserve the right to deny admission to applicants who do not successfully meet admissions requirements. The college utilizes the Scholastic Level Exam and the HESI as entrance examinations for all Associate Degree of Nursing students.

To be eligible for admission to the Associate Degree of Nursing Program, an applicant must meet the following requirements:

- Take and pass a nationally standardized test, the Wonderlic SLE, with a minimum score to gain admittance to the College. The minimum score is listed below for the Associate Degree of Nursing Program.

(See “NOTE” above in reference to additional attempts to retakes and achieving the minimum required score for the SLE.) Registered Nursing – 23 and

- Take and pass the required entrance exam (HESI) with a score of 85%. If a prospective student should fail the examination, he / she will not be allowed to retake the test for 48 hours.
- Be at least 18 years of age. If 17 years of age, requires parental signature.
- Provide documentation of a High School Diploma or G.E.D.
- Be able to read, write, speak and understand the English language.
- Successfully pass a background screening.
- Successfully pass a drug test
- Complete a physical exam
- Provide documentation of all required immunizations
- Final approval from the Director of Nursing to enter the program.
- Attend the required Student Orientation.

High Desert Medical College utilizes the Scholastic Level Exam and the HESI as an entrance examination for all Associate Degree of Nursing students. Students may take the SLE exam a maximum of four times and may take the HESI exam a maximum of two times. For the Associate Degree of Nursing Program, new students must begin instruction in Semester I and complete the objectives of each sequential Semester.

*\*Students may enroll at any time; however, scheduled start days are the only days that students may begin classes. In certain programs, students may be able to start their training after the first day but no later than the second day of classes per regulations.*

All students accepted as Associate Degree of Nursing enrolled candidates must provide a physician's release and evidence of good health by completing a recent *physical* examination (must be submitted a minimum of 6 weeks prior to the start of the third semester including the following elements:

- History and Physical Clearance.
- Height and Weight.
- Blood Pressure, Pulse and Respiration.
- Hepatitis B vaccination series is recommended, but not mandatory. two step TB Test or Chest X-ray is mandatory to assure students are not in active stage(s) of tuberculosis. MMR Titer is mandatory if the student is unable to prove receipt of vaccination, if not immune, student must be vaccinated. Varicella and Polio vaccinations are mandatory If a vaccination record is not provided, blood titers must be drawn for immunity. No immunity status requires vaccination series.
- Proof of a tetanus vaccination within the last ten years is also required.
- Flu vaccine is required during flu season (September through March), any student starting the Registered Nursing Program during a time when the flu vaccine is not available must get the vaccination when it is available.
- The COVID-19 vaccinations and booster are mandatory.
- The physician's release evidence of good health must be verified by Physician's Office stamp. Falsification of such information will result in denial of admission to the program.
- The physical, TB testing and flu vaccine are valid for one year, since the program is longer than one-year, Registered Nurse students will be required to obtain an updated physical, TB test and flu vaccine before these expire.
- The physical examination, lab tests and vaccination records **MUST** be turned in to the Nursing Office for review a minimum of 6 weeks **PRIOR** to the beginning of the third semester.
- NOTE: The Nursing Office will provide each prospective student or Enrolled / Alternate Candidate with a description of the physical examination, lab test and vaccination requirements prior to enrollment.

### Associate Degree Registered Nursing Advanced Placement Policy

- Licensed Vocational Nurses Previous Education “An approved nursing program shall have a process for a student to obtain credit for previous education or for other acquired knowledge in the field of nursing through equivalence, challenge examinations, or other methods of evaluation.
- The program shall make the information available in published documents, such as college catalog or student handbook, and online.” (CCR 1430).
- The program maintains a process, which is to grant credits, and/or advanced placement to an individual with prior education or experience in the nursing discipline.

\*In addition to transcripts, valid documentation includes but is not limited to military documents or supervisor verification on letter-head of the particular entity or certificates indicating successful completion of a course. Students may challenge NUR 101 Foundations of Nursing, NUR 102 Medical-Surgical Nursing I, NUR 104 Nursing Lab I, NUR 103 Pharmacology, NUR 201 Medical Surgical Nursing II, NUR 202 Advanced pharmacology, NUR203 Nursing care of children, NUR 204 Nursing care of women, ob and neonates and NUR 205 Nursing lab II

- The student must pass the written exam, the skills evaluation, and the dosage calculation examination to obtain credit.
- LVN Advanced Placement and Course Sequence
- An applicant may achieve advanced placement if space becomes available. Requirements in addition to the application requirements are as follows:
- An active application to the nursing program on file at the nursing office.
- A passing score (23) on the SLE exam
- A passing score (85%) on the HESI entrance exam.
- A copy of an active unencumbered California LVN license and IV and blood withdrawal certification.
- Evidence of at least one year of paid direct patient contact experience as an LVN within the past 5 years.
- Completion of ALL programs general education coursework with a grade of C or better and a grade of B or better in science courses as evidenced on required transcript and
- Successful completion of all nine (9) challenge exams
- once the first four (4) criteria above have been met.
- challenge exams will be considered as Advanced Placement; however, all students who pass challenge exams (and are thus exempt from one or more nursing classes) must take **NUR 200 Transition to Professional Nursing**. Under this option, students must wait until the required courses are offered but if admitted are assured a place in the program when the required courses occur. The following is the order of curriculum for LVN advanced placement:
  - Semester 1: No Classes
  - Semester 2: No classes
  - Semester 3: No Classes
  - Semester 4: NUR 200 Transition to Professional Nursing
  - Semester 5: NUR 301 Medical Surgical Nursing III (4 units), NUR 302 Mental Health Nursing (3 units) , NUR 303 Gerontological Nursing (3 units), NUR 304 Community health Nursing (3 units), NUR 305 Nursing Lab III (0.5 units)
  - Semester 6: NUR 401 Medical Surgical Nursing IV (6 units), NUR 402 Leadership and Professional Nursing (3 units), NUR 403 Nursing Lab IV (1 unit)
  - *LVN Non-degree Option (30-Unit Option) and Course Sequence*

California LVNs holding a current unencumbered California Vocational Nursing License may choose the 30 Unit Non-Degree Option. The LVN 30-Unit Option Non-Degree Program does not lead to an Associate Degree in Nursing. This non-graduate status entitles the candidate to take the NCLEX-RN® for licensure as a registered nurse only in the state of California. This permanent non-graduate status may hinder employment and further

educational opportunities (hospitals are currently showing preference to RNs with BSNs) and may prohibit endorsement as registered nurse in other states.

- Admission is based on space availability. The following courses are required:
- Semester 1: PHYS 101 Human Physiology with lab (5 units), microbiology (4 units)
- Semester 3: NUR 200 transition to professional nursing (2 units), NUR 301 Medical Surgical Nursing III (4 units), NUR 302 Mental Health Psychiatric Nursing (3 units), NUR 303 Gerontological nursing (3 units)
- Semester 6: NUR 401 Medical Surgical Nursing IV (6 units), NUR 402 Leadership and Professional Nursing (3 units)
- Individuals seeking the non-degree 30-unit option are required to take NUR 200 Transition to Professional Nursing
- \*Students enrolling under the 30-unit option are not eligible for federal financial aid.

\*Applicants for advanced placement LVN or non-degree option are admitted ONLY if space is available.

## General Admissions Procedure

Prospective students including students with special needs may apply for admission to the college by making an appointment to visit the Admissions Department after filling out an admissions questionnaire. Applicants will be interviewed by an Admissions Representative to ascertain their interests and previous educational and professional experience. Prospective students will then receive a tour of the facility and have an opportunity to ask any questions they may have. If a prospective student should choose to seek enrollment in one of the college's programs, he / she will be required to verify high school or equivalent graduation.

Upon completion of the entrance examination, the test will be graded. If the prospective student achieves a passing grade per the requirements of the chosen program, and all other entrance requirements are satisfactorily completed, the applicant will be admitted to the program at the next available start date depending upon space availability. Seats are assigned on a first come – first serve basis to all qualified students based upon the student's total admissions points score and recommendation of the Admissions Representative or Assistant Director of Admissions. All students will be scheduled to meet with the Financial Aid Office and Financial Services Department for prequalification.

## Ability to Benefit (ATB) Admission Policies

Ability to Benefit (ATB) admission is available on a limited basis and is available for the following programs only: Clinical Medical Assisting, Dental Assisting, Medical Billing and Coding, and Medical Administrative Assisting. Students who are admitted to the College as ATB students will be required to attend academic and career preparation advising throughout their program. Additionally, all applicants must pass the Wonderlic Basic Skills Test (WBST), complete an interview with a school representative to determine desire, ability and commitment, receive a tour of the campus, review the school catalog and complete and sign the Enrollment Agreement.

An applicant who is not a high school graduate or has not passed the GED and is seeking admission into an ATB eligible program must take and pass a three-part, independently administered, nationally standardized test recognized and approved by the United States Department of Education that measures basic skills in reading and arithmetic. The ACCUPLACER minimum scores are:

- **Reading:** 233
- **Writing:** 235
- **Arithmetic:** 230

There are two distinct and different Ability to Benefit classifications. First, it will be determined if the applicant is eligible for the Grandfathering ATB Student classification. If the applicant is not eligible, He / she will need to seek admissions through the Eligible Career Pathways Program – ATB student classification.

## Documentation Requirements for Grandfathering ATB Students

Students who were enrolled in an eligible program of study prior to July 1, 2012 may continue to establish Title IV eligibility in any eligible program under one of the ATB alternatives by using the following grandfathering test:

### Question 1

Did the student attend an eligible program at any Title IV institution prior to July 1, 2012? If yes, the student may use any of the ATB alternatives to become eligible for Title IV, HEA student assistance. If no, continue to Question 2.

### Question 2

Did the student, prior to July 1, 2012, officially register at a Title IV institution, and is the student scheduled to attend an eligible program? If yes, the student may use any of the ATB alternatives to become eligible for Title IV, HEA student assistance. If no, the student may not use the ATB alternatives to become eligible for Title IV, HEA student assistance.

### ATB Alternatives

- Pass an independently administered, Department of Education approved ATB test.
- Complete at least six credit hours (225 clock hours), that are applicable toward a degree or certificate offered by the institution

Prior ATB tests provided for eligibility purposes may not apply for enrollment purposes. For enrollment purposes, the applicant must either provide official results for the Wonderlic Basic Skills Test which meet the minimum scores listed above or successfully re-test prior to enrollment.

## Documentation Requirements for Eligible Career Pathways Program ATB Students

A student who passes the ACCUPLACER Test with the minimum required scores may enroll in one of the Eligible Career Pathway Programs (ECPP). The ECPP has many components that the student must participate in to remain eligible. These include:

- Enrollment into and participation in the Adult Education component of the ECPP.
- Participation in academic advising throughout the ECPP.
- Participation in Career Pathway Coaching throughout the ECPP.

## Eligible Career Pathway Program (ECPP) ATB Program Requirements

Students enrolled in an ECPP program must be concurrently (at the same time) enrolled in a vocational training program and an Adult Education program. The student is required to attend classes in the Adult Education Program and is expected to participate in those classes. The Adult Education Program will be offered on campus, in a computer lab and will have a facilitator present to support the students. The Adult Education program is offered online and is self-paced enabling a student to obtain their high school diploma while they are attending their vocational program. The Adult Education program is offered by an approved adult education service provider and not by the College. The College does not guarantee that the student will receive a high school diploma or its equivalent. Completing the vocational component of the ECPP program is not a condition of achieving a high school diploma or its equivalent. Upon successful completion of the adult education component of the program the student may request a copy of their transcript directly from the adult education vendor.

HDMC can enroll eligible non-High School graduates into the following programs:

- **Clinical Medical Assisting**
- **Dental Assisting**
- **Medical Billing and Coding**
- **Medical Administrative Assisting**
- **Veterinary Assistant**

## English as a Second Language Instruction

High Desert Medical College does not provide instruction in English as a Second Language to students. All Instruction at High Desert Medical College is provided in English.

## Vocational Nursing Students

After pre-qualification by the Admission Staff, each candidate will complete a nursing department interview with the Director of Nursing. Factors used to judge prospective students include, but are not limited to attitude / professionalism, previous experience / training, transportation and support services, level of commitment, entrance examination score, etc. The decision of the Admission Staff and Director of Nursing is final and there is no appeal process. Upon approval of the Admission Staff and the Director of Nursing, accepted Candidates will then be required to complete applicable documentation and financial packaging. Upon completion of the financial packaging, the Candidate will complete a Nursing Department Interview to receive approval of the Nursing Director.

If the Director of Nursing approves the Candidate for enrollment, the candidate must then complete the admissions process and pay a non-refundable registration fee at the time of enrollment. Candidates will be placed on the prospective start list and will be required to attend the mandatory orientation and the first six Weeks of instruction in the full-time program or first 11 Weeks of instruction in the part-time program.

**All Vocational Nursing** students will be provided with a worksheet by the Nursing Department explaining the physical exam requirements that must be completed prior to beginning **the Nursing Program**.

Orientation for all Enrolled Candidates is conducted **the week prior to the first day of class**. During this orientation, discussions of important information concerning the administrative, educational and placement policies and procedures that each student will need during the course of instruction. During this orientation, the student will be given program specific information regarding the policies and procedures of the Department and the respective Board. Enrolled Candidates who fail to attend the first, second and / or third day of class may lose their training slot to another Candidate.

All enrolled Vocational Nursing candidates will be allowed to attend the first six Weeks of instruction in the full-time program or the first 11 Weeks in the part-time program (**the Fundamentals Unit**). The Fundamentals Unit will be used to determine which Enrolled Candidates will be awarded regular student status for the class. **To qualify for progression, all enrolled candidates will be** evaluated at the end of the June 11<sup>th</sup> week interval of the Fundamentals Unit of instruction to determine which Enrolled Candidates will be granted regular student status for the class. Enrolled Candidates are ranked according to academic standing during the Fundamentals Unit.

In the event that two or more enrolled Vocational Nursing candidates are tied in academic standing (GPA) for an available regular student status, the Enrolled Candidates will then be judged based upon attendance and number of missed instructional days. In the event that the Enrolled Candidates are equally matched in both academic standing and attendance percentages, the Director of Nursing will make final determination.

All Enrolled Candidates should note that the first six Weeks / 11 Weeks are a **CRITICAL** period of instruction that will determine if the Enrolled Candidate will be allowed to remain in the program. Enrolled Candidates who are not achieving acceptable academic standings in the Fundamentals Unit will be counseled and advised of their ranking in the class by the Nursing Department weekly. Tutorial and remediation programs will be available to all Enrolled Candidates to bolster their academic standing and provide assistance in increasing their academic standing during the Fundamentals unit.

***NOTE: to Prospective Students: It is important to know that the Director of Nursing will typically review approximately 100 to 200 applicants for each start. If you are serious about the program, it is imperative that you attend all scheduled appointments, complete required paperwork when due and treat all interviews and appointments professionally in order to be considered as a Candidate and / or achieve Enrolled Candidate status.***

High Desert Medical College will attempt to make reasonable accommodations where possible in compliance with ADA standards.

## Vocational Nursing Physical Exam and Vaccine Requirement

All students accepted as Vocational Nursing enrolled candidates must provide a physician's release and evidence of good health by completing a recent (**within 30 days prior to enrollment**) physical examination including the following elements:

- History and Physical Clearance.
- Height and Weight.
- Blood Pressure, Pulse and Respiration.
- Hepatitis B vaccination series is recommended, but not mandatory. RPR, two step TB Test or Chest X-ray is mandatory to assure students are not in active stage(s) of tuberculosis. MMR Titer is mandatory, if not immune, student must be vaccinated. Varicella and Polio vaccinations are mandatory if a record of immunization is not provided. Blood titers must be drawn for immunity. No immunity status requires vaccination series.
- Proof of a tetanus vaccination within the last ten years is also required.
- Flu vaccine is required during flu season (September through March), any student starting the Vocational Program during a time when the flu vaccine is not available then the student must get the vaccination when it is available.
- The COVID-19 vaccinations and booster are mandatory.
- The physician's release evidence of good health must be verified by Physician's Office stamp. Falsification of such information will result in denial of admission to the program.
- The physical, TB testing and flu vaccine are valid for one year, since the program is longer than one-year, Vocational Nurse students will be required to obtain an updated physical, TB test and flu vaccine before these expires.
- The physical examination, lab tests and vaccination records **MUST** be turned in to the Nursing Office for review **PRIOR** to the orientation for the class start (**one week before the start date**).

***NOTE: The Nursing Office will provide each prospective student or Enrolled / Alternate Candidate with a description of the physical examination, lab test and vaccination requirements prior to enrollment.***

## Medical Assisting Vaccination

During classroom orientation, all Medical Assisting students are made aware of the risks involved during the Bloodborne Pathogens Training and receive a certificate showing this training. Although, we make the student aware of the risks and where to get Hepatitis B Vaccinations they are not mandatory for the Medical Assisting program students. Additional information is given to students as to where they can receive the Hepatitis B series if they desire to do so.

## Drug Testing Requirements

All Vocational Nursing students are advised that most clinical rotation sites may require a complete drug screening for student clinical rotations. Students selected for drug screening must comply with the clinical rotation policy and timeframes. The cost of any mandatory drug screening will be the responsibility of High Desert Medical College. Students who refuse to submit to mandatory drug screening will be subject to immediate termination for failure to comply with safety policies. Students who fail a mandatory drug screening test by virtue of evidence of illegal narcotic use will be subject to immediate termination from the program under patient / student safety protocols and "Drug Free" policies.

## Background Checks and Drug Screening

A criminal background may prevent someone from obtaining licensure, clinical training, externship placement or employment in their chosen field. When a criminal background must be fully investigated, it may take up to one year or longer in order to obtain a decision from a licensing board. Applicants or students with a criminal background should check with the relevant licensing body for their stance towards various criminal background situations.

Students will not be allowed to continue their enrollment in the following programs without a current criminal background check deemed "negative" or "clear": Vocational Nursing, Dental Assisting.

A student's background check will be initiated immediately upon enrollment and no later than the first day of class. A background deemed to be "clear" is required to remain active in any of the above programs. The cost of a criminal background check is included in the total tuition of these programs.

Students may be subject to additional background checks and possibly drug screening, at any time if requested by a clinical facility, employer, or externship site. Failure to pass any background check or drug screen requested by an Externship, Employer or Clinical Site may prevent a student from going to that Externship or Clinical Site and may put their program completion at risk.

Clear background checks are required for registration in clinical nursing courses. Should a student's educational progress be interrupted, a new background check will be required upon readmission to the program. A student may be denied access to clinical facilities based on offenses appearing on a criminal record even though such offenses may have occurred seven or more years ago.

A background check is deemed to be "clear" by the college unless the background check results include any one (1) or more of the following convictions:

- Murder.
- Felony assault.
- Sexual offense / sexual assault.
- Felony possession and furnishing (with or without certificate of rehabilitation).
- Felony drug and alcohol offenses (with or without certificate of rehabilitation).



- Certain other felonies involving weapons and / or violent crimes.
- Class B and Class A misdemeanor theft, or theft having to do with drugs or alcohol.
- Felony theft.
- Fraud.
- Child abuse, elder abuse.
- Active probation (for any offense, including offenses not listed above).

If one or more of these convictions appear on a student's background check, the student's enrollment may be cancelled and the student may be responsible for charges incurred up to his / her last date of attendance.

**NOTE: These issues will be discussed with the individual student in a confidential manner.**

## Admission of All Students

### Program Transfer and / or Re-Admit Students

Students who transfer from one program to another must meet the satisfactory progress maximum time frame requirement of the new program. A student who withdraws or terminates and is accepted for readmission must meet maximum time frame requirements for completion with all periods of attendance counted regarding credits attempted versus credits earned. Students readmitted into the same program within six months from the last date of attendance will receive academic credit for all previously completed courses.

## Notice Concerning Transferability of Credits and Credentials Earned at Our Institution

### Units Earned at Our School

The transferability of credits you earn at High Desert Medical College is at the complete discretion of an institution to which you may seek to transfer. Acceptance of the diploma you earn in Clinical Medical Assisting, Medical Billing and Coding, Ultrasound Technician, Dental Assisting, Pharmacy Technician, Veterinary Assistant or Vocational Nursing, is also at the complete discretion of the institution to which you may seek to transfer. If the (diploma or certificate) that you earn at this institution is not accepted at the institution to which you seek to transfer, you may be required to repeat some or all of your coursework at that institution. For this reason, you should make certain that your attendance at this institution would meet your education goals. This may include contacting an institution to which you may seek to transfer after attending High Desert Medical College to determine if your (diploma or certificate) will transfer.

High Desert Medical College will provide an Official Transcript and School Catalog to any student requesting to transfer credit from HDMC to another school. The up-to-date catalog is also available online for public access. Our school catalog contains course descriptions for each program at High Desert Medical College.

### Units and Degrees Earned at Another School

High Desert Medical College will consider awarding credit for previous education and training that a student received, as it relates to the course(s) of a program in which the student is enrolled. A student must notify the Admissions Department at time of registration if requesting such credit. The Director of Education, appropriate Program Director or Director of Nursing will review course descriptions and any transcripts provided by the student to arrive at a final decision. Courses taken at another institution must have been passed with a "C" (2.0) or better

Students may request a Transfer Credit for courses completed at another nationally or regionally accredited institution or college.

If credit is awarded, the program length will be adjusted for that student, and a pro-rated tuition reduction will be made. Credits awarded for previous education will be limited by program. High Desert Medical College does not give credit for experiential learning.

A maximum of 75% of the required credits can be transferred. Transfer of Credit is not guaranteed and will be granted at the sole discretion of the Director of Education, appropriate Program Director or Director of Nursing of the college and dependent upon the type, length and correlation of content to the course being evaluated.

Science and mathematics courses must have been completed within the last 5 years.

Student's requesting Transfer Credit must:

- Complete a Transfer of Credit Request Form.
- Provide an official transcript from the granting College or University.
- Provide a detailed Course Description, Syllabus or Catalog describing the course(s).

Transfer Credit must be requested at the time of enrollment. If Transfer Credit is granted, the applicable course credit hour charges will be deducted from the student's total tuition cost and the corresponding course will be listed on the student's transcript with a grade of "TC". Transfer credit courses are not counted in the CGPA. Transfer Credit will affect a student's scheduled completion date. Students may appeal the decision of acceptance of transfer credit by written request to the Campus Director for review by a committee. A review and determination will be completed within 15 days and the student will be informed in writing. High Desert Medical College does not give credit for experiential learning.

### **Transfer Credit for Ultrasound Technician Associate of Applied Science**

Students in the Certificate program may transfer directly in to the AAS program at any point in their education as long as they have fulfilled the entrance requirements. Students who attend another institution and would like to transfer into the Ultrasound Associate Degree program must meet all admission requirements and will be evaluated according to the institutions transfer of credit policy.

### **Transfer Credit for Vocational Nursing**

Credit may be granted for related previous education completed in:

- Accredited Vocational or Practical Nursing courses.
- Accredited Registered Nursing courses.
- Accredited Psychiatric Technician courses.
- Armed Services Nursing courses.
- Certified Nurse Assistant courses.

The courses for transfer credit must have been completed within the past five years. Official transcripts must be submitted for credit to be granted. Credit may be granted based on content and hours of the transferring courses and must be equivalent to courses at the High Desert Medical College's Vocational Nursing Program.

***NOTE: A Vocational Nursing candidate who holds a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) certification and provides an official transcript from the awarding institution may be granted credit and receive a tuition credit.***

## Transfer Credit for Associate Degree of Nursing

### Units and Degrees Earned at Another School

High Desert Medical College will consider awarding credit for previous education and training that a student received, as it relates to the course(s) of a program in which the student is enrolled. A student must notify the Admissions Department at time of registration if requesting such credit. The Director of Nursing will review course descriptions and any transcripts provided by the student to arrive at a final decision. General education courses taken at another institution must have been passed with a "C" (2.0) or better and the former institution must be accredited by an agency recognized by either the U.S. Department of Education, Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE), or Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA). Science courses taken at another institution must have been passed with a "B: (3.0) or better and the former institution must be accredited by an agency recognized by either the U.S. Department of Education, Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE), or Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA). Courses for which credit is being requested must have been taken within the last 5 years. If credit is awarded, the program length will be adjusted for that student, and a pro-rated tuition reduction will be made. Credits awarded for previous education will be limited by program.

A maximum of 75% of the required credits can be transferred. Transfer of Credit is not guaranteed and will be granted at the sole discretion of the Director of Education, appropriate Program Director or Director of Nursing of the college and dependent upon the type, length and correlation of content to the course being evaluated.

Student's requesting Transfer Credit must:

- Complete a Transfer of Credit Request Form.
- Provide an official transcript from the granting College or University.
- Provide a detailed Course Description, Syllabus or Catalog describing the course(s).

Transfer Credit must be requested at the time of enrollment. If Transfer Credit is granted, the applicable course credit hour charges will be deducted from the student's total tuition cost and the corresponding course will be listed on the student's transcript with a grade of "TC". Transfer credit courses are not counted in the CGPA. Transfer Credit will affect a student's scheduled completion date. Students may appeal the decision of acceptance of transfer credit by written request to the Campus Director for review by a committee. A review and determination will be completed within 15 days and the student will be informed in writing.

Purpose:

This policy outlines the procedures and criteria for evaluating and transferring credit for military experience and experiential learning at High Desert Medical College ADN program. The policy aims to recognize the valuable skills and knowledge gained through military service and practical experiences, allowing eligible students to accelerate their academic progress.

Eligibility:

- a. Military Experience: Students who have served in the military, including active duty, reserves, or National Guard, and have completed training or assignments relevant to their academic program may be eligible for credit transfer.

Individuals who have held Military Health Care Occupations, specifically:

- Basic Medical Technician Corpsman (Navy HM or Air Force BMTCP),
- Army Health Care Specialist (68W Army Medic) or
- Air Force Independent Duty Medical Technician (IMDT 4N0X1C)

- b. Experiential Learning: Students who have engaged in substantial experiential learning, such as internships, co-op programs, or professional certifications, may also be eligible for credit transfer.

Applicants may seek advanced placement into the nursing program with documentation of education and experience qualifying them for the specific Military Health Care Occupation and upon successful completion of the challenge exam, dosage calculation exam and skills competency evaluation.

**Requirements:**

The veteran needs to have an “honorable discharge.”

Applicants must meet all general entrance requirements of the associate degree Nursing Program, including:

- An active application to the nursing program on file at the nursing office.
- completion of designated prerequisites including:
- A passing score (85%) on the HESI entrance exam.

The following pathways have been established to assist with obtaining nursing credit for previous education and experience:

Pathway I- Including but not limited to Basic Medical Technician (Navy Hospital Corpsman) or USAF Basic Medical Service Technician or Army Medical Specialist.

- Challenge exam per college policy for the first semester of the ADN program.
- High Desert Medical College allows a maximum of Nine courses that can be challenged

**Must meet all admission criteria including completion of prerequisite courses and passing the SLE and HESI exams.**

Pathway II- Including but not limited to Basic Medical Technician (Navy Hospital Corpsman) or USAF Basic Medical Service Technician or Army Medical Specialist with an active California LVN license (Licensed Vocational Nurse) either through challenge (BVNPT Method 4) or successful completion of an LVN program.

- a) Admissions credit given to applicants as an LVN to RN candidate per school admission policies.
- b) An LVN to RN transition course is required and must be completed with a passing grade of 80% or higher.
- c) See the text above, LVN Advanced Placement, for required courses.
- d) Admission to the program is on a space available basis as any LVN to RN student.
- e) Applicants need to demonstrate theory and clinical competency in Fundamentals, Medical Surgical Nursing I, Obstetrics, and Pediatrics. Criteria for determining competency are described in the ADN Guidelines under Challenge Credits Nursing Courses. Credit for these specialties is posted on the official transcript if the applicant successfully demonstrates competency.
- f) All ADN prerequisites must be completed prior to the LVN to RN transition course. Also applicable for some military applicants is BRN regulation CCR 1418, which states, “An applicant who presents with relevant military education and experience, and who presents documentation from a board-approved registered pre-licensure nursing program of equivalency credit evaluation that provides evidence of meeting, in whole or in part, the minimum standards for competency set forth in Section 1443.5 and minimum education requirements of licensure listed pursuant to Sections 1426 (c)(1) to (3), utilizing challenge examination or other evaluative methods, will be considered to meet, in whole or in part, the education requirements for licensure.” Students for whom this regulation applies will be allowed to challenge all applicable nursing courses following the requirements for passage above. Military records and transcripts must be reviewed by the ADN Program Director or designee and the applicant must have a DD214 showing completion of military coursework and service/discharge under honorable conditions.

\*The transfer of nursing credits from other institutions is allowed only as explained above and as required by state regulation (CCR 1430) for Licensed Vocational Nurses seeking Advanced Placement and military personnel who received nursing training while on active duty.

## Credit Granting Application Requirements

### VOCATIONAL NURSING PROGRAM

- Completed Credit Granting Request Form (see Admissions Representative for details).
- Sealed official transcripts. If official transcripts are not submitted at the time of the application, applicant forfeits the opportunity to apply for credit granting.
- Official course descriptions (e.g., from syllabi or a school catalog).

### VOCATIONAL NURSING DIPLOMA PROGRAM

No course grade less than a GPA of 2.5 as calculated by the granting institution will be accepted. All courses must be taken within the last five years to be eligible for credit granting. Courses that may be acceptable for credit granting include:

- Successfully completed approved vocational / practical nursing courses.
- Successfully completed Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) courses.
- Successfully completed approved Psychiatric Technician courses.
- Successfully completed Armed Services Nursing courses.
- Successfully completed courses that are equivalent to courses in the program as determined by the Director of the Nursing program.

### ALLIED HEALTH AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS

No course grade less than a GPA of 2.0 as calculated by the granting institution will be accepted. All courses must be taken within the last five years to be eligible for credit granting.

## Challenge Credit

All students are allowed to challenge a maximum of 25% of the required modules in a program and receive full academic credit. A Challenge Credit Request must be made in writing to the Campus Registrar prior to the scheduled start date for the course. Once a student has started a course, Challenge Credit will not be allowed. Students requesting to challenge a course will be required to pay a non-refundable fee of \$200.00 for Vocational Nursing at the time of request to schedule a challenge test.

Challenge examinations must be passed with a minimum score of 85%. If the student successfully completes the challenge examination, full academic credit will be granted, the course will be recorded on the student's transcript with a "CC" and the applicable course credit hour charges will be deducted from the student's total tuition cost. Challenge Credit courses are not counted in the CGPA. **Challenging a course will affect a student's scheduled completion date.**

For Vocational Nursing Applicants, a Petition for Challenge Credit must be filed with the Director of Nursing prior to the anticipated start date for the course to which Challenge Credit is being requested. Tuition charges will be decreased based on a prorated basis for credits granted to students receiving Challenge Credit.

Students applying as an LVN to RN or who have Military experience are allowed to challenge specified courses in the program and receive full academic credit. A Challenge Credit Request must be made in writing to the Campus Registrar prior to the scheduled start date for the course. Once a student has started a course, Challenge Credit

will not be allowed. Students requesting to challenge a course will be required to pay a non-refundable fee of \$200.00 at the time of request to schedule a challenge test.

Challenge examinations must be passed with a minimum score of 85%. If the student successfully completes the challenge examination, full academic credit will be granted, the course will be recorded on the student's transcript with a "CC" and the applicable course credit hour charges will be deducted from the student's total tuition cost. Challenge Credit courses are not counted in the CGPA. **Challenging a course will affect a student's scheduled completion date.**

For Registered Nursing Applicants, a Petition for Challenge Credit must be filed with the Director of Nursing prior to the anticipated start date for the course to which Challenge Credit is being requested. Tuition charges will be decreased based on a prorated basis for credits granted to students receiving Challenge Credit.

## Articulation Agreement

High Desert Medical College maintains an active articulation agreement with Integrity College of Health. Integrity College of Health is an accredited institution also owned by Legacy Education. The articulation agreement is applicable to the Vocational Nursing Pre-Requisite Course qualifying potential enrollees of Integrity College of Health for admission into High Desert Medical College's Vocational Nursing Certificate program.

## Re-Admission Requirements

Any student that has voluntarily withdrawn may apply for automatic readmission. Students who were Dismissed from their program for academic performance issues, attendance issues or school policy violations may also reapply for readmission and are subject to approval by the Re-Admission Committee comprised of the President, Campus Director, Education Department, Registrar Department, Career Services, and Finance Department.

A student who withdrew or dismissed from a program and applies for readmission within 180 days of their last date of attendance is considered a 'reenter' status.

Any student who withdrew or dismissed from a program and seeks readmission later than 180 days of their last date of attendance is considered a 'reenroll' status and may be eligible for transfer credit from previous enrollment.

Any student who withdrew or was dismissed from a program for five (5) years or later must start at the beginning of the program meeting all requirements satisfactorily (previous credit earned within the 5 year period may be denied if major curriculum changes occurred).

Readmission will be subject to demonstration that the conditions that caused the dismissal or withdrawal have been rectified. A student seeking readmission may not be allowed readmission for up to 6 months depending on the circumstance surrounding the withdrawal or dismissal and is reviewed on a case-by-case situation. Any student upon readmission will be evaluated for skill level to determine if credit for previous courses will apply.

Students submitting a re-enrollment letter to the Re-Admission Committee will be notified in writing of the Committee's decision within 14 days of receipt of the written request for readmission. The decision of the Committee is final, Readmission will be allowed on a "space available" basis only.

## Cancellation of Enrollment Agreement

Students have the right to cancel the Enrollment Agreement for the program. The institution shall advise each student that a notice of cancellation shall be in writing or by verbal notification, and that a withdrawal may be

effectuated by the student's written notice or by the student's conduct, including, but not necessarily limited to, a student's lack of attendance.

The institution shall also provide a pro rata refund of nonfederal student financial aid programs moneys paid for institutional charges to students who have completed 60% or less of the period of attendance. Institutions shall refund 100% of the amount paid for institutional charges, less a reasonable deposit or application fee not to exceed \$200.00, if notice of cancellation is made through attendance at the first-class session, or the seventh day after enrollment, whichever is later.

## Academics

### Program Information

#### Vocational Nursing & Associate Degree of Nursing

##### START DATES FOR THE VOCATIONAL NURSING & ASSOCIATE DEGREE OF NURSING

Full-time and Part-time Programs are scheduled throughout the year. Please contact your Admissions Representative for proposed future start dates.

#### Certificate Programs

High Desert Medical College is proud to currently offer the following programs of vocational instruction:

- Clinical Medical Assisting
- Dental Assisting
- Medical Billing and Coding
- Medical Administrative Assisting
- Pharmacy Technician
- Ultrasound Technician
- Veterinary Assistant

#### Degree Programs

- Ultrasound Technician AAS
- Vocational Nursing AAS
- Cardiac Sonography AAS
- Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) AAS
- Associate Degree of Nursing

#### Avocational Program

- Phlebotomy Technician
- Nursing Assistant

##### Carnegie Clock-to-Credit Hour Conversions for Academic Credit

Lecture	15 clock hours to 1 semester credit
Laboratory	30 clock hours to 1 semester credit
Externship	45 clock hours to 1 semester credit



Financial Aid Semester Credit Conversion	
<b>Lecture, Laboratory, Externship</b>	30 clock hours to 1 semester credit (Lecture, Lab) 45 clock hours to 1 semester credit (externship)

A clock hour is a minimum of 50 minutes of instruction within a 60-minute period of time in which lectures, demonstrations, laboratories, and similar class activities are conducted.

## Course Schedules (Academic Calendar)

High Desert Medical College maintains an open enrollment calendar with rolling monthly starts at both campuses for all vocational programs except Vocational Nursing. The Vocational Nursing program is approved for four starts per year, two in the spring and two in the fall.

### Lancaster

Students will be provided with a schedule of courses at the time of enrollment. The schedule will be determined by the "Track" the student chooses at enrollment.

#### MORNING TRACK

Monday to Friday or Monday to Thursday

Required courses are taken one at a time and completed between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. or 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

#### AFTERNOON TRACK

Monday to Friday

Required courses are taken one at a time and completed between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

#### EVENING TRACK

Monday to Thursday

Required courses are taken one at a time and completed between 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

#### DAY TRACK

Monday to Friday

Required courses are taken one at a time and completed between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

**NOTE: Depending upon current enrollment, not all Tracks may be available for every program.**

### Bakersfield

Students will be provided with a schedule of courses at the time of enrollment. The schedule will be determined by the "Track" the student chooses at enrollment.

#### MORNING TRACK

Monday to Friday

Required courses are taken one at a time and completed between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

**AFTERNOON TRACK**

Monday to Friday

Required courses are taken one at a time and completed between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

**EVENING TRACK**

Monday to Thursday

Required courses are taken one at a time and completed between 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

**DAY TRACK**

Monday to Friday

Required courses are taken one at a time and completed between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

***NOTE: Depending upon current enrollment, not all Tracks may be available for every program.***

**Temecula**

Students will be provided with a schedule of courses at the time of enrollment. The schedule will be determined by the "Track" the student chooses at enrollment.

**MORNING TRACK**

Monday to Friday or Monday to Thursday

Required courses are taken one at a time and completed between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. or 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

**AFTERNOON TRACK**

Monday to Friday

Required courses are taken one at a time and completed between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

**EVENING TRACK**

Monday to Thursday

Required courses are taken one at a time and completed between 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

**WEEKEND TRACK**

Saturday to Sunday

Required courses are taken one at a time and completed between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

***NOTE: Depending upon current enrollment, not all Tracks may be available for every program.***

## Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)

- Satisfactory academic progress is necessary to become a High Desert Medical College graduate. The following applies to all students enrolled at High Desert Medical College:
- Maximum time frame is the maximum amount of time that a student is permitted to work towards a credential. This period is equal to 1.5 times the standard program length. The maximum time frame is based on the length of the program measured in credit hours.
- Satisfactory Academic Progress is measured in increments of 50% of the program measured in credit hours for nine-month programs.
- Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) is measured in increments of 25%, 50%, 75%, 100% of the program measured in credit hours for programs longer than nine months.
- Vocational Nursing, Satisfactory Academic Progress is measured in increments of 450; 900; 1,259; 1,679 of the program measured in scheduled hours.
- Students must have earned a minimum of 67% of attempted credits (quantitative) for credit hour programs or 80% Attendance for Vocational Nursing Programs and must have earned at least 70% (2.0), 75% (2.5) for Vocational Nursing, CGPA (qualitative) at each evaluation point.
- Failure to meet Satisfactory Academic Standards at an evaluation point will result in the student being placed on “**Warning**”. If at the end of the warning period, the student meets both quantitative and qualitative requirements, student will be re-instated to Satisfactory Academic Progress. (If Title IV, for the warning period student will still be eligible for Title IV funds for that one payment period. Financial Aid Warning is assigned without an appeal or action by the students.)
- Failure to meet satisfactory academic progress requirements during the “**Warning**” period will result in the student being placed on “**Probation**”. (If Title IV, student may appeal unsatisfactory academic progress. If appeal is denied student will not be eligible for Title IV Funds and will need to make other payment arrangements. If appeal is approved probation will continue and Title IV Funds eligibility will not be interrupted.)
- Failure to meet the Satisfactory Academic Progress requirements during the “**Probation**” period will result in the student being terminated.
- For the effect of repeated courses and withdrawal on the SAP calculation, See Course Repetitions and Withdrawals.
- For being on warning, see Warning Section.
- For being on probation, see Probation Section.

## Repeat Policy

### Vocational Nursing & Associate Degree of Nursing

If a student voluntarily withdraws, **or by SAP requirements** receives a **lower than standard grade**, the student may be allowed to repeat the Term at the discretion of the Director of Nursing whose decision is final. A student wishing to repeat a Term must schedule a meeting with the Director of Nursing and demonstrate that the conditions that caused the lower than standard academic progress or **withdraw has been corrected**. Students repeating a Term must complete the entire term within the maximum allowable time frame to be considered as maintaining satisfactory progress and remain eligible for student financing. The maximum allowable time frame is considered one and one-half times the length of the program.

A student may be allowed to repeat a unit of study (Term) within a program that the student failed or did not complete, on a space-available basis. When a Term is repeated, the student may take both the theory and clinical segments of the program concurrently at the discretion of the Director of Nursing. When grading the student, the grade received when repeating the Term will supersede any previous grade for that term. All satisfactory academic progress standards must be maintained to ensure completion of the program within the maximum time frame allowed.

Students repeating a Term will be placed on a waiting list and be considered for reinstatement at the next start date. Readmission is not guaranteed, and repeating students will be assigned a seat only on a "**space available**" basis. Students repeating a Term may be required to repeat the Term on Warning status depending upon the circumstances surrounding the cause of the initial Term failure or withdrawal. The grade for the repeated Term will become the official grade.

**NOTE: For more information on repeating a term, please refer to the Readmission Requirements section of the Catalog.**

### Core Programs

Students may repeat a course as required by High Desert Medical College due to academic or other reasons. A student may repeat at the discretion of the Director of Education. All courses attempted will be listed on the student's transcript; however only the final grade for the last repeat will be listed and count toward the CGPA. All previous attempted credits will be listed as "R". Students who fail a required course three times will be terminated from the program.

Failing a course and subsequent repetition will impact a student's enrollment schedule and could negatively impact a student's CGPA, Satisfactory Progress and eligibility for student financing. Students may repeat one course at no additional charge. All subsequent repeated courses will be added to the student's total tuition cost at the current cost per credit / hour charges.

## Warning Policy

All students are required to make academic progress toward their educational goals. In order to assure that students are both aware of their progress and are successfully completing their courses students attending school during the "**Warning**" period are still deemed to be in **Satisfactory Academic Progress** and will continue to receive Title IV Funds for that one payment period.

Warning status is assigned without an appeal or other action by the student. If at the end of the Warning Period, the student meets both the quantitative and qualitative requirements, they will re-establish Satisfactory Academic Progress and eligibility for Title IV Funds will continue. If at the end of the Warning Period, the student has not met both the quantitative and qualitative requirements, the student will be placed on probation for the next payment period and loses their Financial Aid eligibility.

## Appeal Policy

Any student who is placed on probation and / or terminated for failure to maintain satisfactory progress or failure to complete the terms of probation may appeal the decision. All appeals and / or requests for readmission must be made in writing to the Appeals Committee within 15 days of the student being notified of his / her probation or termination.

The appeal or request for readmission must document that the conditions resulting in the probation status or termination have been rectified. Readmission is not guaranteed, and the decision of the Appeals Committee is final. A student will be notified in writing of the Committee's decision within 15 days of the college's receipt of the appeal or request for readmission. Please see the "**Readmission Requirements**" section of the Catalog for further information regarding appeals and the readmission process.

## Probation Policy

High Desert Medical College maintains a Probation Policy. Probation will occur if a student's CGPA falls below 70% or 2.0 / 75% or 2.5 (Vocational Nursing Program), or if a student's CGPA falls below 80% or 3.0/80% or 3.0 (Associate Degree of Nursing), or percent of credits attempted falls below 67% for credit hour programs, or attendance falls below 80% at the established incremental evaluation points. Probation status continues until the student's next established evaluation point. Written notification will be sent to all students being placed on probation. Students must raise their CGPA to at least 2.0 (2.5 for the Vocational Nursing Program) and raise their percent of credits attempted above 67% by the end of the probationary period. Students are expected to maintain a CGPA of at least 2.0 (70%) in vocational classes and 2.5 (75%) for Vocational Nursing in order to remain in good academic standing. This probationary period will not interrupt any student Title IV Funds eligibility and will continue to receive funds during that payment period only if the student submits a written appeal to the SAP determination during 15 days of receiving notice of unsatisfactory progress and High Desert Medical College approves the appeal. If the student meets the minimum quantitative and qualitative requirements by the end of the probationary period, satisfactory progress will be re-established and Title IV Funds will be disbursed for the next payment period. If a student does not meet the CGPA minimum within the next consecutive payment period, the student's enrollment will be terminated.

Vocational Nursing students, (**see additional Vocational Nursing Policies**) meet with the instructor or the Director of Nursing to develop a plan for identifying deficiencies and improving student's academic performance. If a student does not meet the CGPA minimum within the next consecutive payment period, the student's enrollment will be terminated.

Associate Degree in Nursing students, (**see additional Registered Nursing Policies**) meet with the lead faculty and the Director of Nursing to develop a plan for identifying deficiencies and improving student's academic performance. If a student does not meet the CGPA minimum within the next consecutive payment period, the student will be terminated.

## Academic Processes

### Adding / Dropping / Withdrawing

#### Core Programs

Students may add a module to their planned schedule on a space-permitting basis. Modules that are less than 60 days in length must be started at the first-class session. Modules that are longer than 60 days in length may be started up to the second-class session. All requests to add a module must be made with the campus Registrar and be approved by the Director of Education. Adding a module will affect the student's scheduled completion date and could impact student financial aid and financing. Students are required to speak to the Admissions, Financial Aid and Student Financial Services Departments to determine what effect adding a module will have on their account. Students may enroll at any time; however, scheduled start days are the only days that students may begin classes. In certain programs, students may be able to start their training after the first day but no later than the second day of classes per California regulations.

Dropping or withdrawing from the module / term if notice of cancellation / withdrawal is made prior to, at the first-class session or the seventh day after enrollment, whichever is later will not affect the student's CGPA nor will the student incur any financial responsibility. The module / term will not appear on the student's transcript. However, if a student withdraws from a module / term of instruction after the at the first-class session or the seventh day after enrollment, whichever is later, the module / term will appear on the transcript with a "W" grade and the credits attempted will count toward the maximum allowable time frame. Withdrawing from a module will affect the student's eligibility for student's financial aid and financing. Withdrawing from all modules will cause the student's enrollment to be terminated. Any student, who completely withdraws from their program, will be subject to the college's refund policies. Mitigating circumstances will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and the decision of the Director of Nursing.

#### Vocational Nursing & Associate Degree of Nursing

Withdrawal from a Term will result in termination from the program and all students' financial aid and financing will cease. A Term of instruction must be completed with a passing grade in theory and a "pass" grade in clinical according to the grading policies.

#### Associate Degree in Nursing

Withdrawal from a semester will result in termination from the program and all students' financial aid and financing will cease. A semester of instruction must be completed with a passing grade in each course in both theory and clinical according to grading policies.

### Repeating a Course

#### Core Programs

**ALL STUDENTS MAY REPEAT A COURSE, AS REQUIRED BY HIGH DESERT MEDICAL COLLEGE, DUE TO ACADEMIC OR OTHER REASONS.**

A student may repeat a course a maximum of three times. All courses attempted will be listed on the student's transcript; however only the final grade for the last repeat will be listed and counted toward the CGPA. All previous attempted credits will be listed as "R".

**STUDENTS WHO FAIL A REQUIRED COURSE THREE TIMES WILL BE TERMINATED FROM THE PROGRAM.**

Failing a course and subsequent repetition will impact a student's enrollment schedule and could negatively impact a student's CGPA, Satisfactory Progress and eligibility for student financial aid and financing. Students may repeat one course at no additional charge. All subsequent repeated courses will be added to the student's total tuition cost at the current cost per clock hour / credits charges and will not be covered by financial aid, other payments arrangements need to be done.

### **Vocational Nursing & Associate Degree of Nursing**

All LVN students may repeat Terms 2 and 3 of instruction with approval from the Director of Nursing.

#### **Associate Degree of Nursing**

Associate Degree of Nursing students may repeat a maximum of two courses in the program.

#### **“Time and a Half”**

Students repeating a term must complete the program within the maximum allowable timeframe which is 1.5 times the program length to be considered as maintaining satisfactory progress and remain eligible for student financial aid and financing.

### **Program Transfers**

All students wishing to transfer from one program to another must request the transfer in writing and receive approval prior to transfer. A "**Request for Program Transfer**" form can be obtained from the campus Registrar.

Program transfer requests will be considered providing they occur within the first 30 days of enrollment. After 30 days of enrollment, program transfers are limited only to programs of greater credit / clock hour value unless the transfer is approved by the Campus Director, Financial Aid, Financial Services Department and Director of Education.

***NOTE: Program transfers may affect a student's scheduled completion date and student financial financing. For more information on transferring from one program to another, please see the campus Registrar.***

#### **Core Program – Track**

Students wishing to transfer from one schedule track to another must **request the change in writing and receive approval prior to changing tracks by the Director of Education**. A "**Request for Track Change**" form can be obtained from the campus Registrar. Track changes will affect a student's estimated completion date and student financial aid and financing.

### **Vocational Nursing & Associate Degree of Nursing**

A student may make a schedule change from Vocational Nursing Full-time to Part-time only once. **A schedule change from Part-Time to Full-Time will not be allowed**. All requests for a change in schedule must be made with the campus Registrar. All changes must be approved by the Director of Nursing.

### **Makeup Credit / Extra Credit**

#### **Core Programs**

While students are expected to attend all classes, and complete all assignments as scheduled, High Desert Medical College does allow students to receive academic credit for makeup assignments, late assignments and / or extra credit work. Students who are absent from regularly scheduled classes are responsible to turn in required assignments on the day the student returns to class. The grade points for any assignment turned in past the due date will be reduced by 10% for each day late after returning to class. Any student who is absent for a test or quiz

must complete the quiz or test immediately upon return to class. Failure to complete the quiz or test upon return to class will result in an "F" grade for that test or quiz.

Students who wish to increase their academic standing by completing extra credit assignments may make arrangements directly with the instructor. Extra credit assignments are defined as additional assignments, research or projects that are not a part of the regular curricular requirements for a course. Extra credit assignments are not designed to take the place of regular, required assignments or homework; therefore, students are only allowed to receive a maximum of 10 percentage points of extra credit for each course attempted. All extra credit assignments must be discussed with, approved and assigned by the instructor and documented in the student's academic file with maximum possible points established prior to assigning the project.

***NOTE: Makeup and extra credit assignments will not be counted toward a student's attendance percentage.***

## Makeup Hours

Students are allowed to make up hours for absences only. Makeup hours are to be completed at school after the regular class session.

### Vocational Nursing Makeup Time and Assignments

Vocational Nursing students will be expected to make up all work necessary to meet program / course objectives. Students are responsible for missed didactic material. Makeup for missed classroom objectives will be in accordance with the criteria below or as otherwise approved by the Director of Nursing.

**CLINICAL MAKEUP MUST BE DONE WITHIN TEN DAYS OF THE ABSENCE WITHIN THE SAME TERM.**

### Criteria for Makeup Exams

Before any make-up exam may be taken by the Vocational Nursing student, they must contact the instructor on their first day returning to school. Any student who does not adhere to the terms of this policy will receive a grade of zero on the exam. The following criteria must be followed:

- Student must bring written verification of illness or emergency to the instructor.
- Students will be required to take an alternate test the day they return to school. Failure to take the exam on the day they return will result in a zero for the exam. Student must contact the instructor on the student's first day returning to school in order to schedule a makeup exam on the first Theory Day after the absence.
- All makeup exams must be taken after scheduled Theory hours.
- Pop quizzes cannot be made up.
- All makeup exams scores are equal to the term passing score, or less.

### Associate Degree of Nursing

Students will be evaluated for progress and/or mastery of student learning outcomes using methods of evaluation which may include, but are not limited to, the following activities:

- Quizzes and examinations on key concepts and terminology designed to assess students' ability to critically analyze and apply nursing content
- Cumulative final examination designed to assess students' mastery of theoretical course content and cognitive understanding of nursing procedures.



- Clinical observation/evaluation, skill development practice and clinical competency designed to ensure progress in mastering foundational nursing skills.

Written assignments that demonstrate an understanding of professional nursing concepts including ethical behavior, standards of practice, legal principles, accountability, role development, and professional boundaries.

1. Students who do not call in advance to make arrangements regarding illness or absence during a course examination will receive a 0% on that exam.
2. **Personal Qualities**  
The ANA Code for Professional Nurses identifies the fundamental moral and ethical values necessary in the practice of nursing. This code, in conjunction with relevant objectives for the clinical evaluation tool, serves as the basis for evaluating those personal qualities the student is expected to develop and maintain throughout the nursing program.
3. **Confidentiality**  
Confidentiality is a critical aspect of providing nursing care. The student will exercise respect and strict confidentiality in all related matters. This means that in no way can any information identifying a client be communicated to anyone who is not involved in providing client care. This includes even acknowledging that a person is, in fact, a client in a particular facility. A hospitalization is considered a confidential matter. Conversations regarding clients will be conducted only at appropriate times and places with appropriate persons and will be shared without fully identifying the client and for learning purposes only.
4. **HIPAA regulations** have been mandated legislatively.  
Please be certain you know what constitutes a HIPAA violation. (For example, xeroxing any part of a patient chart and taking it home to work on your care plan is a violation, as well as, photos in the clinical setting). Because of strict regulations, students in violation of HIPAA policies may be dismissed from the ADN program and readmission may be denied.

## Promotion

Promotion from one semester to another is based upon the successful completion of all course requirements within the previous semester.

1. A student must meet the educational and school standards in order to be promoted. These are:
  - a. cumulative grade point average of 2.0
  - b. grade of "C" ( $\geq 80\%$ ) or better in all required coursework
  - c. a satisfactory rating on all clinical nursing performance evaluations
  - d. satisfactory attendance record
  - e. personal qualities that meet the standard for professional conduct
2. A student should take personal responsibility and accountability for being aware of his/her status throughout the entire program and in each course and for discussing his/her progress with faculty on a regular basis especially if the student is failing or experiencing difficulty in passing any given course. If given a referral to available college resources, a student should take the necessary steps to avail his/herself of these services. A student may also self-refer to these resources. (Refer to High Desert Medical College Student Support Services).
3. The faculty has the responsibility to provide the student with feedback about his/her level of performance in nursing courses by mid-term. The student whose performance or behavior is unsatisfactory (academically, clinically, or professionally) will be advised of this deficient status verbally and in writing by the instructor.

### **Student Responsibility for Learning**

In light of the challenging and rigorous nature of nursing education programs it is expected that students will do required and relevant reading and study prior to theory and clinical classes on topic areas identified. Faculty directed reading, web links, and other support material will be provided for specific content areas as needed. It is expected that students will search the literature and suggest/share relevant findings with faculty and classmates. Case presentations, peer review and other methods determined by the faculty will be the basis for guided cooperative discussion.

Students are highly encouraged to utilize all available resources such as the HESI Comprehensive Assessment Review Program, Elsevier Adaptive Quizzes, HESI modules on learning strategies and study skills, study groups, and faculty office hours for successful academic performance. Peer tutors and supplemental support courses may also be available but are not guaranteed. **Students are responsible and accountable for their learning and progress in the program and should contact their respective faculty if they are experiencing difficulty in theory and/or clinical.**

### **Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance / Behavior**

If it is determined that the student is not meeting the objectives of the course or his/her behavior or performance is unsatisfactory, the student will be notified verbally and in writing by a variety of possible methods; any one of the following can constitute written notification for unsatisfactory performance/behavior.

- a. Deficiency notice and/or clinical contract
- b. Mid-term/final evaluation
- c. Grades/scores on examinations and written assignments

Unsatisfactory notices may be given when the student does not meet the following objectives:

- a. Academic, e.g., earns less than the minimum grade of "C" (<80%) in a required nursing course.
- b. Clinical, e.g., demonstrates unsafe/unsatisfactory performance in clinical.
- c. Professional, e.g. fails to maintain confidentiality, demonstrates unprofessional or unethical conduct (behavior/attitudes).

When an unsatisfactory notice and/or unsatisfactory evaluation is given to a student, signatures of the instructor and student serve to document that the student is aware of the contents of the written notice. Signed copies of these notices will then be distributed to the student, the instructor, and filed in the student's file in the Nursing office.

### **Suspension**

If, at any time, the student is evaluated by the instructor to be unsafe in administering client care, the student may be suspended immediately from the clinical area in accordance with the educational Code, Article 3:76031, 76032, and 76033. The instructor may suspend the student for up to 2 days, and during this period of suspension, the student shall not return to the class/es.

The purpose of the suspension is to remove a potential threat to the well-being of patients while allowing sufficient time to fully evaluate the incident/situation. The faculty reserves the right to recommend dismissal for unsafe and/or unethical nursing behavior that represents a potential threat to the well-being of clients.

Each student is entitled to due process. The student is advised to review the Student Conduct Code and the Grievance Procedure, in the High Desert Medical College Catalog, for possible courses of disciplinary action that can result from a suspension and options for student recourse.

### **Dismissal**

The faculty reserves the right to recommend dismissal for a student who does not meet the educational and ethical standards of the school. Any student who is dismissed from the nursing program shall be provided

verbal or written justification of such dismissal by the instructor or program director or her designee within 72 hours of notice of dismissal. Contact with the program director or the department dean prior to the end of the 72-hour justification period is not encouraged since all support documentation may not be filed.

### **Readmission**

Any student that has voluntarily withdrawn may apply for automatic readmission. Students who were Dismissed from their program for academic performance issues, attendance issues or school policy violations may also reapply for readmission and are subject to approval by the Re-Admission Committee comprised of the President, Campus Director, Education Department, Registrar Department, Career Services, and Finance Department.

A student who withdrew or dismissed from a program and applies for readmission within 180 days of their last date of attendance is considered a 'reenter' status.

Any student who withdrew or dismissed from a program and seeks readmission later than 180 days of their last date of attendance is considered a 'reenroll' status and may be eligible for transfer credit from previous enrollment.

Any student who withdrew or was dismissed from a program for five (5) years or later must start at the beginning of the program meeting all requirements satisfactorily (previous credit earned within the 5 year period may be denied if major course changes occurred).

Readmission will be subject to demonstration that the conditions that caused the dismissal or withdrawal have been rectified. A student seeking readmission may not be allowed readmission for up to 6 months depending on the circumstance surrounding the withdrawal or dismissal and is reviewed on a case-by-case situation.

Any student upon readmission will be evaluated for skill level to determine if credit for previous courses will apply.

Students submitting a re-enrollment letter to the Re-Admission Committee will be notified in writing of the Committee's decision within 14 days of receipt of the written request for readmission. The decision of the Committee is final, Readmission will be allowed on a "space available" basis only.

### **Testing Policy**

Students must contact the instructor prior to an exam if they are going to miss the exam. Make-up exams are at the discretion of the individual instructor. Possession of a copy of any exam or exam questions not distributed by the instructor will be considered grounds for dismissal from the nursing program. Students with accommodations must present the required paperwork to the lecture instructor 72 business hours before the next examination.

### **Testing Policy for "In Class Exams"**

To ensure security of examination items, no student is permitted to leave the classroom once an exam has begun, this includes using the restroom. No items are permitted at the student's desk. Cheating may be defined as using unauthorized materials, giving, or receiving unauthorized assistance during an examination, opening another browser during the exam (noted as stopped viewing exam in canvas) or other academic exercise. Possession of a copy of any exam or exam questions not distributed by the instructor will be considered grounds for dismissal from the nursing program. Refer to the "Professional Behavior Expectations and Honor Code Statement" in the Student Handbook.

## Remediation

### Vocational Nursing

A student may be given an opportunity to remediate a course, if a student receives a “D” for the course. Students who receive an “F” are not eligible for remediation. Students who are eligible for remediation will have up to ten calendar days to remediate and pass a comprehensive course test with 75 percent or better. Successfully remediated courses can only earn a maximum grade of “C”. A Vocational Nursing student may only remediate two courses during the entire program. Vocational Nursing students who meet the following academic criteria will be withdrawn from the program:

- Fails any course with a grade below “D”
- Must remediate more than two courses
- Fails to successfully remediate a failed course
- CGPA falls below 2.0

### Core Programs

A student may be given an opportunity to remediate a course if they receive a final course score of 60%-69% or “D”. Students who receive a final course score of <60% or “F” are not eligible for remediation. Students who are eligible for remediation may remediate up to 10 % of their grade, they will have up to fourteen calendar days . Remediation may be in the form of an assignment, project, research paper, or an exam equivalent to the final examination of the course. Successfully remediated courses can only earn a maximum grade of “C” or 70%.

### Remediation Tutoring – Vocational Nursing

During any term at any time during the term if a student has a change in grades either the student or the faculty can initiate a tutoring plan. The purpose of this plan is to assist the student in improving test taking abilities and increase theoretical and clinical knowledge. Emphasis will include comprehension of basic subject matter in addition to understanding the rationales for the correct responses to test questions. Although having a thorough understanding of the subject matter is the best way to ensure good test results, developing and implementing good test taking strategies will serve to enhance that knowledge and may attribute to the difference between a grade of pass or fail.

Any student who fails two tests in a row or fails a HESI proctored exam will be placed on a mandatory tutoring plan. The student must attend all tutoring sessions and complete all assignments, tutoring will continue until the next scheduled test. If the student passes the next test, mandatory tutoring will be discontinued (although the student may continue with a tutoring plan if they so choose). One retake of each HESI proctored exam will be offered after completion of the tutoring plan after failure of a HESI proctored exam.

Successful completion of a tutoring plan is passing the course with a grade of “C” or better, negating the need to remediate the course.

## Skills Lab

The Vocational Nursing Program Skills Lab is available to provide supervised time for students to increase their proficiency in clinical skills such as; review of mathematics, aspects of medication administration, assessment, and clinical documentation, as well as other nursing skills.

## Instructor Referral

An instructor may refer a Vocational Nursing student to the Skills Lab, if the instructor feels that the student needs to increase their understanding and competency of clinical skills. A Referral Form, designating specific objectives to be met, will be issued to the student by the instructor. The Referral form is taken to the Skills Lab to be signed off by the Educational Assistance Instructor after the objective is completed. The signed Referral Form is to be returned by

the student to the instructor. The learning activities available in the Skills Lab are listed on the Referral Form. The instructor may specifically list other objectives in order to meet the student's needs.

Vocational Nursing students are encouraged to attend the Skills Lab independently, as well as to aid in increasing technical proficiency and / or expanding the student's knowledge base. Instructors may also refer a student for remedial assistance with theory subjects. Specific content and remediation faculty will be assigned on the referral form.

## Tutorial Policy

"All students are provided the opportunity for tutorial sessions."

High Desert Medical College recommends that students be proactive in requesting tutorial assistance to better comprehend course material and improve overall academic achievement. Vocational Nursing students who receive a "D" grade on any examination will be required to attend mandatory tutorial sessions. Students must request tutorial assistance through their instructor or the Nursing Department.

Individual discussion with the instructor will lead to a determination of tutorial recommendation. High Desert Medical College posts current tutorial hours for student scheduling.

## Testing Protocols

Classroom doors will be locked at the beginning of the test and students will not be allowed to enter the room after the test has begun. Students who arrive late and are locked out will be allowed to take an alternate test at the end of that class day only. Failure to take the alternate test on the same day will result in a grade of zero.

Students will not be allowed to leave class and return during the test. Students who must leave the classroom will be required to turn in the answer sheet and the test will be graded based upon the answers provided at the time the student leaves the classroom. Students should make every effort to arrive on time and complete the regular test.

Students who are absent on the test day must take an alternate test on the same day that they return to class. Alternate testing may not be postponed. No student will be allowed to take any more than one alternate test in any single Term. If a student is not able to take a regular test after already being allowed one alternate test, the student will receive a grade of "zero" for the test.

Desks must be clear of all items prior to testing. Only the following items are allowed: single purpose calculator and pencils. Scratch paper will be provided for calculations.

Talking of **ANY KIND AND FOR ANY REASON** is not allowed during the test. Students who are caught talking during a test will be given a zero for the examination regardless of the circumstances. If a student has an issue, he / she should raise his / her hand for assistance by the instructor.

Due to current messaging technology, all cellular phones and pagers must be turned off and left in a pocket or closed backpack or purse during the test. Students caught with a cellular phone or pager turned on during a test, regardless of where it is located, will receive a zero for the test and be referred to the Disciplinary Committee comprised of **(Program Director, Director of Education or Director of Nursing)** for termination proceedings.

All tests will be monitored by the instructor. Cheating of any kind including but not limited to crib notes, talking during tests, viewing another student's answer sheet or any other form of cheating witnessed by the instructor will result in referral to the Disciplinary Committee for termination proceedings. The decision of the Disciplinary Committee in all actions is final and cannot be appealed. **Students terminated for cheating or failure to abide by the testing procedures will not be allowed readmission.**

### **Vocational Nursing – Theory Guidelines**

If a regularly scheduled test is in progress when the student arrives, the student will be allowed to complete an alternate test after class per the Vocational Nursing testing protocols.

### **Vocational Nursing – Clinical Guidelines**

Students must be ready to start their clinical duties at the appointed hour. Any student who is not ready to start his / her duties will be considered absent.

### **Vocational Nursing Warning Policy Only**

The Vocational Nursing Department maintains a separate policy for warning students of deficiencies noted during the term of their instruction. This policy is designed to keep students informed of their overall academic, attendance, clinical skills and interpersonal achievement and is not a part of the Institutional Satisfactory Progress Policy.

Students may be placed on “**Warning**” status for a variety of reasons. Failure to maintain acceptable levels of academic, clinical and / or didactic attendance progress will result in the student being placed on “**Warning**” status. During the time a student is on warning, he / she will be counseled and notified in writing of “**Warning**” status. The terms of the warning will be stated in the warning notification along with the specific conditions that will need to be met to be removed from warning status. Failure to complete the terms of warning during the allowable time frame may result in probation / termination from the program.

### **Student Preparation and Behavior**

Students are expected to be prepared for class. This means that reading and homework assignments are completed, and the student is prepared for discussions and questions during lectures. Sleeping in class will not be tolerated. The student must also be prepared to act in an efficient, caring and professional manner in the clinical area. If an instructor feels that a student is not prepared in either the lecture or clinical portions of the program, the instructor has the right to excuse the student from the area or classroom and the student will be required to make up objectives missed. Students are expected to be respectful and attentive during class. If a student's behavior is disruptive to either the instructor or to fellow students, the instructor has the right to excuse the student from class and the student will be required to make up objectives missed.

## Graduation Requirements

### Certificate Requirements

In order to receive a Certificate of Completion from a program of study, students must:

- Complete the required credit / clock hours within the maximum number of credits attempted.
- Must meet minimum of 80% attendance requirement.
- Have a CGPA of at least 2.0 at the completion of the required credits.
- Complete all requirements within 1.5 times the program length.
- Fulfill all financial obligations to High Desert Medical College.
- Participate in an Exit Interview and complete the required exit paperwork.
- Meet with the Placement / Career Services Department and provide a current resume.

### Vocational Nursing

In order to graduate and receive a **Certificate of Completion from the Vocational Nursing Program**, a student must meet the following requirements within the maximum allowable time frame:

- Receive a passing grade on all four Terms of instruction according to the grading requirements for both Clinical and Theory. This includes completion of 100% of the Clinical and Theory objectives for any day(s) missed; and meet all attendance requirements.
- Fulfill all financial obligations to High Desert Medical College.
- Must submit a professional resume to the Placement / Career Services Department.

The program requires concurrent clinical make-up times for excused absences to meet the objectives of the course. All makeup days must be completed before transitioning to the next term. Students who fail to complete clinical makeup within this time frame will be dropped from the program. Students will be officially graduated upon completion of all clinical makeup days.

As Vocational Nursing students progress in the program, each student will participate in the diagnostic testing competency at the end of each Term. Students cannot progress to the next term without completing the specialty testing.

This competency testing intends to reflect teaching and learning effectiveness and students' strengths and weaknesses. Results identify areas of weaknesses and strengths. Both students and faculty will work on areas of improvement to improve teaching and learning effectiveness. Students will be directed to the nursing department for remediation.

### Associate Degree of Nursing

Graduation is a certification that the program standards and curriculum requirements have been met and that, to our knowledge, the student has committed no act which, if committed by a licensee, would be grounds for disciplinary action.

The requirements for graduation are:

- Complete the required credit / clock hours within the maximum number of credits attempted.
- Must meet minimum attendance requirement.

- Have a CGPA of at least 2.0 at the completion of the required credits.
- Complete all requirements within 1.5 times the program length.
- Fulfill all financial obligations to High Desert Medical College.
- Participate in an Exit Interview and complete the required exit paperwork.
- Meet with the Placement / Career Services Department and provide a current resume.

### **Magnetic Imaging Resonance (MRI) Associate of Applied Science**

In order to graduate and receive a diploma from the MRI AAS program, a student must meet the following requirements within the maximum allowable time frame:

Student must achieve 70% or higher GPA during each evaluation period and have satisfactorily completed appropriate assignments, projects, performance checklist procedures and completion of externship; and must meet 80% of course attendance.

In order to graduate Magnetic Resonance Imaging Program, a student must meet the following requirements within the maximum allowable time frame:

- Receive a passing grade on all 5 modules of instruction according to the grading requirements for both Lab & Theory. This includes completion of 100% of the Clinical extern hours and the total required exams to be scanned; and meet all attendance requirements.
- Pass all mandatory lab competencies.  
This competency testing intends to reflect teaching and learning effectiveness and students' strengths and weaknesses. Results identify areas of weaknesses and strengths. Both students and faculty will work on areas of improvement to improve teaching and learning effectiveness. Students will be directed to the MRI department for remediation.
- Fulfill all financial obligations to High Desert Medical College

### **Commencement Ceremony**

High Desert Medical College provides a Commencement Ceremony for its students. The dates of the Commencement Ceremony are subject to change depending on facility availability and will be announced approximately two to three months prior to the ceremony date. High Desert Medical College normally hosts one to two ceremonies per calendar year. In order to participate in a ceremony, students must:

- Complete all Graduation Requirements and be in good standing with the College.
- Students must have an application with the Office of Student Services by the deadline date. This initiates a file and program audit that determines your eligibility to participate in the ceremony and will result in your name appearing in the Commencement Program. Participation in the Commencement Exercises is limited to those candidates who have completed their training program on or prior to the Application Deadline Date and have not attended an earlier commencement ceremony for the same program. Students are required to submit a commencement fee, which includes:
  - Cap and Gown
  - Tassel, Stole
  - Announcements
  - Tickets
  - Pin



- Diploma Covers
  - Complete all attendance requirements.
  - Fulfill your financial obligations with Student Accounts, including the commencement fee.

**NOTE: The application deadline must be met to ensure participation in the appropriate ceremony.**

## Honors and Awards

Core Program students completing their program with a GPA of 3.5 or higher will receive an Honor Roll certificate, gold cord and be recognized at graduation for their accomplishment. A student, who attends 100% of their scheduled class sessions, will be honored with a Perfect Attendance certificate, and will be recognized for their accomplishments.

Vocational Nursing and Associate Degree of Nursing students with a GPA of 90% or higher will receive an Honor Roll certificate and gold cord and be recognized at graduation for their accomplishment. Students who attend 100% of the scheduled class sessions will be honored with a Perfect Attendance certificate and be recognized for their accomplishment. High Desert Medical College conducts graduation ceremonies and recognizes the class Valedictorian for each program and for the VOCATIONAL NURSING program “**The Nightingale Award**”.

## Licensure Eligibility Requirements

### Vocational Nursing

The BVNPT sets specific minimum standards for licensure as a Vocational Nurse. The Vocational Nursing program at High Desert Medical College has been approved by the BVNPT as meeting the minimum standards set for application for licensure. Upon successful completion of the Vocational Nursing program at High Desert Medical College, the graduate will be eligible to apply for the licensing examination given by the NCSBN. The examination is given by appointment throughout the year. Application deadlines, fees, and other information regarding the examination can be obtained from the Department of Nursing.

Upon graduation and prior to applying for the examination, students will be required to complete a Record of Arrest / Conviction form. This form is forwarded to the BVNPT for review and the final determination on licensure eligibility rests with the BVNPT. Students who are concerned about their licensure eligibility status with regard to conviction or arrest records are advised to call the Board of Nursing who will evaluate each student on a case-by-case basis.

## Pharmacy Technician Externship Requirements

High Desert Medical College, in an effort to provide quality training experiences, provides students with an Externship that exceeds the Board of Pharmacy requirements of 120 hours. Students will attend externship for a total of 160 hours, in a community pharmacy setting, to complete the program requirements.

Per the Board of Pharmacy Regulation (4115.5. Pharmacy Technician Trainee; Placement; Supervision; Requirements) an externship in which a pharmacy technician trainee is participating as described in subdivision (a) shall be for a period of no more than 120 hours. When an externship in which a pharmacy technician trainee is participating as described in subdivision (a) involves rotation between a community and hospital pharmacy for the purpose of training the student in distinct practice settings, the externship may be for a period of up to 320 hours. No more than 120 of the 320 hours may be completed in a community pharmacy setting or in a single department in a hospital pharmacy.

## Paying for College

### Financial Services

#### Disclosures to all Students

Any student who obtains a loan to pay for a course of instruction has the responsibility to repay the full amount of the loan, plus any interest, less the amount of any refund.

#### Student Finance Policies

Student responsibilities for applying for and receiving financial aid at High Desert Medical College are as follows:

- Complete all requested forms for financial aid accurately.
- Use all financial aid received solely for expense related to attending High Desert Medical College:
  - Students that apply for financial aid understand that costs related to attending school are defined in the cost of attendance budget.
- Submit in a timely manner all additional documentation requested by Financial Aid:
  - These documents can include tax forms and household information.

#### Student Financial Aid Rights

- The right to know how financial need was determined.
- The right to know how financial aid will be distributed.
- The right to request an explanation of programs in the financial aid package.
- The right to refuse any aid offered.
- The right to request an explanation of High Desert Medical College refund policy.
- The right to know what portion of financial aid must be repaid and what portion is a grant:
  - If a loan has been received, have the right to know the interest rate and loan repayment options and procedures.
- The right to examine the contents of aid records provided a written request is made to the Department of Financial Aid:
  - Students may not review confidential records submitted by parents without the written consent of the parent whose information has been submitted.

## Financial Aid

The Financial Aid (FA) Department strives to provide excellent service to deliver financial aid information to prospective, current and former students and their families. Information includes federal, state, institutional and private aid options to cover educational cost. FA Staff assist in the completion of required documents and processes all financial aid awards. The focus of the FA Office is helping students attend High Desert Medical College by alleviating or eliminating financial barriers and maximizing all available resources to help meet each student's financial needs. FA staff assist students in a variety of ways throughout the enrollment process and while attending High Desert Medical College. High Desert Medical College recognizes that each student is an individual with unique needs and barriers. The FA Office strives to provide information to increase awareness of available financial resources, and to provide information on how to access resources by reaching out to students, parents, and the general public. The FA Office recognizes that financial barriers are not always long term and significant but can also be short term and only involve small amounts of funds.

### Overview

Financial Aid is money that can be used to cover the costs associated with attending High Desert Medical College. Financial Aid funds are provided by U.S. taxpayers to ensure that all those who want a college education have the financial ability to pay for their college expenses. This money can be in the form of grants, scholarships and federal loans. All loans must be repaid. For more information about financial aid go to [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov).

We understand that the rules that govern the financial aid programs can sometimes be complicated. However, the staff at High Desert Medical College's Financial Aid Office are available to answer questions and provide special assistance as needed.

All financial aid at High Desert Medical College is administered in accordance with the policies and procedures of the U.S. Department of Education. The basis of such programs is that students and their parents have the primary responsibility to meet educational costs and that financial aid is available only to fill the gap between the families and / or student's contribution and allowable educational expenses. The amount of expected student or family contribution is determined by an analysis of financial strength: income and net assets, which the family may have versus the allowable expenses. Educational expenses that are considered a basis for establishing student need include nonresident tuition, fees, books and supplies, room, board, transportation, and personal expenses. The High Desert Medical College Financial Aid office has established standard student budgets to reflect the costs of each of these items based on a statewide cost survey and local cost data.

The Financial Aid Office at High Desert Medical College is always available to assist federal loan borrowers with student loan questions or concerns. If an issue exists, borrowers should first attempt to resolve the issue by contacting the Financial Aid Office. If the borrower has made a reasonable effort to resolve the issue through normal processes and has not been successful, s/he should contact the Federal Student Aid (FSA) Ombudsman. The FSA Ombudsman will informally research a borrower's issue and make suggestions for resolution.

The FSA Ombudsman contact information is listed below:

Online: <https://studentaid.gov/feedback-ombudsman/disputes/prepare>

Phone: 877-557-2575

Fax: 606-396-4821

Mail: FSA Ombudsman Group

P.O. Box 1854

Monticello, KY 42633

## Federal Student Loan Information

Federal regulations require all first-time Federal Direct Student Loan borrowers participate in Entrance Loan Counseling before receiving the first disbursement of their loan proceeds. To complete an online Entrance or Exit Loan Counseling please visit the following links:

- **Entrance Counseling Session:**

[www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov)

- **Exit Counseling Session:**

[https://nsldsfa.ed.gov/nslds\\_SA/public/SaEcWelcome.do](https://nsldsfa.ed.gov/nslds_SA/public/SaEcWelcome.do)

Follow the instructions carefully, complete all sections, and return the completed counseling session to the Financial Aid Office. Students and / or students' parents applying for and receiving a federal student loan under the Title IV student financial assistance programs and the Higher Education Act (HEA) will have their information reported to the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) and this information will be accessible by guaranty agencies, lenders and schools determined to be authorized users of the data system.

## Program Availability

High Desert Medical College makes financial aid resources available to its students including federal and alternative loans or payment plans. Some funds are need-based, meaning the funds go to the most financially needy students who qualify first. There are also non-need-based funds that are available to any students who qualify for the programs regardless of their income or that of their parents. Need-based programs that High Desert Medical College currently offers include the Federal Pell Grant and Federal Direct subsidized student loans. Non-need-based programs include unsubsidized student loans, parent loans, alternative loans, and some scholarships.

Students considered for financial aid must apply using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) found at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>. Some financial aid resources require a student to submit additional application materials; scholarships, for example, might have a completely separate form to submit to the funding agency. The Financial Aid Office is not responsible for the application process of outside resources like non-High Desert Medical College scholarships, although all students are encouraged to apply for scholarships that might contribute to their financial resources while attending college.

Prior to release of any eligible FSA Title IV funds and at the time awards are to be paid the Financial Aid Office will check a student's enrollment and continued eligibility through the Registrar's Office. Changes in a student's enrollment or program may cause delays or removals of any scheduled disbursement(s). All awards will be posted to the student's account at High Desert Medical College, and any monies that are posted above the student's outstanding current school charges will be sent directly to the student's address on file in check format via standard post.

Should a student not wish to receive the payment via standard post to the address on file they must notify the business office in writing at [businessoffice@hdmc.edu](mailto:businessoffice@hdmc.edu). It is important to keep the Business Office, the Registrar and the Financial Aid Office updated on with current addresses on all student accounts. Money will NOT be requested for payment of tuition or other charges earlier than three days after the start of the payment period. A student's financial aid award is based on enrollment level as of census date per semester, and any changes made prior to the census date must be addressed in financial aid prior to release of any pending FSA awards. If a student has a late-starting class due to a late enrollment it will be verified and adjusted as final attempted credits are tallied and any other such changes that may be made if deemed necessary.

In case of a Title IV credit balance, the student must provide instructions to the Financial Aid Office on how to handle any credit balance that may occur on your account. A Title IV credit balance occurs when the institution applies Title IV, Higher Education Act (HEA) program funds to the student account that exceeds the amount of direct educational cost for tuition and fees and / or other authorized charges for a program.

### **Applying for Financial Aid**

The procedures required to apply for financial aid are published in this Catalog and additional information can be obtained by visiting the Financial Aid Office. There are many forms which may be required to evaluate student aid eligibility. However, a student need only apply for admission and file the Federal Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to begin application process. Additional documents may be requested to complete processing of the aid request. Students will be notified via email or phone / message if additional documents are required.

- Proof of citizenship
- Proof of selective service registration
- Marriage certificate
- Verification Worksheet
- Tax returns (parent and student and / or spouse)

### **Verification**

If your FAFSA application is selected by the U.S. Department of Education for a process called verification you will be required to submit additional information to the Student Financial Services Office in order to receive federal student aid. This selection is based on information that you provided on your FAFSA. This documentation will need to be submitted within 30 days of selection. Failure to submit this documentation will result in Title IV funding being suspended. Without the funding, your tuition and fees will not be paid, and you can be dismissed from your program.

### **Packaging**

Financial aid funds usually come from more than one source. This combination of financial resources is referred to as packaging. State programs are always subject to an approved State budget. Financial aid funds may be categorized into four basic sources: federal, state, institutional, and private. Because there are too many outside private sources to list here, only Federal sources are listed below:

- Federal Pell Grant
- Federal Direct Subsidized Loan
- Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan
- Federal Parental Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS)
- Campus Based Programs (SEOG and Federal Work Study)

## **Federal Pell Grant Program**

The Federal Pell Grant Program is intended to allow eligible students financial access to the school or college of their choice. For eligible students, Federal Pell Grants are the “floor” or base upon which all other federal student financial aid is built. Current year awards range from \$400.00 to \$5,000.00+. The amount a student may receive depends on the student’s family’s financial situation, the student’s full- or part-time enrollment status and how much of the student’s remaining education at the school falls within the current federal award year (July 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>). In order to be eligible for a Federal Pell Grant, a student may not have previously received a bachelor’s degree from any institution.

The amount of Federal Pell Grant funds received over a lifetime is limited by federal law to be the equivalent of six years of Pell Grant funding. Since the amount of a scheduled Pell Grant award received each award year is equal to 100%, the six-year equivalent is 600%.

## **STUDENT DIRECT LOANS – SUBSIDIZED AND UNSUBSIDIZED**

Once the FAFSA has been completed, and an EFC value defined, individual financial need will be established, and for students enrolled at least half time, they may apply for student loans. Students must maintain half-time enrollment in order to remain eligible for loans. Those with unmet financial need may receive subsidized loans (government pays interest while in school); those without need may receive unsubsidized loans (student pays interest while in school). Loan limits are federally established and may never exceed a student’s cost of attendance. Student loans are deferred for six months after graduating or dropping below half-time status. An entrance and exit counseling session are required for all students who receive loans. Semesters of the promissory note, avoidance and consequences of default, student notification and responsibilities are very clearly explained. Contact the Financial Aid Office for further information.

## **DIRECT SUBSIDIZED FEDERAL STAFFORD LOAN PROGRAM**

These loans are available to eligible students enrolled at least half-time in an eligible institution and are based on the financial need demonstrated by each student. An undergraduate student may borrow up to \$3,500.00 for the first academic year and \$4,500.00 for the second academic year. The loan amounts will be pro-rated for academic years of less than nine months. A student must repay his or her Direct Subsidized Federal Stafford Loans based on the amount borrowed, but no less than \$50.00 per month, beginning six months after graduation or termination of studies.

Under certain circumstances, a student borrower can receive a deferment or forbearance that allows a temporarily stop making federal student loan payments or temporarily reduction of the amount of federal student loan payments. The student borrower will need to work with their loan servicer to apply for deferment or forbearance; and be sure to keep making payments on your loan until the deferment or forbearance is in place. Your loan servicer will notify you if further information is needed or if you do not qualify. With a Subsidized Federal Stafford Loan, the student may not be responsible for paying the interest that accrues on the loan during the deferment period. However, during a forbearance the student borrower is responsible for paying the interest that accrues on all types of federal student loans, whether subsidized or unsubsidized.

If enrolled at least half-time, in most cases a loan will be placed into a deferment automatically, and the loan servicer will notify the student that the deferment has been granted. If enrolled at least half-time but the student does not automatically receive a deferment, they should contact the Financial Aid Office immediately. They will then send information about your enrollment to your loan servicer so that your loan can be placed into deferment.

### **DIRECT UNSUBSIDIZED FEDERAL STAFFORD LOAN PROGRAM**

These loans are available to eligible students enrolled at least half-time in an eligible institution and who do not demonstrate financial need. Under this program, an undergraduate student who is classified as:

- Independent
- Dependent and whose parents fail to qualify for a Direct Federal PLUS Loan

may borrow up to: \$3,500.00 combined of Direct Subsidized and / or Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loans, plus \$6,000.00 additional Direct Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loan for the first academic year; \$4,500.00 combined of Direct Subsidized and / or Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loans, plus \$6,000.00 additional Direct Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loan for the second academic year; or dependent and whose parents are not rejected for a Direct Federal PLUS Loan may borrow up to: \$3,500.00 combined of Direct Subsidized and / or Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loans, plus \$2,000.00 additional Direct Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loan for the first academic year; \$4,500.00 combined of Direct Subsidized and / or Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loans, plus \$2,000.00 additional Direct Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loan for the second academic year.

This loan was created so that any student, regardless of income, would be able to obtain a Federal Stafford Loan. The terms and conditions of the unsubsidized loan, including deferments and loan charges, with few exceptions, are the same as the Direct Subsidized Federal Stafford Loan described above. However, a student must pay the interest on any Direct Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loan during the time that the student is in school and during any deferment period.

### **DIRECT FEDERAL PLUS LOAN PROGRAM**

Direct Federal PLUS Loans are for parent borrowers. Direct Federal PLUS Loans enable parents to borrow the cost of the student's education, less other aid received by the student. Direct Federal PLUS Loan borrowing is limited to parents with a favorable credit history.

### **FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY GRANT (FSEOG)**

The Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Program (FSEOG) provides assistance to exceptionally needy undergraduate students. A priority must be given to Pell Grant recipients with the lowest expected family contributions (EFCs). The federal rules permit an eligible student to receive a FSEOG award of \$100.00 to \$4,000.00 for each of the student's academic years of study. High Desert Medical College currently awards to a maximum of \$500.00. A student's eligibility for FSEOG funds is determined annually.

### **Federal Work Study (FWS)**

FWS enables students who demonstrate financial need to earn aid to pay for their education expenses. Students earn at least the current hourly minimum wage by working at the College, for nonprofit agencies or for-profit businesses. High Desert Medical College helps eligible students locate jobs; certain restrictions apply. Unlike traditional sources of income, FWS earnings are exempt from the subsequent year's expected family contribution calculations.

Funds are allocated annually on July 1<sup>st</sup> and are limited. Due to the nature of this program, FWS awards are offered on a first-come, first-serve basis. To be considered for FWS, students must complete a FAFSA application, have an unmet need and show an interest in working part-time to be considered for FWS funds. Award ranges from \$200.00 to \$4,500.00 per academic year. If interested in participating, please inquire with your Financial Aid Administrator about the program. Depending on funds availability and your qualifications, you may need to provide a resume and employment application to be considered for an interview.

## Cal Grant

Cal Grant (A, B and C) is a state-funded educational opportunity grant program administered by the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) to assist students in paying for a college education. All Cal Grant payments are credited to the student's account to cover outstanding tuition, fees, books and supplies. Funds are awarded for the fall, spring, and summer terms only if eligible. Cal Grants may be renewed if the recipient continues to meet the income, asset, unmet need found on the established eligibility requirements and information based on the results of a current Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

To be considered for a Cal Grant award, FAFSA and GPA Verification forms must have completed by March 2, 2022 to meet the CSAC's deadline. Students must be enrolled at least half-time and meet Cal Grant requirements in the semester in order to receive this disbursement.

### CAL GRANT REFUND POLICY

Cal Grant recipients may want to rescind their Cal Grant Award and notify the California Student Aid Commission of their leave or withdrawal in order to preserve their eligibility for a future semester. Students can process a leave of absence request with the California Student Aid Commission online at [www.csac.ca.gov](http://www.csac.ca.gov) and click the link "WebGrants4Students." In this case, the student would be responsible for covering the tuition balance on their student account.

If a student is dismissed or withdraws from school, all unearned Title IV funds will be refunded to the Department of Education, and any unearned funds will be returned to Cal Grant or State Funds and lastly, to Private Loans accordingly.

## Need-Based Eligibility

To be considered for Federal financial aid, a student must:

- Be past the age for compulsory school attendance in California (over 18 years old) and not concurrently enrolled in high school, an elementary or secondary school program, or taking college credit to earn a high school diploma or GED. California compulsory education law requires everyone age 6 to 18 to attend school until graduation from high school or passing the California High School Proficiency Exam (CHSPE).
- Have proof (a copy) of any of the following:
  - U.S. High School Diploma or transcript from a state approved or U.S. Department of Education approved school;
  - G.E.D. certificate;
  - Associate's, Bachelor's or master's degree obtained from a U.S. Department of Education Accredited school;
  - Foreign HS Transcript, Associates Degree Transcript, Bachelor's Degree Transcript, or master's degree Transcript evaluated to be the equivalent of a U.S. High School Diploma.
- Be a U.S. citizen, national or eligible permanent resident of the United States.
- Be enrolled or admitted to a degree or diploma program at High Desert Medical College that is eligible for Federal Financial Aid.
- Not owe repayment of a Federal Grant or be in default of a Federal Direct Student Loan or to High Desert Medical College.
- Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress as defined by High Desert Medical College's Standards for Academic Progress and published in the catalog.



- If you are male, you must register and / or be confirmed as registered with Selective Services.

### Definition of Financial Need

Students are packaged for financial aid based on the student's financial need. Financial need is determined by subtracting student's Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from High Desert Medical College's Cost of Attendance (COA). Aid from most Federal Aid programs is awarded on the basis of financial need. The information a student reports on their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is used to calculate each specific student's "Expected Family Contribution" (EFC). Eligibility for the Pell Grant Program is determined by the student's EFC. If the student's EFC is too high, students would not be eligible for Pell Grant. To ensure compliance with federal regulations, High Desert Medical College defines the neediest students as those whose EFC = 0.

Financial aid packages are awarded as follows:

- The Pell Grant is awarded to students who meet the federal criteria including the student's EFC. Award amounts vary.
- The Federal Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans are awarded to all eligible students based upon the academic grade level, the amount of eligibility available for the student(s) based on prior borrowing, and the remaining need.

### Cost of Attendance

Cost of attendance (COA) components are composed of direct and indirect costs which establishes the student's unmet need for attending High Desert Medical College. Below is a list of cost categories utilized in calculating the full cost of attendance at High Desert Medical.

Direct Costs	Indirect Costs
Tuition and fees	Room and board living expenses
Books and supplies	Personal and miscellaneous expenses
Lab and technology fees	Transportation costs

Direct costs are all expenses associated with direct program costs including tuition, fees, books and supplies. Indirect costs are living expenses associated with attending school and are calculated using a monthly cost allocations for each living expense category.

High Desert Medical utilizes the California Student Aid Commission's recommended monthly cost of attendance allocations to determine the true cost of attendance for each student and conducts student surveys annually. This amount is based on the student's living situation and length of the program the student's indirect expenses will change. To view your full cost of attendance for your program with living expenses, please go to High Desert Medical's website and view the Net Price Calculator and cost of attendance allocation at: <https://www.hdmc.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/2020-2021-Cost-of-Attendance-Cost-Allocations.pdf>.

### ACADEMIC GRADE LEVELS

Academic Grade Levels at High Desert Medical College (by clock hours and semester credits) are as follows:

Credit / Clock Hours Breakdown	Grade Level
0 to 24 Credits / 900 Clock Hours	1
25 to 50 Credits / 1,595 Clock Hours	2

Loan amounts cannot exceed the remaining of a student's annual loan limit at the loan level associated with their training program.

### **Disbursement**

All Financial Aid is received by the Financial Aid Office and disbursed through the Business Office. Eligible Title IV and other Financial Aid funds will first reduce any tuition a student owes High Desert Medical College and, depending on the method by which the student selects, a refund of any overages will be returned by check. Checks will be mailed to the mailing address on file with the school.

Students who are Pell Grant eligible will have disbursements as follows: the first disbursement will be after the add / drop period and the second disbursement will be the first day of the following semester / semester. The first disbursement will be 50% of the student's Pell Grant eligibility and any scholarships you may have been awarded. The remainder of the student's financial aid (loans, SEOG, etc.), as well as the other 50% of the student's Pell Grant will be disbursed the first day of the following semester. As students become eligible for additional aid, High Desert Medical College will process the updates and notify the business office of the additional funds. The business office will produce refund checks on Friday of each week and all checks will be mailed to the mailing address on file with the school.

The U.S. Department of Education requires that for all first-time loan borrowers a 30-day delay from the start of semester be put in place. For alternative loans, the loan is disbursed once per semester / semester.

### **Withholding Aid**

High Desert Medical College reserves the right to withhold aid from any student, at any time, who has:

- Not met the eligibility requirements or resolved the conflicts in information as it pertains to their financial aid awards.
- Not completed mandatory entrance counseling and signed the MPN / Plus MPN.
- Not performed satisfactorily at the published minimal academic standards, or, due to an attendance pattern, appears to abuse the financial assistance programs. For example, financial aid could be withheld from any student who, withdraws from all classes two consecutive semesters, or who has previously attended two or more institutions and who has not progressed satisfactorily, or who does not appear to be pursuing degree / diploma completion, etc.

### **Documentation of Citizenship**

To be eligible to receive Title IV, Higher Education Act assistance a student must:

- Be a citizen or national of the United States.
- Provide evidence from the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service that they are:
  - A permanent resident of the United States with Permanent Resident Cards or Resident Alien Cards;
  - Classified as one of the eligible non-citizen categories:
    - Refugees;
    - Victims of human trafficking;
    - Persons granted asylum;
    - Persons paroled into the United States for at least one year;

- Some persons under the Violence Against Women Act;
- Cuban Haitian entrants.

### **MISREPRESENTATION AND FRAUD**

Any student found or suspected to have misreported information and / or altered documentation to increase his / her student aid eligibility or to fraudulently obtain federal funds may face loss of participation in federal financial aid programs for the current academic year and / or the remaining semesters of enrollment.

High Desert Medical College will investigate any allegations of misrepresentation. As per Federal Regulation 668.14(g), a case of fraud will be referred to the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Education, and if appropriate, to the state or local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction to investigate the matter.

Financial Aid Administrators of Title IV programs and funds are obligated to ensure processes are in place to protect against fraud by applicants or staff. The Financial Aid Office has procedures for handling actual or suspected cases of fraud or abuse. Individuals who submit fraudulent information or documentation to obtain financial aid funds will be investigated and all cases of fraud and abuse will be reported to the proper authorities. Regulations require only that the college refer the suspected case for investigation, not that a conclusion be reached about the propriety of the conduct.

### **Procedures for Fraud**

If a Financial Aid Officer suspects or determines intentional misrepresentation of facts, false statements, or altered documents which resulted or could result in the awarding or disbursement of funds for which the student is not eligible, the information shall be reported to the Director of Financial Aid for review and possible disciplinary action. If the Director of Financial Aid determines or suspects fraud, all information will be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer, School President, the Office of Inspector General of the Department of Education, and / or the local law enforcement agency.

The Financial Aid Office must identify and resolve discrepancies in the information received from different sources with respect to a student's application for Title IV aid. These items include, but are not limited to:

- Student aid applications.
- Needs analysis documents (e.g., Institutional Student Information Records (ISIRs) Student Aid Reports (SARs).
- Federal income tax returns.
- Documents and information related to a student's citizenship.
- School credentials (e.g., high school diploma).
- Documentation of the student's Social Security Number (SSN).
- Compliance with the Selective Service registration requirement.
- Other factors related to students' eligibility for Title IV funds.

Some forms of financial aid fraud include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Forged signatures on an application, verification documentation or master promissory notes.
- Falsified documents – including reporting members that are not part of your household.
- False statements of income.

- False statements of citizenship.
- Use of fictitious names, addresses, SSNs.
- False claims of independent status.

Cases of fraud will be reported to:

**The Office of Inspector General (OIG)**

Inspector General's Hotline: 1-800-MIS-USE

<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oig/hotline.html>

Office of Inspector General

U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW

Washington, DC 20202-1510

**Payment Methods**

Accepted payment methods are: cash, check, credit card, Financial Aid or private bank loans.

**Student Loan Repayment**

Students are responsible for the re-payment of loans plus any interest accrued. If students fail to repay any loans, income tax refunds can be withheld. Students may not be eligible to receive another student loan, financial aid or government housing assistance until the loan is paid. Semesters and schedules of loan repayment will be disclosed and discussed with the student once the lender is determined.

**Delinquency and Default**

Students who experience a financial hardship and / or have difficulty making their monthly student loan payments are advised to contact the Direct Loan Servicing Center immediately to discuss their financial situation, other repayment options and determine eligibility for loan deferment or forbearance. Payments received after the due date will be considered delinquent. Default occurs when delinquent payments are not received for 270 days. Students who default on a federal student loan are not eligible for additional federal financial aid, the entire unpaid amount is due immediately, and the default(s) are reported to the national credit agencies; additional repercussions could occur.

**FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

Students who obtain loans for their program of instruction are responsible for full repayment of these loans plus any accrued interest less the amount of any refund. Students must repay loans even if they do not complete their educational programs or are unable or choose not to get jobs after graduation. Students who fail to repay a loan will be considered in default. The federal and state government or a loan guarantee agency may take action against such a student, including applying any income tax refund to which the person is entitled to reduce the balance owned on the loan. The student may not be eligible for any other federal student financial aid at another institution or government assistance until the loan is repaid. Students receiving federal financial aid may be entitled to a refund of moneys not paid from federal financial aid funds.

**PACKAGING STATEMENT**

High Desert Medical College will consider each eligible student's financing options on an individual basis and will strive to offer each student the lowest cost financing options available.

## Veterans Administration Funds (VA)

Students eligible to enroll at High Desert Medical College are able to utilize the VA Benefits ([\\*www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov)) for which they may be eligible to pay tuition, books and fees. Programs we offer that qualify for Veterans Education Assistance include:

- Clinical Medical Assisting
- Dental Assisting
- Medical Administrative Assisting
- Pharmacy Technician
- Ultrasound Technician
- Vocational Nursing

*"GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). More information about education benefits offered by VA is available at the official U.S. government website at <https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill>."*

### Collection Procedures

Students whose financing package does not cover the entire cost of tuition will be required to pay the balance due by means of cash payment, check or debit card, money order or credit card at the time of enrollment or to execute a promissory note unless other arrangements are approved by the college. Students will receive a payment schedule upon execution of the promissory note. No additional notices or statements are automatically mailed. Students may request a copy of a statement at any time free of charge from Student Accounts. Unless otherwise informed, payments are due on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of each month and may be made by cash, check, credit card or money order payable to High Desert Medical College. (Please see Student Accounts to make a payment.)

A service charge of \$25.00 will be assessed for any checks returned by the bank for any reason. If one payment is returned, all future payments must be made by credit card, cash or cashier's check unless otherwise approved by Student Accounts. Failure to make payments can seriously jeopardize a student's standing and may result in any of the following actions until the account is brought current:

- Denial of transcript requests
- Suspension of services offered by Placement / Career Services
- Termination from the program

## Refund Policies

### Cancellation of Enrollment Agreement

Student has the right to cancel this agreement without any penalty or obligations, through attendance at the first-class session or the seventh calendar day after enrollment, whichever is later. After the end of the cancellation period, student also has the right to stop school at any time. At the time the school is notified that the student is withdrawn from school, a refund calculation will be processed.

The notice of cancellation need not take any particular form and however expressed; it is effective if it shows that you no longer wish to be bound by the Enrollment Agreement. If the Enrollment Agreement is cancelled, the school will refund the student any money he / she paid, less a registration or administration fee not to exceed \$200.00, and less any deduction for equipment not returned in like issued condition within ten days after the notice of cancellation is received or student does not attend their first day of class. Additionally, in the event of a rejection of an applicant by the institution to start, the Enrollment Agreement is cancelled, and the school will refund the student any money paid.

**Accrediting Council for Continuing Education and Training (ACCET) Refund Policy**

1. You may withdraw from the school at any time after the cancellation period (described above) and receive a pro-rated refund if you have completed 50% or less of the scheduled days in the current payment period in your program through the last day of attendance.
2. During the first week of classes, tuition charges withheld will not exceed 10% of the stated tuition up to a maximum of \$1,000.00. When determining the number of weeks completed by the student, the institution will consider a partial week the same as if a whole week were completed, provided the student was present at least one day during the scheduled week.
3. After the first week and through 50% of the period of financial obligation, tuition charges retained will not exceed a pro rata portion of tuition for the training period completed, plus 10% of the unearned tuition for the period of training that was not completed. (See example below.)
4. After 50% of the period of financial obligation is completed, the institution may retain the full tuition.
5. The institution must not obligate a student for more than 12 months at a time. Refund computations must apply to the stated charges attributable to the given period of financial obligation.

ACCET requires that tuition be listed on the enrollment agreement, as does California, for an entire program even when the institution only financially obligates the student for a portion of the entire program. When calculating a refund, the percentage of tuition retained by the institution is based on the portion of the program the student was attending through their last date of attendance when the student withdrew, not the tuition charged for the entire program listed on the enrollment agreement.

**ACCET REFUND COMPUTATION EXAMPLE**

- Enrolled in a 48-week program, starting January 4<sup>th</sup> and scheduled to complete December 10<sup>th</sup>.
- There are two periods of financial obligation of 24 weeks each.
- The total tuition is \$15,000.00, tuition for each period is \$7,500.00.
- The last date of attendance (LDA) for the student is February 24<sup>th</sup>.
- The date of determination is March 8<sup>th</sup>.

Description	Amount
<b>Number of Weeks Student Attended</b>	8 weeks = 33.3%
<b>Number of Weeks Financially Obligated</b>	24 weeks
<b>Pro Rata Portion Completed Based on 8 Weeks</b>	33.3%
<b>33.3% of \$7,500.00 Tuition</b>	\$2,500.00
<b>10% of Unearned Tuition (\$7,500.00 - \$2,500.00 = \$5,000.00 unearned)</b>	\$500.00

Description	Amount
Owed to Institution	\$3,000.00
Student Payment	\$7,500.00
Refunded to Student by April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	\$4,500.00

Once the refund calculation, according to the State of California, ABHES and the Department of Education (if federal financial aid has been used) is performed, the calculation most beneficial to the student will be used.

#### DETERMINATION OF THE WITHDRAWAL DATE

The student's withdrawal date is the last date of academic attendance as determined by the institution from its attendance records. The withdrawal date for a student who does not return from an approved leave of absence is the date on which the student fails to return, as determined by the institution's signed documentation.

***NOTE: A student who is on an approved leave of absence retains in-school status for purposes of student financial aid and financing. However, the student should be aware that if he or she does not return from a leave of absence, some or all of the grace period of the loan could have been used, as the withdrawal date is set retroactively.***

#### Title IV Funds Refund Policy

A refund policy for the return of unearned institutional charges if the student cancels an enrollment agreement does not show for the first day of class or withdraws during a period of attendance. The refund policy for students who have completed 60% or less of the period of attendance shall be a pro rata refund.

Percentage earned is equal to:

$$= \frac{\text{Calendar days completed up to the last day of attendance}}{\text{Calendar days in the payment period}}$$

#### EXCLUDES

- Institutionally scheduled breaks of five or more consecutive days.
- When a student has completed MORE than 60%, 100% of Title IV funds are earned.

The institution shall pay or credit refunds within 45 days of a student's cancellation or withdrawal.

#### PROGRAM CANCELLATION

If a program is cancelled subsequent to a student's enrollment and before instruction in the course has begun, the school shall at its option:

- Provide a full refund of all money paid.
- Provide currently enrolled students assistance in transferring to another institution that includes similar program offerings.

## **Withdrawal / Drop Date Policy**

Official and unofficial withdrawal dates will be determined using the federal regulation definition for a withdrawal date. The official date will be determined by the earlier of one of the following:

- Date the student provides official notification of intent to withdraw.
- Students who fail to officially withdraw and have missed 14 consecutive calendar days of attendance are assumed to have withdrawn. The last date the student attended will become the student's official withdrawal date.

Students who fail to return from an approved Leave of Absence (LOA); The last date the student attended will become the student's official withdrawal date.

## **Return of Title IV Funds Calculation Process**

The school will use the federal policy to determine the amount, which must be returned by the school and / or the student to Title IV programs. The procedure is:

- Determine Appropriate Withdrawal Date
- Determine Percentage Earned of Title IV Aid
- Determine Percentage of Unearned Title IV Aid
- Determine Title IV Aid to be Disbursed
- Determine Title IV Aid Disbursed
- Determine Title IV Aid to be Returned
- Determine Amount Institution Must Return
- Determine Student's Responsibility / Refund

## **Timeframe of Processing**

All students who withdraw from school must have applicable refunds (R2T4) and / or State calculated accurately and paid within 30 days from the Date of Determination (DOD) and 15 days to return the funds, not to exceed 45 days.

## **Funds Returned by Program**

### **RETURN TO TITLE IV CALCULATION (R2T4)**

This is the federally required process that determines whether any portions of funds received must be returned when a recipient of Federal Financial Aid Funds withdraws from a school.

Federal Aid funds are returned in the following order:

- Federal Unsubsidized Loan
- Federal Subsidized Loan
- Federal PLUS Loan
- Federal Pell Grant
- Federal SEOG Grant



- Cal Grant B and C
- Other Title IV Assistance

### **Notice of Refund**

Students will be sent a refund packet which will include the calculation and a notice of refunds made if applicable. An exit-counseling packet as referred in the policy for exit counseling will also be sent to the student.

### **Post-Withdrawal Disbursements**

If a student does not receive all of the funds that have been earned, per Return of Title IV calculation, the student may be due a post-withdrawal disbursement. Eligibility depends on required federal conditions and includes but is not limited to the U.S. Department of Education having processed a Student Aid Report (SAR) or Institutional Student Information Record (ISIR) with an official EFC prior to the student's loss of eligibility / last date of attendance grants.

- If a student is eligible for a post- withdrawal of a Federal Grant, it will be disbursed within 45 days of the date of determination of withdrawal and notified immediately.
- If a student is eligible for a post-withdrawal disbursement of a Federal Loan, they are notified within 45 days of the withdrawal date by mail and must respond within 14 days.
- If a student accepts the post-withdrawal disbursement of a Federal Loan, loans are disbursed as soon as possible, but no later 180 days of the withdrawal date.

### **Student's Responsibility for Returning Unearned Aid**

If the return of the Title IV aid calculation determines the student's portion of the funds are to be returned, the Financial Aid Office notifies the student of the amount to be refunded the federal government. Any loan funds that the student must return, the student will repay in accordance with the terms of the promissory note.

Any amount of unearned grant funds that the student must return is called an overpayment. The maximum amount of a grant overpayment a student must repay is half of the grant funds the student received or was scheduled to receive. The student does not have to repay a grant overpayment if the original amount of the overpayment is \$50.00 or less. The student must make arrangements with the Department of Education to return the unearned grant funds.

Hard copies of policies are maintained by the Campus President / Executive Director and reviewed with Department Managers to ensure proper implementation. Directors of Admissions, Career Services, Education and Financial Planning and the Business Office Manager are responsible for maintaining hard copies of the policies pertaining to their department and are responsible for training and monitoring implementation of the policy for their staff.

### **Refund Policy**

A student has the right to withdraw from a program of instruction at any time. Notification of intent to withdraw must be made to the Director of Education. Upon withdrawal, the tuition refund amount is calculated in the following manner:

- The total tuition program cost is divided by the number of hours / credits, as of the student's last date of attendance are multiplied by the hourly tuition charge calculated to determine the amount of tuition owed to the school.
- The total scheduled hours / credits as of the student's last date of attendance, are multiplied by the hourly tuition charge calculated in step (a) to determine the amount of tuition owed to the school.
- The amount of tuition paid by the student is determined.

- If the amount of the tuition paid by the student as determined in step is more than the amount owed to the school as determined in step (b) the difference is the refunded amount.

The withdrawal date for refund calculation purposes is the last date of record attendance.

### PAYMENT OF REFUNDS

Refunds will be paid within 45 days from the date of determination of withdrawal.

## State Refund Policy

In addition to the return of Title IV requirements for Federal Financial Aid Recipients, the institution is required by the State to calculate a prorated refund for all students who have completed less than 60% of their program, regardless of whether or not the student received Federal Student Aid Funds. However, the federal formula for return of Title IV funds may result in a larger refund than the State Refund Policy. In that case, the institution and / or the student must return the sum resulting in the larger of the two calculations to the appropriate federal student aid program. Therefore, the student may, after the Title IV funds are returned owe a balance to the Institution.

If a student withdraws or ceases attendance, we are required to determine if any Federal Financial Aid received should be returned. Federal Financial Aid is based and received at the start of the program and after mid-point and depending on the point of completion and the number of credits we are required to return all or a portion of aid we received.

The percentage earned according to the Return of Title IV policy is determined by the number of days attended in the payment period up to the last date of attendance from the institutions' attendance records over the actual number of days in the payment period of attendance.

### Sample

Percentage earned is equal to:

$$= \frac{\text{Calendar days completed up to the last day of attendance}}{\text{Calendar days in the payment period}}$$

### Excludes

- Institutionally scheduled breaks of five or more consecutive days.
- When a student has completed 60% or more, 100% of Title IV funds are earned.

The table below illustrates the application of the refund policy. The example assumes an original tuition charge of \$15,000.00 and assumes the student paid the entire \$15,000.00.

Percentage of Program Completed	10%	25%	50%	60%
<b>Tuition Paid by the Student</b>	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
<b>Non-Refundable Tuition Owed by the Student</b>	\$1,500	\$3,750	\$7,500	\$15,000
<b>Refund Amount</b>	\$13,500	\$11,250	\$7,500	\$0

## Withdrawal / Drop Date Policy

Official and unofficial withdrawal dates will be determined using the federal regulation definition for a withdrawal date. The official date will be determined by the earlier of one of the following:

- Date the student provides official notification of intent to withdraw.
- Students who fail to officially withdraw and have missed 14 consecutive calendar days of attendance are assumed to have withdrawn.
- Students who fail to return from an approved Leave of absence (LOA). In cases, where the student fails to return from an LOA, their last day of attendance (LDA) prior to the LOA will be used in the Return to Title IV calculation.

## Timeframe of Processing

All students who withdraw from school must have applicable refunds to the State calculated accurately and paid within 45 days from the Date of Determination (DOD) and will be based on the payment period from which the student withdrew.

## Notice of Refund

Students will be sent a refund packet which will include the calculation and a notice of refund(s) made if applicable. An exit counseling packet, as referred to in the policy for exit counseling, will also be sent to the student.

## Additional Cost Disclosure

Per California regulations governing the operation of our college, we are required to disclose to you any additional charges, fees, or expenses that you may incur while attending school that are **NOT INCLUDED** in the cost of your program:

- **Housing Costs:** High Desert Medical College does not offer housing to any student. You will be responsible for your own Housing. Students are encouraged to utilize web resources when searching for cost of living expenses. Students may consider [www.homearea.com](http://www.homearea.com) or [www.rentdata.org](http://www.rentdata.org) which provide estimated rent costs and home values by city or area.
- **Travel Expenses to and from School and / or Extern or Clinical Sites (if applicable):** High Desert Medical College does not provide transportation services to students. You will be responsible for any travel expenses that will result from traveling to and from school, traveling to externship or clinical site (if applicable).
- **Incidental School Supplies:** High Desert Medical College does not provide incidental supplies as part of the cost of your program. These items include, but are not limited to writing instruments, notebooks, papers, or any other supplies, equipment or tools necessary to complete assignments or comply with un

## Once You Are a High Desert Medical College Student

### Attendance Requirements

#### Core Program

Students are expected to attend all classes as scheduled. Consistent attendance is imperative to facilitate adequate learning. Students must meet the minimum required attendance standards of 80% in order to graduate from the program.

Attendance will be taken at the beginning of each class session. Students who are not present when attendance is taken will be considered absent.

Students who fail to officially withdraw and have missed 14 consecutive calendar days of attendance are assumed to have withdrawn.

#### TARDINESS

Students are considered 'tardy' if they arrive 15 minutes or later to the start of class. Time absent is counted toward total class hours missed. A student who exhibits consistent tardiness shall meet with the Director of Education and show cause as to why he / she should not be placed on attendance warning. The Director of Education will specify the required condition of warning issued in writing.

#### EARLY DEPARTURE

An 'early departure' is defined as the departure from a class 15 minutes or later from the scheduled end of class. A student who exhibits consistent early departure shall meet with the Director of Education and show cause as to why he / she should not be placed on attendance warning. The Director of Education will specify the required condition of warning issued in writing. Legacy Education utilizes a real-time digital attendance tracking application, CourseKey, to maintain real-time attendance for all students. Chronic or excessive late arrivals or early departures may lead to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from the course or program. Time absent is counted toward total class hours missed.

### Vocational Nursing

High Desert Medical College provides accelerated learning programs and mandates students to be in attendance 100% of the scheduled class time in order to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary for each program. Each class day will offer important information that the student will need to achieve his / her goal of a new career. If a student is absent from either theory or clinical sessions, the student is required to make-up any objectives missed.

The following are the attendance requirement guidelines for the Vocational Nursing program:

- Students are required to attend all theory and clinical classes as scheduled.
- Students will be required to demonstrate achievement of theory and / or clinical objectives presented on the day(s) absent.

It is the responsibility of the student to call the Vocational Nursing Department, Clinical Coordinator when they are absent. ALL THEORY AND CLINICAL OBJECTIVES MUST BE MADE UP FOR ANY DAY THE STUDENT IS NOT PRESENT AT THEORY OR CLINICAL. Absences must be called in to the Vocational Nursing office and the instructor on the same day of the absence. Students need to connect with the Vocational Nursing office for clinical or theory absences. Students are expected to be accountable for their actions. The student is responsible for making all arrangements with the Vocational Nursing office via the appropriate make up form for all theory make-ups and clinical make-ups. Make up assignments for theory are due to the DON within 10 days, failure to complete the make-up assignment

within 10 days will result in dismissal from the VN program. Skills lab is made up in the skills lab and make-up time must be scheduled with the instructor, failure to make up skills lab will result in clinical failure and dismissal from the program. Clinical make up is scheduled in the clinical site at the end of the term, failure to complete clinical make up will result in clinical failure and dismissal from the program.

Students may miss a maximum of 16 hours of theory and 16 hours of clinical/Skills Lab (skills lab hours are considered clinical hours) during a term.

Students will be given attendance warnings as below:

Theory:

8 hours missed first warning

16 hours missed second warning

Any time over 16 hours missed- termination from the VN program

Clinical/Skills Lab:

8 hours missed first warning

16 hours missed second warning

Any time over 16 hours missed- termination from the VN program

High Desert Medical College may review and require clearance for health conditions and pregnancy. If a pregnant student has full medical clearance, with no restriction, she/he may continue in the program. A Leave of Absence may be granted for the birth of a child, significant illness with a note from the doctor or extenuating circumstances.

- To return to school after a medical LOA, the student must provide High Desert Medical College with a full medical clearance.
- The student will be re-admitted on a space available basis only.
- The student is responsible for making all arrangements with the Vocational Nursing office via the appropriate make up form for all theory makeups and clinical makeups.
- A student is allowed no more than two absences per term and a total of eight absences for the entire program. Any absences exceeding these numbers will cause a student to be terminated from the program.
- All attendance issues are subject for review by the Director of Nursing.

### **TARDINESS**

Students are considered 'tardy' if they arrive 15 minutes or later to the start of class. Time absent is counted toward total class hours missed. A student who exhibits consistent tardiness shall meet with the Director of Education or Director of Nursing and show cause as to why he / she should not be placed on attendance warning. The Director of Education or Director of Nursing will specify the required condition of warning issued in writing.

### **EARLY DEPARTURES**

An 'early departure' is defined as the departure from a class 15 minutes or later from the scheduled end of class. A student who exhibits consistent early departure shall meet with the Director of Education or Director of Nursing and show cause as to why he / she should not be placed on attendance warning. The Director of Education or Director of Nursing will specify the required condition of warning issued in writing. Legacy Education utilizes a real-time digital attendance tracking application, CourseKey, to maintain real-time attendance for all students. Chronic or excessive late arrivals or early departures may lead to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from the course or program. Time absent is counted toward total class hours missed.

## **Associate Degree of Nursing**

It is the policy of High Desert Medical College as stated in the catalog that a college student is expected to attend all sessions of the classes in which he/she is enrolled. It is the responsibility of the student to personally notify the instructor when he/she is ill, to arrange for a make-up day, and to explain the reason for the absence to the instructor. This applies to classroom absence as well as clinical absence.

Policies of the Associate Degree of Nursing Program:

Your enrollment in this course constitutes an agreement between yourself and High Desert Medical College and its faculty for this course. Your obligation is to attend class and meet the objectives of the course. High Desert Medical College's and the faculty's obligation is to provide an atmosphere that facilitates learning and opportunities to assist you in successful completion of this course.

Orientation is mandatory for all courses. Failure to attend the first clinical day will result in the student being dropped from the course unless the instructor has been notified in advance. Students will not be admitted after the first day of class.

Students will be given copies of this policy at the beginning of each Nursing Science course. The students are required to sign their copy of this policy. The student is held accountable for the policies and procedures in the most current ADN Student Manual.

Absence from class because of death in the family, illness, or a court mandated appearance, is an excused absence. At the discretion of the instructor, a doctor's verification of illness may be requested.

Requested make-up days for excused absences may be granted at the discretion of the lead and clinical instructor. Make-up days will be considered if a student's request is made during the first week of return from illness. Make-ups must constitute a complete clinical day.

Tardiness to the clinical area is considered in the total evaluation of the day's performance. If the student is 1 minute tardy, this counts as 1 hour of absence.

**ABSENCE FROM CLINICAL**

The student is responsible for personal notification of the clinical instructor prior to the beginning of the day.

Attendance and punctuality are requirements in demonstrating satisfactory performance in meeting course objectives, as well as vital components of professional behavior and accountability. It is the responsibility of the student to attend class regularly, to notify the instructor when he/she is ill, or will be late, to arrange in advance for unavoidable absences, and to explain the reason for the absences to the instructor. This applies to classroom absences as well as clinical absence.

Lecture hours cannot be made up. The maximum number of lecture hours that may be missed is the number of hours the course meets per week for a 16 week course. These hours are as follows:

NUR 101 Foundations of Nursing 2 hours	NUR 102 Medical Surgical Nursing 2 hours	NUR 103 Pharmacology 3 hours	NUR 201 Medical Surgical Nursing II 3 hours
NUR 202 Advanced Pharmacology 3 hours	NUR 303 Gerontological Nursing 1 hour	NUR 304 Community Health Nursing 1 hour	NUR 301 Medical Surgical Nursing III 2 hours
NUR 302 Mental Health Nursing 1 hour	NUR 203 Nursing Care of Children 1 hour	NUR 204 Nursing Care of Women and neonates 1 hour	NUR 401 Medical Surgical Nursing IV 3 hours
NUR 402 Leadership and Professional Nursing Practice 2 hours			

Participation in clinical hours is required in order for faculty to evaluate satisfactory completion of the clinical objectives. A student's failure to participate in the minimum number of clinical hours will result in that student's dismissal from this course. Only excused clinical absences will be allowed to be made up. Absence from class because of death in the family or illness is an excused absence. Each clinical tardy will constitute a minimum absence of one hour. Requested make-up days for excused absences may be granted at the discretion of the lead and clinical instructor. Make-up days will be considered if a student's request is made during the **first** week of return from illness. Make-up days will only be allowed if an entire shift is completed. All clinical absences must be made up, there are no unexcused absences allowed in clinical.

Before any make-up exam may be taken by the Registered Nursing student, they must contact the instructor on their first day returning to school. Any student who does not adhere to the terms of this policy will receive a grade of zero ("0") on the exam. The following criteria must be followed:

- a) Student must bring written verification of illness or emergency to the instructor.
- b) Students will be required to take an alternate test the day they return to school. Failure to take the exam on the day they return will result in a zero for the exam. Student must contact the instructor on the student's first day returning to school in order to schedule a make-up exam on the first Didactic Day after the absence.
- c) All make-up exams must be taken after scheduled Didactic hours.
- d) Pop-quizzes cannot be made up.

#### **LATE ASSIGNMENTS**

A student who is present, in class, when an assignment is due, but does not turn in the assignment will have 10% deducted per day the assignment is late.

Assignments will not be accepted past three days late.

No assignments will be accepted past the last day of the course.

#### **NURSING SKILLS LABORATORY**

1. Students are responsible for assigned readings in textbooks and reviewing the video, skills checklist and taking the quiz in the clinical skills found in Sherpath evolve account prior to lab. Participation in discussions over the assigned material is expected. Failure to prepare will result in an unsatisfactory lab session. All lab sessions must be completed satisfactorily to progress to the clinical setting.
2. Students must adhere to the clinical dress code for skills laboratory sessions.

#### **CLINICAL EXPERIENCE**

1. Clinical attendance is mandatory. Refer to attendance policy.
2. Immunizations, titers, CPR, TB status, and clear criminal background check must be complete and on file for students to be able to attend clinical experience at the assigned clinical locations.
3. A dosage calculation test will be administered prior to students administering medications in the clinical setting. Students who fail to pass the dosage calculation test or who miss dosage calculation questions on the exams will be required to perform additional weekly remediation until all calculation questions on the exams are correctly answered.
4. Students will be allowed to perform designated nursing skills in the clinical setting only after receiving instruction and successfully demonstrating the skill in the Nursing Skills Laboratory.
5. Students are expected to meet clinical expectations outlined in the clinical evaluation tool.

6. Based on student learning needs, the faculty will determine the appropriate amount of time and clinical assignments needed to assess student growth. Faculty may require additional assignments and clinical assignments beyond the scheduled clinical hours.
7. A care plan is due every week and is part of the clinical evaluation. Care plans must be completed in order to pass clinical.

## Grading Policies

### Core Programs

Students are required to maintain satisfactory progress in their course of study. Satisfactory progress is measured by both qualitative and quantitative measurements calculated at the midpoint and conclusion of the program per the requirements set forth below. Students must maintain the minimum standards to be considered as maintaining satisfactory progress. In order to be assured of making satisfactory progress toward completion of their educational goal, all students must complete their program within 1.5 times the normal length of time as measured in clock / semester credit hours attempted.

For example, if a program requires 740 hours for completion, a student must meet this requirement without attempting any more than 1,110 clock hours ( $740 \times 1.5 = 1,110$ ). All clock / credit hours attempted, including repeated courses, will be counted toward the maximum time frame calculation. This includes courses with a grade of "W" or "I".

All students will be evaluated during their program to assure adherence to the Satisfactory Progress Policy requirements. If the required evaluation point(s) falls within a grading period, satisfactory progress will be judged based upon the Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) for the preceding grading period.

### Grading System

The school uses the following grading system for all **CORE** programs:

Grade	Percentage	Rating	Grade Point Value
A	90 – 100	Excellent	4.0
B	80 – 89	Very good	3.0
C	70 – 79	Average	2.0
D	60 – 69	Below average	1.0
F	0 – 59	Fail	0.0
R	None	Repeated	N/A
W	None	Withdrawal	N/A
TC	None	Transfer credit	N/A
CR	None	Test out	N/A
I	None	Incomplete	N/A

Each course must be passed with a minimum of 70%.



Grade	Rating	Description
P, F	Pass or fail	These grades are given for Externships and are not counted in the CGPA.
CC	Challenge credit	Students who successfully pass a challenge examination(s) will receive this grade. This grade does not affect the CGPA.
TC	Transfer credit	Students who receive Transfer Credit for courses taken at another institution will receive this grade. This grade does not affect the CGPA.
W	Withdrawal	Students who drop / withdraw from a course after the first five days of instruction receive this grade, which does not affect the CGPA. The credit attempted for this course will be counted toward the maximum timeframe with no credits granted.
I	Incomplete	Students who do not complete the course requirements by the last scheduled day of the course will receive this grade. This grade will not affect the CGPA until it is converted to a final grade. The Incomplete grade will be conferred to an "F" grade if the requirements are not met within ten calendar days of the last scheduled day of instruction for the course.
R	Repeat	This grade will be assigned to all courses that a student repeats. This grade does not affect the CGPA; however, credit hours attempted will count toward the maximum timeframe.

### Vocational Nursing

Per BVNPT policy, students must successfully pass both the Theory and Clinical portions of each term in order to continue in the program. Each of the three required terms is made up of multiple modules / or courses of instruction. All modules have separate tests, quizzes and assignments integrated within the instructional plan. Students receive grades on all tests, quizzes and assignments based upon the grading scale listed under the "Grading" section of this catalog.

### VN Clinical

Vocational Nursing students are evaluated on their ability to apply nursing concepts and skill competences in the clinical setting. These skills are represented in the specific clinical objectives included in the course syllabus. The clinical objectives are to be successfully met by the student in each term, as outlined and evaluated by the Clinical Instructor. If a student fails to meet the objectives, the student's performance jeopardizes minimum patient care standards. Students who fail to meet clinical objectives may be placed on Clinical Warning. Students are provided with a deficiency notice and will be referred to the Skills Lab for skills performance practice and evaluation. Once the deficiency is corrected, the student will be taken off the Clinical Warning. Students whose performance remains below minimal acceptable standards will receive a clinical grade of Fail. A clinical Pass is based on satisfactory achievement of all clinical objectives.

### Performance Rating Scale – VN Clinical

The clinical evaluation has ten categories:

1. Safety
2. Nursing Skills / Activities

3. Communication / Interpersonal Skills
4. Assessment
5. Planning
6. Nursing Diagnosis
7. Implementation
8. Evaluation
9. Medication
10. Critical Thinking

The student must practice within the standards of the ten categories. The student must perform basic nursing skills, apply nursing concepts based on human needs, and utilize the nursing process in clinical situations. Critical thinking skills are crucial in developing the ability to integrate nursing concepts to clinical practice such as pharmacology, physiological integrity, health promotion, psychosocial, safety, nutrition and growth and development across the life span.

### Remediation for Vocational Nursing

Remediation has been established to assist the student in improving theoretical or clinical knowledge while compensating for a failed module. Effective for all VN students beginning on or after July 1, 2011, remediation will be offered to students when the cumulative GPA is below the term minimum. During each Term, students will be allowed to remediate (i.e., retake one exam) replacing the lowest grade. **The student must complete remediation within ten calendar days.** If the student has completed the process but does not achieve a passing score, the original exam grade will stand and be factored into the term GPA. The maximum points allowed for passing remediation are equal to the term passing score (i.e., 75%, 78%, and 80%).

### Grading

The total Term grade is calculated based on both the theory and clinical areas. The theory represents a percentage grade and the clinical represents a "pass" or "fail". The final theory grade reflects the points accumulated from tests, homework, class presentation, comprehensive final examination, end of term diagnostic test, and extra credit from unannounced quizzes. The theory grade is calculated on a point system and is converted to a percentage grade. The number of points the student has acquired is divided by the total possible points, which represents the percentage grade. The clinical grade is based on clinical attendance and skills proficiency.

The student must achieve a passing grade based on the scale listed below:

- **Term 1:** 75% passing grade = to letter grade of "C"
- **Term 2:** 75% passing grade = to letter grade of "C"
- **Term3:** 75% passing grade = to letter grade of "C"
- **Term 4:** 75% passing grade = to letter grade of "C"

The student must achieve a clinical passing grade in order to progress to the next term. Failure to pass either the theory or clinical portion of the term will result in a final grade of "fail".

**VN Grading Criteria**

**LETTER / PERCENTAGE GRADES FOR VOCATIONAL NURSING PROGRAM (ONLY)**

	Basis of Guide
<b>Theory: 100% of Total Grade</b>	Quizzes and assignments
	Class presentation
	Comprehensive final exam
	Comprehensive math exam
<b>Clinical: Pass or Fail</b>	Clinical performance
	Attendance / participation

Grade	Percentage	Rating	Grade Point Value
<b>A</b>	90 to 100	Excellent	4.0
<b>B</b>	80 to 89	Very good	3.0
<b>C</b>	75 to 79	Average	2.0
<b>D</b>	70 to 74	Below average	1.0
<b>F</b>	0 to 69	Fail	0.0
<b>R</b>	None	Repeated	N/A
<b>W</b>	None	Withdrawal	N/A
<b>TC</b>	None	Transfer credit	N/A
<b>CR</b>	None	Test out	N/A
<b>I</b>	None	Incomplete	N/A

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**GRADE SCALE**

Grade	Percentage	Rating	Grade Point Value
A	90-100	Excellent	4.0
B	85-90	Good	3.0
C	80-84	Below Average	2.0
D	70-80	Fail	1.0
F	0-69	Fail	0.0
R	None	Repeated	N/A
W	None	Withdrawal	N/A

TC	None	Transfer Credit	N/A
CR	None	Test Out	N/A
I	None	Incomplete	N/A

P,F	Pass or Fail. These grades are given for Clinical and are not counted in the CGPA.
CC	Challenge Credit. Students who successfully pass a challenge examination(s) will receive this grade. This grade does not affect the CGPA.
TC	Transfer Credit. Students who receive Transfer Credit for courses taken at another institution will receive this grade. This grade does not affect the CGPA.
W	Withdrawal. Students who drop/withdraw from a course after the first five days of instruction receive this grade, which does not affect the CGPA. The credits attempted for this course will be counted toward the maximum time frame with no credits granted.
I	Incomplete. Students who do not complete the course requirements by the last scheduled day of the course will receive this grade. This grade will not affect the CGPA until it is converted to a final grade. The Incomplete grade will be converted to an *F" grade if the requirements are not met within 10 calendar days of the last scheduled day of instruction for the course.
R	Repeat. This grade will be assigned to all courses that a student repeats. This grade does not affect the CGPA however; credit hours attempted will count toward the maximum time frame.

Students will be evaluated for progress and/or mastery of student learning outcomes using methods of evaluation which may include, but are not limited to, the following activities:

Quizzes and examinations on key concepts and terminology designed to assess students' ability to critically analyze and apply nursing content.

Cumulative final examination designed to assess students' mastery of theoretical course content and cognitive understanding of nursing procedures.

Clinical observation/evaluation, skill development practice and clinical competency are designed to ensure progress in mastering foundational nursing skills.

Written assignments that demonstrate an understanding of professional nursing concepts including ethical behavior, standards of practice, legal principles, accountability, role development, and professional boundaries.

A minimum grade of "C" (80%) is mandatory in all required nursing theory and clinical courses. See registered nursing prerequisites for other courses. 80% must be achieved on all theory exams independent of clinical points.

In nursing science courses, the total course grade is based upon both knowledge and performance of skills. Theory being taught is concurrently applied in the clinical setting. Clinical performance involves application of theoretical knowledge in a practice setting. The student must be satisfactory in all clinical behaviors on the last clinical day to pass. Therefore, any student unable to meet the clinical performance objectives for the course is considered unsatisfactory and will receive a maximum grade of "D" for the course. The student must receive a course grade of "C" to successfully complete the course.

There will be a math exam during weeks 1-2, during each course taken in the nursing science program. The mandatory passing score for this exam is 90 percent. If the student does not attain a score of 90 percent or higher on the first exam, the student must remediate and retake the exam. The syllabus for the course will indicate the number of retakes allowed and the time frame for completing the exam. If the score is below 90 percent on the final attempt, the student may be dropped from the course.

All students will be advised of unsatisfactory performance at the time the unsatisfactory incident occurs, or as soon after as possible. When a student has demonstrated a pattern of unsatisfactory performance, the instructor will arrange a conference with the student. At the conference the instructor will give the student a written summary of the unsatisfactory incidents along with suggestions to assist the student in improving these behaviors. The student, together with the instructor, will develop a plan stating goals to be attained and dates by which the goals must be met. In the event that the goals agreed to in the plan are not met, the student will receive a maximum grade of "D" for the course.

If a student receives one "U" or two "Ns" in the same evaluation criteria on their weekly formative evaluation, the instructor may require a conference and there may be possible failure of the course. An unsatisfactory on the last weekly formative evaluation will result in an unsatisfactory grade for the clinical rotation and a maximum grade of "D" for the course.

The student is evaluated weekly in clinical based on clinical objectives and QSEN competencies. The objectives are identified in the syllabus for each course as are the competencies.

## Registrar / Records

Grade	Rating	Description
P, F	Pass or fail	These grades are given for Externships and are not counted in the CGPA.
CC	Challenge credit	Students who successfully pass a challenge examination(s) will receive this grade. This grade does not affect the CGPA.
TC	Transfer credit	Students who receive Transfer Credit for courses taken at another institution will receive this grade. This grade does not affect the CGPA.
W	Withdrawal	Students who drop / withdraw from a course after the first five days of instruction receive this grade, which does not affect the CGPA. The credit attempted for this course will be counted toward the maximum timeframe with no credits granted.
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R	Repeat	This grade will be assigned to all courses that a student repeats. This grade does not affect the CGPA; however, credit hours attempted will count toward the maximum timeframe.

## Records / Transcripts

In accordance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), all student information contained in the student's academic, administrative, financial aid and placement files is held in strict confidence. Access to student files is limited to staff members and the college's approved and accredited authorities. Students may examine their files at any time during normal school hours. Student files may not be removed from campus grounds for any reason. If a student would like a copy of any of the information contained in their files, or a transcript, a written request may be made to the campus Registrar / Records office. Official transcripts will be issued for students at any time after graduation. Please see the Accounting office for a schedule of transcript fees.

Personal information, counseling notes or financial information contained in students' files will not be released to any outside party other than the student without a signed release by the student. A student's file will be documented each time personal identifiable information is disclosed to persons other than the student. A student may request an amendment to their records. Students may also request a formal meeting with the Campus Director and Director of Education if the request for amendment is denied, challenging the contents of any educational record on the grounds that the records are inaccurate, misleading or violate the rights of the student. Requests for amendments to a student's educational records or a meeting to challenge the contents of a student's record should be made in writing to the Campus Director.

## Retention of Student Records

Student records will be maintained at the school site for five years from the last date of attendance as required by law. Transcripts are maintained permanently and are available for all currently and formerly enrolled students. Students are required to notify the college of any changes in their personal information such as changes of address, phone numbers, marital status, name, etc., within ten days of the date of the change to facilitate proper state, federal and licensure documentation. A Change of Address form can be obtained from the campus Registrar / Records office.

High Desert Medical College protects our students' admissions, academic and financial records against loss and fire by storing such records in multiple secure locations both physical and electronic. High Desert Medical College maintains all financial records of students, including but not limited to Financial Aid Disbursements, Financial Aid Retail Agreements, Tuition and Fee payments, and Tuition Refund records, as digital copies for at least six years. The Corporate Registrar, and Custodian of Records, is based at the Lancaster main campus located at 701 West Avenue K, Suite 122, Lancaster, CA 93534. Phone number is 661-940-9300. Records are maintained at each campus.

## Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and Personally Identifiable Information (PII)

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA") afford eligible students certain rights with respect to their education records. (An "eligible student" under FERPA is a student who is 18 years of age or older or who attends a postsecondary institution.) These rights include:

- The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days after the day the High Desert Medical College receives a request for access. A student should submit to the Registrar a written request that identifies the record(s) the student wishes to inspect. The High Desert Medical Registrar will make arrangements for access and notify the student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.
- The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the student believes is inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights under FERPA. A student who wishes to have records amended should submit a written form, available from the Registrar, clearly identifying the part of the record the student wants changed and specifying why it should be changed. The student should also identify the school official responsible for the record, if known. If High Desert Medical decides not to amend the record as requested, the High Desert Medical Registrar will notify the student in writing of the decision and the student's right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the student when notified of the right to a hearing.
- **Personally Identifiable Information:** The right to provide written consent before the university discloses personally identifiable information ("PII") from the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. High Desert Medical may disclose education records without a student's prior written consent under the FERPA exception for disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by High Desert Medical College in an administrative, supervisory, academic, research, or support staff position (including law enforcement unit personnel and health staff); a person serving on the board of trustees; or a student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee. A school official also may include a volunteer or contractor outside of High Desert Medical College who performs an institutional service of function for which the school would otherwise use its own employees and who is under the direct control of the school with respect to the use and maintenance of PII from education records, such as an attorney, auditor, or collection agent or a student volunteering to assist another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibilities for High Desert Medical College.

Under FERPA, High Desert Medical College may also disclose PII from the education records to the following parties without obtaining prior written consent of the student for the following purposes:

- Information the school has designated as “Directory Information” to the general public.
- Other schools to which a student is transferring or seeks to enroll.
- Specified federal or state officials for audit or evaluation purposes.
- Appropriate parties in connection with financial aid for the student.
- Organizations conducting certain studies for or on behalf of the school.
- Accrediting organizations carrying out their functions.
- Appropriate officials in cases of health and safety emergencies.
- Appropriate parties in order to comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena; State and local authorities, within a juvenile justice system, pursuant to specific state law.
- The parent or legal guardian when the student is a dependent, when the student is under the age of 21 and is in violation of any laws governing the use of alcohol or a controlled substance, or when the student is accompanied by their parent to a meeting with a college official.
- Appropriate parties, including parents, when a significant threat to the health or safety of a student or other individuals exists.
- The final results of a disciplinary hearing based on a crime of violence or a non-forcible sex offense, under certain circumstances.

The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by High Desert Medical College to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA is: Family Policy Compliance Office U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20202.

### **The Right to Limit the Release of Directory Information**

“Directory Information” is information contained in a student’s education record which would not generally be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed. Under FERPA, High Desert Medical College may release Directory Information about its students. The following is a list of the information that High Desert Medical College considers Directory Information:

- Name
- High Desert Medical College Student Identification Number
- Address
- Phone Number
- Email Address
- Birthdate
- Enrollment Status
- Degrees and Honors Received



- Major or Field of Study
- Attendance Dates
- Most Recent School Attended
- Participation in Officially Recognized Activities
- Photographs

You have the right to limit the disclosure of Directory Information. Please follow the instructions through your High Desert Medical Student Portal or ask the Registrar for assistance. High Desert Medical College must receive your request to limit the disclosure of Directory Information within 45 days of the start of your course or program. However, please carefully consider the consequences of any decision to limit disclosure. For instance, if you choose to withhold disclosure of your name or degree, your information will not appear in the commencement program or honor rolls. Should you later choose to release this hold, you may do so at any time.

## **Withdrawal and Incomplete Grade Policy**

Withdrawal from a program will result in termination from the program and all student financial aid and financing will cease. A course of instruction must be completed with a passing grade for Vocational Nursing both in theory and clinical according to the grading policies.

## **Official Withdrawal Procedure**

Students who intend to withdraw from a program must notify High Desert Medical College either orally or in writing. The designated office for official notification of withdrawal is the Registrar / Records office. Students who do not provide official notification of withdrawal to the campus Registrar / Records office will be terminated per the college's satisfactory progress and attendance policies. The withdrawal date will be the last date of attendance at an academically related activity. Students, who notify the college of intent to withdraw and subsequently rescind that decision, must provide the college with written notification of the rescission.

## Student Services / Placement Assistance

High Desert Medical College provides placement assistance to all qualified graduates at no additional charge. The college makes no claims guaranteeing employment upon graduation. However, we strive to help students to get interviews and locate possible job openings for their program of study. An explanation of the placement services available to all eligible graduates follows. Placement assistance includes, but is not limited to:

- Assistance in preparing, updating and customizing resumes for graduates.
- Instruction in interviewing techniques including "mock" interviews to assist the student in identifying deficiencies in interviewing techniques.
- Pre-placement interview by the placement department to determine the graduates' employment requirements, preferences and potential prospects.
- Assistance in locating current job openings and scheduling interviews for the graduate in the field(s) for which the graduate is qualified to work. This is accomplished through personal contact by the placement department, telephone contact to employers, which may result in scheduled interviews for graduates, review and investigation of advertised openings in local newspapers and other sources of current job openings.
- Direct telemarketing of prospective employers.
- Memberships and attendance in local organizations to develop personal contacts and market the graduates to local businesses.
- Subscribing to the mailing lists of local large employers such as universities and colleges, city and county employment departments, state and federal employment listings, local coalitions and organizations that publish newsletters or other publications listing job openings.
- Pre-interview reviews with graduates prior to assignment of interviews. The Career Services Department will research the prospective employer and then meet with the graduate to prepare them for the specific requirements and expected situations / questions of the interview.
- If requested and approved, the Career Services Department will also arrange and monitor a voluntary externship for any graduate that is not a part of the regular course curriculum. Externships are a proven method for increasing the chances of hiring.
- Follow-up with graduates after placement to insure adequacy and continued employment prospects.
- All students must provide accurate up-to-date telephone numbers and addresses to the Career Services Department to ensure continued assistance.
- All students must complete the confirmation of hire form with their employer's signature once employed.
- All High Desert Medical College students must provide a resume prior to completion of program.

## Student Services

The ultimate goal of Faculty and Staff at High Desert Medical College is to help students successfully complete their academic program and support the students in whatever way possible to achieve their goal. Here are some of the services High Desert Medical College provides as well as other student support services:

### Tutoring

Upon student request, Career Services will work with the student, faculty and college tutor to assist the student in their academic performance.

### Advisement

Advisement is available at High Desert Medical College to all students through the Student Services office, instructors, programs supervisors, and the Campus Director or manager at each location.

### Smoking Areas

All High Desert Medical College campuses are non-smoking. Students wishing to smoke may do so in the designated outdoor areas.

### Student Lounge

Each campus has a student lounge, which is conveniently located to provide a comfortable environment for students wishing to relax during breaks from academic activities. Each lounge provides vending machines for student convenience.

### Other Services

There are many things that can impact a student's success while in school. At High Desert Medical College, we strive to offer whatever support we can to assist students. This may include tutoring, referring students to community agencies, and bus passes at discounted prices. Students are strongly encouraged to meet with the Student Services Coordinator / Director, Director of Education, Program supervisor, and / or Externship Coordinator if they are encountering difficulties.

### Well-Being Officer

This person is responsible to advocate and nurture the holistic care of the people of Legacy Education. Focusing on the physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual needs to support all leaders, employees, and the student body in their health and well-being. Through the building and leading of holistic opportunities and programs to foster growth and a sense of well-being. Students can schedule a meeting directly by reaching out to her email [ascola@legacyed.com](mailto:ascola@legacyed.com) or work with their Student Services Coordinator / Director to make a connection.

### Technical Support

Technical support is available to students and staff for canvas 24/7 via the help support center button that is in Canvas LMS.

Additionally, technical support is provided for students and staff during institutional operating hours from 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. via our [helpdesk@hdmc.edu](mailto:helpdesk@hdmc.edu) email.

The Director of Student Information Systems, Director of IT, Vice President of Academics / Online Learning and Chief Academic Officer receive notification from faculty or students regarding any technical issues or assistance needed for all Systems utilized within the program.

## Externship

### Core Programs

The externship program is designed for students to demonstrate their skill level to a prospective employer. It allows an employer to evaluate the student's ability in skills, time management, dependability, and to demonstrate that they would be a valuable asset to the employer. All programs except for Vocational Nursing have an externship as part of their educational process. Extern is a set number of hours on an employment site where the student demonstrates their educational skills in their selected field.

The externship coordinator will meet with the student prior to their starting an extern site. This meeting will include discussing all geographical, childcare, transportation or other situations that could prevent the student from finishing the program.

The externship may require travel up to 100 miles from campus. The externship coordinator and the student work as a team in locating a suitable site. Once a site has been located by either the coordinator or the student and approved for meeting the externship requirements, an externship agreement will be forwarded for signature prior to the start of externship.

Weekly time sheets must be signed by the student and supervisor and faxed to the campus Registrar / Records office by Friday of every week. Without this documentation, a student's time is not entered towards completion of the program, which **could lead to termination from the program**.

Once a student has agreed to a site, it is the responsibility of the student to report to the specified location. If a student fails to report to work and does not call the site supervisor and the Externship Coordinator, the student loses the privilege to be at the selected site. The student is then required to find their next site within the specified time frame to avoid termination from the program.

If a student gets **released** from an externship site for inappropriate conduct the student will be required to find his or her own site within the specified time frame to avoid termination from the program. The extern student must at all times represent themselves in a professional and ethical manner. A student must always be dressed professionally and have a high level of professional conduct.

### Pharmacy Technician Externship Requirements

High Desert Medical College, in an effort to provide quality training experiences, provides students with an Externship that exceeds the Board of Pharmacy requirements of 120 hours. Students will attend externship for a total of 160 hours, in a community pharmacy setting, to complete the program requirements.

Per the Board of Pharmacy Regulation (4115.5. Pharmacy Technician Trainee; Placement; Supervision; Requirements) an externship in which a pharmacy technician trainee is participating as described in subdivision (a) shall be for a period of no more than 120 hours. When an externship in which a pharmacy technician trainee is participating as described in subdivision (a) involves rotation between a community and hospital pharmacy for the purpose of training the student in distinct practice settings, the externship may be for a period of up to 320 hours. No more than 120 of the 320 hours may be completed in a community pharmacy setting or in a single department in a hospital pharmacy.

## Magnetic Imaging Resonance (MRI) Externship Requirements

- Candidates for magnetic resonance (MR) certification and registration must document performance of a minimum of 125 repetitions of magnetic resonance imaging procedures according to the criteria noted below. Procedures are documented, verified, and submitted when complete via an online tool accessible through My ARRT Info account on arrt.org. ARRT encourages individuals to obtain education and experience beyond these minimum requirements.
- Completion of each procedure must be verified by an ARRT certified and registered technologist (postprimary certification not required) or an interpreting physician. The verification process is described within the online tool.
- Completion of the MRI safety requirements must be verified by an ARRT certified and registered technologist (postprimary certification not required), a medical physicist, or an interpreting physician.
- The clinical experience requirements for MRI consist of 47 procedures in six different categories. The six categories include:
  - A. Head and Neck
  - B. Spine
  - C. Thorax
  - D. Abdomen and Pelvis
  - E. Musculoskeletal
  - F. Additional Imaging Procedures
- Candidates must document the performance of complete, diagnostic quality procedures according to the following rules:
  - Choose a minimum of 21 different procedures out of the 47 procedures on the following pages
  - Complete and document a minimum of three and a maximum of six repetitions of each chosen procedure; less than three will not be counted
  - Complete a total of 125 repetitions across all procedures
  - No more than one procedure may be documented on one patient. For example, if an order requests an MRA of the head and neck for one patient, only one of these, including the post-processing procedures, can be documented for clinical experience documentation
  - MRI procedures performed in conjunction with a PET scan or Radiation Therapy planning or LINAC procedure are not eligible for MRI Clinical Experience documentation

### Examples:

The hypothetical scenarios below illustrate two ways of satisfying the clinical experience requirements. Numerous other combinations are possible.

- Candidate A: This person who works in a specialized setting wanted to complete the minimum number of procedures. This person chose 21 different procedures and performed six repetitions of each procedure, for a total of 126 repetitions.
- Candidate B: This person works in a facility that does most types of MRI scans, so completing a wide variety of procedures was quite feasible. This candidate completed a total of 42 procedures. Although most of these procedures were performed three times (the minimum), a few of them were performed four or five times each until the candidate reached at least 125 procedures.

## Campus Security / Safety Information

Students should immediately report any emergency to their instructor or any other staff member. In the event of an incident requiring emergency medical personnel, students are requested to observe the directions of staff members and keep the hallways and doorways clear to allow easy, unrestricted access for paramedics or other emergency personnel.

All students are requested to complete a Medical Emergency Information Form upon enrollment. If there are any changes to the information requested on the form, please see the Student Service Office and update the form. The medical information listed on this form is imperative to paramedics in the event of a medical emergency and may save your life. Please keep us informed of any changes in your medical conditions, medications, allergies or related information.

Students are encouraged to report to any staff member any illegal or suspicious activities witnessed on campus grounds or in the parking areas. If a student experiences a criminal act while on campus at High Desert Medical College, the student should immediately report the matter directly to any of the following individuals:

- Campus Director (Lancaster)
- Campus Director (Bakersfield)
- Campus Director (Temecula)

High Desert Medical College's Safety Committee meets regularly to report any safety hazards on campus. To report a safety hazard, please see the Student Service Office or report the hazard to any staff member. A staff member is available to escort students to their vehicles when leaving the campus after dark. To request an escort, please see the Receptionist or Student Services office. The college conducts regular fire drills on an unannounced basis. Please review the emergency exit plans posted throughout the campus and become familiar with the emergency exits around you.

In compliance with federal law, the college publishes an annual Campus Safety report, which provides statistics on arrests for criminal offenses that have occurred on campus during the previous year. As of the date of this publication, no criminal arrests have been made on campus since the college began operation. To request a copy of the Safety Report, please see the Campus Director.

## Policies

### School Policies and Procedures

Welcome to High Desert Medical College and congratulations on choosing one of the finest learning facilities in both the Antelope Valley and Bakersfield areas. We want your stay with us to be both effective and enjoyable. To this end, we would like to inform you of the following rules and procedures of the institution. If you have any questions regarding these rules and policies, please do not hesitate to inquire with any staff member. Remember, at High Desert Medical College **"The student always comes first!"**

### Drug and Alcohol Prevention / Awareness Policy

High Desert Medical College maintains a Drug and Alcohol-free campus. Drugs and alcohol pose a serious health threat to students and the public at large. The college strictly prohibits the unlawful use, sale, possession or distribution of narcotics, prescription drugs or alcohol by students and employees on the campus grounds, externship or clinical sites or as part of any school activity. Students found in violation of this policy will be subject to immediate termination and possible referral to the appropriate authorities for criminal prosecution as applicable under state and federal laws.

Drug and Alcohol Prevention / Awareness informational materials are available to any student. We have an extensive list of referral agencies that can assist any student in these areas. Please contact the Student Services office for information on referral sources. All inquiries or requests for information on Drug or Alcohol awareness / prevention are held in strictest confidence.

### Dress Code Policy

In keeping with the philosophy of dressing for success, we require that all students at High Desert Medical College follow the dress code for the field in which they train or for the program of enrollment. All programs at High Desert Medical College require students to wear uniforms (scrubs); each student will be issued two sets of scrubs as part of the program costs. Additional scrubs may be purchased from the school.

Students who come to school in attire that is not suitable may not be allowed to attend classes that day and will receive an absence. The purpose of the dress code is to encourage a professional, business environment for visiting employers and potential externship providers. Students will be counseled regarding dress that is inappropriate or in direct violation of the dress code. The following guidelines will be required in all programs:

#### Dress Code – Both on Campus, Externship, and Clinical Rotation Sites

- Scrub pants and top with school embroidered logo. Picture ID badge. The picture I.D. name badge is to be worn in all hospital units at all times. The uniform / scrubs should be laundered and free of wrinkles each time it is worn. You may wear a jacket or sweater with no sport or affiliation logos. High Desert Medical College apparel will be permitted to be worn on campus. The jacket should not have hoods attached to them (no "hoodies") and no hats, or bandannas, sunglasses or headphones may work in class, externship or clinical sites. Externship and clinical sites may require the student to remove their jacket or sweater while on site.
- Natural shade hose or white socks with white uniform shoes only. Clean, white, closed-toed shoes must be worn. If shoes with laces are worn, the laces must be clean. No clogs or open-toed shoes are allowed.
- A current CPR Card must be carried by all students at all times while on clinical rotation.
- The student is to be dressed in full clinical uniform / scrubs before clinical pre-conference and is not allowed to change out of the uniform / scrubs until after clinical post-conference.

- No key necklaces at clinical.

#### **GENERAL APPEARANCE**

Scrubs at all times, clean and wrinkle free. No headgear, such as hats, bandanas, beanies, caps, scarves, etc. No sunglasses or headphones in classroom or clinical sites. White shoes must be worn and must be clean.

#### **HAIR**

Must be clean, dry hair and well-groomed with natural colors. Hair must be secured off of the face and shoulders.

#### **NAILS**

The length of your nails should not exceed 1/8 of an inch. No acrylics. Clear polish only. The length of your nails should not exceed the length of the finger.

#### **MAKEUP**

Recommend simple light, makeup for a professional environment.

#### **JEWELRY-BODY ART**

One pair of stud earrings only. No hoops. No tongue rings. No necklaces. No bracelets. One watch. No visible facial or body piercing and all tattoos must be covered. Single wedding rings only.

#### **CELL PHONES**

Cell phones, PDAs, etc. use of these devices in the classroom, lab, externship or clinical sites are **NOT** allowed at any time

### **Vocational Nursing**

At the start of clinical rotations, the student must wear the uniform (scrubs) at clinical sites and while attending classes on campus. The uniform (scrubs) and the supplies noted below are included in the cost of the program. Additional uniforms and supplies may be purchased through the college receptionist; scrubs cannot be purchased from outside sources.

- 1 Picture ID Badge
- 1 Stethoscope
- 2 Unisex Scrub Sets with School Embroidered Logo
- 1 Current CPR Card
- 1 Lab Coat (issued prior to Externship)

All students are **REQUIRED** to provide the following additional items that are not included in the costs of the program and or made available by the college:

- White, closed-toe nursing shoes
- Wristwatch with sweep second hand
- Blood pressure cuff
- Black ink ballpoint pen
- Pen light



- Skills lab supplies as specified

### Personal Hygiene and Grooming Guidelines

- No gum chewing, or smoking is allowed in the clinical units. All clinical "No Smoking" policies must be observed.
- Hair must be neat, off the collar and secured to avoid the possibility of falling into food or onto a sterile surface. Hair must not be allowed to fall onto a patient.
- Hair combs, clasps, barrettes and pins should be brown or black. They should be functional and not worn for decoration.
- Hair color must be maintained in naturally occurring shades. Hair styles must be subdued and acceptable in a medical office environment, (e.g., "Mohawk" or "Spiked" styles are examples of hairstyles that are NOT acceptable).
- Any makeup worn should be subdued.
- Good personal hygiene and grooming, including use of a deodorant. No perfume, cologne or aftershave is allowed. Scents in hair spray, deodorant, hand lotions, etc., are at times noticeable and may be offensive to patients.
- Fingernails should be short and clean. No artificial nails of any kind may be worn. Colored nail polish is not allowed. Non-chip, clear nail polish is allowed.
- Jewelry carries microorganisms. Only one stud earring in each ear is allowed. Only wedding band and / or engagement ring is allowed on the ring finger. No bracelets, anklets, necklaces, chains, chokers, etc., are allowed.
- No facial or tongue piercing is allowed, and all tattoos must be covered.
- A current CPR card must be in the student's possession while at the externship or clinical assignment.

Students will be measured for scrubs and orders will be placed during the first week of classes. All other items included in the Uniform Package will be issued to students prior to starting the appropriate skills lab, externships or clinical rotations. After the supply Uniform Package has been issued, students must wear the required uniform / scrubs while on campus, externship sites and at clinical sites. Failure to dress in the required scrubs once issued will result in the student being sent home and an absence will be credited to the student's attendance.

### Conduct

High Desert Medical College strives to provide a professional learning environment for all of its students. Therefore, students are asked to dress for class in attire that's required of all programs and acceptable in a medical environment. Abusive language and / or profanity are not allowed.

A student lounge is provided for meals and breaks. **THERE IS NO SMOKING ALLOWED IN THE CLASSROOMS, BATHROOMS OR IN THE STUDENT LOUNGE.** Smoking is permitted in designated areas outside the facility. Please dispose of smoking materials properly. High Desert Medical College is a "closed" campus. Children and / or guests of enrolled students are not allowed on campus or in classrooms.

Students are expected to adhere to the high standards of personal and professional conduct that will not interfere with the learning process of other students. Those students who do not meet the conduct standards will be subject to review by the Disciplinary Committee and subject to suspension, dismissal and / or termination.

The school administration reserves the right to exercise its judgment to dismiss and/or terminate a student for any of the following reasons: The following list is a sample representation only and not to be considered conclusive.

- Failure to abide by the rules and regulations of the school.
- Conduct which reflects unfavorably on the school or its students.
- Failure to adhere to Satisfactory Progress Policies.
- Excessive absences or tardiness.
- Cheating.
- Falsifying school records.
- Putting patients or other students in jeopardy through the exercise of poor judgment or inability to meet clinical objectives.
- Failure to adhere to the rules or regulations of clinical sites.
- Entering the campus, classrooms, or clinical sites under the influence of alcohol, drugs or illegal narcotics of any kind.
- Conduct which interferes with the learning process during classroom, externship and clinical experience.
- Conduct that interferes with the instructional process.
- Instigation or participation in rebellious activities against the school, faculty or its students.
- Violation of copyright laws, use or distribution of said materials will result in immediate dismissal from a program and / or High Desert Medical College.
- Sexual harassment of any kind toward students, staff or patients.
- Profanity on campus or at clinical sites.
- Theft, vandalism or destruction of student, school or clinical property.

Students are expected to stay in their seats during class time. Students will not leave the classroom during class time without permission from the instructor.

### **Cell Phone Usage**

Cell phone use or texting during class will not be allowed. Earphones will not be allowed during class time. All cell phones must be turned off during class time. Phone calls can be made or received during the breaks. No electronic devices will be allowed during class.

### **Sexual Harassment / Offense Policy**

High Desert Medical College conducts periodic seminars and guest lectures regarding sexual harassment and sex offenses including rape, acquaintance rape and other forcible and non-forcible sex offenses. If a student feels that he / she has been a victim of a sex-related offense or sexual harassment, the following steps should be taken:

- The incident should immediately be reported to either of the following individuals:
  - Campus Director (Lancaster);
  - Campus Director (Bakersfield);

- Campus Director (Temecula).
  - Students should be aware that it is important to preserve any evidence of a sexual or other criminal offense to aid in providing proof of the offense.

A student has the option to notify local law enforcement agencies regarding the offense. If requested, an Executive Staff member will assist the student in doing so.

High Desert Medical College maintains information on local counseling and mental health agencies that can assist the student in coping with a sex related offense. To obtain this information, please see the Director of Education or the Student Services. All inquiries regarding this information will be held in strictest confidence. High Desert Medical College will make every effort to modify the student's academic situation after an alleged sexual offense if requested.

Disciplinary action will be taken in cases of an alleged sexual offense if requested in writing by the accuser. The request for disciplinary action should include the date of the alleged offense, the specific location, time, details and circumstances of the alleged offense, the name of the accused and be signed by the accuser. The request should be forwarded by certified mail, return receipt requested to:

- Campus President (Lancaster), 701 W Avenue K, Suite 123, Lancaster, CA 93534
- Campus Director (Bakersfield), 2000 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Bakersfield, CA 93301
- Campus Director (Temecula), 31625 De Portola Road, Suite 200, Temecula, CA 92592

If a disciplinary proceeding is initiated, the accuser and the accused parties will be entitled to the same opportunities to have another party present during the proceeding and both the accused and the accuser will be informed of the outcome of any disciplinary proceeding brought alleging a sex related offense. All proceedings arising out of an alleged sexual offense will be private, confidential and limited to the Executive Management Team of High Desert Medical College, the accused, the accuser and their other parties to the extent allowed by law.

The following sanctions may be imposed following a final determination of a disciplinary proceeding regarding rape, acquaintance rape, and other forcible or non-forcible sex offenses:

- Warning (either verbal or written) documented in the accused student or employee file.
- If the accused has been previously warned either verbally or in writing for a similar offense, the accused may be immediately terminated from enrollment or employment without the possibility of reinstatement.
- Immediate termination from enrollment or employment without the possibility of reinstatement.

## Leave of Absence Policy

A Leave of Absence (LOA) may be granted to students who require a medical leave of absence, extreme hardships, legal reasons or other mitigating circumstances. LOA's are granted on an individual basis and must be requested in writing by the student and approved by the Director of Education and / or the Director of Nursing, Registrar, and Instructor. A student may take multiple LOA's during their entire program. During the term of an LOA, eligibility for student financing is suspended. The total cumulative length of time that a student may take a Leave of Absence must not exceed 180 days or 1/2 the program length, whichever is shorter. An approved LOA will be granted only if the student has completed at least one course of instruction and the college can reasonably expect the student to return to school and resume their program at or prior to the point in time that they left off. Students who take an LOA will be required to take an LOA at the end of the module and return to the training program at the beginning of the module.

ALL students requesting a Leave of Absence are required to meet with the Campus Registrar, Director of Education and / or Director of Nursing and Financial Aid Office for initial requests for Leave of Absence. Approval of all Leave of Absences (LOA) will be at the discretion of the Campus Director.

Failure to return from a Leave of Absence on the scheduled return date will result in termination from classes. The first day of the student's Leave of Absence will be considered the last date of attendance for determining refund calculations. No additional charges will be assessed to a student's account during a Leave of Absence.

Students will be re-admitted at the end of a Leave of Absence on a "space available" basis only. If space is not available at the scheduled return date, the student will be terminated and will have to reapply for admission at a later date.

Recipients of Federal Funds Educational Loans (FFEL) and alternative loan financing should be aware that failure to return from an approved Leave of Absence will reduce the number of days in a student's "grace period" for beginning repayment of funds / loans disbursed. For example, if a student takes an approved leave of absence for 30 days and fails to return to classes (withdraws from school) the withdrawal date will be the first day of the Leave of Absence. Therefore, 30 days of the student's grace period would already have been used. For an explanation of grace periods, please see the Student Financing Office and Financial Aid Office. Students are encouraged not to take a Leave of Absence since knowledge and skills may decline without continuous use. However, if one is required, please see the Campus Registrar, Director of Education and / or the Director of Nursing and Campus Director. All LOAs will be approved in 30-day increments unless otherwise approved by the Campus Director or Executive Management.

# Student Disciplinary Procedure

## Disciplinary Steps

### Disciplinary Committee

High Desert Medical College maintains a Disciplinary Committee to review and recommend action on student issues or concerns raised. Actions that can be referred to the Disciplinary Committee include, but are not limited to, student behavior issues, student complaints against other students or staff, sexual harassment claims, student actions, behavior on campus or at clinical, externship sites, or any other serious matter concerning a student's period of attendance. Referral to the Disciplinary Committee is a serious issue and may result in suspension or termination from High Desert Medical College. All Disciplinary Committee meetings are closed, and students referred to the Committee for action will be informed in writing of the Committee's decision within 14 days of the date of referral. All Disciplinary Committee actions are final and there is no appeal process.

### **Student Termination (Students who are terminated from their program will not be allowed reenrollment into their program of termination.)**

Students may be terminated for any of the following reasons:

- Dangerous, abusive, or unprofessional behavior towards school personnel, other students or training site personnel / clients.
- Violation of school policies concerning alcohol, drugs, weapons or violence.
- Any violation of BVNPT policy (Vocational Nursing Students).
- Falsification of school records. Falsification is defined as the action of changing something, such as a document, in order to deceive someone or something. (Example: Documenting false externship hours.)
- Failure to adhere to all Student Conduct Guidelines.

***NOTE: All terminations are subject to review. Final decisions are made by the Campus Director and / or Executive Management.***

Suspension – A period of time in which a student is temporarily withheld from attending class.

A Vocational Nursing student may also be terminated for failure to abide by the **EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENT BEHAVIOR** while at clinical. A student will be considered as failing to abide by Expectations for Student Behavior for any of the following reasons:

- Placing a patient in physical jeopardy.
- Placing a patient in emotional jeopardy.
- Failure to demonstrate competence.
- Gross negligence.
- Violation of the High Desert Medical College and / or BVNPT Attendance Policies.
- Failure to meet theory or clinical objectives.
- Failure to maintain personal composure.
- Violation of High Desert Medical College's Drug and Alcohol or Weapon Policies.

- Patient abandonment.
- Leaving the clinical site without authorization.

When a faculty member perceives that a student may be experiencing difficulty, the student will be informed that this behavior is inappropriate for a student nurse. A conference between the instructor and student will then be held. This is an opportunity to assist the student in improving performance and to establish guidelines for more appropriate behaviors. It is the primary objective of all instructors to de-escalate all problems before they reach critical levels.

Instances of student misconduct or being disruptive in class will be documented. Written Warning Notices will be used for this purpose. In a clinical setting, a note mentioning the incident and the results (e.g., Warning) will be made in the Anecdotal Notes. The Director of Vocational Nursing will be informed of students placed on Warning status. A conference with the Instructor, the Student and the Director of Vocational Nursing may be scheduled to fully clarify the circumstances.

Students may be sent from the clinical facility to the campus if Student Behavior standards are not met. The student will receive an absence for the day.

### **Student Dismissal**

Students may be dismissed for any of the following reasons:

- Failure to maintain satisfactory academic or attendance progress levels.
- Failure to adhere to the terms of probationary notices.
- Failure to achieve minimum passing scores per Grading Policies.
- Cheating on class assignments, exams, tests or quizzes.
- Failure to attend classes for three consecutive days per term (Vocational Nursing) without notifying the college (excluding LOAs, holidays and scheduled breaks).
- Failure to attend at least one class in any 14-day calendar period (excluding LOAs, scheduled breaks and holidays).
- Failure to return to school on the scheduled return date of a leave of absence.
- Failure to adhere to the terms of warning notice(s).
- Failure to provide timely tuition payments in accordance with the terms of the enrollment agreement, financing agreements or other instruments of indebtedness.
- Failure to make up missed clinical days in current term (Vocational Nursing Students).

## Student Grievance and Academic Due Process

### Grievance Complaint Procedure

Communication is one of the most important aspects of effective education. If a student has a question, problem or complaint about any aspect of the training or the administration of the school, please direct the inquiry to the instructor first. If the problem or complaint involves the instructor and the student does not wish to approach him or her directly, please see the Program Director / Lead or Director of Education.

If the problem is not resolved to the student's satisfaction by means of open discussion, the student may register a formal complaint in writing addressed to the Director of Education or Campus Director. The letter will be reviewed in private by the staff and a written response will be forwarded to the student involved.

If the problem is still not resolved to the student's satisfaction, a formal meeting will be scheduled after school hours. The meeting will offer the student a chance to voice the complaint or problem to the Director of Education and any other party involved in the matter. The meeting will be a closed, private meeting and will not be open to the general student population. Upon conclusion of the meeting a formal written response will be given to the student that will recap the proceeds of the meeting and any resolutions that are made to address the complaint or problem.

This institution is recognized by the Accrediting Council for Continuing Education and Training (ACCET) as meeting and maintaining certain standards of quality. It is the mutual goal of ACCET and the institution to ensure that educational training programs of quality are provided. When problems arise, students should make every attempt to find a fair and reasonable solution through the institution's internal complaint procedure, which is required of ACCET accredited institutions and frequently requires the submission of a written complaint. Refer to the institutions written complaint procedure, which is published in the institution's catalog or otherwise available from the institution, upon request. Note that ACCET will process complaints, which involve ACCET standards and policies and, therefore, are within the scope of the accrediting agency.

If a student has used the institution's formal student complaint procedure, and the issue has not been resolved, the student has the right and is encouraged to submit a complaint to ACCET in writing via the online form on the ACCET website (<https://accet.org/about-us/contact-us>). The online form will require the following information:

1. Name and location of the ACCET institution
2. A detailed description of the alleged problem(s)
3. The approximate date(s) that the problem(s) occurred
4. The names and titles/positions of all persons involved in the problem(s), including faculty, staff, and/or other students
5. What was previously done to resolve the complaint, along with evidence demonstrating that the institution's complaint procedure was followed prior to contacting ACCET
6. The name, email address, telephone number, and mailing address of the complainant. If the complainant specifically requests that anonymity be maintained, ACCET will not reveal his or her name to the institution involved
7. The status of the complainant with the institution (e.g., current student, former student)

On-line complaint submission form



In addition to the letter of complaint, students may contact ACCET at the following address or phone number.

**ACCET Chair, Complaint Review Committee**

1722 N Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20036  
Telephone: 202-955-1113  
Fax: 202-955-1118 or 202-955-5306  
Email: [complaints@accet.org](mailto:complaints@accet.org)

A student may file a complaint about this institution with the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE) by calling 888-370-7589 or by completing a complaint form, which can be obtained on the bureau's Internet Web site ([www.bppe.ca.gov](http://www.bppe.ca.gov)). Any questions a student may have that have not been satisfactory answered by the institution may be directed to:

Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education  
1747 N. Market Blvd. Ste 225 Sacramento, CA 95834  
P.O. Box 980818, West Sacramento, CA 95798-0818

Phone: 888-370-7589 or fax: (916) 263-1897 or Web: [www.bppe.ca.gov](http://www.bppe.ca.gov)

If Vocational Nursing, SEND TO:

**Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians**

2535 Capital Oaks Drive  
Suite 205  
Sacramento, CA 95833-2945  
Telephone: 916-263-7800  
Fax: 916-263-7855  
[www.bvnpt.ca.gov](http://www.bvnpt.ca.gov)

**California Board of Registered Nursing**

1747 N Market Blvd  
Sacramento, CA 95834  
Telephone: (916) 322-3350  
[www.rn.ca.gov](http://www.rn.ca.gov)



## Program Description – Vocational Nursing

SOC Code: 29-2061

CIP Code: 51.3901

Vocational Nursing (VN)

### Program Objective

The Vocational Nursing Program is designed to provide the student with the basic knowledge, skills and abilities to perform the duties of a Vocational Nurse in a health care environment. The program is approved by the BVNPT as an accredited training program, the completion of which meets the minimum requirements set forth as necessary for application to take the Vocational Nurse License examination. The program includes 13 Weeks and 21 Weeks credit hour terms, consisting of four consecutive terms of instruction. The total program is completed over four terms. The program curriculum includes progression of learning from basic to more complex concepts, and to specialty nursing concepts. It introduces courses in anatomy and physiology, nutrition, psychology, normal growth and development, nursing fundamentals, nursing process, communication, patient education, pharmacology, medical-surgical nursing, communicable diseases and community nursing, gerontological nursing, rehabilitation nursing, maternity nursing, pediatric nursing, leadership and supervision.

### Total Clock Hours

#### Full-Time Program

- **Total Clock Hours:** 1,679 hours (56 weeks)
- **Program Schedule:** 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Thursday.
  - Theory times and day may vary;
  - Depending on Term and Clinical sites, times will vary.
- **Teacher / Student Ratio:**
  - Theory 1 / class 1:30
  - Clinical 1/15
- Student will receive a Certificate of Completion.

#### Part-Time Program

- **Total Clock Hours:** 1,679 hours (68 weeks)
- **Program Schedule:** 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Friday, Saturday to Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.:
  - Theory times and day may vary;
  - Clinical days and hours of attendance vary with each Term.
- **Teacher / Student Ratio:**
  - Theory 1 / class 1:30;
  - Clinical 1/15.

- Student will receive a Certificate of Completion.

Scheduled hours of attendance at clinical and theory may vary with each Term based upon clinical patient census. A basic schedule information page is available from the Clinical Coordinator or the Admissions Department.

## Required Course Hours

### Vocational Nursing

Course Title / Number	Lecture Hours	Laboratory Hours	Clinical Hours	Total Hours
	Clock	Clock	Clock	Clock
Term 1 – Fundamentals of Nursing / VN-101	162	134	88	384
Term 2 – Medical – Surgical Nursing / VN-102	186	37	200	423
Term 3 – Medical – Surgical Mental Health / VN-103	175	16	224	415
Term 4 – Maternal – Child Health Leadership / VN-104	201	24	232	457
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>724</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>744</b>	<b>1,679</b>

### Vocational Nursing Prerequisite (PRQ) Course

This course is a prerequisite requirement for admissions into the Vocational Nursing Program. The intended audience are high school graduates that are interested in enrolling in the Vocational Nursing program. The course introduces the nursing student to critical thinking, basic arithmetic and medication dosage calculation and normal anatomy and physiology, the interrelationships between structure and functions of human cells, tissues, and systems, and the effects of disease on body systems and basic medical terminology, as well as study techniques and strategies to ensure student success throughout the program. This course will be delivered online and involve lectures and reading assignments. The student will undergo daily exams. The student will be required to participate in class discussions and take notes. Students must successfully pass this course with a 75% or higher. A certificate of completion for the course will be awarded to those who pass the course.

The PRQ course is 128 hours and four weeks total. Schedule is 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

### Vocational Nursing – Course Descriptions

Course Number / Name	Course Length	Description
<b>TERM I</b> <b>VN 101</b> <b>Fundamentals of Nursing</b>	<b>FT – 13 Weeks</b> 162 Lecture Hours Academic Credit Hours: 17.2 <b>PT – 17 Weeks</b> 134 Lab Hours Total Clock Hours: 384 <b>88 Clinical Hours</b>	This course introduces the nursing student to the evolution of nursing science, the development of vocational nursing, the vocational nurse's role, legal and ethical aspects of vocational nurses, basic nursing skills, nursing concepts based on human needs, Maslow's hierarchy of Needs, nursing theory, basic nutrition, human growth and development across the life span, medical terminology, patient safety, critical thinking, and the nursing process applied in clinical situations in caring for patients across the life span and from various cultural backgrounds and health beliefs.  Prerequisites: VN PRQ 101 or equivalent

Course Number / Name	Course Length	Description
<b>TERM II</b> <b>VN 102</b> <b>Medical – Surgical Nursing</b>	<b>FT – 14 Weeks</b> 186 Lecture Hours Academic Credit Hours: 18 <b>PT – 17 Weeks</b> 37 Lab Hours Total Clock Hours: 423 <b>200 Clinical Hours</b>	<p>This course introduces the vocational nursing student to the etiologies, clinical manifestations, basic nursing assessment, diagnostic tests and procedures, medical management, nursing diagnoses and interventions, nursing skills, medication administration, patient teaching, prognosis, and medications involving human diseases relating to the integumentary, musculoskeletal, gastrointestinal, blood and lymphatic, cardiovascular, respiratory and urinary disorders. The vocational nursing student will learn to apply the nursing process and Orem’s Self Care Deficit Nursing Theory in caring for adult patients with these health beliefs. The course also introduces the vocational nursing student to the nursing care and special need of gerontology patients, patients undergoing a surgical procedure and patients requiring rehabilitation and home health.</p> <p>Prerequisites: Term I – Fundamentals of Nursing / VN-101</p>
<b>TERM III</b> <b>VN 103</b> <b>Medical / Surgical Mental Health</b>	<b>FT – 14 Weeks</b> 175 Lecture Hours Academic Credit Hours: 17.16 <b>PT – 17 Weeks</b> 16 Lab Hours Total Clock Hours: 415 <b>224 Clinical Hours</b>	<p>The course introduces the vocational nursing student to the etiologies, clinical manifestations, basic nursing assessment, diagnostic tests and procedures, medical management, nursing diagnoses and interventions, nursing skills, medication administration, patient teaching, prognosis and medications involving human diseases relating to the endocrine, reproductive, sensory, neurological and immunology disorders. The vocational nursing student will learn to apply the nursing process and Orem’s Self Care Deficit Nursing Theory in caring for adult patients with these disorders in the medical and surgical clinical setting and with respect to their cultural backgrounds and health beliefs. The course also introduces the vocational nursing student to the etiologies, clinical manifestations, basic nursing assessment, diagnostic tests and procedures, medical management, nursing diagnoses and interventions, nursing skills, medication administration and patient teaching of psychiatric disorders.</p> <p>Prerequisites: Term I – Fundamentals of Nursing / VN-101 and Term II – Medical – Surgical Nursing / VN-102</p>
<b>TERM IV</b> <b>VN 104</b> <b>Maternal / Child Health Leadership</b>	<b>FT – 15 Weeks</b> 201 Lecture Hours Academic Credit Hours: 19.35 <b>PT – 17 Weeks</b> 24 Lab Hours Total Clock Hours: 457 <b>232 Clinical Hours</b>	<p>This course introduces the vocational nursing student to the nursing care and assessment of obstetric women, the stages of normal pregnancy, labor and delivery, childbearing practices of families from various cultures and settings, newborn assessment, high risk pregnancy and complications, and patient education., pediatric diseases and care of the pediatric patient, leadership and NCLEX review. The student will utilize the nursing process and the Orem’s conceptual framework in the care plan for the obstetric patients and families and pediatric patients.</p> <p>Prerequisites: Term I – Fundamentals of Nursing / VN-101, Term II Medical – Surgical Nursing / VN-102, and Term III – Medical – Surgical Mental Health / VN-103</p>

Course Number / Name	Course Length	Description
<b>VN PRQ</b> <b>Vocational Nursing</b> <b>Pre-Requisite Course</b>	<b>FT – 4 Weeks</b> 128 Contact Hours	This course introduces the nursing student to critical thinking, basic arithmetic and medication dosage calculation and normal anatomy and physiology, the interrelationships between structure and functions of human cells, tissues, and systems, and the effects of disease on body systems.  Prerequisites: None

## Required Uniform

Included in total program cost:

- 2 Scrub Sets (tops and pants)
- 1 Stethoscope
- 1 CPR Card
- 1 Lab Coat (issued prior to Externship)
- 1 ID Badge
- 1 Life Scan
- 1 Vocational Nursing Grad Diploma

***NOTE TO STUDENTS: Due to the sanitary and health considerations of returning and reuse of the uniform and supplies included in the program cost, these items are NOT RETURNABLE, and the cost of the uniform and supplies package is NON-REFUNDABLE once the student has been issued the uniform and supplies***

The uniform and supplies package are a standard and mandatory cost of the program and similar items that the student may already own, or purchase may not be substituted for any part of the uniform and supplies package.

## Required Items NOT Included in Program Cost

In addition to the supplied uniform and equipment which is included in the total program cost, students will be required to furnish the following items at their own expense upon issuance of the uniform and supplies package:

Item	Estimated Cost
<b>Physical Examination</b>	\$85.00 to \$150.00
<b>One Pair White, Closed-Toe Uniform Shoes</b>	\$35.00 to \$85.00
<b>Wrist Watches with Sweep Second Hand</b>	\$15.00 to \$25.00
<b>Black Ink, Ball Point Pen</b>	\$0.75
<b>Blood Pressure Cuff</b>	\$30.00
<b>Scissors</b>	\$10.00
<b>Pen Light</b>	\$10.00

## Required Physical Examination / Lab Tests

All students must comply with a mandatory physical examination and lab test series. All active students must complete these items prior to beginning their first clinical rotation. The physical examination and lab tests are not included in the total program cost.

The physical examination must include the following elements:

- Basic Physical Exam
- Height and Weight
- Blood Pressure, Pulse and Respiration

Tetanus Vaccination Booster, RPR, PPD or Chest X-ray is mandatory to assure students are not in active stage(s) of tuberculosis. Rubella Titer is mandatory, if not immune, student must be vaccinated. Varicella and Polio vaccinations are mandatory if a record of immunization is not provided. Blood titers must be drawn for immunity. No immunity status requires vaccination series. Hepatitis B vaccination series is recommended, but not mandatory.

## Required Clinical Background Check

*\*Included in total program cost.*

Hospitals and clinical sites are requiring that students, interns and volunteers undergo a limited background clearance prior to being assigned for clinical rotations. High Desert Medical College will conduct a limited background check on all students in accordance with its clinical facility contracts.

The background check will include the following items:

- Felony and Misdemeanor Criminal History
- Social Security Number Verification
- OIG Fraud List Check
- Sexual Offenders Check

Students with any convictions for either misdemeanor or felony violations can be denied the ability to attend clinical rotations by the clinical provider and thus have to be terminated from the program. **IF YOU HAVE ANY CONVICTIONS INCLUDING MISDEMEANORS ON YOUR RECORD DISCUSS THEM WITH THE DIRECTOR OF NURSING IMMEDIATELY.** Details of the background check and applicable legal disclosures will be provided to all students within the first week of classes and are available anytime from the Admissions Office.

## Graduate NCLEX Test Prep Flow

- High Desert Medical College will meet with Term IV students 30 days prior to graduation to review the application process and assisting with Live Scan on-site. The cost for the application and fingerprinting is included in the Board Application Fees.
- Once a student completes all graduation requirements a required mandatory NCLEX Review is scheduled. 100% attendance and class participation are required. Applications to sit for the state exam will be mailed along with required fees. Allow four to eight weeks for BVNPT processing time.
- Students will receive Authorization to Test (ATT) by mail and should contact the NCLEX Success Office directly by phone or walk-in to proceed. We can expedite by telephone, but feel free to see us for personal service.

- The NCLEX Success Office will receive an email as a result of the ATT and arrange a test date with the student
- Students not prepared to take the state exam will be strongly encouraged to enter into a remediation program.

### Test Day

Upon successful completion of the NCLEX examination, the student will be notified by mail. Promptly bring the NCLEX Candidate Report to the NCLEX Success Office to expedite Licensure fee payment.

## NCLEX Board Testing

All graduates are required to complete the NCLEX review course to be scheduled by the Director of Nursing and NCLEX Review instructor. Upon completion of the Vocational Nursing Program, the following steps will need to be taken to apply for licensure.

- **Step 1:** High Desert Medical College will submit the graduate's BVNPT application for licensure along with the applicant's background check and fingerprints. The cost for the application and fingerprinting is included in the Board Application.
- **Step 2:** When the background check is complete, the BVNPT will notify the student in writing that the application has been accepted and they are cleared to take the NCLEX examination. At that time, the student must bring the BVNPT notice of eligibility back to the college.
- **Step 3:** Upon successful completion of the NCLEX examination, the student will be notified. The student must then bring the notification of their results to the college.

***NOTE: Students must turn in all required paperwork for the NCLEX Application promptly. Failure to complete the application process in a timely manner will result in the student being required to retake the NCLEX practice examination to qualify for payment of application and testing fees.***

## Program Description – Vocational Nursing Associate of Applied Science (AAS)

SOC Code: 29-2061

CIP Code: 51.3901

Vocational Nursing (VN)

### Program Objective

The VN AAS Degree program builds on the Vocational Nursing Diploma by adding the same 100% online General Education and Science courses required for graduates of the pre-licensure Associate Degree Registered Nursing program. The goal of this post-licensure program is to educate and develop Vocational Nurses to become more well-rounded professionals through undergraduate General Education. Graduates will have:

- Enhanced critical thinking, science knowledge, and verbal / written communication skills.
- Expand employment opportunities to employers requiring or preferring an Associate Degree Acquisition of the Associate Degree on top of an existing Vocational Nursing or Practical Nursing License can open up additional opportunities for employment.

### Total Clock Hours

**Total VNAAS Program Length:** 56 weeks VN / 48 weeks AAS = 104 weeks

- **Total Clock Hours:** 2,204  
(Classroom: 1,159 + virtual and skills lab: 301 + externship: 744)

**AAS Only Program Length:** 3 terms / 16 weeks each

- **Total Clock Hours:** 525  
(Classroom: 435 + virtual and skills lab: 90)
- Student will receive an Associate of Applied Science in Vocational Nursing degree upon completion.

### Program Requirements

In order to graduate and receive a Certificate of Completion from the Vocational Nursing Program, a student must meet the following requirements within the maximum allowable time frame:

- Receive a passing grade on all four Terms of instruction according to the grading requirements for both Clinical and Theory. This includes completion of 100% of the Clinical and Theory objectives for any day(s) missed; and meet all attendance requirements.
- Fulfill all financial obligations to High Desert Medical College.
- Must submit a professional resume to the Placement / Career Services Department.

The program requires concurrent clinical makeup times for excused absences to meet the objectives of the course. All make-up days must be completed before transitioning to the next term. Students who fail to complete clinical

makeup within this time frame will be dropped from the program. Students will be officially graduated upon completion of all clinical make-up days.

As Vocational Nursing students progress in the program, each student will participate in the diagnostic testing competency at the end of each Term. Students cannot progress to the next term without completing the specialty testing.

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## VN AAS Degree Requirements

- Complete the required credit / clock hours within the maximum number of credits attempted.
- Must meet minimum of 80% attendance requirement.
- Have a CGPA of at least 2.0 at the completion of the required credits.
- Complete all requirements within 1.5 times the program length.
- Fulfill all financial obligations to High Desert Medical College.
- Participate in an Exit Interview and complete the required exit paperwork.
- Meet with the Placement / Career Services Department and provide a current resume

Course Title / Number	Lecture Hours		Laboratory Hours		Externship Hours		
	Clock	Academic Credit	Clock	Academic Credit	Clock	Academic Credit	Clock
Term I – Fundamentals of Nursing	162	10.8	134	4.46	88	1.95	384
Term II – Medical / Surgical I	186	12.4	37	1.23	200	4.44	423
Term III – Medical Surgical II	175	11.66	16	0.53	224	4.97	415
Term IV – Obstetrics / Pediatrics	201	13.4	24	.8	232	5.15	457
English Composition 101 / ENG 101	45	3.00	0	0			45
Introduction to Psychology 101 / PSY-101	45	3.00	0	0			45
Introduction to Sociology 101 / SOC 101	45	3.00	0	0			45
Public Speaking 101 / ENG 102	45	3.00	0	0			45
College Algebra 101 / MTH 101	45	3.00	0	0			45
Statistics / MTH 102	45	3.00	0	0			45
Human Anatomy I / ANT 101	30	2.00	15	0.5			45
Human Anatomy II/ANT 102	30	2.00	15	0.5			45
Human Physiology I / PHYS 101	30	2.00	15	0.5			45
Human Physiology II / PHYS 102	30	2.00	15	0.5			45
Microbiology / MIC 101	45	3.00	30	1.00			75



Course Title / Number	Lecture Hours		Laboratory Hours		Externship Hours		
	Clock	Academic Credit	Clock	Academic Credit	Clock	Academic Credit	Clock
<b>TOTALS</b>	435	29	90	3	0	0	525

## Vocational Nursing Associate of Applied Science (AAS) – Course Descriptions

Course Number / Name	Course Length	Description
<b>ANT 101</b> <b>Human Anatomy I</b> <b>PHYS 101</b> <b>Human Physiology I</b>	Semester Credit Hours: 2.5 Semester Credit Hours: 2.5	This course is first combined course of Human Anatomy and Physiology in a two-course sequence in which human anatomy and physiology are studied using a body systems approach. Coursework emphasizes interrelationships between form and function at the gross and microscopic levels of organization. Topics include basic anatomical and directional terminology, muscle tissues, fundamental concepts and principles of cell biology, history and the integumentary, skeletal, muscular and nervous systems. The course starts with an introduction to the human body, defining anatomical terms and describing the physiological organization of the body from cells to systems. An overview of the biochemical basis of life and cell structure and function will be studied next. Students then learn how cells combine to form tissues which, in turn, combine to form organs and organ systems. Having laid the foundation for understanding the anatomical organization of the body, the course describes each body system in turn, explaining in general terms what the system does and how it interacts with other systems. The integumentary, skeleton, and muscular, nervous, and special senses systems will complete the course. This course includes one semester credit hour of virtual lab.
<b>ANT 102</b> <b>Human Anatomy II</b> <b>PHYS 102</b> <b>Human Physiology II</b>	Semester Credit Hours: 2.5 Semester Credit Hours: 2.5	This course is the second combined course of Human Anatomy and Physiology in a two-course sequence in which human anatomy and physiology are studied using a body systems approach. The course builds on the previously presented content related to the anatomical structures and physiology of the human body. Course content includes the following body systems: Lymphatic, Blood, Cardiac, Vascular, Respiratory, Urinary, Gastrointestinal, Reproductive systems, and the Endocrine system. Each body system is discussed in terms of the major anatomical structures and functions including how each system participates in homeostasis of the body. The student will also be provided with content and opportunity for discussion related to selected major pathologies, changes that occur in disease process, causes, and diagnostic procedures. This course includes one semester credit hour of virtual lab.

Course Number / Name	Course Length	Description
<b>ENG 101</b> <b>English Composition</b>	Semester Credit Hours: 3.00	This course is a general introduction to the principles of effective writing with emphasis on writing process, thesis, context, purpose and audience. By completing this course, the student will acquire the ability to write effective sentences, paragraphs, and themes and the ability to read with understanding of rhetorical forms and devices with critical awareness. The course aims to build sequentially on students' ability to read both written and cultural texts closely and critically and to analyze those texts in ways that also engage and problematize students' own experience, the perspectives of "experts," and the world they live in.
<b>ENG 102</b> <b>Public Speaking</b>	Semester Credit Hours: 3.00	The course explores ways in which people interact verbally and non-verbally and teaches basic principles of interpersonal communication, including perception, self-concept, persuasive communication, nonverbal communication, semantics, roles and norms and communication barriers. Activities include participating in groups, pairs and interactive communication situations.
<b>MIC 101</b> <b>Microbiology with Lab</b>	Semester Credit Hours: 4.00	The course covers basic concepts of microbiology, with emphasis on medically important microorganisms and infectious diseases. The topics studied also include microscopy, microbial growth and genetics, antimicrobial agents, epidemiology and immune system responses to pathogens. Lab exercises emphasize aseptic techniques, isolation and culture of microorganisms, microscopy and staining techniques.
<b>MTH 101</b> <b>College Algebra 101</b>	Semester Credit Hours: 3.00	The course focuses on topics such as basic treatment of algebraic expressions, solving linear equations and inequalities, graphing linear equations and inequalities, polynomial operations, positive and negative integral exponents, factoring, systems of linear equations, radical and rational expressions, quadratic equations and various application problems.
<b>MTH 102</b> <b>Statistics</b>	Semester Credit Hours: 3.00	The course stresses the practical use of statistics in the collecting, organizing, analyzing, interpreting and presenting of data. Both descriptive and inferential techniques are covered.
<b>PSY 101</b> <b>Introduction to Psychology</b>	Semester Credit Hours: 3.00	This course introduces human behavior. It includes the study of the theories and concepts of psychology including the scope of psychology, biological foundations and the brain, sensation, perception, motivation, personality, learning and memory, emotion, states of consciousness, personality theories, cognition, lifespan development, and applied psychology.
<b>SOC 101</b> <b>Introduction to Sociology</b>	Semester Credit Hours: 3.00	This course explores sociological processes that underlie everyday life. The course focuses on globalization, cultural diversity, critical thinking, modern technology, and the growing influence of mass media.

## Uniform and Supplies Information

The following uniform and supply items are included in the Vocational Nursing program cost:

- 2 Scrub Tops
- 1 Identification Badge
- 9 Books
- 2 Scrub Pants
- 1 CPR Card
- 1 Associate of Applied Science Degree in Vocational Nursing

***NOTE TO STUDENTS: Due to the sanitary and health considerations of returning and reuse of the uniform and supplies included in the program cost, these items are NOT RETURNABLE, and the cost of the uniform and supplies package is NON-REFUNDABLE once the student has been issued the uniform and supplies. The uniform and supplies package are a standard and mandatory cost of the program and similar items that the student may already own, or purchase may not be substituted for any part of the uniform and supplies package***

## Program Description – Associate Degree of Nursing (AAS)

SOC Code: 29-1140

CIP Code: 51.3801

Registered Nurse (RN)

### Program Objective

The High Desert Medical College Associate Degree of Nursing Program (ADN) provides students with a high-quality education in a dynamic, supportive, and engaging environment. The nursing curriculum at High Desert Medical College prepares the student to become a Registered Nurse with an associate degree. The program promotes a culture of educational excellence among a diverse student population in collaboration with healthcare partners that leads to An Associate Degree in Nursing, licensure, An entry-level professional registered nurse with the ability to utilize the latest healthcare technology while utilizing current evidence-based practice and clinical reasoning, The acquisition of the knowledge, skills, and attitudes to provide safe patient-centered care that meets the changing health care needs of diverse individuals, families, and communities, and A desire for life-long learning. The program strives to foster a commitment to individual excellence, integrity, lifelong learning, and professional development within each graduate.

At the end of the program, the student will be able to:

- To provide students with a comprehensive understanding of human anatomy and physiology in nursing practice.
- To equip students with the knowledge of pharmacology, including the safe administration of medications and understanding of drug interactions.
- To develop students' clinical reasoning and critical thinking skills for effective nursing practice.
- To instill in students the ability to provide patient-centered care focusing on holistic health assessment and promotion.
- To prepare students to demonstrate competency in fundamental nursing skills, including patient assessment, wound care, and medication administration.
- To educate students on evidence-based practice and research principles, enabling them to evaluate and apply current nursing research in their practice critically.
- To teach students the importance of cultural competence and sensitivity in nursing care, fostering the ability to provide care to diverse patient populations.
- To emphasize ethical and legal principles in nursing practice, ensuring students understand their responsibilities and obligations as healthcare professionals.
- To provide students with comprehensive knowledge and skills in medical-surgical nursing, covering a range of acute and chronic health conditions.
- To prepare students to provide nursing care for pediatric patients, including newborns, infants, children, and adolescents.
- To educate students on obstetric and gynecological nursing, including antepartum, intrapartum, postpartum, and neonatal care.
- To develop students' understanding of psychiatric and mental health nursing, including assessing and caring for individuals with mental health disorders.
- To teach students leadership and management principles within nursing, including effective communication, delegation, and healthcare team collaboration.
- To provide students with opportunities for hands-on clinical experience in various healthcare settings, allowing them to apply theoretical knowledge to real-world patient care.

- To prepare students for success in the NCLEX-RN examination, ensuring they have the knowledge and skills needed to obtain licensure as registered nurses.

## Total Clock Hours

**Total VNAAS Program Length:** 96 weeks Full-Time

- **Total Clock Hours:** 2,168  
Classroom and skills lab: 1,088  
Clinicals: 1,080
- **Total Semester Credits:** 85.5

## Program Requirements

In order to graduate and receive a Certificate of Completion from the Associate Degree of Nursing Program, a student must meet the following requirements within the maximum allowable time frame:

- Receive a passing grade on all four Terms of instruction according to the grading requirements for both Clinical and Theory. This includes completion of 100% of the Clinical and Theory objectives for any day(s) missed; and meet all attendance requirements.
- Fulfill all financial obligations to High Desert Medical College.
- Must submit a professional resume to the Placement / Career Services Department.

The program requires concurrent clinical makeup times for excused absences to meet the objectives of the course. All make-up days must be completed before transitioning to the next term. Students who fail to complete clinical makeup within this time frame will be dropped from the program. Students will be officially graduated upon completion of all clinical make-up days.

As Associate Degree of Nursing students progress in the program, each student will participate in the diagnostic testing competency at the end of each Term. Students cannot progress to the next term without completing the specialty testing.

This competency testing intends to reflect teaching and learning effectiveness and students' strengths and weaknesses. Results identify areas of weaknesses and strengths. Both students and faculty will work on areas of improvement to improve teaching and learning effectiveness. Students will be directed to the nursing department for remediation.

## Associate Degree of Nursing Degree Requirements

- Student must achieve 80% or higher GPA during each evaluation period and have satisfactorily completed appropriate assignments, projects, performance checklist procedures, and completion of externship; and must meet 100% of course attendance.
- Receive a passing grade according to the grading requirements for both Lab, Theory, and Clinicals. This includes completion of 100% of the Clinical hours.
- Pass all mandatory lab competencies.
- This competency testing intends to reflect teaching and learning effectiveness and students' strengths and weaknesses. Results identify areas of weaknesses and strengths. Both students and faculty will work on areas of improvement to improve teaching and learning effectiveness.
- Fulfill all financial obligations to High Desert Medical College

**Required Courses**

Program Outline	Classroom Hours				Externship/Internship		Total	
	Lecture	Credit	Lab	Credit	Clinical	Credit	Clock	Credit
ENG 101 English Composition	45	3.0	0	0	0	0	45	3.0
PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology	45	3.0	0	0	0	0	45	3.0
SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology	45	3.0	0	0	0	0	45	3.0
MTH 101 College Algebra	45	3.0	0	0	0	0	45	3.0
ENG 102 Public Speaking	45	3.0	0	0	0	0	45	3.0
MIC 101 Microbiology	45	3.0	45	1.0	0	0	90	4.0
ANT 101 Human Anatomy	60	4.0	45	1.0	0	0	105	5.0
PHYS 101 Human Physiology	60	4.0	45	1.0	0	0	105	5.0
NUT 101 Nutrition	45	3.0	0	0	0	0	45	3.0
NUR 101 Foundations of Nursing	30	2.0	0	0	90	2.0	120	4.0
NUR 102 Medical Surgical Nursing I	30	2.0	0	0	135	3.0	165	5.0
MTH 102 Statistics Fundamentals of Nursing	45	3.0	0	0	0	0	45	3.0
NUR 103 Pharmacology for Nurses	45	3.0	0	0	0	0	45	3.0
NUR 104 Nursing Lab I	0	0	22.5	0.5	0	0	22.5	0.5
NUR 201 Medical Surgical Nursing II	45	3.0	0	0	90	2.0	135	5.0
NUR 202 Advanced Pharmacology	45	3.0	0	0	0	0	45	3.0
NUR 203 Nursing Care of Children	15	1.0	0	0	90	2.0	105	3.0
NUR 204 Nursing Care of Women, OB, and Neonates	15	1.0	0	0	90	2.0	105	3.0
NUR 205 Nursing Lab II	0	0	22.5	0.5	0	0	22.5	0.5

Program Outline	Classroom Hours				Externship/Internship		Total	
	Lecture	Credit	Lab	Credit	Clinical	Credit	Clock	Credit
NUR 301 Medical Surgical Nursing III	30	2.0	0	0	90	2.0	120	4.0
NUR 302 Mental Health Nursing	15	1.0	0	0	90	2.0	105	3.0
NUR 303 Gerontological Nursing	15	1.0	0	0	90	2.0	105	3.0
NUR 304 Community Health Nursing	15.5	1.0	0	0	90	2.0	105	3.0
NUR 305 Nursing Lab III	0	0	22.5	0.5	0	0	22.5	0.5
NUR 401 Medical Surgical Nursing IV	45	3.0	0	0	135	3.0	180	6.0
NUR 402 Leadership and Professional Nursing Practice	15	1.0	0	0	90	2.0	105	3.0
NUR 403 Nursing Lab IV	0	0	45	1.0	0	0	45	1.0
<b>TOTALS</b>	840.5	56	247.5	5.5	1080	24	2168	85.5

## Associate Degree of Nursing (AAS) – Course Descriptions

Course Number / Name	Course Length	Description
<b>NUR 101</b> <b>Foundations of Nursing</b>	Semester Credit Hours: 4	In this course, the student is introduced to the role of a student nurse, curriculum organizing framework, and the role of a Registered Nurse. The concept of wellness and self-care is defined, and the student is asked to describe a wellness lifestyle. The body's reaction to stress and the link between stress and the link between stress and illness is identified. Environmental stressors are also discussed. Health promotion, diagnostic processes, and risk factors that lead to illness are discussed. Internal and external influences are identified as they pertain to public and personal health—the current U.S. Health Care Systems are described. Nursing as a profession is recognized, and the history of nursing. The American Nurses Association's Roles of Nursing is defined. The roles of the California Board of Registered Nursing, the National League for Nursing, and the National Student Nurse Association are described. Therapeutic communication and cultural awareness are discussed. Critical thinking and the nursing process are introduced. Physical/health assessments are introduced, as well as psychosocial assessments. Developmental theories throughout the life span are discussed, and growth and development are explored, identifying developmental tasks at all ages through the lifespan. The student is introduced to the care of the adult patient with non-critical medical surgical nursing needs,

		including oxygen/perfusion, safety and security, comfort and rest, elimination, nutritional and perceptual sensory, and immobility needs. Through utilization of the nursing process, the student will recognize alterations in functioning or illness and formulate age-appropriate nursing interventions by utilizing the nursing process and critical thinking skills.
<b>NUR 102</b> <b>Medical Surgical Nursing I</b>	Semester Credit Hours: 5	This course develops the nursing student's knowledge and skills for the adult non-critical, moderately complex medical-surgical patient. Through utilization of the nursing process, the student will recognize alterations in functioning or illness and formulate age-appropriate nursing interventions. Psychomotor skills associated with moderately complex needs, medication administration, and intravenous therapy will be studied and practiced. The impact of multiple nursing diagnoses on patient outcomes will be introduced.
<b>NUR 103</b> <b>Pharmacology for Nursing:</b>	Semester Credit Hours: 3	This course introduces dosage calculation, abbreviations and symbols, basic pharmacological principles and terminology associated with medication administration, drug nomenclature, sources of drug information, federal legislation, and cultural, ethical, and lifespan considerations. Drugs will be introduced and discussed by classification and system for which they are prescribed.
<b>NUR 104</b> <b>Nursing Lab I</b>	Semester Credit Hours: .5	This course is an adjunct to the corequisite nursing courses listed above. It provides individual and group practice of nursing skills with competency evaluation of the skills identified for the concurrent nursing courses.
<b>NUR 201</b> <b>Medical Surgical Nursing II:</b>	Semester Credit Hours: 5	This course examines the nursing care of selected individuals throughout their lifespan, experiencing complex alterations in wellness involving multiple systems. Clinical experiences in local health care agencies and computerized simulation manikins and scenarios allow students to apply theoretical concepts to the actual care of clients.
<b>NUR 202</b> <b>Advanced Pharmacology:</b>	Semester Credit Hours: 3	This course builds on pharmacology principles presented in NUR 103. The student will continue to learn drug classifications. This course will also introduce principles of safe and effective intravenous drug administration.
<b>NUR 303</b> <b>Gerontological Nursing:</b>	Semester Credit Hours: 3	This course provides an overview of the significant legal, ethical, and professional issues and roles of the gerontology community nurse utilizing the nursing process. Situations will be discussed to establish relevance in applying the nursing process to clinical practice to perform a psychological assessment of the older adult living in the community. Criteria for differentiating delirium, depression, and cognitive impairment in the elderly with interventions to optimize functional abilities will be addressed.
<b>NUR 304</b> <b>Community Health Nursing</b>	Semester Credit Hours: 3	This course provides a solid foundation in community, public, and global health nursing concepts; interventions for families, communities, and populations; health promotion; and the multifaceted role of the population-oriented nurse. The focus



		is on developing competence in assessing a population's needs, developing and implementing appropriate interventions, and evaluating their effectiveness.
<b>NUR 205</b> <b>Nursing Lab II</b>	Semester Credit Hours: .5	Provides skill development with competency evaluation of the skills identified for the concurrent nursing courses.
<b>NUR 301</b> <b>Medical Surgical Nursing III:</b>	Semester Credit Hours: 4	This course examines the nursing care of selected individuals throughout their lifespan, experiencing complex alterations in wellness involving multiple systems. Clinical experiences in local health care agencies and computerized simulation manikins and scenarios allow students to apply theoretical concepts to the actual care of clients.
<b>NUR 302</b> <b>Mental Health – Psychiatric Nursing:</b>	Semester Credit Hours: 3	This course presents mental health principles and the social, economic, cultural, and physiological factors predisposing a person to dysfunctional human behavior. Emphasis is placed on the therapeutic role of the nurse in promoting, preventing, maintaining, and restoring individuals to optimal mental well-being. Concepts of therapeutic communication, age-related concerns, treatment modalities, and delivery of mental health services are included.
<b>NUR 203</b> <b>Nursing Care of Children</b>	Semester Credit Hours: 3	This course provides an overview of the basic concepts of pediatrics, utilizing the nursing process as a framework for understanding the concepts. It includes principles of growth and development, physical assessment, safety, play therapy, and pain management. An overview of care for the child with alterations in oxygenation, nutrition/elimination, alterations in immunologic function, alterations in circulation, alterations in neurosensory functions, alterations in metabolism, and alterations in mobility will be emphasized, including principles of assessment in an age-appropriate manner, common alterations related to each system, and medications used for treatment of alterations in each system. An overview of pediatric emergencies and principles of assessment in an age-appropriate manner, examples of pediatric emergencies, and the utilization of the nursing process in the care of these clients will be introduced.
<b>NUR 204</b> <b>Nursing Care of Women, Obstetrics and Neonates:</b>	Semester Credit Hours: 3	This course provides an overview of the basic concepts and psychosocial issues of maternity nursing utilizing the Nursing Process as a framework for understanding concepts. Common diagnostic techniques and procedures using a family-centered approach for childbearing clients and their families are included. An overview of contraceptive devices, methods, and sexually transmitted diseases will be discussed. The health needs of the antepartum, intrapartum, and postpartum patient and family, physiological changes, progression of maternal behaviors, physical assessment, diagnostic procedures, nutritional needs, pharmacological agents, potential complications, and health teaching needs of the antepartum, intrapartum and postpartum client will be emphasized. The health needs of the newborn, physiological

		changes, physical assessment, diagnostic procedures, nutritional needs, pharmacological agents, potential complications, and health teaching needs for the newborn's family will be emphasized.
<b>NUR 305</b> <b>Nursing Lab III:</b>	Semester Credit Hours: .5	This course is an adjunct to the corequisite nursing courses listed above. It provides individual and group practice of nursing skills with competency evaluation of the skills identified for the concurrent nursing courses.
<b>NUR 401</b> <b>Medical Surgical Nursing IV:</b>	Semester Credit Hours: 6	This course is a continuation of the nursing care of selected individuals throughout the life span who are experiencing complex alterations in wellness involving multiple systems. Care of clients experiencing multi-system failure and severe trauma is also included. Clinical experiences in local healthcare agencies allow students to apply theoretical concepts to the actual care of patients.
<b>NUR 402</b> <b>Leadership and Professional Nursing Practice:</b>	Semester Credit Hours: 3	This course socializes students into the graduate registered nurse role. It focuses on exploring and analyzing contemporary nursing practice, current trends, and issues impacting nursing care delivery. Advanced leadership and management concepts are discussed as part of the nursing role.
<b>NUR 403</b> <b>Nursing Lab IV:</b>	Semester Credit Hours: 1	Provides nursing skill development with competency evaluation of the skills identified for the concurrent nursing courses.
<b>ENG 101:</b> <b>English Composition</b>	Semester Credit Hours: 3	This course is a general introduction to the principles of effective writing, emphasizing the writing process, thesis, context, purpose, and audience. By completing this course, the student will acquire the ability to write effective sentences, paragraphs, and themes and the ability to read with an understanding of rhetorical forms and devices with critical awareness. The course aims to build sequentially on students' ability to read written and cultural texts closely and critically and to analyze those texts in ways that also engage and problematize students' own experiences, the perspectives of "experts," and the world they live in.
<b>ENG 102:</b> <b>Public Speaking</b>	Semester Credit Hours: 3	The course explores how people interact verbally and non-verbally and teaches basic principles of interpersonal communication, including perception, self-concept, persuasive communication, nonverbal communication, semantics, roles and norms, and communication barriers. Activities include participating in groups, pairs, and interactive communication situations.
<b>MTH 101:</b> <b>College Algebra 101</b>	Semester Credit Hours: 3	The course focuses on topics such as basic treatment of algebraic expressions, solving linear equations and inequalities, graphing linear equations and inequalities, polynomial operations, positive and negative integral exponents, factoring, systems of linear equations, radical and rational expressions, quadratic equations, and various application problems.

<p><b>PSY 101:</b> Introduction to Psychology</p>	<p>Semester Credit Hours: 3</p>	<p>This course introduces human behavior. It includes the study of the theories and concepts of psychology, including the scope of psychology, biological foundations and the brain, sensation, perception, motivation, personality, learning and memory, emotion, states of consciousness, personality theories, cognition, lifespan development, and applied psychology.</p>
<p><b>SOC 101:</b> Introduction to Sociology</p>	<p>Semester Credit Hours: 3</p>	<p>This course explores sociological processes that underlie everyday life. The course focuses on globalization, cultural diversity, critical thinking, modern technology, and the growing influence of mass media.</p>
<p><b>ANT 101:</b> Anatomy I</p>	<p>Semester Credit Hours: 5</p>	<p>This course offers a comprehensive exploration of the human body's intricate structure and organization. This comprehensive Anatomy course is designed to give students a deep understanding of anatomical structures. The course starts with an introduction to the human body, defining anatomical terms and describing the physiological organization of the body from cells to systems. An overview of the biochemical basis of life and cell structure and function will be studied. Students then learn how cells combine to form tissues, which, in turn, combine to form organs and organ systems. Having laid the foundation for understanding the anatomical organization of the body, the course describes each body system in turn, explaining in general terms what the system does and how it interacts with other systems. Course content includes the following body systems: The integumentary, skeleton, muscular, nervous, and special senses systems: Lymphatic, Blood, Cardiac, Vascular, Respiratory, Urinary, Gastrointestinal, Reproductive systems, and the Endocrine system. Each body system is discussed in terms of the significant anatomical structures. The student will also be provided with content and opportunity for discussion related to selected significant pathologies, changes that occur in the disease process, causes, and diagnostic procedures.</p>
<p><b>PHYS 101:</b> Human Physiology</p>	<p>Semester Credit Hours: 5</p>	<p>This course offers a comprehensive exploration of the human body's intricate function. This comprehensive Physiology course is designed to give students a deep understanding of the body's functions. The course starts with an introduction to the human body and describes the physiological organization of the body, from cells to systems. An overview of the biochemical basis of life and cell structure and function will be studied. Students then learn how cells combine to form tissues, which, in turn, combine to form organs and organ systems. The course describes each body system in turn, explaining in general terms what it does and how it interacts with other systems. Course content includes the following body systems: The integumentary, skeleton, muscular, nervous, and special senses systems: Lymphatic, Blood, Cardiac, Vascular, Respiratory, Urinary, Gastrointestinal, Reproductive systems, and the Endocrine system. Each body system is discussed in terms of its major function. The student will also be provided with content and</p>

		opportunity for discussion related to selected major pathologies, changes that occur in the disease process, causes, and diagnostic procedures.
<b>MIC 101: Microbiology</b>	Semester Credit Hours: 4	The course covers basic concepts of microbiology, with emphasis on medically important microorganisms and infectious diseases. The studied topics include microscopy, microbial growth and genetics, antimicrobial agents, epidemiology, and immune system responses to pathogens. Lab exercises emphasize aseptic techniques, isolation and culture of microorganisms, microscopy, and staining techniques.
<b>Nut 101: Nutrition</b>	Semester Credit Hours: 3	This course provides an introduction to the fundamental principles of nutrition and their application in healthcare, focusing on the role of nutrition in promoting and maintaining health. Students will develop an understanding of the essential nutrients, dietary guidelines, and nutritional needs throughout the lifespan. The course will also cover the assessment of nutritional status, common nutritional disorders, and the role of nutrition in the prevention and management of chronic diseases. Emphasis will be placed on the integration of nutritional knowledge into nursing practice
<b>MTH 102: Statistics Fundamentals of Nursing</b>	Semester Credit Hours: 3	The course stresses the practical use of statistics in collecting, organizing, analyzing, interpreting, and presenting data. Both descriptive and inferential techniques are covered.

**EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS**

- Computer/Laptop/Tablet/Mobile phone
- Internet Access
- Canvas Account
- Textbooks

## Program Title: Nursing Assistant

Program Length: 164 hours, 6 weeks

Maximum Student / Teacher Ratio: 15/1

### Program Description and Objectives

The Nursing Assistant program is designed to prepare students to become practicing, state certified nursing assistants in the State of California. The course work will include safety, anatomy and physiology, nutrition, asepsis, patient care, body mechanics, and rehabilitation and restoration care. Students should expect two to three hours of homework per class.

### Employment Objectives

Nursing Assistant (31-1014.00).

Program Outline	Classroom Hours		
	Theory	Clinical	Total
NA101 Nursing Assistant	60	104	164
<b>TOTALS*</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>164</b>

*\*The Nursing Assistant program is approved by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). CDPH only accounts Theory and Clinical hours as program hour requirements (164). However, Lab "Skills Lab" hours are included and required in the training program schedule to allow for skill demonstration practice prior to the clinical training per recommendations of CDPH. The total number of Lab hours is 15 hours. Students must complete all 179 hours in order to receive a certificate of completion.*

### Enrollment / Licensing Requirements

#### Nursing Assistants (NA) Prerequisites

To hold your seat in the course, submit the following additional documentation to Admissions to complete the enrollment process, prior to the mandatory orientation:

- Proof of age.
- Have a certificate of graduation from a school providing secondary education, or the recognized equivalent of such a certificate.
- Proof of a physical exam (performed no more than 90 days prior to class start date).
- Fingerprints done by Live Scan (NA completed first day of class) (HHA before start date) (paid by school for Nas).
- TB test results (performed no more than 90 days prior to class start date — one year for X-rays).
- Flu shot (current season).
- Hepatitis B Series.

Details about the licensing requirements may be found at: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/> and in Appendix A in the catalog.

## Program Description – Clinical Medical Assisting

SOC Code: 31-9092

CIP Code: 51.0899

Medical Assistants (CMA)

### Program Objective

The Clinical Medical Assisting Program is designed to give students the basic knowledge and skills necessary to work as an entry-level Medical Assistant in a health care setting. Emphasis is placed on both front office administrative skills, as well as back office clinical skills. The administrative portion of the Clinical Medical Assisting program emphasizes the "front office" skills required in a health care setting, while the Clinical portion of the course is designed to prepare the student to work in a clinical environment in a hospital, doctor's office or medical clinic and includes a 160-hour, four-week externship.

### Program Length

- **Total Weeks in Program:** 34 weeks (morning / afternoon classes)
- **Total Weeks in Program:** 42 weeks (evening classes)
- **Semester Credit Hours:** 37.37
- **Total Clock Hours:** 780
  - **Classroom Hours:** 620
  - **Clinical Externship Hours:** 160
- **Teacher / Student Ratio:**
  - 1/Class
  - Lab 1/20
- **Financial Aid Credits:** 24.17
- Student will receive a Certificate of Completion.

## Required Courses

### Clinical Medical Assisting

Course Title / Number	Lecture Hours		Laboratory Hours		Externship Hours		Total Hours		
	Clock	Academic Credit	Clock	Academic Credit	Clock	Academic Credit	Clock	Academic Credit	Financial Aid Credit
AH 100 Allied Health Preparatory	48	3.2	32	1.06			80	4.26	2.66
AA101 Administrative Assisting I	48	3.2	32	1.06			80	4.26	2.66
AA102 Administrative Assisting II	48	3.2	32	1.06			80	4.26	2.66
CA101 Clinical Assisting I	48	3.2	32	1.06			80	4.26	2.66
CA102 Clinical Assisting II	48	3.2	32	1.06			80	4.26	2.66
CA103 Clinical Assisting III	48	3.2	32	1.06			80	4.26	2.66
CA104 Clinical Assisting IV	48	3.2	32	1.06			80	4.26	2.66
CD100 Career Development	30	2					30	2	1
CD200 Advanced Career Development	30	2					30	2	1
MA200 Medical Assisting Externship					160	3.55	160	3.55	3.55
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>25.06</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>7.42</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>3.55</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>37.37</b>	<b>24.17</b>

### Clinical Medical Assisting – Course Descriptions

Course Number / Name	Course Length	Description
<b>AA 101</b> <b>Administrative Assisting I</b>	4 Weeks Day / Afternoon 5 Weeks Evening Semester Credit Hours: 4.26 Financial Aid Credit: 2.66	In this course, the student will learn about professional behavior in the workplace, interpersonal skills and human behavior, medicine and ethics and law with the goal providing an understanding of the legal and ethical responsibilities of the medical assistant, basic daily medical front office procedures. The student will also be introduced to the computers' basic parts and functions. The student will begin typing practice. The student will be introduced to the Insurance Handbook for the Medical Office and Virtual Medical Office billing program. This course will involve lectures and reading assignments. The student will complete written assignments, procedure evaluations and undergo weekly quizzes and exams. The student will be required to participate in class discussions and laboratory procedures and take notes.



Course Number / Name	Course Length	Description
<b>AA 102</b> <b>Administrative Assisting II</b>	4 Weeks Day / Afternoon 5 Weeks Evening Semester Credit Hours: 4.26 Financial Aid Credit: 2.66	In this course topics include professional billing and collecting procedures, basic diagnostic coding, basic procedural coding, the health insurance claim form and third-party reimbursement, banking services and procedures, medical practice management, medical practice marketing and customer service, health information management and management of practice finances. The goal of the course is to provide theory and practical exercises in basic patient accounts and medical billing procedures and medical office management. The student will also have typing practice and perform basic procedures on the Virtual Office billing program. The student will complete written assignments, procedure evaluations and undergo weekly quizzes and exams. The student will be required to participate in class discussions and laboratory procedures and take notes.
<b>AH 100</b> <b>Allied Health Prep</b>	4 Weeks Day / Afternoon 5 Weeks Evening Semester Credit Hours: 4.26 Financial Aid Credit: 2.66	This course will provide medical assistant program orientation and introduce the new medical assistant student to the medical assistant field, the healthcare industry and basic medical terminology as well as study techniques and strategies to ensure student success throughout the program. This course will involve lectures and reading assignments. The student will complete written assignments and undergo weekly quizzes and exams. The student will be required to participate in class discussions and take notes. Major topics include becoming a master student, introduction to medical assisting, an overview of the healthcare industry and basic introduction to medical terminology. This course will also provide an orientation to the medical assistant program and how to use the course materials including the textbooks and syllabi.
<b>CA 101</b> <b>Clinical Assisting I</b>	4 Weeks Day / Afternoon 5 Weeks Evening Semester Credit Hours: 4.26 Financial Aid Credit: 2.66	Major topics include infection control, patient assessment, patient education, nutrition and health promotion, vital signs, assisting with the primary physical examination, basic cardiology anatomy and physiology, cardiovascular diseases, treatments and diagnostic tests. The goal is to provide theory and develop clinical skills in initial clinical contact with patients, patient education, and cardiology examinations. This course will involve lectures and reading assignments. The student will complete written assignments, procedure evaluations and undergo weekly quizzes and exams. The student will be required to participate in class discussions and laboratory procedures and take notes.

Course Number / Name	Course Length	Description
<b>CA 102</b> <b>Clinical Assisting II</b>	4 Weeks Day / Afternoon 5 Weeks Evening Semester Credit Hours: 4.26 Financial Aid Credit: 2.66	In this course, the main topics are principles of pharmacology, pharmacology math, administering medications, assisting with medical emergencies, surgical asepsis and assisting with surgical procedures, clinical laboratory assisting and analysis of urine. The goal is to provide theory and develop clinical skills for medications, emergency procedures, aseptic and sterile techniques, assisting in surgery, in a laboratory and performing urinalysis. This course will involve lectures and reading assignments. The student will complete written assignments, procedure evaluations and undergo weekly quizzes and exams. The student will be required to participate in class discussions and laboratory procedures and take notes.
<b>CA 103</b> <b>Clinical Assisting III</b>	4 Weeks Day / Afternoon 5 Weeks Evening Semester Credit Hours: 4.26 Financial Aid Credit: 2.66	Major topics include ophthalmology and otolaryngology, dermatology, gastroenterology, urology and male reproductive system, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, phlebotomy and analysis of blood. The goal of this course is to provide the student with theory and opportunity develop clinical skills for assisting in ophthalmology and otolaryngology, dermatology, gastroenterology, urology and male reproductive system, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, phlebotomy and analysis of blood. This course will involve lectures and reading assignments. The student will complete written assignments, procedure evaluations and undergo weekly quizzes, and exams. The student will be required to participate in class discussions and laboratory procedures and take notes.
<b>CA 104</b> <b>Clinical Assisting IV</b>	4 Weeks Day / Afternoon 5 Weeks Evening Semester Credit Hours: 4.26 Financial Aid Credit: 2.66	Topics include medical assisting in the areas of orthopedics, neurology and mental health, endocrinology, pulmonary, geriatrics, imaging, and microbiology. The goal of this course is to provide the student with theory and the opportunity to develop clinical skills for assisting these specialties. Note that currently in the State of California only those individuals with appropriate State licensure or certification may produce radiographs. This course does not prepare the student for this licensure. Therefore, the course does not involve exposing radiographs. The intention of the imaging segment of this course is to provide only theory for the purpose of preparing the medical assistant for working in an imaging department or specialty office or group in the capacity of a medical assistant. This course will involve lectures and reading assignments. The student will complete written assignments, procedure evaluations and undergo weekly quizzes, and exams. The student will be required to participate in class discussions and laboratory procedures and take notes.

Course Number / Name	Course Length	Description
<b>CD 100</b> <b>Career Development</b>	1 Week Day / Afternoon 1, 1 Week Evening Semester Credit Hours: 2 Financial Aid Credit: 1	This Course will build an understanding of how your mind works, control the way you think to achieve success and properly set achievable goals. This course will teach and apply techniques for individuals to develop their potential by changing their habits, attitudes, beliefs, and expectations. Students will learn how to write and utilize affirmations and obtain a strong understanding and ability to apply the following core concepts: Scotomas, The Reticular Activating System (RAS), Self-talk, and comfort zones.  Prerequisites: None
<b>CD 200</b> <b>Advanced Career Development</b>	1 Week Day / Afternoon 1,1 Week Evening Semester Credit Hours: 2 Financial Aid Credit: 1	This course provides instruction in the art of getting a job. Students will be introduced to resume preparation, job search strategies, interview techniques, goal setting, and dress for success and career development techniques. The course is designed to provide the student with successful strategies and techniques for finding employment opportunities and successfully negotiating the resume, interview and negotiation of employment processes. The course will also provide the student opportunities to target outside job searches and interviews during the term of instruction.  Prerequisites: CD 100
<b>MA 200</b> <b>Medical Assisting Externship</b>	5 Weeks Semester Credit Hours: 3.55 Financial Aid Credit: 3.55	The student will work in an office setting under the direct supervision of a competent supervisor who is employed at the facility. Externs work under the direct supervision of qualified personnel in participating institutions and under general supervision of the school staff.

## Uniform and Supplies Information

- 2 Scrub Tops
- 1 Stethoscope
- 4 Books
- 1 CPR Card
- 1 Sphygmomanometer
- 2 Scrub Pants
- 1 Identification Badge
- 1 Medical Assistant Graduate Diploma

**NOTE TO STUDENTS:** Due to the sanitary and health considerations of returning and reuse of the uniform and supplies included in the program cost, these items are **NOT RETURNABLE**, and the cost of the uniform and supplies package is **NON-REFUNDABLE** once the student has been issued the uniform and supplies. The uniform and supplies package is a standard and mandatory cost of the program and similar items that the student may already own, or purchase may not be substituted for any part of the uniform and supplies package.

## Required Items NOT Included in Program Cost

In addition to the supplied uniform and equipment which is included in the total program cost, students will be required to furnish the following items at their own expense upon issuance of the uniform and supplies package:

Item	Estimated Cost
1 Pair White, Closed-Toe Uniform Shoe	\$35.00 to \$85.00
Wrist Watch with Sweep Second Hand	\$15.00 to \$25.00
Black Ink, Ballpoint Pen	\$0.75

## Program Description – Medical Administrative Assisting

SOC Code: 43-6013

CIP Code: 51.0716

Medical Secretaries (MAA)

### Program Objective

This program will prepare the student to enter the health professions fields as an administrative medical assistant in various settings, including medical offices, hospitals, and medical clinics. The student will gain an understanding of anatomy and physiology. The student will also learn how to communicate effectively, set appointments, organize patient files and information, interpret medical terminology, and use spreadsheet software. Each course stands alone as a unit of study and is not dependent upon prerequisite training. The program includes an 80-hour, two-week externship. A student may enter the program at the beginning of any course and continue through the sequence until completion of all courses.

### Program Length

- **Total Weeks in Program:** 15 weeks
- **Semester Credit Hours:** 24.27
- **Total Clock Hours:** 560
  - **Classroom Hours:** 480
  - **Clinical Externship Hours:** 80
- **Teacher / Student Ratio:**
  - 1/Class
  - Lab 1/20
- Student will receive a Certificate of Completion.

## Required Courses

### Medical Administrative Assisting

Course Title / Number	Lecture Hours		Laboratory Hours		Externship Hours		Total Hours	
	Clock	Academic Credit	Clock	Academic Credit	Clock	Academic Credit	Clock	Academic Credit
MAA100 Medical Office Basics	45	3	35	1.17			80	4.17
MAA101 Information Coding	30	2	50	1.67			80	3.67
MAA102 Insurance Theory	45	3	35	1.17			80	4.17
MAA103 Medical Billing	25	1.67	55	1.83			80	3.5
MAA104 Computer Billing / Electronic Medical Records	25	1.67	55	1.83			80	3.5
MAA105 Communication / Career Development	25	1.67	55	1.83			80	3.5
MAA106 Externship					80	1.77	80	1.77
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>13.00</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>1.77</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>24.28</b>

### Medical Administrative Assisting – Course Descriptions

Course Number / Name	Course Length	Description
<b>MAA 100</b> <b>Medical Office Basics</b>	2 Weeks Semester Credit Hours: 4.17 Financial Aid Credit: 2.0	This course is designed as a professionally oriented introduction to the position of Medical Administrative Assisting. Appointment scheduling, daily transactions and various aspects of records management of both health and financial records will be presented using hands-on skill-building assignments. The student will learn the concepts of confidentiality, malpractice, medical law, and ethical conduct in the medical office setting. The nervous system and the senses are introduced. This course includes medical terminology, including prefixes, root words, and suffixes. Keyboarding for speed and accuracy will be practiced.  Prerequisites: None
<b>MAA 101</b> <b>Information Coding</b>	2 Weeks Semester Credit Hours: 3.67 Financial Aid Credit: 2.0	This course will introduce the student to insurance coding and insurance terminology. They will also learn provider and medical abbreviations and medical symbols. The student will develop proficiency in selecting appropriate procedure and diagnosis codes in order to receive maximum reimbursement for physician charges. Anatomical structure and the skeletal system are introduced as well as the muscular system. This course includes medical terminology, including prefixes, root words, and suffixes. The student will practice keyboarding techniques to increase speed and accuracy on the computer keyboard.  Prerequisites: None

Course Number / Name	Course Length	Description
<b>MAA 102</b> <b>Insurance Theory</b>	2 Weeks Semester Credit Hours: 4.17 Financial Aid Credit: 2.0	This course is designed to provide a detailed approach to the accurate use of current procedural terminology (CPT) and the international classification of diseases (ICD-9) coding manuals. The student will develop proficiency in selecting appropriate procedure and diagnosis codes in order to receive maximum reimbursement for physician charges. In addition, insurance claim form completion requirements will be discussed, and students will employ skill building “hands-on” exercises to learn these requirements. The digestive system and respiratory system is presented. This course includes medical terminology, including prefixes, root words, and suffixes. Keyboarding for speed and accuracy will be practiced.  Prerequisites: None
<b>MAA 103</b> <b>Medical Billing</b>	2 Weeks Semester Credit Hours: 3.50 Financial Aid Credit: 2.0	This course is designed to provide the fundamental knowledge and skills to enable the student to enter the area of managed care in the contemporary medical facility. The course will include discussions and activities in the processing of claims for commercial carriers, managed care plans, Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs), government programs, Worker's Compensation, and others. The reproductive and lymphatic system are introduced. This course includes medical terminology, including prefixes, root words, and suffixes. Keyboarding for speed and accuracy will be practiced.  Prerequisites: None
<b>MAA 104</b> <b>Computer Billing / Electronic Medical Records</b>	2 Weeks Semester Credit Hours: 3.50 Financial Aid Credit: 2.0	This course is designed to provide a fundamental introduction to patient billing. Using Medisoft® billing software, the student will produce statements and record accounts receivable information into the computer. The student will also learn basic accounting, including balancing accounts and bank deposits. This course offers an office management system with hands-on experience creating and updating patients’ charts, entering accounts payable and receivable data, and billing medical insurance. Students study the endocrine system and the urinary system. This course includes medical terminology, including prefixes, root words, and suffixes. Keyboarding for speed and accuracy will be practiced.  Prerequisites: None

Course Number / Name	Course Length	Description
<b>MAA 105</b> <b>Communications / Career Development</b>	2 Weeks Semester Credit Hours: 3.50 Financial Aid Credit: 2.0	This course is designed to introduce the student to processing mail and written communications in the medical office setting. The student will compose a variety of business correspondence documents utilizing word processing software. The course will also prepare the student for the transition from school to work. Students will learn how to obtain employment in their field of study. Interviewing techniques, resume writing, professionalism, communication skills and job searching will be emphasized. The circulatory and lymphatic systems are introduced. Students are trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) procedures in accordance with the guidelines provided by the American Heart Association. This course includes medical terminology, including prefixes, root words, and suffixes. Keyboarding for speed and accuracy will be practiced.  Prerequisites: None
<b>MAA 106</b> <b>Externship</b>	2 Weeks Semester Credit Hours: 1.77 Financial Aid Credit: 2.0	The externship is undertaken following the successful completion of all classroom training and consists of 80 hours (eight hours a day, five days a week). The student will spend 80 hours under the direct supervision of a preceptor (office employee) in a medical office or other health care setting. While at the clinical site, the student will practice the skills taught during the classroom portion of the course. Specifically, the student will practice front office patient management procedures as required. This externship is unpaid.  Prerequisites: MAA 100, MAA 101, MAA 102, MAA 103, MAA 104, MAA 105

## Uniform and Supplies Information

The following uniform and supply items are included in the Medical Administrative Assisting program cost:

- 2 Scrub Tops
- 3 Books
- 1 CPR Card
- 2 Scrub Pants
- 1 Identification Badge
- 1 Medical Assistant Graduate Diploma

**NOTE TO STUDENTS:** Due to the sanitary and health considerations of returning and reuse of the uniform and supplies included in the program cost, these items are **NOT RETURNABLE**, and the cost of the uniform and supplies package is **NON-REFUNDABLE** once the student has been issued the uniform and supplies. The uniform and supplies package are a standard and mandatory cost of the program and similar items that the student may already own, or purchase may not be substituted for any part of the uniform and supplies package.



## Required Items NOT Included in Program Cost

In addition to the supplied uniform and equipment which is included in the total program cost, students will be required to furnish the following items at their own expense upon issuance of the uniform and supplies package:

Item	Estimated Cost
1 Pair White, Closed-Toe Uniform Shoe	\$35.00 to \$85.00
Wrist Watch with Sweep Second Hand	\$15.00 to \$25.00
Black Ink, Ballpoint Pen	\$0.75

## Program Description – Dental Assisting

SOC Code: 31-9091

CIP Code: 51.0601

Dental Assisting (DA)

### Program Objective

The Dental Assisting (DA) Program is theory and clinical training geared to prepare the student for an entry-level position in a Dental Office. The Program provides all the necessary training to enable the students to acquire satisfactory skills and demonstrate competencies in a variety of dental office procedures and laboratory techniques. The student is presented front office management, preliminary examination procedures, chair side dentistry, charting, appointment scheduling, and records keeping. Student graduates may find employment in dental clinics as dental assistants. With additional training and / or experience, graduates may be eligible for the radiation safety exam and receive radiation safety certificate or be eligible for the coronal polish exam. Graduates receive CPR and First Aid Certification from American Red Cross and Diploma in Dental Assisting.

### Program Length

- **Total Weeks in Program:** 34 weeks (morning / afternoon classes)
- **Total Weeks in Program:** 42 weeks (evening classes)
- **Semester Credit Hours:** 34.56
- **Total Clock Hours:** 780
  - **Classroom Hours:** 620
  - **Clinical Externship Hours:** 160
- **Teacher / Student Ratio:**
  - 1/Class
  - Lab 1/20
- **Financial Aid Credits:** 24.17
- Student will receive a Certificate of Completion.

## Required Courses

### Dental Assisting

Course Title / Number	Lecture Hours		Laboratory Hours		Externship Hours		Total Hours		
	Clock	Academic Credit	Clock	Academic Credit	Clock	Academic Credit	Clock	Academic Credit	Financial Aid Credit
DA100 Introduction to Dental Assisting	40	2.67	40	1.33			80	4	2.66
DA101 Dental Anatomy and Infection Control	40	2.67	40	1.33			80	4	2.66
DA102 Dental Assisting Procedures	40	2.67	40	1.33			80	4	2.66
DA103 Chair Side Assisting	30	2	50	1.67			80	3.67	2.66
DA104 Dental Radiology and Restorative Tech	30	2	50	1.67			80	3.67	2.66
DA105 Dental Specialties	30	2	50	1.67			80	3.67	2.66
DA106 Dental Office Practice Management	40	2.67	40	1.33			80	4	2.66
CD100 Career Development	30	2					30	2	1
CD200 Advanced Career Development	30	2					30	2	1
DA107 Clinical Externship					160	3.55	160	3.55	3.55
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>20.68</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>10.33</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>3.55</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>34.56</b>	<b>24.17</b>

### Dental Assisting – Course Descriptions

Course Number / Name	Course Length	Description
<b>DA 100</b> <b>Introduction to Dental Assisting</b>	4 Weeks Semester Credit Hours: 4.00 Financial Aid Credits: 2.66	This module is an introduction to the dental profession, its history and the scope of practice of a dental assistant. It teaches general techniques to maintain health and wellness of the oral cavity and the dentition. It also covers the essentials of medical terminology and human anatomy and physiology. Preventive dentistry has both the lecture and skills laboratory components.  Prerequisites: None
<b>DA 101</b> <b>Dental Anatomy and Infection Control</b>	4 Weeks Semester Credit Hours: 4.00 Financial Aid Credits: 2.66	This module covers the basics of dental anatomy, embryology, histology, tooth morphology, charting, and microbiology, creating a foundation on which learners can move forward to skills training. The student will learn the areas of infection control. Clinical asepsis protocol will be practiced in the skills laboratory setting such as operatory disinfection, instrument decontamination and sterilization using approved sterilization methods and agents.  Prerequisites: None

Course Number / Name	Course Length	Description
<b>DA 102</b> <b>Dental Assisting Procedures</b>	4 Weeks Semester Credit Hours: 4.00 Financial Aid Credit: 2.66	This module covers the study of laboratory materials, basic chair side instruments and dental hand pieces. Student will learn about the parts of hand instruments, function of dental burs and hand pieces; including hazardous materials management, patient care, pharmacology, emergency management, and critical elements to the profession. Preparation for patient care will be discussed such as how to take patient history, perform clinical evaluation and take vital signs.  Prerequisites: None
<b>DA 103</b> <b>Chair Side Assisting</b>	4 Weeks Semester Credit Hours: 3.67 Financial Aid Credits: 2.66	This module covers chair side assisting, instruments, and the management of pain and anxiety. The student will learn how to assist the dentist right at the chair which includes various dental procedures, transferring instruments and evacuation, prepare, safely transfer and care for the anesthetic syringe and accessories including various topical solutions, application sites.  Prerequisites: None
<b>DA 104</b> <b>Dental Radiography and Imaging Systems</b>	4 Weeks Semester Credit Hours: 3.67 Financial Aid Credits: 2.66	This module deals primarily with dental radiography. The student will be provided information on radiographic techniques and procedures, including the latest on digital and 3-D radiography. Students will review procedures for operation of the latest imaging systems, safety precaution measures using radiography equipment minimizing the risk to the patient and all dental personnel, aseptic techniques, radiation hygiene and maintenance of quality assurance and safety. This course will involve lectures and reading assignments. During this module, the students will attend a radiation safety course that is approved by the Dental Board of California. Upon completion of this course the student will receive 32 C.E. units and granted proof of completion.  Prerequisites: None
<b>DA 105</b> <b>Dental Specialties and Restorative Techniques</b>	4 Weeks Semester Credit Hours: 3.67 Financial Aid Credits: 2.66	This module presents the specialized areas of endodontics, oral maxillofacial surgery, oral pathology, cosmetic dentistry, orthodontics, pediatric dentistry, periodontics, fixed prosthodontics, and removable prosthodontics. This course will include instruction in plaque, calculus and stain formation; clinical appearance of various types of stain; tooth morphology and anatomy as related to stain removal; principles of selecting abrasives, polishing agents and disclosing solution. It also includes restorative materials and techniques, laboratory and impression materials and techniques, and dental dam placement. Students will perform coronal polish.  Prerequisites: None

Course Number / Name	Course Length	Description
<b>DA 106</b> <b>Dental Office Practice Management</b>	4 Weeks Semester Credit Hours: 4.00 Financial Aid Credits: 2.66	The module presents the management of a dental office including dental software and insurance billing and coding. Career Development topics include professionalism, worth ethics and a brief discussion of human behavior, communication and other legal issues facing the dental practice.  Prerequisites: None
<b>CD 100</b> <b>Career Development</b>	1 Week Day / Afternoon 1,1 Week Evening Semester Credit Hours: 2 Financial Aid Credit: 1	This Course will build an understanding of how your mind works, control the way you think to achieve success and properly set achievable goals. This course will teach and apply techniques for individuals to develop their potential by changing their habits, attitudes, beliefs, and expectations. Students will learn how to write and utilize affirmations and obtain a strong understanding and ability to apply the following core concepts: Scotomas, The Reticular Activating System (RAS), Self-talk, and comfort zones.  Prerequisites: None
<b>CD 200</b> <b>Advanced Career Development</b>	1 Week Day / Afternoon 1,1 Week Evening Semester Credit Hours: 2 Financial Aid Credit: 1	This course provides instruction in the art of getting a job. Students will be introduced to resume preparation, job search strategies, interview techniques, goal setting, and dress for success and career development techniques. The course is designed to provide the student with successful strategies and techniques for finding employment opportunities and successfully negotiating the resume, interview and negotiation of employment processes. The course will also provide the student opportunities to target outside job searches and interviews during the term of instruction.  Prerequisites: CD 100
<b>DA 107</b> <b>Externship</b>	5 Weeks Semester Credit Hours: 3.55 Financial Aid Credits: 3.55	The externship is undertaken following the successful completion of all classroom training and consists of 160 hours. The student will spend his / her hours under the direct supervision of a preceptor (office employee) in a dental office. While at the clinical site, the student will practice the skills taught during the classroom portion of the course. Specifically, the student will practice front office management as well as Dental assisting procedures as required.  Prerequisites: DA100, DA101, DA102, DA103, DA104, DA105, DA106

## Uniform and Supplies Information

The following uniform and supply items are included in the Dental Assisting program cost:

- 2 Scrub Tops
- 1 Identification Badge
- 3 Books

- 2 Scrub Pants
- 1 CPR Card
- 1 Dental Assisting Graduate Diploma

**NOTE TO STUDENTS:** Due to the sanitary and health considerations of returning and reuse of the uniform and supplies included in the program cost, these items are **NOT RETURNABLE**, and the cost of the uniform and supplies package is **NON-REFUNDABLE** once the student has been issued the uniform and supplies. The uniform and supplies package are a standard and mandatory cost of the program and similar items that the student may already own, or purchase may not be substituted for any part of the uniform and supplies package.

## Required Items NOT Included in Program Cost

In addition to the supplied uniform and equipment which is included in the total program cost, students will be required to furnish the following items at their own expense upon issuance of the uniform and supplies package:

Item	Estimated Cost
1 Pair White, Closed-Toe Uniform Shoe	\$35.00 to \$85.00
Wrist Watch with Sweep Second Hand	\$15.00 to \$25.00
Black Ink, Ballpoint Pen	\$0.75

## Program Description – Pharmacy Technician

SOC Code: 29-2052

CIP Code: 51.0805

Pharmacy Technician (PHR)

### Program Objective

The Pharmacy Technician (PT) program is designed to provide students with the skills, knowledge and training for an entry-level position in retail, hospitals or clinics or home health pharmacy settings or other positions in a pharmacy-related product / company. The program consists of lecture, skills laboratory and externship. The student learns pharmacy law, basic chemistry, ethical standards, medical terminology, anatomy and physiology, pharmacology, dosage calculations, pharmacy procedures, parenteral preparation and an overview of the different types of pharmacy practices. The program exposes the student to skills in computerized application, filling prescriptions, and IV admixture and all aspect of pharmacy operation as well as administrative procedures including charting and billing. HDMC graduates will be encouraged to seek certification from the state of California for a registration as a Pharmacy Technician and national competency certification. Licensing by the California State Board of Pharmacy requires fingerprinting, criminal background check, and with **official** High School / GED transcripts to be submitted with the State Board of Pharmacy application. This process may take 45 days to process after graduating from the program.

### Program Length

- **Total Weeks in Program:** 34 weeks (morning / afternoon classes)
- **Total Weeks in Program:** 42 weeks (evening classes)
- **Semester Credit Hours:** 35.55
- **Total Clock Hours:** 780
  - **Classroom Hours:** 620
  - **Clinical Externship Hours:** 160
- **Teacher / Student Ratio:**
  - 1/Class
  - Lab 1/20
- **Financial Aid Credits:** 24.17
- Student will receive a Certificate of Completion.

## Required Courses

### Pharmacy Technician

Course Title / Number	Lecture Hours		Laboratory Hours		Externship Hours		Total Hours		
	Clock	Academic Credit	Clock	Academic Credit	Clock	Academic Credit	Clock	Academic Credit	Financial Aid Credit
PHR100 Introduction to Pharmacy	40	2.67	40	1.33			80	4	2.66
PHR101 Drug Fundamentals	40	2.67	40	1.33			80	4	2.66
PHR102 Pharmacy Operations	40	2.67	40	1.33			80	4	2.66
PHR103 The Body and Drugs I	40	2.67	40	1.33			80	4	2.66
PHR104 The Body and Drugs II	40	2.67	40	1.33			80	4	2.66
PHR105 IV Preparation	40	2.67	40	1.33			80	4	2.66
PHR106 Pharmacy Practice Management	40	2.67	40	1.33			80	4	2.66
CD100 Career Development	30	2					30	2	1
CD200 Advanced Career Development	30	2					30	2	1
PHR107 Clinical Externship					160	3.55	160	3.55	3.55
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>22.69</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>9.31</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>3.55</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>35.55</b>	<b>24.17</b>

### Pharmacy Technician – Course Descriptions

Course Number / Name	Course Length	Description
<b>CD 100</b> <b>Career Development</b>	1 Week Day / Afternoon 1,1 Week Evening Semester Credit Hours: 2 Financial Aid Credits: 1	This Course will build an understanding of how your mind works, control the way you think to achieve success and properly set achievable goals. This course will teach and apply techniques for individuals to develop their potential by changing their habits, attitudes, beliefs, and expectations. Students will learn how to write and utilize affirmations and obtain a strong understanding and ability to apply the following core concepts: Scotomas, The Reticular Activating System (RAS), Self-talk, and comfort zones.  Prerequisites: None
<b>CD 200</b> <b>Advanced Career Development</b>	1 Week Day / Afternoon 1,1 Week Evening Semester Credit Hours: 2 Financial Aid Credits: 1	This course provides instruction in the art of getting a job. Students will be introduced to resume preparation, job search strategies, interview techniques, goal setting, and dress for success and career development techniques. The course is designed to provide the student with successful strategies and techniques for finding employment opportunities and successfully negotiating the resume, interview and negotiation of employment processes. The course will also provide the student opportunities to target outside job searches and interviews during the term of instruction.  Prerequisites: CD 100



Course Number / Name	Course Length	Description
<b>PHR 100</b> <b>Introduction to Pharmacy</b>	4 Weeks Semester Credit Hours: 4.00 Financial Aid Credits: 2.66	This course presents an overview of the duties and responsibilities of a pharmacy technician and a pharmacist. Topics include the characteristics of a professional pharmacy technician, the standards and the scope of practice, legal and ethical guidelines, communication skills, customer service techniques, certifications and professional resources. It also provides the student adequate training in word processing, keyboarding and applications, and office procedures required for the work of a Pharmacy Technician. This module teaches essential payment processing, insurance billing, coding, inventory management and audit logs utilizing pharmacy software. It also presents an overview of basic chemistry and microbiology. Students will develop knowledge and skills necessary for success in the workplace, and competency in keyboarding functions building speed and accuracy.  Prerequisites: None
<b>PHR 101</b> <b>Drug Fundamentals</b>	4 Weeks Semester Credit Hours: 4.00 Financial Aid Credits: 2.66	This course presents the students the classification of drugs, generic and brand names, indications, routes of administration and side effects. The student reviews basic math principles for calculations and conversions. Computer laboratory work is also performed in this module and pharmacy procedures are performed in the skills laboratory.  Prerequisites: None
<b>PHR 102</b> <b>Medical Terminology, Anatomy, and Physiology</b>	4 Weeks Semester Credit Hours: 4.00 Financial Aid Credits: 2.66	This course presents the various hands-on procedures performed by a Pharmacy Technician including prescription processing, over the counter medications, repackaging and compounding, stocking and billing. This course also presents an overview of current pharmacy technology, including equipment and devices for drug distribution, preparation, and manufacturing. Topics will include mechanical, automatic, and non-conventional drug equipment and facilities.  Prerequisites: None
<b>PHR 103</b> <b>The Body and Drugs I</b>	4 Weeks Semester Credit Hours: 4.00 Financial Aid Credits: 2.66	This course covers the many components of a medical term including root words, prefixes and suffixes. It also covers the human anatomy and physiology including anatomical terminology, basic biochemistry, cells and tissues, and the endocrine, the reproductive, the gastrointestinal system, the nervous systems. This course will also introduce the student to the science of pharmacology, including drug actions and effects, dosage forms and routes of administration, and drug classifications. Students will learn the generic and brand names of common medications, as well as their uses. The module also provides an overview of Pathological conditions and diseases and their respective treatments.  Prerequisites: None

Course Number / Name	Course Length	Description
<b>PHR 104</b> <b>The Body and Drugs II</b>	4 Weeks Semester Credit Hours: 4.00 Financial Aid Credits: 2.66	This course will also introduce the student to the science of pharmacology, including drug actions and effects, dosage forms and routes of administration, and drug classifications. Students will learn the generic and brand names of common medications, as well as their uses. The module also provides an overview of Pathological conditions and diseases and their respective treatments. This course covers the many components of a medical term including root words, prefixes and suffixes. It also covers the human anatomy and physiology including anatomical terminology, basic biochemistry, cells and tissues, and the integumentary, the eyes & ears, the gastrointestinal system, the musculoskeletal system and the respiratory system.  Prerequisites: None
<b>PHR 105</b> <b>IV Preparation</b>	4 Weeks Semester Credit Hours: 4.00 Financial Aid Credits: 2.66	This module focuses on the preparation of intravenous solutions, skills and techniques including irrigation solutions and ophthalmic preparations. Topics also include sterile products, hand washing techniques, safety techniques and proper use of equipment. Preparation of sterile products, safe handling of antineoplastic drugs, and hazardous medication products are covered. Aseptic technique is given emphasis in this module.  Prerequisites: None
<b>PHR 106</b> <b>Pharmacy Practice Management</b>	4 Weeks Semester Credit Hours: 4.00 Financial Aid Credits: 2.66	This module discusses the different kinds of pharmacy practice. The student will learn about factors specific to the retail pharmacy, such as over-the-counter medications; institutional pharmacy / hospital organizations, and in-patient drug distribution, among others. Towards the end of the module, the student is provided career services and review for certification.  Prerequisites: None
<b>PHR 107</b> <b>Externship</b>	5 Weeks Semester Credit Hours: 3.55 Financial Aid Credits: 3.55	The externship is undertaken following the successful completion of all classroom training and consists of 160 hours. The student will spend his / her hours under the direct supervision of a preceptor (office employee) in a Pharmacy setting. While at the clinical site, the student will practice the skills taught during the classroom portion of the course. Specifically, the student will practice prescription processing as well as prescription filling.  Prerequisites: PHR100, PHR101, PHR102, PHR103, PHR104, PHR105, PHR106

## Uniform and Supplies Information

The following uniform and supply items are included in the Pharmacy Technician program cost:

- 2 Scrub Tops
- 1 Identification Badge
- 6 Books

- 2 Scrub Pants
- 1 CPR Card
- 1 Pharmacy Technician Graduate Diploma

**NOTE TO STUDENTS:** Due to the sanitary and health considerations of returning and reuse of the uniform and supplies included in the program cost, these items are **NOT RETURNABLE**, and the cost of the uniform and supplies package is **NON-REFUNDABLE** once the student has been issued the uniform and supplies. The uniform and supplies package is a standard and mandatory cost of the program and similar items that the student may already own, or purchase may not be substituted for any part of the uniform and supplies package.

## Required Items NOT Included in Program Cost

In addition to the supplied uniform and equipment which is included in the total program cost, students will be required to furnish the following items at their own expense upon issuance of the uniform and supplies package:

Item	Estimated Cost
1 Pair White, Closed-Toe Uniform Shoe	\$35.00 to \$85.00
Wrist Watch with Sweep Second Hand	\$15.00 to \$25.00
Black Ink, Ballpoint Pen	\$0.75

## Program Description – Medical Billing and Coding

SOC Code: 43.6013

CIP Code: 51.0713 and 51.0714

Medical Billing and Coding (MBC)

### Program Objective

The Billing and Coding Program (MBC) provides theory and clinical training geared to prepare the student for an entry level position in a Hospital, Medical or Dental office, and medical insurance / billing companies. The Program provides all the necessary training to enable the students to acquire the necessary skills and demonstrate competencies in a variety of medical office procedures and billing and coding techniques. Instruction combines theory and practice to meet the competencies needed to be a medical biller and coder. Students learn to prepare various health claim forms using medical billing software. In doing so, they acquire a working knowledge of human anatomy and medical terminology, as well as comprehension of the legal, ethical and regulatory standards of medical records management. Students learn to accurately interpret medical records, including diagnoses and procedures of health care providers, as well as to document and code the information for submission to insurance companies. Graduates receive CPR and First Aid Certification from American Red Cross and Diploma in Medical Billing and Coding.

### Program Length

- **Total Weeks in Program:** 35 weeks (morning / afternoon classes)
- **Total Weeks in Program:** 43 weeks (evening classes)
- **Semester Credit Hours:** 44.68
- **Total Clock Hours:** 940
  - **Classroom Hours:** 740
  - **Clinical Externship Hours:** 200
- **Teacher / Student Ratio:**
  - 1/Class
  - Lab 1/20
- Student will receive a Diploma in Medical Billing and Coding.

## Required Courses

### Medical Billing and Coding

Course Title / Number	Lecture Hours		Laboratory Hours		Externship Hours		Total Hours		
	Clock	Academic Credit	Clock	Academic Credit	Clock	Academic Credit	Clock	Academic Credit	Financial Aid Credit
AH100 Allied Health Preparatory	48	3.20	32	1.06			80	4.26	2.66
MBC101 Medical Office Procedures	60	4.00	40	1.33			100	5.33	3.33
MBC102 Electronic Health Records	60	4.00	40	1.33			100	5.33	3.33
MBC103 Medical Law and Ethics	60	4.00	40	1.33			100	5.33	3.33
MBC104 Medical Billing and Coding I	60	4.00	40	1.33			100	5.33	3.33
MBC105 Medical Billing and Coding II	60	4.00	40	1.33			100	5.33	3.33
MBC106 Medical Billing and Coding III	60	4.00	40	1.33			100	5.33	3.33
CD100 Career Development	30	2					30	2	1
CD200 Advanced Career Development	30	2					30	2	1
MBC200 Medical Billing and Coding Externship					200	4.44	200	4.44	4.44
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>31.2</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>9.04</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>4.44</b>	<b>940</b>	<b>44.68</b>	<b>29.08</b>

### Medical Billing and Coding – Course Descriptions

Course Number / Name	Course Length	Description
<b>AH 100</b> <b>Allied Health Preparatory</b>	4 Weeks Morning 5 Weeks Evening Semester Credit Hours: 4.26 Financial Aid Credits: 2.66	This course will introduce you to: key word parts-the building blocks of most medical terms, an overview of basic terms used throughout the health field, the structures and functions of the body systems, specialties related to each system, pathology, diagnostic and treatment procedures for those systems. In addition, you will receive course work in CPR Certification, Infection Control and First Aid.  Prerequisites: None
<b>CD 100</b> <b>Career Development</b>	1 Week Day / Afternoon 1,1 Week Evening Semester Credit Hours: 2 Financial Aid Credits: 1	This Course will build an understanding of how your mind works, control the way you think to achieve success and properly set achievable goals. This course will teach and apply techniques for individuals to develop their potential by changing their habits, attitudes, beliefs, and expectations. Students will learn how to write and utilize affirmations and obtain a strong understanding and ability to apply the following core concepts: Scotomas, The Reticular Activating System (RAS), Self-talk, and comfort zones.  Prerequisites: None

Course Number / Name	Course Length	Description
<b>CD 200</b> <b>Advanced Career Development</b>	1 Week Day / Afternoon 1,1 Week Evening Semester Credit Hours: 2 Financial Aid Credits: 1	This course provides instruction in the art of getting a job. Students will be introduced to resume preparation, job search strategies, interview techniques, goal setting, and dress for success and career development techniques. The course is designed to provide the student with successful strategies and techniques for finding employment opportunities and successfully negotiating the resume, interview and negotiation of employment processes. The course will also provide the student opportunities to target outside job searches and interviews during the term of instruction.  Prerequisites: CD 100
<b>MBC 101</b> <b>Medical Office Procedures</b>	4 Weeks Morning 5 Weeks Evening Semester Credit Hours: 5.33 Financial Aid Credits: 3.33	In this module students will gain an understanding of daily operations in a medical office. Professional communication, interpersonal skills, and medical office policies and procedures will also be discussed. In this module, students will study the use of coded data and health information in reimbursement and payment systems appropriate to all healthcare as well as managed care settings. Contemporary prospective payment systems and charge master maintenance and evaluation of fraudulent billing practices will be covered. Capitation, fee-for-service, relative value unit (RVU), and usual, customary, and reasonable (UCR) reimbursement methods will be discussed. Students will learn to interpret an Explanation of Benefits (EOB) for purposes of collection and payment.  Prerequisites: None
<b>MBC 102</b> <b>Electronic Health Records</b>	4 Weeks Morning 5 Weeks Evening Semester Credit Hours: 5.33 Financial Aid Credits: 2.66	This course provides an introduction to the origin, uses, content and format of electronic health records (EHR). Using medical software in a simulated office setting, students enter patient information, schedule appointments, create daily financial transactions and create reports. Students learn Microsoft Word and how to create correspondence, as well as how to apply collection procedures and techniques. Coding guidelines and compliance for CPT-4, HCPCS and ICD10, and Evaluation and Management (E/M) coding applications are introduced. Using medical software, students practice entering proper medical codes.  Prerequisites: None
<b>MBC 103</b> <b>Medical Law and Ethics</b>	4 Weeks Morning 5 Weeks Evening Semester Credit Hours: 5.33 Financial Aid Credits: 3.33	This course will introduce you to the legal side of the medical office and provide a foundation of law to be used as a guide against which individual behavior may be measured. It will help you learn how to prevent medical malpractice litigation by exposing you to the legal concepts of standard of care, scope of employment, criminal and civic acts, contracts, and negligence, and to ethical concepts.  Prerequisites: None

Course Number / Name	Course Length	Description
<b>MBC 104</b> <b>Medical Billing and Coding I</b>	4 Weeks Morning 5 Weeks Evening Semester Credit Hours: 5.33 Financial Aid Credits: 2.66	Students learn the anatomy and physiology of the urinary system, male and female reproductive systems and digestive system. In further preparation for coding and billing, students study the diseases and conditions, laboratory and diagnostic procedures, medical and surgical procedures as well as typical drug categories associated with these systems. Applying this knowledge, students learn CPT-4, HCPCS and ICD-10 to properly code and bill these systems' medical processes and procedures. In addition, students study coding procedures related to anesthesia and laboratory / pathology.  Prerequisites: None
<b>MBC 105</b> <b>Medical Billing and Coding II</b>	4 Weeks Morning 5 Weeks Evening Semester Credit Hours: 5.33 Financial Aid Credits: 3.33	Students learn the anatomy and physiology of the respiratory and cardiovascular systems and the systems relating to the special senses (Eyes and Ears). In further preparation for coding and billing, students study the diseases and conditions, laboratory and diagnostic procedures, medical and surgical procedures as well as typical drug categories associated with these systems. Applying this knowledge, students learn CPT-4, HCPCS and ICD-10 to properly code and bill these systems' medical processes and procedures. In addition, students study coding procedures related to the Hemic and Lymphatic system, as well the Medicine section.  Prerequisites: None
<b>MBC 106</b> <b>Medical Billing and Coding III</b>	4 Weeks Morning 5 Weeks Evening Semester Credit Hours: 5.33 Financial Aid Credits: 3.33	Students learn the anatomy and physiology of the integumentary, musculoskeletal and endocrine and nervous systems. In further preparation for coding and billing, students study the diseases and conditions, laboratory and diagnostic procedures, medical and surgical procedures and typical drug categories associated with these systems. Applying this knowledge, students learn CPT-4, HCPCS and ICD-10 to properly code and bill these systems' medical processes and procedures. In addition, students study coding procedures related to Radiology and Surgery.  Prerequisites: None
<b>MBC 200</b> <b>Medical Billing and Coding Externship</b>	6 Weeks Semester Credit Hours: 4.44 Financial Aid Credits: 4.44	Upon successful completion of all modules, Medical Billing and Coding students participate in 200-hours of externship. The externship module enables students to have the opportunity to demonstrate and reinforce the knowledge and skills presented and practiced throughout the training program. Externs work under the direct supervision of qualified personnel at the externship site under the general supervision of college staff. Supervisory personnel evaluate externs and the evaluations are placed in the student's permanent record. Students must complete their externship training to fulfill graduation requirements. Evaluation is conducted by the Externship site personnel.

## Uniform and Supplies Information

The following uniform and supply items are included in the Medical Billing and Coding program cost:

- 2 Scrub Tops
- 1 Identification Badge
- 6 Books
- 2 Scrub Pants
- 1 CPR Card
- 1 Medical Billing and Coding Graduate Diploma

**NOTE TO STUDENTS:** Due to the sanitary and health considerations of returning and reuse of the uniform and supplies included in the program cost, these items are **NOT RETURNABLE**, and the cost of the uniform and supplies package is **NON-REFUNDABLE** once the student has been issued the uniform and supplies. The uniform and supplies package are a standard and mandatory cost of the program and similar items that the student may already own, or purchase may not be substituted for any part of the uniform and supplies package.

## Required Items NOT Included in Program Cost

In addition to the supplied uniform and equipment which is included in the total program cost, students will be required to furnish the following items at their own expense upon issuance of the uniform and supplies package:

Item	Estimated Cost
1 Pair White, Closed-Toe Uniform Shoe	\$35.00 to \$85.00
Wrist Watch with Sweep Second Hand	\$15.00 to \$25.00
Black Ink, Ballpoint Pen	\$0.75



## Program Description – Veterinary Assistant

SOC Code: 31.9096 and 39.2021

CIP Code: 51.0808

Veterinary Assistant (VA)

### Program Objective

The Veterinary Assistant (VA) program is based on theory and clinical training geared to prepare the student for entry level as Veterinary Assistants in Veterinary Offices, Veterinary Hospitals, Research Facilities, Animal Shelters, Wildlife Refuges and Zoos. The Veterinary Assistant program consists of five areas of training: career and personal development, clinical experience, anatomy and terminology, veterinary assistant duties, and species and breeds of animals commonly seen in veterinary clinics. The program provides knowledge of veterinary front and back-office procedures to prepare the student to work under the supervision of a Veterinarian or Registered Veterinary Technician. Topics covered include: sanitation and asepsis, animal restraint, animal grooming, injections and venipuncture, laboratory procedures, and procedures to prepare and assist in surgeries. Graduates receive CPR and First Aid Certification from American Red Cross and Diploma in Veterinary Assistant.

### Program Length

- **Total Weeks in Program:** 35 weeks (morning)
- **Total Weeks in Program:** 43 weeks (evening classes)
- **Semester Credit Hours:** 45.75
- **Total Clock Hours:** 960
  - **Classroom Hours:** 760
  - **Clinical Externship Hours:** 200
- **Teacher / Student Ratio:**
  - 1/Class
  - Lab 1/20
- Student will receive a Diploma in Veterinary Assistant.

## Required Courses

### Veterinary Assistant

Course Title / Number	Lecture Hours		Laboratory Hours		Externship Hours		Total Hours		
	Clock	Academic Credit	Clock	Academic Credit	Clock	Academic Credit	Clock	Academic Credit	Financial Aid Credit
CD100 Career Development	30	2					30	2	1
VA101 Veterinary Terminology	60	4	40	1.33			100	5.33	3.33
VA102 Veterinary Pharmacy	60	4	40	1.33			100	5.33	3.33
VA103 Veterinary Anatomy and Physiology	60	4	40	1.33			100	5.33	3.33
VA104 Veterinary Husbandry	60	4	40	1.33			100	5.33	3.33
VA105 Veterinary Behavior and Restraint	60	4	40	1.33			100	5.33	3.33
VA106 Nursing and Care for the Veterinary Assistant	60	4	40	1.33			100	5.33	3.33
VA107 Administration, Front Office for the Veterinary Office	60	4	40	1.33			100	5.33	3.33
CD200 Advanced Career Development	30	2					30	2	1
VA108 Veterinary Assistant Externship					200	4.44	200	4.44	4.44
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>9.31</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>4.44</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>45.75</b>	<b>29.75</b>

### Veterinary Assistant – Course Descriptions

Course Number / Name	Course Length	Description
<b>CD 100</b> <b>Career Development</b>	1 Week Day 1 Week Evening Semester Credit Hours: 2 Financial Aid Credits: 1	This Course will build an understanding of how your mind works, control the way you think to achieve success and properly set achievable goals. This course will teach and apply techniques for individuals to develop their potential by changing their habits, attitudes, beliefs, and expectations. Students will learn how to write and utilize affirmations and obtain a strong understanding and ability to apply the following core concepts: Scotomas, The Reticular Activating System (RAS), Self-talk, and comfort zones.  Prerequisites: None

Course Number / Name	Course Length	Description
<b>CD 200</b> <b>Advanced Career Development</b>	1 Week Day 1, Week Evening Semester Credit Hours: 2 Financial Aid Credits: 1	This course provides instruction in the art of getting a job. Students will be introduced to resume preparation, job search strategies, interview techniques, goal setting, and dress for success and career development techniques. The course is designed to provide the student with successful strategies and techniques for finding employment opportunities and successfully negotiating the resume, interview and negotiation of employment processes. The course will also provide the student opportunities to target outside job searches and interviews during the term of instruction.  Prerequisites: CD 100
<b>VA 101</b> <b>Veterinary Terminology</b>	4 Week Day 4 Week Evening Semester Credit Hours: 5.33 Financial Aid Credits: 2.66	This course will introduce you to: the basics of veterinary terminology including prefixes, roots, suffixes and combing forms. Students will be able to analyze and dissect terms to determine meaning. Students will learn anatomical positions, planes, body cavities and direction and movement as applied to various species of animals. Students will demonstrate knowledge of directional terms as they relate to veterinary practice and tasks. Students will define and describe the structure of living things (cells, tissues, organs) and identify the differences between cells, tissues and organs. Students will learn terms relating to cytology and histology and identify cells and tissues from definition and visual description. Students will learn dental terminology and understand the meaning of these terms in reference to dental formulas and types of teeth, tooth references and mandibular and maxillary shapes and distinction.
<b>VA 102</b> <b>Veterinary Pharmacy</b>	4 Week Day 4 Week Evening Semester Credit Hours: 5.33 Financial Aid Credits: 2.66	In this module students will gain an understanding to read and interpret a prescription, as well as label a dispensing container. Students will be able to calculate the proper quantity of medication to dispense. Demonstrate how to use a pill counting tray to count medications. Students will explain how to process and log-controlled substances according to DEA regulations. Students will learn to calculate the proper quantity of medication to dispense and demonstrate how to administer oral, aural, ophthalmic and topical and parenteral medication to a veterinary patient. Students will be able to calculate and administer the proper quantity of medication. Students will demonstrate proper logging and storage of controlled substances.
<b>VA 103</b> <b>Veterinary Anatomy and Physiology</b>	4 Week Day 4 Week Evening Semester Credit Hours: 5.33 Financial Aid Credits: 2.66	Students will expand on their knowledge of anatomy and physiology as it relates to veterinary medicine. Students will utilize correct terminology when referring to animal structures and functions for the application of veterinary procedures. Students will be introduced to the structures and functions, pathology, and terminology related to the diagnosis and treatment of diseases of the different systems.

<p><b>VA 104</b> <b>Veterinary Husbandry</b></p>	<p>4 Week Day          4 Week Evening          Semester Credit Hours: 5.33          Financial Aid Credits: 2.66</p>	<p>Students will learn common veterinary terms relating to the dog and cat and the biology and development of these species. Students will identify common breeds of dogs (identified by the American Kennel Club) and cats, identify normal and abnormal behaviors and explain proper selection methods for these species. Students will learn and demonstrate proper restraining methods for the dog and cat for various veterinary procedures. Students will learn grooming needs, basic health care and maintenance and vaccine programs for dogs and cats. Students will identify common internal and external parasites and prevention of the cat and dog. Students will be able to explain canine and feline reproduction, common diseases and prevention of disease and zoonoses. Students will be able to describe common canine and feline surgeries including spay / castration, dewclaw removal, tail docking, and declawing. Students will be able to describe the controversy around declawing in cats. Students will learn common veterinary terms relating to avian, laboratory, and exotics animals, identify common breeds of relevant species and describe the biology and development of these species. Students will explain proper avian, laboratory animals, and exotic breed selection methods, and normal and abnormal behaviors for these species. Students will learn grooming needs, basic health care, nutrition, husbandry and maintenance, and vaccine programs for avian, laboratory, and exotic animals. Students will learn and demonstrate proper restraining methods for various procedures involving avian, laboratory, and exotic animals. Students will be able to educate clients on common household hazards to birds, laboratory and exotic animals, including cleaning products, cigarette smoke, and certain types of wood. Students will identify common wildlife species, explain the classes of wildlife and understand the importance of wildlife in veterinary medicine including, wildlife management practices. Students will be able to discuss the career of wildlife rehabilitation. Students will learn terminology related to specific parts of the equine and identify anatomic and physiologic differences including dental formula and aging. Students will learn biology and husbandry and basic senses for the equine. Students will learn breeds and identifying factors for the equine. Students will learn body language and basic senses, behavior, restraint and humane handling and safety, physical examination, equine nutrition and parasite prevention and control. Students will learn and demonstrate knowledge of parasite and disease prevention, control and treatment for the equine. Students will learn administration of medications topical, oral, and parenterally and lab sample collection techniques for the equine veterinary patient. Students will learn common surgical procedures for equine. Students will understand veterinary terminology associated with the pig and ruminants. Students will learn the dental formula, identification, restraint and humane handling, biology, husbandry and maintenance for the pig and ruminants. Students will learn physical examination, administration of medications and lab sample collection techniques, common diseases, zoonosis and vaccination protocol and common</p>
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		surgical procedures for the pig and ruminants. Students will learn regulations for food animal handling and health.
<b>VA 105</b> <b>Veterinary Behavior and Restraint</b>	4 Week Day 4 Week Evening Semester Credit Hours: 5.33 Financial Aid Credits: 2.66	Students will learn the processes by which animal behaviors develop and differentiate between positive and negative reinforcement and punishment as it relates to a variety of species. Students will learn the role of veterinary professionals and the legal aspects in preventing and managing behavior problems of veterinary patients and the procedure for referring clients to professionals for resolution of behavior problems. Students will learn the psychological principles underlying physical restraint techniques, understand the basics of restraining dogs, cats, rabbits, laboratory animals, birds, horses and other large animal species. for routine procedures and give examples of behavior responses of animals to physical restraint. Students will demonstrate safety procedures taken before and during physical restraint. Students will learn safety techniques used for safe restraint of a variety of veterinary patients including applications of muzzles, twitches, and other specie specific restraint devices.
<b>VA 106</b> <b>Nursing and Care for the Veterinary Assistant</b>	4 Week Day 4 Week Evening Semester Credit Hours: 5.33 Financial Aid Credits: 2.66	Students will learn proper steps and techniques for gathering an accurate and complete patient history and presenting complaint. Students will learn required documentation of history and physical examinations, procedures and treatments. Student will learn aspects of client communication and client interaction in relationship to patient history. Student will learn components of a complete physical examination and how to obtain and monitor vital signs. Students will learn to properly record patient care. Students will demonstrate procedures used in grooming and skin, anal gland, nail and ear care. Students will learn common routes of administration of medication and fluid therapy and describe procedures used to administer medications to a variety of veterinary patients. Students will learn methods of parenteral and intravenous administration. They will understand the Veterinary Assistant's role in intravenous and urinary catheterization procedures. Students will learn techniques used in the general nursing care of dogs, cats, equine and other veterinary patients. Students will explain the principles of first aid treatment and wound closure and care including bandaging. Students will demonstrate proper positioning of animals for various radiographic studies and understand the basics concepts of diagnostic imaging. Students will describe and explain surgical terminology, including anesthesia and the role of the veterinary surgical assistant. Students will identify basic surgical instruments used in the Veterinary practice. Student will learn and discuss principles of aseptic techniques. Students will give examples of methods used to disinfect or sterilize surgical instruments and supplies. Students will learn procedures for preparing the surgical site and the surgical team. Students will identify surgical instruments and explain their uses and maintenance. Students will compare and contrast the types of suture needles and suture materials and

Course Number / Name	Course Length	Description
		their uses in veterinary practice. Students will be introduced to suture patterns and learn suture removal techniques. Students will learn the role of veterinary staff members in anesthesia, surgical assisting and perioperative pain management. Students will be introduced to preoperative patient preparation practices. Students will understand the term euthanasia and methods of humane euthanasia.
<b>VA 107</b> <b>Administration, Front Office for Veterinary Office</b>	4 Week Day 4 Week Evening Semester Credit Hours: 5.33 Financial Aid Credits: 2.66	Discusses the legal aspects of veterinary management, documentation, and communication, with emphasis on medical records. Veterinary ethics and jurisprudence will be discussed with references to the ethical and legal considerations for the veterinary technician and his / her employer. Veterinary office procedures, client relations, and human resources will be reviewed. Team activities and concepts will be emphasized. This course will discuss regulations of the California Veterinary Medical Board, as applied to veterinarians, veterinary technicians, and unlicensed veterinary assistants. Continuing Education and life-long learning concepts will be reviewed, as well the role of professional organizations in veterinary medicine.
<b>VA 108</b> <b>Veterinary Assistant Externship</b>	6 Weeks Semester Credit Hours: 4.44 Financial Aid Credits: 4.44	Upon successful completion of all modules, Veterinary students participate in 200-hours of externship. The externship module enables students to have the opportunity to demonstrate and reinforce the knowledge and skills presented and practiced throughout the training program. Externs work under the direct supervision of qualified personnel at the externship site under the general supervision of college staff. Supervisory personnel evaluate externs and the evaluations are placed in the student's permanent record. Students must complete their externship training to fulfill graduation requirements. Evaluation is conducted by the Externship site personnel.

## Uniform and Supplies Information

The following uniform and supply items are included in the Veterinary Assistant program cost:

- 2 Scrub Tops
- 1 Identification Badge
- 6 Books
- 2 Scrub Pants
- 1 CPR Card
- 1 Veterinary Assistant Graduate Diploma

**NOTE TO STUDENTS:** Due to the sanitary and health considerations of returning and reuse of the uniform and supplies included in the program cost, these items are **NOT RETURNABLE**, and the cost of the uniform and supplies package is **NON-REFUNDABLE** once the student has been issued the uniform and supplies. The uniform and supplies package is a standard and mandatory cost of the program and similar items that the student may already own, or purchase may not be substituted for any part of the uniform and supplies package.

## Required Items NOT Included in Program Cost

In addition to the supplied uniform and equipment which is included in the total program cost, students will be required to furnish the following items at their own expense upon issuance of the uniform and supplies package:

Item	Estimated Cost
1 Pair White, Closed-Toe Uniform Shoe	\$35.00 to \$85.00
Wrist Watch with Sweep Second Hand	\$15.00 to \$25.00
Black Ink, Ballpoint Pen	\$0.75

## Required Clinical Background Check

*\*Not included in total program cost.*

In addition to meeting the requirements of one of the above eligibility categories, candidates must be:

- At least 18 years of age.
- Fingerprinted (live scan) prior to licensure.

Free of convictions for crimes substantially related to the practice and duties of an VA. **ANYONE WHO HAS ANY CONVICTIONS SHOULD CONTACT THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION TO BE SURE THEY WILL BE ELIGIBLE.**

## Program Description – Ultrasound Technician

SOC Code: 29-2032

CIP Code: 51.0910

Diagnostic Medical Sonographer (UT)

### Program Objective

The Ultrasound Technician program is designed to prepare graduates for employment as an ultrasound technologist in the general abdomen, OB / GYN, small body parts and vascular. The graduate can work in imaging centers, physician’s offices, clinics, mobile units or hospitals that do not require a certification to be employed. The ultra-sonographer plays an important role in today’s modern diagnosis and treatment team. Ultra-sonographer produces two-dimensional ultrasonic recordings of internal organs using ultrasound equipment for use by physicians in diagnosing certain diseases and malfunctions of certain organs. The program includes a 960-hour externship.

### Program Length

- **Total Weeks in Program:** 84 weeks (morning / afternoon classes)
- **Total Weeks in Program:** 99 weeks (evening classes)
- **Semester Credit Hours:** 86.66
- **Total Clock Hours:** 2,180
  - **Classroom Hours:** 1,220
  - **Clinical Externship Hours:** 960
- **Teacher / Student Ratio:**
  - 1/Class
  - Lab 1/20
- **Student will receive a Certificate of Completion.**

### Required Courses

#### Ultrasound Technician

Course Title / Number	Lecture Hours		Laboratory Hours		Externship Hours		Clock	Academic Credit
	Clock	Academic Credit	Clock	Academic Credit	Clock	Academic Credit		
UT100A Med Term, Basic A&P	160	10.67					160	10.67
UT100B Med Law, Ethics, and Basic Math	80	5.33					80	5.33
UT101 Introduction to Ultrasound Physics	120	8	120	4			240	12
UT102 Abdomen, Small Parts	120	8	120	4			240	12
UT103 OB / GYN	120	8	120	4			240	12



Course Title / Number	Lecture Hours		Laboratory Hours		Externship Hours		Clock	Academic Credit
	Clock	Academic Credit	Clock	Academic Credit	Clock	Academic Credit		
UT104 Peripheral Vascular Sonography	120	8	120	4			240	12
UT105 Professional Development	20	1.33					20	1.33
UT106 Ultrasound Externship					960	21.33	960	21.33
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>740</b>	<b>49.33</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>21.33</b>	<b>2,180</b>	<b>86.66</b>

## Ultrasound Technician – Course Descriptions

Course Number / Name	Course Length	Description
<b>UT 100A</b> Medical Terminology, Basic Anatomy and Physiology	8 Weeks Day / Afternoon 10 Weeks Evening Semester Credit Hours: 10.67	This course will introduce you to: key word parts-the building blocks of most medical terms, an overview of basic terms used throughout the health field, the structures and functions of the body systems, specialties related to each system, pathology, diagnostic and treatment procedures for those systems.
<b>UT 100B</b> Medical Law and Ethics, and Basic Math	4 Weeks Day / Afternoon 5 Weeks Evening Semester Credit Hours: 5.33	This course will introduce you to the legal side of the medical office and provide a foundation of law to be used as a guide against which individual behavior may be measured. It will help you learn how to prevent medical malpractice litigation by exposing you to the legal concepts of standard of care, scope of employment, criminal and civic acts, contracts, and negligence, and to ethical concepts. This course also introduces you to basic math skills needed in the healthcare profession.
<b>UT 101</b> Introduction to Ultrasound Physics, Principles, Application, and Instrumentation	12 Weeks Day / Afternoon 15 Weeks Evening Semester Credit Hours: 12.00	This course introduces the physics of ultrasound and provides an examination of ultrasound characteristics. Pulsed ultrasound, a discussion of ultrasound propagation in tissues including attenuation, density, stiffness, and acoustic impedance of media as well as consideration of echoes, reflection and scatter are included. This course also includes the discussion of imaging instruments, including the role of the pulser, receiver, memory, cathode ray tube, and the display monitor. Image pre and post processing, temporal and spatial resolution are also covered. Additionally, this course includes an overview of the hemodynamic of blood flow and its interaction with the ultrasound beam. Continuous wave and pulsed Doppler physics and instrumentation are introduced as well as color Doppler, power Doppler, and special ultrasound procedures including contrast agents, intraluminal, and intraoperative studies. Various sonographic artifacts, ultrasound bio effects and safety are considered. Imaging performance evaluation and the AIUM phantom are discussed. A comprehensive review of ultrasound physics and instrumentation concludes this course.  Prerequisites: UT 100A, UT 100B

Course Number / Name	Course Length	Description
<b>UT 102</b> <b>Abdomen and Small Parts</b>	12 Weeks Day / Afternoon 15 Weeks Evening Semester Credit Hours: 12.00	This course will introduce you to Cross-Sectional Ultrasound imaging instructions with an emphasis on the anatomy, physiology, pathology, and the clinical and sonographic presentation of the liver, Gallbladder and Biliary tree, Pancreas, and Urinary Tract with Urinary Bladder. This course also includes cross-sectional ultrasound imaging instruction with an emphasis on the anatomy, physiology, pathology, and the clinical and sonographic presentation of the spleen, gastrointestinal tract, prostate, scrotum, abdominal aorta, retroperitoneum, thyroid, and the female breast. Paracentesis, pediatric sonography, abdominal wall and rotator cuff ultrasound are also discussed. Scanning lab training continues with instruction on the various components and operation of an ultrasound machine. Scanning techniques and protocols of the adult abdomen and related systems are also provided.  Prerequisites: UT 100A, UT 100B
<b>UT 103</b> <b>Obstetrics and Gynecology</b>	12 Weeks Day / Afternoon 15 Weeks Evening Semester Credit Hours: 12.00	This course includes discussion of the various exam protocols and ultrasound evaluation of the female reproductive system, and the first and second trimester of intrauterine fetal development. An in-depth examination of normal maternal - fetal anatomy and physiology, as well as the clinical and sonographic presentations of benign and malignant diseases of the female pelvis and complications associated with early first trimester pregnancy is provided too. Students will also be presented with detailed information on the routine sonographic identification and documentation of the anatomical survey, biometry, biophysical profile, and umbilical cord Doppler of the second and third trimester fetus. Laboratory training includes hands on trans abdominal scanning of the female pelvis and the pregnant uterus.  Prerequisites: UT 100A, UT 100B
<b>UT 104</b> <b>Peripheral Vascular Sonography</b>	12 Weeks Day / Afternoon 15 Weeks Evening Semester Credit Hours: 12.00	In this course, students are presented an anatomical comparison between the wall architecture of veins and arteries as well as a detailed examination of venous macroscopic pathways. Venous and abdominal vasculature blood flow hemodynamics is also covered to included discussions on hydrostatic pressure, venous return, transmural pressure, visceral vascular, and exercise / pre- and post-prandial induced pressure-resistive changes on the venous and visceral vascular systems. Venous and Visceral vascular pathophysiology is discussed in detail and the progression from acute to chronic disease processes and their deleterious effects on the normal venous anatomy and physiology are examined.  Prerequisites: UT 100A, UT 100B

Course Number / Name	Course Length	Description
<b>UT 105</b> <b>Professional Development</b>	1 Week Day / Afternoon 1,1 Weeks Evening Semester Credit Hours: 1.33	This course provides instruction in the art of getting a job. Students will be introduced to resume preparation, job search strategies, interview techniques, goal setting, and dress for success and career development techniques. The course is designed to provide the student with successful strategies and techniques for finding employment opportunities and successfully negotiating the resume, interview and negotiation of employment processes. The course will also provide the student opportunities to target outside job searches and interviews during the term of instruction.  Prerequisites: UT 100A, UT 100B, UT101, UT102, UT103, UT104
<b>UT 106</b> <b>Ultrasound Externship</b>	24 Weeks Semester Credit Hours: 21.33	In the externship environment students will work as an entry-level ultrasound technologist and will scan the complete upper abdomen, pelvic, small parts areas with decreasing supervision. Students are expected to process patient information, perform sonograms and present the case to the physician or radiologist for review. Students also obtain skills to perform a complete obstetric ultrasound exam and present the case to the physician or radiologist. It is expected that at the conclusion of the externship, the student should be able to perform all the duties of an entry-level sonographer with minimal supervision.  Prerequisites: UT 100A, UT 100B, UT101, UT102, UT103, UT104, UT105

## Uniform and Supplies Information

The following uniform and supply items are included in the Diagnostic Medical Sonography program cost:

- 2 Scrub Tops
- 1 Identification Badge
- 1 Ultrasound Technician Graduate Diploma
- 2 Scrub Pants
- 9 Books
- 1 CPR Card

***NOTE TO STUDENT: Due to the sanitary and health considerations of returning and reuse of the uniform and supplies included in the program cost, these items are NOT RETURNABLE, and the cost of the uniform and supplies package is NON-REFUNDABLE once the student has been issued the uniform and supplies. The uniform and supplies package are a standard and mandatory cost of the program and similar items that the student may already own, or purchase may not be substituted for any part of the uniform and supplies package.***

## Required Items NOT Included in Program Cost

In addition to the supplied uniform and equipment which is included in the total program cost, students will be required to furnish the following items at their own expense upon issuance of the uniform and supplies package:

Item	Estimated Cost
1 Pair White, Closed-Toe Uniform Shoe	\$35.00 to \$85.00
Wrist Watch with Sweep Second Hand	\$15.00 to \$25.00
Black Ink, Ballpoint Pen	\$0.75

## Program Description – Ultrasound Technician Associate of Applied Science (AAS)

SOC Code: 29.2032

CIP Code: 51.0910

Diagnostic Medical Sonographer (UT)

### Program Objective

The Ultrasound Technician program is designed to prepare graduates for employment as an ultrasound technologist in the general abdomen, OB / GYN, small body parts and vascular. The graduate can work in imaging centers, physician's offices, clinics, mobile units or hospitals that do not require a certification to be employed. The ultrasonographer plays a key role in today's modern diagnosis and treatment team. Ultra-sonographer produces two-dimensional ultrasonic recordings of internal organs using ultrasound equipment for use by physicians in diagnosing certain diseases and malfunctions of certain organs. The program includes a 960-hour externship.

### Program Length

- **Total Weeks in Program:** 108 weeks (morning / afternoon classes)
- **Total Weeks in Program:** 123 weeks (evening classes)
- **Semester Credit Hours:** 118.64
- **Total Clock Hours:** 2,660
  - **Classroom Hours:** 1,220
  - **Online Hours:** 480
  - **Clinical Externship Hours:** 960
- **Teacher / Student Ratio:**
  - 1/Class
  - Lab 1/20
- **Student will receive a Diploma**

The general education courses for the Ultrasound Technician Associate of Applied Science Degree program is offered online only using Interactive Distant Learning (IDL). The core Ultrasound principles and subjects will be taught on campus. Certificate program graduates, who have spent 21 to 24 months on campus, can complete an Ultrasound Technician Associate of Applied Science Degree remotely.

## Required Courses

### Ultrasound Technician Associate of Applied Science (AAS)

Course Title / Number	Lecture Hours		Laboratory Hours		Externship Hours		Clock	Academic Credit
	Clock	Academic Credit	Clock	Academic Credit	Clock	Academic Credit		
UT100A Med Term, Basic A&P	160	10.67					160	10.67
UT100B Med Law, Ethics, and Basic Math	80	5.33					80	5.33
UT101 Introduction to Ultrasound Physics	120	8	120	4			240	12
UT102 Abdomen and Small Parts	120	8	120	4			240	12
UT103 OB / GYN	120	8	120	4			240	12
UT104 Peripheral Vascular Sonography	120	8	120	4			240	12
UT105 Professional Development	20	1.33					20	1.33
UT106 Ultrasound Externship					960	21.33	960	21.34
GOVT101 American Government	80	5.33					80	5.33
BUSM101 Business Math	80	5.33					80	5.33
CRT101 Critical Thinking	80	5.33					80	5.33
ENG101 English Composition	80	5.33					80	5.33
PSYCH101 Introduction to Psychology	80	5.33					80	5.33
SOCI101 Introduction to Sociology	80	5.33					80	5.33
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,220</b>	<b>81.31</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>21.33</b>	<b>2,660</b>	<b>118.64</b>

### Ultrasound Technician Associate of Applied Science (AAS) – Course Descriptions

Course Number / Name	Course Length	Description
<b>BUSM 101</b> Business Math	4 Weeks Semester Credit Hours: 5.33	This course applies math fundamentals to business applications. Topics include a basic math review, business statistics, profit calculations, payroll, banking, interest calculations, insurance, taxes, and other business topics.
<b>CRT 101</b> Critical Thinking	4 Weeks Semester Credit Hours: 5.33	This introductory level course presents a variety of topics essential to a student's development in critical thinking. Students are introduced to concepts essential to the comprehension, analysis, and creation of arguments: induction, deduction, informal fallacies, Aristotelian and symbolic logic, modes of persuasion, perspective and bias, and language and meaning, culminating in the development of reasonable strategies for belief formation.

Course Number / Name	Course Length	Description
<b>ENG 101</b> <b>English Composition</b>	4 Weeks Semester Credit Hours: 5.33	This course is a general introduction to the principles of effective writing with emphasis on writing process, thesis, context, purpose and audience. By completing this course, the student will acquire the ability to write effective sentences, paragraphs, and themes and the ability to read with understanding of rhetorical forms and devices with critical awareness. The course aims to build sequentially on students' ability to read both written and cultural texts closely and critically and to analyze those texts in ways that also engage and problematize students' own experience, the perspectives of "experts," and the world they live in.
<b>GOVT 101</b> <b>American Government</b>	4 Weeks Semester Credit Hours: 5.33	This course introduces students to the fundamentals of American government and politics focusing on the historical evolution of government and policies, the major institutions, and the major processes. Course goals include developing an interest and understanding of today's government, policy development, and politics as well as to develop critical thinking and information literacy skills in government and politics areas. Topics include the Constitution, federalism, civil rights and civil liberties, the structure and processes of the three branches of government, political socialization, interest groups and public opinion, political parties and the election process, as well as basic U.S social, economic, and foreign policy.
<b>PSYC 101</b> <b>Introduction to Psychology</b>	4 Weeks Semester Credit Hours: 5.33	This course introduces human behavior. It includes the study of the theories and concepts of psychology including the scope of psychology, biological foundations and the brain, sensation, perception, motivation, personality, learning and memory, emotion, states of consciousness, personality theories, cognition, lifespan development, and applied psychology.
<b>SOCI 101</b> <b>Introduction to Sociology</b>	4 Weeks Semester Credit Hours: 5.33	This course explores sociological processes that underlie everyday life. The course focuses on globalization, cultural diversity, critical thinking, modern technology, and the growing influence of mass media.
<b>UT 100A</b> <b>Medical Terminology, Basic Anatomy and Physiology</b>	8 Weeks Day / Afternoon 10 Weeks Evening Semester Credit Hours: 10.67	This course will introduce you to: key word parts-the building blocks of most medical terms, an overview of basic terms used throughout the health field, the structures and functions of the body systems, specialties related to each system, pathology, diagnostic and treatment procedures for those systems.

Course Number / Name	Course Length	Description
<b>UT 100B</b> <b>Medical Law and Ethics and Basic Math</b>	4 Weeks Day / Afternoon 5 Weeks Evening Semester Credit Hours: 5.33	This course will introduce you to the legal side of the medical office and provide a foundation of law to be used as a guide against which individual behavior may be measured. It will help you learn how to prevent medical malpractice litigation by exposing you to the legal concepts of standard of care, scope of employment, criminal and civic acts, contracts, and negligence, and to ethical concepts. You will be also introduced to ultrasound technology, and your role as a sonographer in the medical team. You will be learning step-by-step descriptions of basic medical procedures and patient care, how to safely perform these procedures and how to interact with patients in a clinical setting. This course will also prepare you for the transition into practice-covering expectations in various clinical settings, continuing education, sonography specialties, and career options.
<b>UT 101</b> <b>Introduction to Ultrasound Physics, Principles, Application and Instrumentation</b>	12 Weeks Day / Afternoon 15 Weeks Evening Semester Credit Hours: 12.00	This course introduces the physics of ultrasound and provides an examination of ultrasound characteristics. Pulsed ultrasound, a discussion of ultrasound propagation in tissues including attenuation, density, stiffness, and acoustic impedance of media as well as consideration of echoes, reflection and scatter are included. This course also includes the discussion of imaging instruments, including the role of the pulser, receiver, memory, cathode ray tube, and the display monitor. Image pre and post processing, temporal and spatial resolution are also covered. Additionally, this course includes an overview of the hemodynamic of blood flow and its interaction with the ultrasound beam. Continuous wave and pulsed Doppler physics and instrumentation are introduced as well as color Doppler, power Doppler, and special ultrasound procedures including contrast agents, intraluminal, and intraoperative studies. Various sonographic artifacts, ultrasound bio effects and safety are considered. Imaging performance evaluation and the AIUM phantom are discussed. A comprehensive review of ultrasound physics and instrumentation concludes this course.  Prerequisites: UT 100A, UT 100B



Course Number / Name	Course Length	Description
<b>UT 102</b> <b>Abdomen and Small Parts</b>	12 Weeks Day / Afternoon 15 Weeks Evening Semester Credit Hours: 12.00	<p>This course will introduce you to Cross-Sectional Ultrasound imaging instructions with an emphasis on the anatomy, physiology, pathology, and the clinical and sonographic presentation of the liver, Gallbladder and Biliary tree, Pancreas, and Urinary Tract with Urinary Bladder. This course also includes cross-sectional ultrasound imaging instruction with an emphasis on the anatomy, physiology, pathology, and the clinical and sonographic presentation of the spleen, gastrointestinal tract, prostate, scrotum, abdominal aorta, retroperitoneum, thyroid, and the female breast. Paracentesis, pediatric sonography, abdominal wall and rotator cuff ultrasound are also discussed. Scanning lab training continues with instruction on the various components and operation of an ultrasound machine. Scanning techniques and protocols of the adult abdomen and related systems are also provided.</p> <p>Prerequisites: UT 100A, UT 100B</p>
<b>UT 103</b> <b>Obstetrics and Gynecology</b>	12 Weeks Day / Afternoon 15 Weeks Evening Semester Credit Hours: 12.00	<p>This course includes discussion of the various exam protocols and ultrasound evaluation of the female reproductive system, and the first and second trimester of intrauterine fetal development. An in-depth examination of normal maternal- fetal anatomy and physiology, as well as the clinical and sonographic presentations of benign and malignant diseases of the female pelvis and complications associated with early first trimester pregnancy is provided too. Students will also be presented with detailed information on the routine sonographic identification and documentation of the anatomical survey, biometry, biophysical profile, and umbilical cord Doppler of the second and third trimester fetus. Laboratory training includes hands on trans abdominal scanning of the female pelvis and the pregnant uterus.</p> <p>Prerequisites: UT 100A, UT 100B</p>
<b>UT 104</b> <b>Peripheral Vascular Sonography</b>	12 Weeks Day / Afternoon 15 Weeks Evening Semester Credit Hours: 12.00	<p>In this course, students are presented an anatomical comparison between the wall architecture of veins and arteries as well as a detailed examination of venous macroscopic pathways. Venous and abdominal vasculature blood flow hemodynamics is also covered to included discussions on hydrostatic pressure, venous return, transmural pressure, visceral vascular, and exercise / pre- and post-prandial induced pressure-resistive changes on the venous and visceral vascular systems. Venous and Visceral vascular pathophysiology is discussed in detail and the progression from acute to chronic disease processes and their deleterious effects on the normal venous anatomy and physiology are examined.</p> <p>Prerequisites: UT 100A, UT 100B</p>

Course Number / Name	Course Length	Description
<b>UT 105</b> <b>Professional Development</b>	1 Week Day / Afternoon 1,1 Weeks Evening Semester Credit Hours: 1.33	This course provides instruction in the art of getting a job. Students will be introduced to resume preparation, job search strategies, interview techniques, goal setting, and dress for success and career development techniques. The course is designed to provide the student with successful strategies and techniques for finding employment opportunities and successfully negotiating the resume, interview and negotiation of employment processes. The course will also provide the student opportunities to target outside job searches and interviews during the term of instruction.  Prerequisites: UT 100A, UT 100B, UT101, UT102, UT103, UT104
<b>UT 106</b> <b>Ultrasound Externship</b>	24 Weeks Semester Credit Hours: 21.33	In the externship environment students will work as an entry-level ultrasound technologist and will scan the complete upper abdomen, pelvic, small parts areas with decreasing supervision. Students are expected to process patient information, perform sonograms and present the case to the physician or radiologist for review. Students also obtain skills to perform a complete obstetric ultrasound exam and present the case to the physician or radiologist. It's expected that at the conclusion of the externship, the student should be able to perform all the duties of an entry-level sonographer with minimal supervision.  Prerequisites: UT 100A, UT 100B, UT101, UT102, UT103, UT104, UT105

## Uniform and Supplies Information

The following uniform and supply items are included in the Ultrasound Technician program cost:

- 2 Scrub Tops
- 1 Identification Badge
- 9 Books
- 2 Scrub Pants
- 1 CPR Card
- 1 Associate of Applied Science Degree in Ultrasound Technician

***NOTE TO STUDENTS: Due to the sanitary and health considerations of returning and reuse of the uniform and supplies included in the program cost, these items are NOT RETURNABLE, and the cost of the uniform and supplies package is NON-REFUNDABLE once the student has been issued the uniform and supplies. The uniform and supplies package are a standard and mandatory cost of the program and similar items that the student may already own, or purchase may not be substituted for any part of the uniform and supplies package***

## Required Items NOT Included in Program Cost

In addition to the supplied uniform and equipment which is included in the total program cost, students will be required to furnish the following items at their own expense upon issuance of the uniform and supplies package:

Item	Estimated Cost
1 Pair White, Closed-Toe Uniform Shoe	\$35.00 to \$85.00
Wrist Watch with Sweep Second Hand	\$15.00 to \$25.00
Black Ink, Ballpoint Pen	\$0.75

## Program Description – Cardiac Sonography Associate of Applied Science (AAS)

SOC Code: 29.2032

CIP Code: 51.0901

Cardiac Sonography (CS)

### Program Objective

The Cardiac Sonography program is designed to prepare graduates for employment as a Cardiac Sonographer. The graduate can work in imaging centers, physician's offices, clinics, mobile units or hospitals that do not require a certification to be employed. The Cardiac sonographer plays a key role in today's modern diagnosis and treatment team of Cardiac disorders. The Cardiac sonographer produces two-dimensional ultrasonic recordings of the heart and related blood vessels using ultrasound equipment for use by physicians in diagnosing certain cardiac diseases and malfunctions of the heart. The program includes a 900-hour externship.

### Program Length

- **Total Weeks in Program:** 115 weeks (morning / afternoon classes)
- **Total Weeks in Program:** 115 weeks (evening classes)
- **Semester Credit Hours:** 107
- **Total Clock Hours:** 2,400
  - **Classroom Hours:** 1,230
  - **Online Hours:** 270
  - **Clinical Externship Hours:** 900
- **Teacher / Student Ratio:**
  - 1/Class
  - Lab 1/20
- **Student will receive a Certificate of Completion.**

The general education courses for the Cardiac Sonography Associate of Applied Science Degree program is offered online only using Interactive Distant Learning (IDL). The core Ultrasound principles and subjects will be taught on campus.

## Required Courses

### Cardiac Sonography Associate of Applied Science (AAS) / Ultrasound Technician

Course Title / Number	Lecture Hours		Laboratory Hours		Externship Hours		Clock	Academic Credit
	Clock	Academic Credit	Clock	Academic Credit	Clock	Academic Credit		
UT100A/B Med Term, Basic A&P Med Law, Ethics	240	16					240	16
UT100C Pharmacology, Patient Care and EKG	210	14	30	1			240	15
UT101 Introduction to Ultrasound Physics	120	8	120	4			240	12
CS101 Cardiac Sonography I	120	8	120	4			240	12
CS102 Cardiac Sonography II	120	8	120	4			240	12
CD200 Professional Development	30	2					30	2
UT106 Ultrasound Externship					900	20	900	20
ENG101 English Composition 101	45	3					45	3
PSYCH101 Introduction to Psychology 101	45	3					45	3
SOC101 Introduction to Sociology 101	45	3					45	3
MTH101 College Algebra 101	45	3					45	3
ENG102 Public Speaking	45	3					45	3
PHY101 Physics I	45	3					45	3
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,110</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>2,400</b>	<b>107</b>

### Cardiac Sonography Associate of Applied Science (AAS) – Course Descriptions

Course Number / Name	Course Length	Description
<b>UT 100A/B</b> <b>Medical Terminology, Basic Anatomy and Physiology, Medical Law and Ethics</b>	12 Weeks Day / Afternoon 12 Weeks Evening Semester Credit Hours: 16	This course will introduce you to: key word parts-the building blocks of most medical terms, an overview of basic terms used throughout the health field, the structures and functions of the body systems, specialties related to each system, pathology, diagnostic and treatment procedures for those systems. This course will also introduce you to the legal side of the medical office and provide a foundation of law to be used as a guide against which individual behavior may be measured. It will help you learn how to prevent medical malpractice litigation by exposing you to the legal concepts of standard of care, scope of employment, criminal and civic acts, contracts, and negligence, and to ethical concepts. In addition, you will receive course work in CPR Certification, Infection Control and First Aid.

Course Number / Name	Course Length	Description
<p><b>UT 100C</b>  <b>Pharmacology, Patient Care and EKG</b></p>	<p>12 Weeks Day / Afternoon            12 Weeks Evening            Semester Credit Hours: 15</p>	<p>This course is designed to provide students with principal knowledge about the medications used to treat patients with heart disease. student will understand the major drug classifications in cardiology and common medications used in cardiac emergencies and stress Echo. Students will also gain knowledge about medical tests other than TTE used to aid with the diagnosis of heart disease with possible use of medication or contrast agent. This course also provides the student how obtaining patient history, pre- and post-procedure information, the preparation and presentation of technical reports, communication of clinical findings to practitioner. The student will learn basic computer skill, effective communication in the workplace, and telephone etiquette. This course introduces the student to diverse populations and ways that diversity influences language and communication. The student will also learn how to interact with patients as a Sonographer. These skills include patient safety, strategies for dealing with difficult patients, family members and situations. Student will also learn skills for patient transfer, position, and transportation. Additionally, this course will introduce cardiac electrophysiology and electrocardiography concepts, techniques, and applications. The student will be trained to perform ECG protocols and to recognize and report various cardiac and pacemaker rhythms, conduction disturbances, and life-threatening conditions, with focus on patient care and management. The course will also explore Holter and telemetry monitoring in addition to different stress testing modalities and protocols and will conclude with a comprehensive approach to 12-lead ECG analysis and interpretation. In the lab, the student will learn to perform and analyze the standard 12-lead ECG on fellow students.</p>
<p><b>UT 101</b>  <b>Introduction to Ultrasound Physics, Principles, Application and Instrumentation</b></p>	<p>12 Weeks Day / Afternoon            12 Weeks Evening            Semester Credit Hours: 12</p>	<p>This course introduces the physics of ultrasound and provides an examination of ultrasound characteristics. Pulsed ultrasound, a discussion of ultrasound propagation in tissues including attenuation, density, stiffness, and acoustic impedance of media as well as consideration of echoes, reflection and scatter are included. This course also includes the discussion of imaging instruments, including the role of the pulser, receiver, memory, cathode ray tube, and the display monitor. Image pre and post processing, temporal and spatial resolution are also covered. Additionally, this course includes an overview of the hemodynamic of blood flow and its interaction with the ultrasound beam. Continuous wave and pulsed Doppler physics and instrumentation are introduced as well as color Doppler, power Doppler, and special ultrasound procedures including contrast agents, intraluminal, and intraoperative studies. Various sonographic artifacts, ultrasound bio effects and safety are considered. Imaging performance evaluation and the AIUM phantom are discussed. A comprehensive review of ultrasound physics and instrumentation concludes this course.</p>

Course Number / Name	Course Length	Description
<b>CS 101</b> <b>Cardiac Sonography I</b>	12 Weeks Day / Afternoon 12 Weeks Evening Semester Credit Hours: 12	<p>This course covers normal valvular anatomy, pathological process of valvular diseases of the heart and associated calculations to include continuity equation, Bernoulli's equation and variable Color and Spectral Doppler formulas and equations. This course provides a foundation in the principles of preload and after load and the causes of pressure overload / volume overload in relation to valvular pathology. This course will also cover prosthetic valves and accompanying surgeries. Discussion is both detailed and concise for understanding and comprehension. This clinical / laboratory course is an introduction to Doppler principles, velocities, pathology and basic ultrasound physics. Emphasis will be placed on normal anatomy and disease state conditions. M-mode and measurements of valve area will be demonstrated. Students will learn probe manipulation for optimal visualization of anatomy.</p> <p>Prerequisites: All courses except CS 102, CD 200, CS106</p>
<b>CS 102</b> <b>Cardiac Sonography II</b>	12 Weeks Day / Afternoon 12 Weeks Evening Semester Credit Hours: 12	<p>This course covers cardiac tumors and masses, congenital heart defects Transesophageal echo (TEE), echocardiography contrast agents, and detailed diastolic dysfunction. Each section of diseases will be discussed in detail regarding causes, signs, symptoms, echocardiographic findings, and complications. This course also encourages quantitative and qualitative analysis of cardiac functions in relation to different pathologies. They will learn to incorporate velocity measurements and implement calculation to document overall mechanical function of the heart. Doppler principles including color flow mapping, color M-mode and tissue Doppler will also be emphasized.</p> <p>Prerequisites: All courses except CD200, CS106</p>
<b>CD 200</b> <b>Professional Development</b>	1 Week Day / Afternoon 1 Week Evening Semester Credit Hours: 2	<p>This course provides instruction in the art of getting a job. Students will be introduced to resume preparation, job search strategies, interview techniques, goal setting, and dress for success and career development techniques. The course is designed to provide the student with successful strategies and techniques for finding employment opportunities and successfully negotiating the resume, interview and negotiation of employment processes. The course will also provide the student opportunities to target outside job searches and interviews during the term of instruction.</p> <p>Prerequisites: Prerequisites: ENG101, ENG102, PSYCH101, SOC101, MTH101, PHY101</p>

Course Number / Name	Course Length	Description
<b>CS 106</b> <b>Cardiac Sonography Externship</b>	30 Weeks Semester Credit Hours: 20	In the externship environment students will work as an entry-level ultrasound technologist and will scan the complete cardiac protocols with decreasing supervision. Students are expected to process patient information, perform sonograms and present the case to the physician or radiologist for review. Students also obtain skills to perform a complete obstetric ultrasound exam and present the case to the physician or radiologist. It's expected that at the conclusion of the externship, the student should be able to perform all the duties of an entry-level sonographer with minimal supervision.  Prerequisites: UT100A, UT100C, UT101, CS101, CS102, CD200, ENG101, ENG102, PSYCH101, SOC101, MTH101, PHY101
<b>ENG 101</b> <b>English Composition</b>	4 Weeks Semester Credit Hours: 3	This course is a general introduction to the principles of effective writing with emphasis on writing process, thesis, context, purpose and audience. By completing this course, the student will acquire the ability to write effective sentences, paragraphs, and themes and the ability to read with understanding of rhetorical forms and devices with critical awareness. The course aims to build sequentially on students' ability to read both written and cultural texts closely and critically and to analyze those texts in ways that also engage and problematize students' own experience, the perspectives of "experts," and the world they live in.
<b>PSYC 101</b> <b>Introduction to Psychology</b>	4 Weeks Semester Credit Hours: 3	This course introduces human behavior. It includes the study of the theories and concepts of psychology including the scope of psychology, biological foundations and the brain, sensation, perception, motivation, personality, learning and memory, emotion, states of consciousness, personality theories, cognition, lifespan development, and applied psychology.
<b>SOCI 101</b> <b>Introduction to Sociology</b>	4 Weeks Semester Credit Hours: 3	This course explores sociological processes that underlie everyday life. The course focuses on globalization, cultural diversity, critical thinking, modern technology, and the growing influence of mass media.
<b>MTH 101</b> <b>College Algebra</b>	4 Weeks Semester Credit Hours: 3	The course focuses on topics such as basic treatment of algebraic expressions, solving linear equations and inequalities, graphing linear equations and inequalities, polynomial operations, positive and negative integral exponents, factoring, systems of linear equations, radical and rational expressions, quadratic equations and various application problems.
<b>ENG 102</b> <b>Public Speaking</b>	4 Weeks Semester Credit Hours: 3	The course explores ways in which people interact verbally and nonverbally and teaches basic principles of interpersonal communication, including perception, self-concept, persuasive communication, nonverbal communication, semantics, roles and norms and communication barriers. Activities include participating in groups, pairs, and interactive communication situations.



Course Number / Name	Course Length	Description
PHY 101 Physics I	4 Weeks Semester Credit Hours: 3	In this course, students will discuss the concepts of physics. Emphasis will be placed on measurements and standards in length, mass, and time. Physics of motion in both one and two dimensions will be covered. The laws of motion, energy, momentum and collisions are explained. We will study waves considering sound, reflection, and refraction of light.

## Uniform and Supplies Information

The following uniform and supply items are included in the Cardiac Sonography program cost:

- 2 Scrub Tops
- 1 Identification Badge
- 9 Books
- 2 Scrub Pants
- 1 CPR Card

***NOTE TO STUDENTS: Due to the sanitary and health considerations of returning and reuse of the uniform and supplies included in the program cost, these items are NOT RETURNABLE, and the cost of the uniform and supplies package is NON-REFUNDABLE once the student has been issued the uniform and supplies. The uniform and supplies package are a standard and mandatory cost of the program and similar items that the student may already own, or purchase may not be substituted for any part of the uniform and supplies package***

## Required Items NOT Included in Program Cost

In addition to the supplied uniform and equipment which is included in the total program cost, students will be required to furnish the following items at their own expense upon issuance of the uniform and supplies package:

Item	Estimated Cost
1 Pair White, Closed-Toe Uniform Shoe	\$35.00 to \$85.00
Wrist Watch with Sweep Second Hand	\$15.00 to \$25.00
Black Ink, Ballpoint Pen	\$0.75

## Program Description – Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Associate of Applied Science (AAS)

SOC Code: 29.2035

CIP Code: 51.0920

### Program Objective

The primary goal of the HDMC's Magnetic Resonance Imaging Associate of Applied Science Degree program is to prepare entry level MRI Technologist, to be equipped with the knowledge and skills competencies to demonstrate clinical proficiency of MRI procedures, exhibit behavioral skills that reflect professionalism, effective communication, and time management skills for an organization, hospital, or clinical setting where MRI procedure take place.

### Program Length

- **Total Weeks in Program:** 115 weeks (morning / afternoon classes)
- **Total Weeks in Program:** 115 weeks (evening classes)
- **Semester Credit Hours:** 105.33
- **Total Clock Hours:** 2,460
  - **Classroom Hours:** 1,230
  - **Online Hours:** 270
  - **Clinical Externship Hours:** 960
- **Teacher / Student Ratio:**
  - 1/Class
  - Lab 1/20

**Graduates from the program receive an Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Associate of Applied Science Degree**

The general education courses for the Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Associate of Applied Science Degree program is offered online only using Interactive Distant Learning (IDL). The core MRI principles and subjects will be taught on campus.

### Required Courses

#### Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Associate of Applied Science (AAS)

Course Title / Number	Lecture Hours		Laboratory Hours		Externship Hours		Clock	Academic Credit
	Clock	Academic Credit	Clock	Academic Credit	Clock	Academic Credit		
MRI100A Med Term, Basic A&P , Patient Care	160	10.67					160	10.67
MRI100B Med Law, Ethics, and Basic Math	80	5.33					80	5.33

Course Title / Number	Lecture Hours		Laboratory Hours		Externship Hours		Clock	Academic Credit
	Clock	Academic Credit	Clock	Academic Credit	Clock	Academic Credit		
MRI101 MRI Physics / Safety	120	8	120	4			240	12
MRI 102 MRI Neuro	120	8	120	4			240	12
MRI 103 MRI Body	120	8	120	4			240	12
MRI 104 MRI Musculoskeletal	120	8	120	4			240	12
MRI 105 Professional Development	30	2					30	2
MRI 106 MRI Externship					960	21.33	960	21.33
ENG101 English Composition	45	3					45	3
MTH 101 College Algebra	45	3					45	3
PHY 101 Physics 1	45	3					45	3
ENG 102 Public Speaking	45	3					45	3
PSYC 101 Introduction to Psychology	45	3					45	3
SOCI 101 Introduction to Sociology	45	3					45	3
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,020</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>21.33</b>	<b>2,460</b>	<b>105.33</b>

## Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Associate of Applied Science (AAS) – Course Descriptions

Course Number / Name	Course Length	Description
<b>MRI 100A</b> <b>Medical Terminology, Basic Anatomy and Physiology, and Patient Care.</b>	8 Weeks Semester Credit Hours: 10.67	This course will introduce you to: key word parts-the building blocks of most medical terms, an overview of basic terms used throughout the health field, the structures and functions of the body systems, specialties related to each system, pathology, diagnostic and treatment procedures for those systems.
<b>MRI 100B</b> <b>Medical Law and Ethics and Basic Math</b>	4 Weeks Semester Credit Hours: 5.33	This course will introduce you to the legal side of the medical office and provide a foundation of law to be used as a guide against which individual behavior may be measured. It will help you learn how to prevent medical malpractice litigation by exposing you to the legal concepts of standard of care, scope of employment, criminal and civic acts, contracts, and negligence, and to ethical concepts. This course also introduces you to basic math skills needed in the healthcare profession.

Course Number / Name	Course Length	Description
<b>MRI 101</b> <b>MRI Physics / Safety</b>	12 Weeks Semester Credit Hours: 12	This course introduces the physics of Magnetic Resonance Imaging and provides an examination of MRI characteristics. Pulse sequences, image weighting, coil selection, and imaging characteristics are included. This course also introduces the importance of patient safety as it pertains to the unique MRI environment. Training on "MR Safe", "MR Conditional", and "MR Unsafe" devices and objects is discussed in detail. This course also includes discussion and lab evaluations regarding Field-of-View, matrix, signal to noise ratio, slice thickness and interval. Time of flight pulse sequencing, contrast enhanced MRA, MRCP, in phase and out of phase imaging techniques are studied. Gadolinium safety along with patient contraindications and Glomerular Filtration Rates are discussed
<b>MRI 102</b> <b>MRI Neuro</b>	12 Weeks Semester Credit Hours: 12	In this course the student is introduced to MRI Neuro imaging. With the use of didactic and comprehensive lab analysis, the student will be able to apply this in practice. This course is intended to guide the student through scanning techniques and protocols to help improve image quality and recognize and rectify common artifacts. Introduced are the main aspects of theory related to scanning. The course will also include tips on gating and equipment use, patient care and safety, and information on contrast media. Included are step-by-step guides to examining each anatomical area. Covering all routine and special procedures for Head, Brain, Neck, and Spine imaging including, but not limited to: Brain, IAC's, Pituitary, Orbits, MRA, MRV, Spectroscopy, Soft Tissue Neck, Cervical spine, Thoracic spine, and Lumbar spine. Detailed labs focusing on a variety of patient pathologies, artifacts, and overall imaging obstacles is utilized during this course. Prerequisites: MRI101
<b>MRI 103</b> <b>MRI Body</b>	12 Weeks Semester Credit Hours: 12	In this course the student is introduced to MRI Body imaging. With the use of didactic and comprehensive lab analysis, the student will be able to apply this in practice. This course is intended to guide the student through scanning techniques and protocols to help improve image quality and recognize and rectify common artifacts. Introduced are the main aspects of theory related to scanning. The course will also include tips on gating and equipment use, patient care and safety, and information on contrast media. Included are step-by-step guides to examining each anatomical area. Covering all routine and special procedures for Thorax, Abdomen and Pelvis imaging including, but not limited to: Chest, Breast, Liver, Pancreas, MRCP, Kidneys, and Soft Tissue Pelvis. Detailed labs focusing on a variety of patient pathologies, artifacts, and overall imaging obstacles is utilized during this course. Prerequisites: MRI101

Course Number / Name	Course Length	Description
<b>MRI 104</b> <b>MRI Musculoskeletal</b>	12 Weeks Semester Credit Hours: 12	In this course the student is introduced to MRI Musculoskeletal imaging. With the use of didactic and comprehensive lab analysis, the student will be able to apply this in practice. This course is intended to guide the student through scanning techniques and protocols to help improve image quality and recognize and rectify common artifacts. Introduced are the main aspects of theory related to scanning. The course will also include tips on gating and equipment use, patient care and safety, and information on contrast media. Included are step-by-step guides to examining each anatomical area. Covering all routine and special procedures for Upper and Lower Extremity imaging including, but not limited to: TMJ's, Shoulder, Elbow, Wrist, Hand, Hip, Long bones, Knee, Ankle, and Foot. Detailed labs focusing on a variety of patient pathologies, artifacts, and overall imaging obstacles is utilized during this course.  Prerequisites: MRI101
<b>ENG 101</b> <b>English Composition</b>	4 Weeks Semester Credit Hours: 3	This course is a general introduction to the principles of effective writing with emphasis on writing process, thesis, context, purpose and audience. By completing this course, the student will acquire the ability to write effective sentences, paragraphs, and themes and the ability to read with understanding of rhetorical forms and devices with critical awareness. The course aims to build sequentially on students' ability to read both written and cultural texts closely and critically and to analyze those texts in ways that also engage and problematize students' own experience, the perspectives of "experts," and the world they live in.  Prerequisites: MRI100
<b>ENG 102</b> <b>Public Speaking</b>	4 Weeks Semester Credit Hours: 3	The course explores ways in which people interact verbally and nonverbally and teaches basic principles of interpersonal communication, including perception, self-concept, persuasive communication, nonverbal communication, semantics, roles and norms and communication barriers. Activities include participating in groups, pairs, and interactive communication situations.  Prerequisites: MRI100
<b>MTH 101</b> <b>College Algebra</b>	4 Weeks Semester Credit Hours: 3	The course focuses on topics such as basic treatment of algebraic expressions, solving linear equations and inequalities, graphing linear equations and inequalities, polynomial operations, positive and negative integral exponents, factoring, systems of linear equations, radical and rational expressions, quadratic equations and various application problems.  Prerequisites: MRI100

Course Number / Name	Course Length	Description
<b>PHY 101</b> <b>Physics I</b>	4 Weeks Semester Credit Hours: 3	In this course, students will discuss the concepts of physics. Emphasis will be placed on measurements and standards in length, mass, and time. Physics of motion in both one and two dimensions will be covered. The laws of motion, energy, momentum and collisions are explained. We will study waves considering sound, reflection, and refraction of light. Prerequisites: MRI100
<b>PSYC 101</b> <b>Introduction to Psychology</b>	4 Weeks Semester Credit Hours: 3	This course introduces human behavior. It includes the study of the theories and concepts of psychology including the scope of psychology, biological foundations and the brain, sensation, perception, motivation, personality, learning and memory, emotion, states of consciousness, personality theories, cognition, lifespan development, and applied psychology. Prerequisites: MRI100
<b>SOCI 101</b> <b>Introduction to Sociology</b>	4 Weeks Semester Credit Hours: 3	This course explores sociological processes that underlie everyday life. The course focuses on globalization, cultural diversity, critical thinking, modern technology, and the growing influence of mass media. Prerequisites: MRI100
<b>MRI 105</b> <b>Professional Development</b>	1 week Semester Credit Hours: 2	This course provides instruction in the art of getting a job. Students will be introduced to resume preparation, job search strategies, interview techniques, goal setting, and dress for success and career development techniques. The course is designed to provide the student with successful strategies and techniques for finding employment opportunities and successfully negotiating the resume, interview, and negotiation of employment processes. The course will also provide the student opportunities to target outside job searches and interviews during the term of instruction Prerequisites: MRI100A, MRI100B, MRI101, MRI102, MRI103, MRI104, ENG101, ENG102, PSYCH101, SOC101, MTH101, PHY101
<b>MRI 106</b> <b>MRI Externship</b>	31 Weeks Semester Credit Hours: 21.33	In the externship environment students will work as an entry-level magnetic resonance imaging technologist and will scan routine and special procedures with decreasing supervision. Students are expected to process patient information, perform MRI's, and present the case to the physician or radiologist for review. Students will report to a qualified clinical instructor for documentation on competencies. It's expected that at the conclusion of the externship, the student should be able to perform all the duties of an entry-level MRI technologist with minimal supervision. Prerequisite: MRI100A, MRI100B, MRI101, MRI102, MRI103, MRI104, MRI105, ENG101, ENG102, PSYCH101, SOC101, MTH101, PHY101

## Uniform and Supplies Information

The following uniform and supply items are included in the MRI program cost:

- 2 Scrub Tops
- 1 Identification Badge
- 9 Books
- 2 Scrub Pants
- 1 CPR Card

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## Required Items NOT Included in Program Cost

In addition to the supplied uniform and equipment which is included in the total program cost, students will be required to furnish the following items at their own expense upon issuance of the uniform and supplies package:

Item	Estimated Cost
1 Pair White, Closed-Toe Uniform Shoe	\$35.00 to \$85.00
Wrist Watch with Sweep Second Hand	\$15.00 to \$25.00
Black Ink, Ballpoint Pen	\$0.75

## Program Description – Phlebotomy Technician (Avocational)

SOC Code: 31.9097

CIP Code: 51.1009

Phlebotomy Technician (PHT)

### Program Objective

The Phlebotomy Technician program is designed for employees who currently or have worked in the medical field and are seeking additional skills / certifications to add to their portfolio. The profession of phlebotomy is taught through didactic, student laboratory, and clinical experiences. The student will be trained to perform a variety of blood collection methods using proper techniques and precautions including vacuum collection devices, syringes, capillary skin puncture, butterfly needles and blood culture specimen collection on adults, children and infants. Emphasis will be placed on infection prevention, proper patient identification, proper labeling of specimens, and quality assurance. Students will be taught specimen handling, processing and accessioning.

### Program Length

- **Total Weeks in Program:** 5 weeks
- **Total Clock Hours:** 120
  - **Classroom Hours:** 80
  - **Clinical Externship Hours:** 40
- **Teacher / Student Ratio:**
  - 1/Class
  - Lab 1/20
- Student will receive a Certificate of Completion.

Training will be delivered in a combination of lab, lecture and work-based environments, provided by instructor with training and experience in the medical / lab practice. The classroom component will be delivered in terms of didactic and skills laboratory. In addition, students are expected to turn in homework on assigned topics. Students will complete 40 hours of externship giving them a “hands-on” experience.

### Prerequisites for this Program

- High School Diploma / GED.
- Provide evidence of six months’ work experience in a healthcare setting.



## Required Courses

	Lecture Hours	Laboratory Hours	Externship / Internship Hours	Total Hours
Course Title / Number	Clock	Clock	Clock	Clock
Phlebotomy Technician	40	40		80
Phlebotomy Externship			40	40
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>120</b>

## Program Title: Nursing Assistant (Avocational)

Program Length: 164 hours, 6 weeks

Maximum Student / Teacher Ratio: 15/1

### Program Description and Objectives

The Nursing Assistant program is designed to prepare students to become practicing, state certified nursing assistants in the State of California. The course work will include safety, anatomy and physiology, nutrition, asepsis, patient care, body mechanics, and rehabilitation and restoration care. Students should expect two to three hours of homework per class.

### Employment Objectives

Nursing Assistant (31-1014.00).

Program Outline	Classroom Hours		
	Theory	Clinical	Total
NA101 Nursing Assistant	60	104	164
<b>TOTALS*</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>164</b>

*\*The Nursing Assistant program is approved by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). CDPH only accounts Theory and Clinical hours as program hour requirements (162). However, Lab "Skills Lab" hours are included and required in the training program schedule to allow for skill demonstration practice prior to the clinical training per recommendations of CDPH. The total number of Lab hours is 19 hours. Students must complete all 181 hours in order to receive a certificate of completion.*

### Enrollment / Licensing Requirements

#### Nursing Assistants (NA) Prerequisites

To hold your seat in the course, submit the following additional documentation to Admissions to complete the enrollment process, prior to the mandatory orientation:

- Proof of age.
- Have a certificate of graduation from a school providing secondary education, or the recognized equivalent of such a certificate.
- Proof of a physical exam (performed no more than 90 days prior to class start date).
- Fingerprints done by Live Scan (NA completed first day of class) (HHA before start date) (paid by school for Nas).
- TB test results (performed no more than 90 days prior to class start date — one year for X-rays).
- Flu shot (current season).
- Hepatitis B Series.

Details about the licensing requirements may be found at: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/> and in Appendix A in the catalog.

## Continuing Education Courses

- **Coronal Polishing** - This specialized course is designed for dental professionals in California seeking proficiency in coronal polishing procedures. Participants will gain comprehensive knowledge and hands-on skills to perform effective coronal polishing, contributing to enhanced patient oral health and aesthetic outcomes. The course emphasizes California-specific regulations and ethical considerations, ensuring participants can confidently integrate coronal polishing into their dental practice. **Delivery: In-Person Length: 12 hours/2 days Cost: \$325**
- **Dental Infection Control** - This comprehensive course is tailored for dental professionals in California, providing in-depth knowledge and practical skills in infection control within the dental office. Participants will explore the rationale, regulations, and recommendations governing infection control, ensuring compliance with California-specific guidelines. Through hands-on demonstrations and theoretical insights, participants will gain expertise in various aspects of infection prevention, from understanding microbial transmission to legal and ethical considerations. **Delivery: In-Person Length: 8 hours Cost: \$249**
- **Dental Practice Act** - This focused course provides a comprehensive understanding of the California Dental Practice Act, equipping dental professionals with the knowledge needed to navigate the specific legal landscape governing dental practice in California. Through a series of targeted modules, participants will explore key legal concepts, ethical principles, and compliance requirements unique to the state, ensuring adherence to the highest standards of patient care and professional conduct. **Delivery: In-Person Length: 2 hours Cost: \$99**
- **Dental Radiation Safety** - This specialized course is designed for dental professionals in California seeking a comprehensive understanding of radiation safety in dental practice. Participants will explore the historical context, biological effects, and safety measures associated with dental radiography. Through a combination of theoretical knowledge and practical demonstrations, this course will equip participants with the skills necessary to ensure safe and effective use of radiation in dental imaging. **Delivery: In-Person Length: 32 hours/4 weeks Cost: \$449**
- **Dispensary Agent Certification** - The Dispensary Agent Certification will help give you an understanding of the fundamentals needed to be successful in the rapidly emerging cannabis industry. This course includes 9 virtual modules, quizzes, and a final exam covering everything from the plant's history, terminology, and chemistry to the routes of administration, and effects on the human body. Learn from some of the industry's most inspiring entrepreneurs, activists, health care providers, and educators. Our instructors have spent years building their careers in the cannabis space and look forward to sharing their first-hand experience with you. This course is self-paced and delivered online. **Delivery: On-Line Length: 10 hours Cost: \$242**
- **IV Therapy Certification** – Covers the principles of IV therapy and Blood withdrawal. Includes review of human body anatomy & functions, electrolytes and fluids, IV solution concentrations, IV preparation, vein selection and live practice. The course meets the requirements of the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians for Licensed Vocational Nurses to become certified in I.V. therapy and blood withdrawal. **Delivery: In-Person Length: 36 hours Cost: \$275 (non-graduates)**
- **Pit & Fissure Sealant** - This specialized course is designed for dental professionals in California seeking expertise in the application of pit and fissure sealants. Participants will acquire in-depth knowledge and hands-on skills necessary for effective sealant placement, emphasizing California-specific regulations and ethical considerations. The course aims to empower participants to integrate pit and fissure sealants into their preventive dental care practices with confidence and compliance. **Delivery: In-Person Length: 16 hours/2 Days Cost: \$475**
- **Teaching the Adult Learner** – This is a continuing education course for nurses and allied health professionals. Participants will explore the unique needs of instructing adult students. This course is approved for 30 CEUs by the Board of Registered Nursing (BRN). This course is self-paced and delivered online. The student must achieve a minimum of 85% on the exam and complete the course evaluation. Upon completion of the exam and course evaluation, the student will receive a certificate for CEUs. **Delivery: On-Line Length: 30 hours Cost: \$114.99**

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Corporate TPI / DiSC Coordinator	Veronica Castellanos
Career and Professional Development Instructor	TBD
Director of IT / Facilities	Donato Demeterio
Vice President, Nursing Program	Michelle Welch
Registrar	Nichelle Hernandez
Director of Financial Aid	Martha Escobar
Vice President, Planning and Analysis	Matthew Berry
Director of Payroll	Dru Fox
Corporate Director of Accounting	Ana Dasmarinas
Senior Accountant	Kristen Castillo
Debt Management	Herlinda Rodriguez
Staff Accountant / Student Accounts	Leticia Marin

Title	Name
Business Manager	Lorena Cardenas
Financial Aid Officer	Juliemarr Colcol
Front Office Administrator	Alina Belknap
Marketing Coordinator	Edmarch Schmidt

## Faculty

### Allied Health

Title	Name
Corporate Allied Health Program Director	Loretta Beneby (resides at Bakersfield campus)
Instructor	Leah Lloyd
CMA Instructor	Martha Rodriguez
CMA Instructor	Baroness Price
MBC Instructor	Guliana Defilippi

### Pharmacy Technician

Title	Name
Instructor	Michelle Lopez

### Ultrasound Technician

Title	Name
Program Director, Ultrasound Technician	Chelsea Thomson
Instructor	Baroness Price
Instructor	Glennex Mina
Instructor	Madeline Miller
Instructor	Lynette Dominguez
Instructor	Warda 'Rosie' Milad

### Dental Assisting

Title	Name
Program Director, Dental Assisting	Dalene Garrett
Instructor	Roxanne Rodriguez-Keh

**Veterinary Assistant**

Title	Name
Program Director, Veterinary Assistant	Sharon Willis
Instructor	Sarah Morris

**Phlebotomy**

Title	Name
Program Director, Phlebotomy	TBD

**Nursing**

Title	Name
Director of Nursing	Stephanie Shibley
Instructor	Jasmine Hamen
Instructor	Kristina Rawson

## Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF)

The State of California established the Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) to relieve or mitigate economic loss suffered by a student in an educational program at a qualifying institution, who is or was a California resident while enrolled, or was enrolled in a residency program, if the student enrolled in the institution, prepaid tuition, and suffered an economic loss. Unless relieved of the obligation to do so, you must pay the state-imposed assessment for the STRF, or it must be paid on your behalf, if you are a student in an educational program, who is a California resident, or are enrolled in a residency program, and prepay all or part of your tuition. You are not eligible for protection from the STRF and you are not required to pay the STRF assessment, if you are not a California resident, or are not enrolled in a residency program.

It is important that you keep copies of your enrollment agreement, financial aid documents, receipts, or any other information that documents the amount paid to the school. Questions regarding the STRF may be directed to the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education, 1747 North Market Blvd., Suite 225, Sacramento, California, 95834, (916) 574-8900 or (888) 370-7589.

To be eligible for STRF, you must be a California resident or are enrolled in a residency program, prepaid tuition, paid or deemed to have paid the STRF assessment, and suffered an economic loss as a result of any of the following:

1. The institution, a location of the institution, or an educational program offered by the institution was closed or discontinued, and you did not choose to participate in a teach-out plan approved by the Bureau or did not complete a chosen teach-out plan approved by the Bureau.
2. You were enrolled at an institution or a location within the 120 day period before the closure of the institution or location of the institution, or were enrolled in an educational program within the 120 day period before the program was discontinued.
3. You were enrolled at an institution or a location of the institution more than 120 days before the closure of the institution or location of the institution, in an educational program offered by the institution as to which the Bureau determined there was a significant decline in the quality or value of the program more than 120 days before closure.
4. The institution has been ordered to pay a refund by the Bureau but has failed to do so.
5. The institution has failed to pay or reimburse loan proceeds under a federal student loan program as required by law, or has failed to pay or reimburse proceeds received by the institution in excess of tuition and other costs.
6. You have been awarded restitution, a refund, or other monetary award by an arbitrator or court, based on a violation of this chapter by an institution or representative of an institution, but have been unable to collect the award from the institution.
7. You sought legal counsel that resulted in the cancellation of one or more of your student loans and have an invoice for services rendered and evidence of the cancellation of the student loan or loans.

To qualify for STRF reimbursement, the application must be received within four (4) years from the date of the action or event that made the student eligible for recovery from STRF.

A student whose loan is revived by a loan holder or debt collector after a period of noncollection may, at any time, file a written application for recovery from STRF for the debt that would have otherwise been eligible for recovery. If it has been more than four (4) years since the action or event that made the student eligible, the student must have filed a written application for recovery within the original four (4) year period, unless the period has been extended by another act of law.

No claim can be paid to any student without a social security number or a taxpayer identification number

## Current Schedule of Student Charges by Program

### Vocational Nursing

Total Fees, Charges, and Expenses – Effective April 1, 2024

Description	Fee / Charge <sup>1</sup>
Tuition Fees	\$29,306.00
Student Tuition Recovery Fee	\$0
Registration Fee*	\$200.00
Textbooks and Workbooks	\$1,610.00
Lab Fees and Educational Supplies	\$3,135.00
Malpractice Insurance	\$150.00
Uniforms and Student ID	\$55.00
CPR Fee	\$55.00
Background Check	\$250.00
NCLEX Registration	\$200.00
Technology Fee (LMS and CourseKey)	\$350.00
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM COST</b>	<b>\$35,311.00</b>
<b>*Non-Refundable Costs</b>	
Registration Fee	\$200.00
<b>TOTAL NON-REFUNDABLE</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>

<sup>1</sup> The schedule of total charges listed below reflect a period of attendance and an estimated schedule of total charges for the entire educational program.



## Vocational Nursing Associate of Applied Science (AAS)

### Total Fees, Charges, and Expenses – Effective April 1, 2024

Description	Fee / Charge <sup>1</sup>
Tuition Fees	\$17,145.00
Student Tuition Recovery Fee	\$0
Registration Fee*	\$200.00
Textbooks and Workbooks	\$1,440.00
Lab Fees and Educational Supplies	\$750.00
Technology Fee (LMS and CourseKey)	\$200.00
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM COST</b>	<b>\$19,735.00</b>
*Non-Refundable Costs	
Registration Fee	\$200.00
<b>TOTAL NON-REFUNDABLE</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>

## Vocational Nursing Prerequisite (PRQ)

### Total Fees, Charges, and Expenses

Description	Fee / Charge <sup>1</sup>
Tuition Fees	\$675.00
Registration Fee*	--
Textbooks and Workbooks	\$175.00
Lab Fees and Educational Supplies	--
Technology Fee	--
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM COST</b>	<b>\$850.00</b>

## Associate Degree of Nursing

### Total Fees, Charges, and Expenses – Effective April 1, 2024

Description	Fee / Charge <sup>2</sup>
Tuition Fees	\$81,220.00
Student Tuition Recovery Fee	\$0
Registration Fee*	\$200.00
Textbooks and Workbooks	\$2,415.00
Lab Fees and Educational Supplies	\$4,500.00
Malpractice Insurance	\$150.00
Uniforms and Student ID	\$55.00
CPR Fee	\$55.00
Background Check	\$250.00
NCLEX Registration	\$800.00
Technology Fee (LMS and CourseKey)	\$350.00
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM COST</b>	<b>\$89,995.00</b>
<b>*Non-Refundable Costs</b>	
Registration Fee	\$200.00
<b>TOTAL NON-REFUNDABLE</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>

<sup>2</sup> The schedule of total charges listed below reflect a period of attendance and an estimated schedule of total charges for the entire educational program.

## Clinical Medical Assisting

### Total Fees, Charges, and Expenses – Effective April 1, 2024

Description	Fee / Charge <sup>1</sup>
Tuition Fees	\$16,430.00
Student Tuition Recovery Fee	\$0
Registration Fee*	\$200.00
Textbooks and Workbooks	\$400.00
Lab Fees and Educational Supplies	\$1,775.00
Malpractice Insurance	\$150.00
Background Check	\$75.00
Uniforms and Student ID	\$55.00
CPR Fee	\$55.00
Technology Fee (LMS and CourseKey)	\$200.00
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM COST</b>	<b>\$19,340.00</b>
<b>*Non-Refundable Costs</b>	
Registration Fee	\$200.00
<b>TOTAL NON-REFUNDABLE</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>

## Ultrasound Technician

### Total Fees, Charges, and Expenses – Effective April 1, 2024

Description	Fee / Charge <sup>1</sup>
Tuition Fees	\$43,219.00
Student Tuition Recovery Fee	\$0
Registration Fee*	\$200.00
Textbooks and Workbooks	\$1,200.00
Lab Fees and Educational Supplies	\$4,995.00
Malpractice Insurance	\$300.00
Background Check	\$75.00
Uniforms and Student ID	\$55.00
CPR Fee	\$55.00
SonoSim SPI	\$1,250.00
Technology Fee (LMS and CourseKey)	\$350.00
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM COST</b>	<b>\$51,699.00</b>
<b>*Non-Refundable Costs</b>	
Registration Fee	\$200.00
<b>TOTAL NON-REFUNDABLE</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>

## Ultrasound Technician Associate of Applied Science (AAS)

### Total Fees, Charges, and Expenses – Effective April 1, 2024

Description	Fee / Charge <sup>1</sup>
Tuition Fees	\$50,325.00
Student Tuition Recovery Fee	\$0
Registration Fee*	\$200.00
Textbooks and Workbooks	\$1,515.00
Lab Fees and Educational Supplies	\$4,995.00
Malpractice Insurance	\$300.00
Background Check	\$75.00
Uniforms and Student ID	\$55.00
CPR Fees	\$55.00
SonoSim SPI	\$1,250.00
Technology Fee (LMS and CourseKey)	\$350.00
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM COST</b>	<b>\$59,120.00</b>
<b>*Non-Refundable Costs</b>	
Registration Fee	\$200.00
<b>TOTAL NON-REFUNDABLE</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>

## Medical Administrative Assisting

### Total Fees, Charges, and Expenses – Effective April 1, 2024

Description	Fee / Charge <sup>1</sup>
Tuition Fees	\$6,565.00
Student Tuition Recovery Fee	\$0
Registration Fee*	\$200.00
Textbooks and Workbooks	\$450.00
Lab Fees and Educational Supplies	\$320.00
Malpractice Insurance	\$50.00
Uniforms and Student ID	\$55.00
CPR Fee	\$55.00
Technology Fee (LMS and CourseKey)	\$200.00
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM COST</b>	<b>\$7,895.00</b>
<b>*Non-Refundable Costs</b>	
Registration Fee	\$200.00
<b>TOTAL NON-REFUNDABLE</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>

## Dental Assisting

### Total Fees, Charges, and Expenses – Effective April 1, 2024

Description	Fee / Charge <sup>1</sup>
Tuition Fees	\$16,665.00
Student Tuition Recovery Fee	\$0
Registration Fee*	\$200.00
Textbooks and Workbooks	\$590.00
Lab Fees and Educational Supplies	\$1,350.00
Malpractice Insurance	\$150.00
Background Check	\$75.00
Uniforms and Student ID	\$55.00
CPR Fees	\$55.00
Technology Fee (LMS and CourseKey)	\$200.00
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM COST</b>	<b>\$19,340.00</b>
<b>*Non-Refundable Costs</b>	
Registration Fee	\$200.00
<b>TOTAL NON-REFUNDABLE</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>

## Medical Billing and Coding

### Total Fees, Charges, and Expenses – Effective April 1, 2024

Description	Fee / Charge <sup>1</sup>
Tuition Fees	\$15,650.00
Student Tuition Recovery Fee	\$0
Registration Fee*	\$200.00
Textbooks and Workbooks	\$1,285.00
Lab Fees and Educational Supplies	\$1,670.00
Malpractice Insurance	\$150.00
Background Check	\$75.00
Uniforms and Student ID	\$55.00
CPR Fees	\$55.00
Technology Fee (LMS and CourseKey)	\$200.00
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM COST</b>	<b>\$19,340.00</b>
<b>*Non-Refundable Costs</b>	
Registration Fee	\$200.00
<b>TOTAL NON-REFUNDABLE</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>



## Veterinary Assistant

### Total Fees, Charges, and Expenses – Effective April 1, 2024

Description	Fee / Charge <sup>1</sup>
Tuition Fees	\$16,405.00
Student Tuition Recovery Fee	\$0
Registration Fee*	\$200.00
Textbooks and Workbooks	\$1,770.00
Lab Fees and Educational Supplies	\$430.00
Malpractice Insurance	\$150.00
Background Check	\$75.00
Uniforms and Student ID	\$55.00
CPR Fees	\$55.00
Technology Fee (LMS and CourseKey)	\$200.00
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM COST</b>	<b>\$19,340.00</b>
<b>*Non-Refundable Costs</b>	
Registration Fee	\$200.00
<b>TOTAL NON-REFUNDABLE</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>

## Pharmacy Technician

### Total Fees, Charges, and Expenses – Effective April 1, 2024

Description	Fee / Charge <sup>1</sup>
Tuition Fees	\$16,584.00
Student Tuition Recovery Fee	\$0
Registration Fee*	\$200.00
Textbooks and Workbooks	\$450.00
Lab Fees and Educational Supplies	\$1,590.00
Malpractice Insurance	\$150.00
Background Check	\$250.00
Uniforms and Student ID	\$55.00
CPR Fees	\$55.00
Technology Fee (LMS and CourseKey)	\$200.00
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM COST</b>	<b>\$19,534.00</b>
<b>*Non-Refundable Costs</b>	
Registration Fee	\$200.00
<b>TOTAL NON-REFUNDABLE</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>

## Phlebotomy Technician

### Total Fees, Charges, and Expenses – Effective April 1, 2024

Description	Fee / Charge <sup>1</sup>
Tuition Fees	\$1,065.00
Student Tuition Recovery Fee	\$0
Registration Fee*	\$200.00
Textbooks and Workbooks	\$135.00
Lab Fees and Educational Supplies	\$120.00
Malpractice Insurance*	\$150.00
CPR Fee	\$55.00
Student ID	\$5.00
Exam and Prep	\$185.00
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM COST</b>	<b>\$1,915.00</b>
<b>*Non-Refundable Costs</b>	
Registration Fee	\$200.00
<b>TOTAL NON-REFUNDABLE</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>

### Nursing Assistant – Effective April 1, 2024

Description	Fee / Charge
Tuition Fees	\$2,515.00
Student Tuition Recovery Fee	\$0
Registration Fee*	\$200.00
Textbooks and Workbooks	\$65.00
Lab Fees and Educational Supplies	\$40.00
Malpractice Insurance	\$150.00
Uniforms and Student ID	\$55.00
CPR Fee	\$55.00
Testing and Certification Fees	\$100.00
Background Check	\$75.00
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM COST</b>	<b>\$3,255.00</b>
<b>TOTAL CHARGES THE STUDENT IS OBLIGATED TO PAY UPON ENROLLMENT</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>

\*Indicates a non-refundable charge.

## Cardiac Sonography (AAS)

### Total Fees, Charges, and Expenses – Effective April 1, 2024

Description	<sup>1</sup> Fee / Charge
Tuition Fees	\$49,680.00
Student Tuition Recovery Fee	\$0
Registration Fee*	\$200.00
Textbooks and Workbooks	\$1,515.00
Lab Fees and Educational Supplies	\$5,390.00
Malpractice Insurance*	\$300.00
CPR Fee	\$55.00
Uniforms and Student ID	\$55.00
Background Check and Live Scan	\$75.00
Exam and Prep	\$1,500.00
Technology Fee	\$350.00
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM COST</b>	<b>\$59,120.00</b>
<b>*Non-Refundable Costs</b>	
Registration Fee	\$200.00
<b>TOTAL NON-REFUNDABLE</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>

## Magnetic Resonance Imaging (AAS)

### Total Fees, Charges, and Expenses – Effective April 1, 2024

Description	Fee / Charge <sup>1</sup>
Tuition Fees	\$50,733.00
Student Tuition Recovery Fee	\$0
Registration Fee*	\$200.00
Textbooks and Workbooks	\$1,626.00
Lab Fees and Educational Supplies	\$1,200.00
Malpractice Insurance*	\$300.00
CPR Fee	\$60.00
Uniforms and Student ID	\$55.00
Background Check and Live Scan	\$75.00
Exam and Prep	\$4,725.00
Technology Fee	\$1,000.00
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM COST</b>	<b>\$59,974.00</b>
<b>*Non-Refundable Costs</b>	
Registration Fee	\$200.00
<b>TOTAL NON-REFUNDABLE</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>

## Lancaster Academic Calendar 2022

Program	CD100	Start Date	Anticipated Certificate Graduation Date	Anticipated AAS Graduation
Ultrasound Technician AM Ultrasound Technician AAS AM		February 17, 2022	April 12, 2024	October 14, 2024
		May 12, 2022	July 17, 2024	January 22, 2025
		August 9, 2022	October 10, 2025	April 16, 2025
Ultrasound Technician PM Ultrasound Technician AAS PM		March 29, 2022	December 16, 2024	June 12, 2025
		July 14, 2022	April 9, 2025	October 6, 2025
		November 2, 2022	July 24, 2025	February 11, 2026
Cardiac Sonography AAS AM Cardiac Sonography AAS PM		March 17, 2022		August 14 2024
		June 13, 2022		November 12, 2024
		September 7, 2022		February 17, 2025
		December 6, 2022		May 12, 2025
Medical Billing and Coding PM Veterinary Assistant PM		November 28, 2022	October 2, 2023	

## Bakersfield Academic Calendar 2022

Program	CD100	Start Date	Anticipated Certificate Graduation Date	Anticipated AAS Graduation
Ultrasound Technician AM Ultrasound AAS AM		January 12, 2022	March 15, 2024	September 16, 2024
		April 6, 2022	June 10, 2024	December 16, 2024
		June 30, 2022	September, 4 2024	March 19, 2025
		September 26, 2022	December 4, 2024	June 12, 2025
Ultrasound Technician PM Ultrasound AAS PM		February 28, 2022	November 13, 2024	May 14, 2025
		June 14, 2022	March 11, 2024	September, 8 2025
Cardiac Sonography AAS AM Cardiac Sonography AAS PM		March 17, 2022		August 14 2024
		June 13, 2022		November 12, 2024
		September 7, 2022		February 17, 2025

Program	CD100	Start Date	Anticipated Certificate Graduation Date	Anticipated AAS Graduation
		December 6, 2022		May 12, 2025

## Temecula Academic Calendar 2022

Program	CD100	Start Date	Anticipated Certificate Graduation Date	Anticipated AAS Graduation
Ultrasound Technician AAS AM		March 17, 2022		November 14, 2024
		June 13, 2022		February 19, 2025
		September 7, 2022		May 14, 2025
Ultrasound Technician AAS PM		March 29, 2022		June 12, 2025
		July 14, 2022		October 6, 2025
Cardiac Sonography AAS AM		March 17, 2022		August 14, 2024
		June 13, 2022		November 12, 2024
Cardiac Sonography AAS PM		September 7, 2022		February 17, 2025
		December 6, 2022		May 12, 2025

## Lancaster Academic Calendar 2023

Program	CD100	Start Date	Anticipated Certificate Graduation Date	Anticipated AAS Graduation
Ultrasound Technician AM Ultrasound Technician AAS AM		February 8, 2023	April 14, 2025	October 21, 2025
Ultrasound Technician PM Ultrasound Technician AAS PM		TBD		
Cardiac Sonography AAS AM Cardiac Sonography AAS PM		TBD		
Magnetic Resonance Imaging AAS AM Magnetic Resonance Imaging AAS PM		June 1, 2023		February 5, 2026
		August 28, 2023		April 30, 2026
		November 27, 2023		July 27, 2026

Program	CD100	Start Date	Anticipated Certificate Graduation Date	Anticipated AAS Graduation
<b>Clinical Medical Assisting AM Dental Assisting AM Pharmacy Technician AM</b>	January 3, 2023	August 30, 2023	January 3, 2023	August 30, 2023
	January 31, 2023	September 28, 2023	January 31, 2023	September 28, 2023
	February 28, 2023	October 26, 2023	February 28, 2023	October 26, 2023
	March 28, 2023	November 27, 2023	March 28, 2023	November 27, 2023
	April 25, 2023	December 29, 2023	April 25, 2023	December 29, 2023
	May 23, 2023	February 2, 2024	May 23, 2023	February 2, 2024
	June 21, 2023	March 1, 2023	June 21, 2023	March 1, 2023
	July 20, 2023	March 29, 2024	July 20, 2023	March 29, 2024
	August 17, 2023	April 26, 2024	August 17, 2023	April 26, 2024
	September 15, 2023	May 24, 2024	September 15, 2023	May 24, 2024
	October 13, 2023	June 24, 2024	October 13, 2023	June 24, 2024
	November 15, 2023	July 23, 2024	November 15, 2023	July 23, 2024
<b>Clinical Medical Assisting PM Dental Assisting PM Pharmacy Technician PM</b>	January 10, 2023	November 2, 2023	January 10, 2023	November 2, 2023
	February 14, 2023	December 12, 2023	February 14, 2023	December 12, 2023
	March 21, 2023	January 23, 2024	March 21, 2023	January 23, 2024
	April 25, 2023	February 27, 2024	April 25, 2023	February 27, 2024
	May 31, 2023	April 2, 2024	May 31, 2023	April 2, 2024
	July 6, 2023	May 7, 2024	July 6, 2023	May 7, 2024
	August 10, 2023	June 12, 2024	August 10, 2023	June 12, 2024
	September 18, 2023	July 18, 2024	September 18, 2023	July 18, 2024
	October 23, 2023	August 22, 2024	October 23, 2023	August 22, 2024
November 30, 2023	September 27, 2024	November 30, 2023	September 27, 2024	
<b>Medical Billing and Coding AM Veterinary Assistant AM</b>	January 3, 2023	September 7, 2023	January 3, 2023	September 7, 2023
	January 31, 2023	October 4, 2023	January 31, 2023	October 4, 2023
	February 28, 2023	November 1, 2023	February 28, 2023	November 1, 2023
	March 28, 2023	December 4, 2023	March 28, 2023	December 4, 2023
	April 25, 2023	January 8, 2024	April 25, 2023	January 8, 2024
	May 23, 2023	February 9, 2024	May 23, 2023	February 9, 2024
	June 21, 2023	March 8, 2024	June 21, 2023	March 8, 2024
	July 20, 2023	April 5, 2024	July 20, 2023	April 5, 2024



Program	CD100	Start Date	Anticipated Certificate Graduation Date	Anticipated AAS Graduation
	August 17, 2023	May 3, 2024	August 17, 2023	May 3, 2024
	September 15, 2023	May 31, 2024	September 15, 2023	May 31, 2024
	October 13, 2023	July 1, 2024	October 13, 2023	July 1, 2024
	November 15, 2023	July 30, 2024	November 15, 2023	July 30, 2024
<b>Medical Billing and Coding PM</b> <b>Veterinary Assistant PM</b>	January 10, 2023	November 9, 2023	January 10, 2023	November 9, 2023
	February 14, 2023	December 19, 2023	February 14, 2023	December 19, 2023
	March 21, 2023	January 30, 2024	March 21, 2023	January 30, 2024
	April 25, 2023	March 4, 2024	April 25, 2023	March 4, 2024
	May 31, 2023	April 9, 2024	May 31, 2023	April 9, 2024
	July 6, 2023	May 14, 2024	July 6, 2023	May 14, 2024
	August 10, 2023	June 19, 2024	August 10, 2023	June 19, 2024
	September 18, 2023	July 25, 2024	September 18, 2023	July 25, 2024
	October 23, 2023	August 29, 2024	October 23, 2023	August 29, 2024
	November 30, 2023	October 4, 2024	November 30, 2023	October 4, 2024
<b>Medical Administrative Assisting 8 – 5</b>		TBD		
<b>Clinical Medical Assistant 8 – 5</b>		TBD		
<b>Vocational Nursing</b>		TBD		
<b>Vocational Nursing AAS</b>		TBD		
<b>Nursing Assistant (6 -weeks)</b>		7/5/2023	8/15/2023	
		8/28/2023	10/9/2023	
		10/23/2023	12/7/2023	
		1/2/2024	2/21/2024	
		2/26/2024	4/5/2024	
		4/15/2024	5/24/2024	
		6/3/2024	7/15/2024	

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Program	CD100	Start Date	Anticipated Certificate Graduation Date	Anticipated AAS Graduation
Ultrasound Technician AM Ultrasound Technician AAS AM		January 3, 2023	March 7, 2025	August 25, 2025
Ultrasound Technician PM Ultrasound Technician AAS PM		January 26, 2023	October 9, 2025	April 22, 2026
Cardiac Sonography AAS AM Cardiac Sonography AAS PM		TBD		
Magnetic Resonance Imaging AAS AM Magnetic Resonance Imaging AAS PM		June 1, 2023		February 5, 2026
		August 28, 2023		April 30, 2026
		November 27, 2023		July 27, 2026
Clinical Medical Assisting AM Dental Assisting AM Pharmacy Technician AM	January 3, 2023	August 30, 2023	January 3, 2023	August 30, 2023
	January 31, 2023	September 28, 2023	January 31, 2023	September 28, 2023
	February 28, 2023	October 26, 2023	February 28, 2023	October 26, 2023
	March 28, 2023	November 27, 2023	March 28, 2023	November 27, 2023
	April 25, 2023	December 29, 2023	April 25, 2023	December 29, 2023
	May 23, 2023	February 2, 2024	May 23, 2023	February 2, 2024
	June 21, 2023	March 1, 2023	June 21, 2023	March 1, 2023
	July 20, 2023	March 29, 2024	July 20, 2023	March 29, 2024
	August 17, 2023	April 26, 2024	August 17, 2023	April 26, 2024
	September 15, 2023	May 24, 2024	September 15, 2023	May 24, 2024
	October 13, 2023	June 24, 2024	October 13, 2023	June 24, 2024
November 15, 2023	July 23, 2024	November 15, 2023	July 23, 2024	
Clinical Medical Assisting PM Dental Assisting PM Pharmacy Technician PM	January 10, 2023	November 2, 2023	January 10, 2023	November 2, 2023
	February 14, 2023	December 12, 2023	February 14, 2023	December 12, 2023
	March 21, 2023	January 23, 2024	March 21, 2023	January 23, 2024
	April 25, 2023	February 27, 2024	April 25, 2023	February 27, 2024
	May 31, 2023	April 2, 2024	May 31, 2023	April 2, 2024
	July 6, 2023	May 7, 2024	July 6, 2023	May 7, 2024

Program	CD100	Start Date	Anticipated Certificate Graduation Date	Anticipated AAS Graduation
	August 10, 2023	June 12, 2024	August 10, 2023	June 12, 2024
	September 18, 2023	July 18, 2024	September 18, 2023	July 18, 2024
	October 23, 2023	August 22, 2024	October 23, 2023	August 22, 2024
	November 30, 2023	September 27, 2024	November 30, 2023	September 27, 2024
<b>Medical Billing and Coding AM Veterinary Assistant AM</b>	January 3, 2023	September 7, 2023	January 3, 2023	September 7, 2023
	January 31, 2023	October 4, 2023	January 31, 2023	October 4, 2023
	February 28, 2023	November 1, 2023	February 28, 2023	November 1, 2023
	March 28, 2023	December 4, 2023	March 28, 2023	December 4, 2023
	April 25, 2023	January 8, 2024	April 25, 2023	January 8, 2024
	May 23, 2023	February 9, 2024	May 23, 2023	February 9, 2024
	June 21, 2023	March 8, 2024	June 21, 2023	March 8, 2024
	July 20, 2023	April 5, 2024	July 20, 2023	April 5, 2024
	August 17, 2023	May 3, 2024	August 17, 2023	May 3, 2024
	September 15, 2023	May 31, 2024	September 15, 2023	May 31, 2024
	October 13, 2023	July 1, 2024	October 13, 2023	July 1, 2024
November 15, 2023	July 30, 2024	November 15, 2023	July 30, 2024	
<b>Medical Billing and Coding PM Veterinary Assistant PM</b>	January 10, 2023	November 9, 2023	January 10, 2023	November 9, 2023
	February 14, 2023	December 19, 2023	February 14, 2023	December 19, 2023
	March 21, 2023	January 30, 2024	March 21, 2023	January 30, 2024
	April 25, 2023	March 4, 2024	April 25, 2023	March 4, 2024
	May 31, 2023	April 9, 2024	May 31, 2023	April 9, 2024
	July 6, 2023	May 14, 2024	July 6, 2023	May 14, 2024
	August 10, 2023	June 19, 2024	August 10, 2023	June 19, 2024
	September 18, 2023	July 25, 2024	September 18, 2023	July 25, 2024
	October 23, 2023	August 29, 2024	October 23, 2023	August 29, 2024
November 30, 2023	October 4, 2024	November 30, 2023	October 4, 2024	
<b>Medical Administrative Assisting 8 – 5</b>		TBD		
<b>Clinical Medical Assistant 8 – 5</b>		TBD		
<b>Vocational Nursing</b>		TBD		

Program	CD100	Start Date	Anticipated Certificate Graduation Date	Anticipated AAS Graduation
Vocational Nursing AAS		TBD		
Nursing Assistant (6 -weeks)		7/5/2023	8/15/2023	
		8/28/2023	10/9/2023	
		10/23/2023	12/7/2023	
		1/2/2024	2/21/2024	
		2/26/2024	4/5/2024	
		4/15/2024	5/24/2024	
		6/3/2024	7/15/2024	

## Temecula Academic Calendar 2023

Program	CD100	Start Date	Anticipated Certificate Graduation Date	Anticipated AAS Graduation
Ultrasound Technician AM Ultrasound Technician AAS AM		TBD		
Ultrasound Technician PM Ultrasound Technician AAS PM		TBD		
Cardiac Sonography AAS AM Cardiac Sonography AAS PM		TBD		
Magnetic Resonance Imaging AAS AM Magnetic Resonance Imaging AAS PM		June 1, 2023		February 5, 2026
		August 28, 2023		April 30, 2026
		November 27, 2023		July 27, 2026
Clinical Medical Assisting AM Dental Assisting AM Pharmacy Technician AM	January 3, 2023	August 30, 2023	January 3, 2023	August 30, 2023
	January 31, 2023	September 28, 2023	January 31, 2023	September 28, 2023
	February 28, 2023	October 26, 2023	February 28, 2023	October 26, 2023
	March 28, 2023	November 27, 2023	March 28, 2023	November 27, 2023
	April 25, 2023	December 29, 2023	April 25, 2023	December 29, 2023
	May 23, 2023	February 2, 2024	May 23, 2023	February 2, 2024

Program	CD100	Start Date	Anticipated Certificate Graduation Date	Anticipated AAS Graduation
	June 21, 2023	March 1, 2023	June 21, 2023	March 1, 2023
	July 20, 2023	March 29, 2024	July 20, 2023	March 29, 2024
	August 17, 2023	April 26, 2024	August 17, 2023	April 26, 2024
	September 15, 2023	May 24, 2024	September 15, 2023	May 24, 2024
	October 13, 2023	June 24, 2024	October 13, 2023	June 24, 2024
	November 15, 2023	July 23, 2024	November 15, 2023	July 23, 2024
<b>Clinical Medical Assisting PM</b> <b>Dental Assisting PM</b> <b>Pharmacy Technician PM</b>	January 10, 2023	November 2, 2023	January 10, 2023	November 2, 2023
	February 14, 2023	December 12, 2023	February 14, 2023	December 12, 2023
	March 21, 2023	January 23, 2024	March 21, 2023	January 23, 2024
	April 25, 2023	February 27, 2024	April 25, 2023	February 27, 2024
	May 31, 2023	April 2, 2024	May 31, 2023	April 2, 2024
	July 6, 2023	May 7, 2024	July 6, 2023	May 7, 2024
	August 10, 2023	June 12, 2024	August 10, 2023	June 12, 2024
	September 18, 2023	July 18, 2024	September 18, 2023	July 18, 2024
	October 23, 2023	August 22, 2024	October 23, 2023	August 22, 2024
November 30, 2023	September 27, 2024	November 30, 2023	September 27, 2024	
<b>Medical Billing and Coding AM</b> <b>Veterinary Assistant AM</b>	January 3, 2023	September 7, 2023	January 3, 2023	September 7, 2023
	January 31, 2023	October 4, 2023	January 31, 2023	October 4, 2023
	February 28, 2023	November 1, 2023	February 28, 2023	November 1, 2023
	March 28, 2023	December 4, 2023	March 28, 2023	December 4, 2023
	April 25, 2023	January 8, 2024	April 25, 2023	January 8, 2024
	May 23, 2023	February 9, 2024	May 23, 2023	February 9, 2024
	June 21, 2023	March 8, 2024	June 21, 2023	March 8, 2024
	July 20, 2023	April 5, 2024	July 20, 2023	April 5, 2024
	August 17, 2023	May 3, 2024	August 17, 2023	May 3, 2024
	September 15, 2023	May 31, 2024	September 15, 2023	May 31, 2024
	October 13, 2023	July 1, 2024	October 13, 2023	July 1, 2024
November 15, 2023	July 30, 2024	November 15, 2023	July 30, 2024	
<b>Medical Billing and Coding PM</b> <b>Veterinary Assistant PM</b>	January 10, 2023	November 9, 2023	January 10, 2023	November 9, 2023
	February 14, 2023	December 19, 2023	February 14, 2023	December 19, 2023

Program	CD100	Start Date	Anticipated Certificate Graduation Date	Anticipated AAS Graduation
	March 21, 2023	January 30, 2024	March 21, 2023	January 30, 2024
	April 25, 2023	March 4, 2024	April 25, 2023	March 4, 2024
	May 31, 2023	April 9, 2024	May 31, 2023	April 9, 2024
	July 6, 2023	May 14, 2024	July 6, 2023	May 14, 2024
	August 10, 2023	June 19, 2024	August 10, 2023	June 19, 2024
	September 18, 2023	July 25, 2024	September 18, 2023	July 25, 2024
	October 23, 2023	August 29, 2024	October 23, 2023	August 29, 2024
	November 30, 2023	October 4, 2024	November 30, 2023	October 4, 2024
<b>Medical Administrative Assisting 8 – 5</b>		TBD		
<b>Clinical Medical Assistant 8 – 5</b>		TBD		
<b>Vocational Nursing</b>		TBD		
<b>Vocational Nursing AAS</b>		TBD		
<b>Nursing Assistant (6 -weeks)</b>		7/5/2023	8/15/2023	
		8/28/2023	10/9/2023	
		10/23/2023	12/7/2023	
		1/2/2024	2/21/2024	
		2/26/2024	4/5/2024	
		4/15/2024	5/24/2024	
		6/3/2024	7/15/2024	

## Lancaster Academic Calendar 2024

Program	Start Date	Anticipated Certificate Graduation Date	Anticipated AAS Graduation
<b>Clinical Medical Assisting AM</b> <b>Dental Assisting AM</b> <b>Pharmacy Technician AM</b>	January 22, 2024	September 18, 2024	
	February 19, 2024	October 16, 2024	
	March 18, 2024	November 18, 2024	
	April 15, 2024	December 18, 2024	
	May 13, 2024	January 24, 2025	
	June 11, 2024	February 21, 2025	
	July 10, 2024	March 21, 2025	
	August 7, 2024	April 18, 2025	
	September 5, 2024	May 16, 2025	
	October 3, 2024	June 16, 2025	
	November 4, 2024	July 15, 2025	
	December 5, 2024	August 12, 2025	
<b>Clinical Medical Assisting PM</b> <b>Dental Assisting PM</b> <b>Pharmacy Technician PM</b>	January 15, 2024	November 13, 2024	
	February 19, 2024	December 19, 2024	
	March 25, 2024	February 4, 2025	
	April 29, 2024	March 11, 2025	
	June 4, 2024	April 15, 2025	
	July 10, 2024	May 20, 2025	
	August 14, 2024	June 25, 2025	
	September 19, 2024	July 30, 2025	
	October 24, 2024	September 4, 2024	
	December 4, 2024	October 9, 2025	
<b>Medical Billing and Coding AM</b> <b>Veterinary Assistant AM</b>	January 22, 2024	September 25, 2024	
	February 19, 2024	October 23, 2024	
	March 18, 2024	November 25, 2024	
	April 15, 2024	December 27, 2024	
	May 13, 2024	January 31, 2025	
	June 11, 2024	February 28, 2025	
	July 10, 2024	March 28, 2025	
	August 7, 2024	April 25, 2025	
	September 5, 2024	May 23, 2025	
	October 3, 2024	June 23, 2025	
	November 4, 2024	July 22, 2025	
	December 5, 2024	August 19, 2025	

Program	Start Date	Anticipated Certificate Graduation Date	Anticipated AAS Graduation
<b>Medical Billing and Coding PM</b> <b>Veterinary Assistant PM</b>	January 15, 2024 February 19, 2024 March 25, 2024 April 29, 2024 June 4, 2024 July 10, 2024 August 14, 2024 September 19, 2024 October 24, 2024 December 4, 2024	November 20, 2024 December 27, 2024 February 11, 2025 March 18, 2025 April 22, 2025 May 27, 2025 July 2, 2025 August 5, 2025 September 11, 2025 October 16, 2025	
<b>Cardiac Sonography AAS</b> <b>AM &amp; PM</b>	February 27, 2024 May 21, 2024 August 15, 2024 November 13, 2024		July 27, 2026 October 20, 2026 January 26, 2027 April 20, 2027
<b>Ultrasound Technician AM</b> <b>Ultrasound Technician AAS AM</b>	July 18, 2024 October 14, 2024	September 22, 2026 December 21, 2026	April 12, 2027 July 7, 2027
<b>Ultrasound Technician PM</b> <b>Ultrasound Technician AAS PM</b>	August 27, 2024 December 17, 2024	April 5, 2027 July 21, 2027	September 30, 2027 February 3, 2028
<b>Magnetic Resonance Imaging AAS</b> <b>AM &amp; PM</b>	February 27, 2024 May 21, 2024 August 15, 2024 November 13, 2024		October 20, 2026 January 26, 2027 April 20, 2027 July 15, 2027
<b>Vocational Nursing</b>	January 29, 2024	April 9, 2025	
<b>Vocational Nursing AAS</b>	January 8, 2024 April 29, 2024 June 25, 2024 August 21, 2024		December 18, 2024 April 25, 2025 June 23, 2025 August 19, 2025
<b>Associate Degree of Nursing</b>	January 30, 2024		January 17, 2026



Program	Start Date	Anticipated Certificate Graduation Date	Anticipated AAS Graduation
<b>Phlebotomy Technician AM &amp; PM</b>	January 15, 2024	February 15, 2024	
	February 12, 2024	March 14, 2024	
	March 11, 2024	April 11, 2024	
	April 8, 2024	May 9, 2024	
	May 6, 2024	June 10, 2024	
	June 4, 2024	July 8, 2024	
	July 2, 2024	August 6, 2024	
	July 31, 2024	September 4, 2024	
	August 28, 2024	October 2, 2024	
	September 26, 2024	October 30, 2024	
	October 24, 2024	December 5, 2024	
November 26, 2024	January 9, 2025		
<b>Phlebotomy Technician Weekend</b>	January 28, 2024	March 8, 2024	
	March 3, 2024	April 19, 2024	
	April 14, 2024	May 24, 2024	
	May 19, 2024	July 8, 2024	
	June 30, 2024	August 9, 2024	
	August 4, 2024	September 20, 2024	
	September 15, 2024	October 25, 2024	
	October 20, 2024	December 3, 2024	
	November 24, 2024	January 17, 2025	

## Bakersfield Academic Calendar 2024

Program	Start Date	Anticipated Certificate Graduation Date	Anticipated AAS Graduation
<b>Clinical Medical Assisting AM Dental Assisting AM Pharmacy Technician AM</b>	January 22, 2024	September 18, 2024	
	February 19, 2024	October 16, 2024	
	March 18, 2024	November 18, 2024	
	April 15, 2024	December 18, 2024	
	May 13, 2024	January 24, 2025	
	June 11, 2024	February 21, 2025	
	July 10, 2024	March 21, 2025	
	August 7, 2024	April 18, 2025	
	September 5, 2024	May 16, 2025	
	October 3, 2024	June 16, 2025	
	November 4, 2024	July 15, 2025	
	December 5, 2024	August 12, 2025	

Program	Start Date	Anticipated Certificate Graduation Date	Anticipated AAS Graduation
<b>Clinical Medical Assisting PM</b> <b>Dental Assisting PM</b> <b>Pharmacy Technician PM</b>	January 15, 2024 February 19, 2024 March 25, 2024 April 29, 2024 June 4, 2024 July 10, 2024 August 14, 2024 September 19, 2024 October 24, 2024 December 4, 2024	November 13, 2024 December 19, 2024 February 4, 2025 March 11, 2025 April 15, 2025 May 20, 2025 June 25, 2025 July 30, 2025 September 4, 2024 October 9, 2025	
<b>Medical Billing and Coding AM</b> <b>Veterinary Assistant AM</b>	January 22, 2024 February 19, 2024 March 18, 2024 April 15, 2024 May 13, 2024 June 11, 2024 July 10, 2024 August 7, 2024 September 5, 2024 October 3, 2024 November 4, 2024 December 5, 2024	September 25, 2024 October 23, 2024 November 25, 2024 December 27, 2024 January 31, 2025 February 28, 2025 March 28, 2025 April 25, 2025 May 23, 2025 June 23, 2025 July 22, 2025 August 19, 2025	
<b>Medical Billing and Coding PM</b> <b>Veterinary Assistant PM</b>	January 15, 2024 February 19, 2024 March 25, 2024 April 29, 2024 June 4, 2024 July 10, 2024 August 14, 2024 September 19, 2024 October 24, 2024 December 4, 2024	November 20, 2024 December 27, 2024 February 11, 2025 March 18, 2025 April 22, 2025 May 27, 2025 July 2, 2025 August 5, 2025 September 11, 2025 October 16, 2025	
<b>Cardiac Sonography AAS</b> <b>AM &amp; PM</b>	February 27, 2024 August 15, 2024 November 13, 2024		July 27, 2026 January 26, 2027 April 20, 2027

Program	Start Date	Anticipated Certificate Graduation Date	Anticipated AAS Graduation
<b>Ultrasound Technician AM</b> <b>Ultrasound Technician AAS AM</b>	March 18, 2024 September 5, 2024 December 5, 2024	May 22, 2026 November 16, 2026 February 19, 2027	November 10, 2026 June 8, 2027 September 1, 2027
<b>Ultrasound Technician PM</b> <b>Ultrasound Technician AAS PM</b>	July 29, 2024 November 14, 2024	April 21, 2027 August 9, 2027	November 1, 2027 March 2, 2028
<b>Magnetic Resonance Imaging AAS</b> <b>AM &amp; PM</b>	February 27, 2024 August 15, 2024 November 13, 2024		October 20, 2026 April 20, 2027 July 15, 2027
<b>Phlebotomy Technician</b> <b>AM &amp; PM</b>	January 15, 2024 February 12, 2024 March 11, 2024 April 8, 2024 May 6, 2024 June 4, 2024 July 2, 2024 July 31, 2024 August 28, 2024 September 26, 2024 October 24, 2024 November 26, 2024	February 15, 2024 March 14, 2024 April 11, 2024 May 9, 2024 June 10, 2024 July 8, 2024 August 6, 2024 September 4, 2024 October 2, 2024 October 30, 2024 December 5, 2024 January 9, 2025	
<b>Phlebotomy Technician Weekend</b>	January 28, 2024 March 3, 2024 April 14, 2024 May 19, 2024 June 30, 2024 August 4, 2024 September 15, 2024 October 20, 2024 November 24, 2024	March 8, 2024 April 19, 2024 May 24, 2024 July 8, 2024 August 9, 2024 September 20, 2024 October 25, 2024 December 3, 2024 January 17, 2025	

## Temecula Academic Calendar 2024

Program	Start Date	Anticipated Certificate Graduation Date	Anticipated AAS Graduation
<b>Clinical Medical Assisting AM</b> <b>Dental Assisting AM</b> <b>Pharmacy Technician AM</b>	January 22, 2024	September 18, 2024	
	February 19, 2024	October 16, 2024	
	March 18, 2024	November 18, 2024	
	April 15, 2024	December 18, 2024	
	May 13, 2024	January 24, 2025	
	June 11, 2024	February 21, 2025	
	July 10, 2024	March 21, 2025	
	August 7, 2024	April 18, 2025	
	September 5, 2024	May 16, 2025	
	October 3, 2024	June 16, 2025	
	November 4, 2024	July 15, 2025	
	December 5, 2024	August 12, 2025	
<b>Clinical Medical Assisting PM</b> <b>Dental Assisting PM</b> <b>Pharmacy Technician PM</b>	January 15, 2024	November 13, 2024	
	February 19, 2024	December 19, 2024	
	March 25, 2024	February 4, 2025	
	April 29, 2024	March 11, 2025	
	June 4, 2024	April 15, 2025	
	July 10, 2024	May 20, 2025	
	August 14, 2024	June 25, 2025	
	September 19, 2024	July 30, 2025	
	October 24, 2024	September 4, 2024	
	December 4, 2024	October 9, 2025	
<b>Medical Billing and Coding AM</b> <b>Veterinary Assistant AM</b>	January 22, 2024	September 25, 2024	
	February 19, 2024	October 23, 2024	
	March 18, 2024	November 25, 2024	
	April 15, 2024	December 27, 2024	
	May 13, 2024	January 31, 2025	
	June 11, 2024	February 28, 2025	
	July 10, 2024	March 28, 2025	
	August 7, 2024	April 25, 2025	
	September 5, 2024	May 23, 2025	
	October 3, 2024	June 23, 2025	
	November 4, 2024	July 22, 2025	
	December 5, 2024	August 19, 2025	

Program	Start Date	Anticipated Certificate Graduation Date	Anticipated AAS Graduation
<b>Medical Billing and Coding PM</b> <b>Veterinary Assistant PM</b>	January 15, 2024 February 19, 2024 March 25, 2024 April 29, 2024 June 4, 2024 July 10, 2024 August 14, 2024 September 19, 2024 October 24, 2024 December 4, 2024	November 20, 2024 December 27, 2024 February 11, 2025 March 18, 2025 April 22, 2025 May 27, 2025 July 2, 2025 August 5, 2025 September 11, 2025 October 16, 2025	
<b>Cardiac Sonography AAS</b> <b>AM &amp; PM</b>	February 27, 2024 August 15, 2024 November 13, 2024		July 27, 2026 January 26, 2027 April 20, 2027
<b>Ultrasound Technician PM</b> <b>Ultrasound Technician AAS PM</b>	August 27, 2024 December 17, 2024	April 5, 2027 July 21, 2027	September 30, 2027 February 3, 2028
<b>Magnetic Resonance Imaging AAS</b> <b>AM &amp; PM</b>	May 21, 2024 August 15, 2024 November 13, 2024		January 26, 2027 April 20, 2027 July 15, 2027
<b>Vocational Nursing</b>	January 15, 2024	April 2, 2025	
<b>Phlebotomy Technician</b> <b>AM &amp; PM</b>	January 15, 2024 February 12, 2024 March 11, 2024 April 8, 2024 May 6, 2024 June 4, 2024 July 2, 2024 July 31, 2024 August 28, 2024 September 26, 2024 October 24, 2024 November 26, 2024	February 15, 2024 March 14, 2024 April 11, 2024 May 9, 2024 June 10, 2024 July 8, 2024 August 6, 2024 September 4, 2024 October 2, 2024 October 30, 2024 December 5, 2024 January 9, 2025	

Program	Start Date	Anticipated Certificate Graduation Date	Anticipated AAS Graduation
<b>Phlebotomy Technician Weekend</b>	January 28, 2024	March 8, 2024	
	March 3, 2024	April 19, 2024	
	April 14, 2024	May 24, 2024	
	May 19, 2024	July 8, 2024	
	June 30, 2024	August 9, 2024	
	August 4, 2024	September 20, 2024	
	September 15, 2024	October 25, 2024	
	October 20, 2024	December 3, 2024	
	November 24, 2024	January 17, 2025	

## Appendix A – Faculty Qualifications – Degree Programs

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### § 71720 Faculty

#### An Educational Program Leading to a Degree

- An institution offering an educational program that leads to a degree shall employ duly qualified faculty sufficient in number to provide the instruction, student advisement, and learning outcomes evaluation necessary for the institution to document its achievement of its stated mission and objectives, and for students to achieve the specific learning objectives of each course offered.
- Each institution shall develop and implement written policies and procedures providing for the participation by duly qualified faculty in the conducting of research, development of curricula, academic planning, enforcement of standards of academic quality, pursuit of academic matters related to the institution's mission and objectives, establishment of criteria for contracting with new faculty, and evaluation of faculty credentials.
- In determining the number of faculty sufficient to satisfy subdivision (a)(1) of this section and to implement the policies established pursuant to subdivision (a)(2) of this section, the institution shall base its faculty requirements on all of the following factors:
  - The educational level and number of students;
  - The number of hours needed for direct interaction between students and faculty per course, quarter, semester, or other term;
  - The number of hours needed to be spent on evaluating written materials prepared by students, such as distance education, papers, and examinations, per course, quarter, semester, or other term;
  - The number of group meetings per course, quarter, semester, or other term;
  - The faculty duties established by the institution as required under subdivision (a)(2) of this section; and
  - The number of hours per week or units per term considered full-time for faculty in the institution.
- The faculty shall have sufficient expertise to support the institution's awarding of a degree identifying a specialty or major field of emphasis, demonstrated by, at a minimum:
  - That the person possesses one of the following:
    - A degree from: an institution approved by the Bureau or previously approved by a predecessor agency of the Bureau; or an accredited institution in the United States or Canada; or other state approved institution that documents that the institution at which the faculty member earned his or her degree is equivalent to an institution that is approved by the Bureau; or an institution outside the United States or Canada and in addition provides a comprehensive evaluation of the degree performed by a foreign credential evaluation service that is a member of the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES);
    - a credential generally recognized in the field of instruction.

- The degree, professional license, or credential possessed by the person shall be at least equivalent to the level of instruction being taught or evaluated.
- The institution's faculty as a whole shall possess a diverse educational background which shall be demonstrated in part by earned degrees from a variety of colleges and universities or by credentials generally recognized in the field of instruction.
- When contracting for educational services, the institution shall maintain control of, and responsibility for, all academic matters, and shall assure that the instruction and faculty satisfy the standards established by the Act and this chapter.
- The institution shall not employ or continue to employ any faculty who were adjudicated in a judicial or administrative proceeding as having violated any provision of the Act or this chapter or as having committed any act that would constitute grounds for the denial of a license under Section 480 of the Business and Professions Code.
- Each institution shall have a written Academic Freedom Policy which describes the latitude the institution allows faculty in the classroom so faculty will not inadvertently violate the principles of academic freedom. These policies shall be made available to any person upon request. The institution shall not take adverse action based on a staff member's exercise of academic freedom consistent with the institution's policy.
- The institution shall maintain records documenting that each faculty member is duly qualified and was qualified to perform the duties to which the faculty member was assigned, including providing instruction, evaluating learning outcomes, evaluating graduate dissertations, theses, and student projects, and participating on doctoral committees.

### **Instructors in an Educational Program Not Leading to a Degree**

- An institution shall employ instructors who possess the academic, experiential and professional qualifications to teach, including a minimum of three years of experience, education and training in current practices of the subject area they are teaching. If an instructor does not possess the required three years of experience, education and training in the subject area they are teaching, the institution shall document the qualifications the instructor possesses that are equivalent to the minimum qualifications.
- Each instructor shall maintain their knowledge by completing continuing education courses in his or her subject area, classroom management or other courses related to teaching.
- The institution shall not employ or continue to employ an instructor who was adjudicated in a judicial or administrative proceeding as having violated any provision of the Act or this chapter, or as having committed any act that would constitute grounds for the denial of a license under Section 480 of the Business and Professions Code.

***NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 94803, 94877 and 94885, Education Code. Reference: Section 94885, Education Code; and Section 480, Business and Professions Code.***



## Appendix B – Advisory Board Members

Name	Title	Company
Donald Cabrera	Owner	My Ultrasound Health Centers
Julia Visconti	Center Manager	Proactive Work Health Services Lancaster & Palmdale
Violet Milad	Owner	Affordable Medical Billing
Angelo Legesse	CEO / Owner	Chelsea Home Healthcare
Rafik Aziz	Partner	Simons Pharmacy
Karim Naguib	Owner	Premier Dental Care
Joseph Habeeb	Owner	Palmdale Veterinary Hospital

## Appendix C: Licensure Requirements by Program

### Nursing Assistant Licensure Requirements

In addition to successful completion of the Nursing Assistant program, certification requirements include:

- A clean background check.
- DOJ Live Scan.
- Passage of the State Certification Exam.
- Completed application for certification.

### Vocational Nursing Licensure Requirements

- The BVNPT sets specific minimum standards for licensure as a Vocational Nurse. The Vocational Nursing program at High Desert Medical College has been approved by the BVNPT as meeting the minimum standards set for application for licensure. Upon successful completion of the Vocational Nursing program at High Desert Medical College, the graduate will be eligible to apply for the licensing examination given by the NCSBN. The examination is given by appointment throughout the year. Application deadlines, fees, and other information regarding the examination can be obtained from the Department of Nursing.
- Upon graduation and prior to applying for the examination, students will be required to complete a Record of Arrest / Conviction form. This form is forwarded to the BVNPT for review and the final determination on licensure eligibility rests with the BVNPT. Students who are concerned about their licensure eligibility status with regard to conviction or arrest records are advised to call the Board of Nursing who will evaluate each student on a case-by-case basis.

### Associate Degree of Nursing Licensure Requirements

- **Graduate from an approved Associate Degree Nursing Program**
- **Pass the NCLEX RN**

The Board may deny licensure on the basis of:

- Conviction of a crime substantially related to the practice of nursing.
- Any act involving dishonesty, fraud, or deceit with intent to substantially benefit self or another or to substantially injure another.
- Any act which is grounds for revocation of a license.
- Making a false statement on the application for license.
- Breach of examination security.

#### Convictions

The Board considers most convictions involving sex crimes, drug crimes, and crimes of violence to be substantially related to nursing practice. Board regulations list examples of such crimes or acts to include, but not be limited to:

- Conviction of child abuse.
- Violation of Nursing Practice Act.
- Conviction as a mentally disordered sex offender.

- Crime or act involving narcotics, dangerous drugs, or dangerous devices.
- Conviction of assault and/or battery.

#### Rehabilitation

If the Board determines that an act or crime is substantially related to the practice of nursing, then it is the responsibility of the applicant to present sufficient evidence of rehabilitation. When considering denial of license, the Board takes into account the following criteria to evaluate the rehabilitation of the applicant. (California Code of Regulations, Section 1445.)

1. Nature and severity of the acts or crimes.
2. Additional subsequent acts.
3. Recency of acts or crimes.
4. Compliance with terms of parole, probation, restitution, or other sanctions.
5. Evidence of rehabilitation submitted by applicant.

It should be noted that the Board applies the same denial criteria for applicants for interim permits and temporary licenses as it uses for permanent licensure.

In summary, the Board of Registered Nursing screens applications fairly but cautiously, applying the above criteria. Schools of nursing are encouraged when counseling prospective nursing students to make them aware that there could be potential licensure problems due to serious acts or convictions as described above. In this manner, students have the opportunity to explore other career options prior to investing substantial time in a nursing program if it appears that a prior serious act or conviction may jeopardize licensure due to its substantial relationship to the practice of nursing.

#### Evidence of Rehabilitation

At the time of application for licensure, the burden of proof lies with the applicant to demonstrate sufficient competent evidence of rehabilitation to establish fitness to perform nursing functions in a manner consistent with public health, safety, and welfare. The following list itemizes types of evidence which the applicant should consider providing to the Board. All items should be mailed directly to the Board by the individual or agency that is providing information about the applicant.

1. Copies of court documents pertinent to conviction, including documents specifying conviction and sanctions, and proof of completion of sanction.
2. Letter from applicant describing underlying circumstances of arrest and conviction record as well as any rehabilitation efforts or changes in life since that time to prevent future problems.
3. Letters of reference from nursing program instructors concerning attendance, participation and performance in nursing program.
4. Letters of reference from past and/or current employers.
5. Letters from recognized recovery programs attesting to current sobriety and length of time of sobriety if there has been a history of alcohol or drug abuse.
6. A current mental status examination by a clinical psychologist or psychiatrist. The evaluation should address the likelihood of similar acts or convictions in the future and should speak to the suitability of the registered nursing profession for the applicant.
7. Letters of reference from other knowledgeable professionals, such as probation or parole officers.

8. Copy of Certificate of Rehabilitation or evidence of expungement proceedings.
9. Evidence of compliance with and completion of terms of probation, parole, restitution, or any other sanctions.
10. For endorsement applicants, copies of
  - a. Formal accusation and determination of other state
  - b. Copies of evidence presented to other state in order to obtain reinstatement of license or reduction of penalty
  - c. Terms of probation and evidence of current compliance if currently on probation in another state.

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**NOTE: It must be noted that records that an individual has been assured are "sealed" may, in fact, be available to the BRN. If you are concerned that you may have a past conviction or record that may affect your ability to be licensed, please make an appointment to speak with the program director or call the Board directly. The most important advice is that you be entirely honest with the BRN. It may be advisable to discuss your situation with a representative of the BRN before or immediately after entering the program. This can be done anonymously on the telephone.**

Students who plan to request a letter of recommendation from the program director to the Board attesting to their character must meet with the director during the first semester and every semester thereafter so that a personal reference can be written. The program director will not write a letter of reference for a student who has not made this contact.

## Curriculum

### Generic Associate Degree in Nursing program:

#### Semester One: (16 units)

- ANT 101 Human Anatomy with Lab (5 units)
- PHYS 101 Human Physiology with lab (5 units)
- MTH 101 College Algebra (3 units)
- ENG 101 English Composition (3 units)

#### Semester Two: (16 units)

- NUT 101 Nutrition (3 units)
- ENG 102 Introduction to public speaking (3 units)
- PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology (3 units)
- MIC 101 Microbiology with lab (4 units)
- SOC 101 Sociology (3 units)

#### Semester Three: (15.5 units)

- NUR 101 Foundations of Nursing (4 units)
- NUR 102 Medical Surgical Nursing I (5 units)
- NUR 103 Pharmacology for Nurses (3 units)
- NUR 104 Nursing Lab I (0.5 unit)
- MTH 102 Introduction to Statistics (3 units)

**Semester Four: (14.5 units)**

- NUR 201 Medical Surgical Nursing II (5 units)
- NUR 202 Advanced Pharmacology (3 units)
- NUR 203 Nursing Care of Children (3 units)
- NUR 204 Nursing Care of Women, Obstetrics and Neonates (3 units)
- NUR 205 Nursing Lab II (0.5 units)

**Semester Five: (13.5 units)**

- NUR 301 Medical Surgical Nursing III (4 units)
- NUR 302 Mental Health Nursing (3 units)
- NUR 303 Gerontological Nursing (3 units)
- NUR 304 Community Health Nursing (3 units)
- NUR 305 Nursing Lab III (0.5 units)

**Semester Six: (10 units)**

- NUR 401 Medical Surgical Nursing IV (6 units)
- NUR 402 Leadership and Professional Nursing Practice (3 units)
- NUR 403 Nursing Lab IV (1 units)

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**Semester Four: (2 units)**

- NUR 200 Role Transitions: LVN to RN (2 units)- (LVN TO RN ONLY)

**Semester Five: (13.5 units)**

- NUR 301 Medical Surgical Nursing III (4 units)
- NUR 302 Mental Health Nursing (3 units)
- NUR 303 Gerontological Nursing (3 units)

- NUR 304 Community Health Nursing (3 units)
- NUR 305 Nursing Lab III (0.5 units)

**Semester Six: (10 units)**

- NUR 401 Medical Surgical Nursing IV (6 units)
- NUR 402 Leadership and Professional Nursing Practice (3 units)
- NUR 403 Nursing Lab IV (1 units)

**LVN 30 Unit Option**

**Semester One (11 units)**

- PYS 101 Physiology with Lab (5 units)
- MIC 101 Microbiology with lab (4 units)
- NUR 200 Role Transitions: LVN to RN (2units)

**Semester Two (10 units)**

- NUR 301 Medical Surgical Nursing III (4 units)
- NUR 302 Mental Health Nursing (3 units)
- NUR 303 Gerontological Nursing (3 units)

**Semester Three (9 units)**

- NUR 401 Medical Surgical Nursing IV (6 units)
- NUR 402 Leadership and Professional Nursing (3 units)

**Course Descriptions:**

**NUR 101 Foundations of Nursing:**

In this course the student is introduced to the role of a student nurse, curriculum organizing framework and the roles of a Registered Nurse. The concept of wellness and self-care is defined, and the student is asked to describe a wellness lifestyle. The body's reaction to stress and the link between stress and the link between stress and illness is identified. Environmental stressors are also discussed. Health promotion, diagnostic processes, and risk factors that lead to illness are discussed. Internal and external influences are identified as they pertain to public and personal health. The current U.S. Health Care System are described. Nursing as a profession is identified and the history of nursing. The American Nurses Association Roles of Nursing is defined. The roles of the California Board of Registered Nursing, National League for Nursing and the National Student Nurse Association is described. Therapeutic communication and cultural awareness are discussed. Critical thinking and the nursing process are introduced. Physical/health assessment are introduced as well as psychosocial assessment. Developmental theories throughout

the life span are discussed and growth and development are explored identifying developmental tasks at all ages through the lifespan. The student is introduced to the care of the adult patient with non-critical medical surgical nursing needs including oxygen/perfusion needs, safety and security needs, comfort and rest needs, elimination and nutritional needs and perceptual sensory needs, and immobility needs. Through utilization of the nursing process, the student will recognize alterations in functioning or illness and formulate age-appropriate nursing interventions by utilizing the nursing process and critical thinking skills.

**NUR 102 Medical Surgical Nursing I:**

This course develops the nursing student's knowledge and skills as they relate to the adult non-critical, moderately complex medical-surgical patient. Through utilization of the nursing process, the student will recognize alterations in functioning or illness and formulate age-appropriate nursing interventions. Psychomotor skills associated with moderately complex needs, medication administration and intravenous therapy will be studied and practiced. The impact of multiple nursing diagnoses on patient outcomes will be introduced.

**NUR 103 Pharmacology for Nursing:**

This course introduces concepts dosage calculation, abbreviations and symbols, basic pharmacological principles and terminology associated with medication administration, drug nomenclature, sources of drug information, federal legislation, cultural, ethical and lifespan considerations. Drugs will be introduced and discussed by classification and system for which they are prescribed.

**NUR 104 Nursing Lab I**

This course is an adjunct to the corequisite nursing courses listed above. It provides individual and group practice of nursing skills with competency evaluation of the skills identified for the concurrent nursing courses.

**NUR 200 Role Transitions: LVN to RN:**

This course assists the learner make the transition of LVN to professional RN role. Professional and discipline of registered nursing which includes distinguishing the role of the RN from the LPN/LVN role. Using nursing theory to guide professional practice, providing patient-centered care through the nursing process and critical and clinical reasoning for better clinical judgment is presented. The role of the RN as a provider of care and manager of care are outlined. A review of legal and ethical, communication, information technology, delegation, and cultural competency.

**NUR 201 Medical Surgical Nursing II:**

This course examines the nursing care of selected individuals throughout the lifespan who are experiencing complex alterations in wellness involving multiple systems. Clinical experiences in local health care agencies and computerized simulation manikins and scenarios provide students opportunity to apply theoretical concepts to actual care of clients.

**NUR 203 Nursing Care of Children:**

This course provides an overview of the basic concepts of pediatrics utilizing the nursing process as a framework for understanding the concepts. It includes principles of growth and development, physical assessment, safety, play therapy and pain management. An overview of care for the child with alterations in oxygenation, alterations in nutrition/elimination, alterations in immunologic function, alterations in circulation, alterations in neurosensory functions, alterations in metabolism, and alterations in mobility will be emphasized including principles of assessment in an age-appropriate manner, common alterations related to each system, and medications used for treatment of alterations in each system. An overview of pediatric emergencies and principles of assessment in an age-appropriate manner, examples of pediatric emergencies and the utilization of the nursing process in the care of these clients will be introduced.

**NUR 204 Nursing Care of Women, Obstetrics and Neonates:**

This course provides an overview of the basic concepts and psychosocial issues of maternity nursing utilizing the Nursing Process as a framework for understanding concepts. Common diagnostic techniques and procedures using a family centered approach for childbearing clients and their families are included. An overview of contraceptive devices and methods and sexually transmitted diseases will be discussed. The health needs of the antepartum, intrapartum and postpartum patient and family, physiological changes, progression of maternal behaviors, physical assessment, diagnostic procedures, nutritional needs, pharmacological agents, potential complications and health teaching needs of the antepartum, intrapartum and postpartum client will be emphasized. The health needs of the newborn, physiological changes, physical assessment, diagnostic procedures, nutritional needs, pharmacological agents and potential complications as well as health teaching needs for the family of the newborn will be emphasized.

**NUR 205 Nursing Lab II**

Provides skill development with competency evaluation of the skills identified for the concurrent nursing courses.

**NUR 301 Medical Surgical Nursing III:**

This course examines the nursing care of selected individuals throughout the lifespan who are experiencing complex alterations in wellness involving multiple systems. Clinical experiences in local health care agencies and computerized simulation manikins and scenarios provide students opportunity to apply theoretical concepts to actual care of clients.

**NUR 302 Mental Health –Psychiatric Nursing:**

This course presents the principles of mental health and the social, economic, cultural and physiological factors that predispose a person to dysfunctional human behavior. Emphasis is placed on the therapeutic role of the nurse in promotion, preventing, maintaining and restoring individuals to optimal mental well-being. Concepts of therapeutic communication, age related concerns, treatment modalities, and delivery of mental health services are included.

**NUR 303 Gerontological Nursing:**

This course provides an overview of the significant legal, ethical, and professional issues and roles of the gerontology community nurse utilizing the nursing process. Situations to establish relevance in applying the nursing process to clinical practice to perform a psychological assessment of the elderly person living in the community will be discussed. Criteria to differentiate between delirium, depression, and cognitive impairment in the elderly with interventions to optimize functional abilities will be discussed.

**NUR 304 Community Health Nursing**

This course provides a solid foundation in community, public, and global health nursing concepts; interventions for families, communities, and populations; health promotion; and the multifaceted role of the population-oriented nurse. The focus is on developing competence in assessing the needs of a population, developing, and implementing appropriate interventions and evaluating their effectiveness.

**NUR 305 Nursing Lab III:**

This course is an adjunct to the corequisite nursing courses listed above. It provides individual and group practice of nursing skills with competency evaluation of the skills identified for the concurrent nursing courses.

**NUR 401 Medical Surgical Nursing IV:**

This course is a continuation of the nursing care of selected individuals throughout the life span who are experiencing complex alterations in wellness involving multiple systems. Care of clients experiencing multi-system failure and severe trauma is also included. Clinical experiences in local health care agencies provide students opportunity to apply theoretical concepts to actual care of patients.

**NUR 402 Leadership and Professional Nursing Practice:**



This course socializes students into the graduate registered nurse role. It focuses on the exploration and analysis of contemporary nursing practice, current trends, and issues impacting nursing care delivery. Advanced leadership and management concepts are discussed as part of the nursing role.

**NUR 403 Nursing Lab IV:**

Provides nursing skill development with competency evaluation of the skills identified for the concurrent nursing courses.

CLINICAL MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION GUIDELINES

**NUR 101 Foundations of Nursing and NUR 102 Medical Surgical Nursing I**

1. Preparation of all medications will be directly supervised by an instructor.
2. Administration of all medications will be directly supervised by an instructor.

NUR 201 Medical Surgical Nursing I, NUR 203 Nursing Care of Children and NUR 204 Nursing Care of Women, OB and neonates

1. Preparation of all medications will be directly supervised by an instructor.
2. Initially the administration of all oral medications will be directly supervised by the instructor. The student may eventually be permitted to administer certain oral medications to adult patients without direct supervision but only after there is specific agreement between the student and the instructor that the student can administer that medication safely without direct supervision.
3. The preparation and administration of all parenteral medications will be directly supervised by the instructor.
4. The preparation and administration of all IV fluids and IVPBs must be directly supervised by the instructor.
5. All medications prepared and administered to pediatric clients will be directly supervised by the instructor.

NUR 301 Medical Surgical Nursing III, NUR 302 Mental Health Nursing, NUR 303 Gerontological Nursing and NUR 304 Community Health Nursing

1. Initially the preparation and administration of all oral medications will be directly supervised by the instructor. The student may eventually be permitted to prepare and administer certain oral medications to adult patients without direct supervision but only after there is specific agreement between the student and the instructor that the student can administer that medication safely without direct supervision.
2. Initially the preparation and administration of all parenteral medications will be directly supervised by the instructor.
3. The preparation and administration of all IV fluids, IVPBs and IVPs must be directly supervised by the instructor.

NUR 401 Medical Surgical Nursing IV and NUR 402 Leadership and Professional Nursing

1. Initially the preparation and administration of all oral medications will be directly supervised by the instructor. The student may eventually be permitted to prepare and administer certain oral medications without direct supervision but only after there is specific agreement between the student and the instructor that the student can prepare and administer that medication safely without direct supervision.
2. Initially, the preparation and administration of all parenteral medications will be directly

supervised by the instructor. The student may eventually be permitted to administer certain parenteral (IM, ID, SQ) medications without direct supervision but only after there is specific agreement between the student and the instructor that the student can administer that medication safely without direct supervision.

3. Initially, the preparation and administration of all IV fluids, IVPB and selected IV push fluids/medications must be directly supervised by the instructor. The student may eventually be permitted to hang or administer certain IV fluids, IVPB or saline lock medications under direct supervision of a registered nurse but only after there is specific agreement between the individual student and the instructor. The student may be able to independently do saline flushes and hang plain IV bags after flush/IV solution is checked by instructor or R.N. but only after there is specific agreement between the individual student and the instructor. The student is never permitted to independently prepare and administer any IV fluid or medication.

## Addendum to the Catalog

**Notice: Changes to requirements serving California Veterans and other eligible Title 38 beneficiaries.**

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Prescribed for Veterans the following revisions have been made to the High Desert Medical College Catalog.

### **Effective August 1, 2019**

Beginning on August 1, 2019, a State approving agency, or the Secretary when acting in the role of the State approving agency, shall disapprove a course of education provided by an educational institution that has in effect a policy that is inconsistent with any of the following:

- A policy that permits any covered individual to attend or participate in the course of education during the period beginning on the date on which the individual provides to the educational institution a certificate of eligibility for entitlement to educational assistance under Chapter 31 or 33 of this title and ending on the earlier of the following dates:
  - The date on which the Secretary provides payment for such course of education to such institution.
  - The date that is 90 days after the date on which the educational institution certifies for tuition and fees following receipt from the student such certificate of eligibility.
- High Desert Medical College will not impose any penalty, including the assessment of late fees, the denial of access to classes, libraries, or other institutional facilities, or the requirement that a covered individual borrow additional funds, on any covered individual because of the individual's inability to meet his or her financial obligations to the institution due to the delayed disbursement of a payment to be provided by the Secretary under Chapter 31 or 33 of this Title.
- A covered individual is any individual who is entitled to educational assistance under Chapter 31 or 33 of this Title.
- The Secretary may waive such requirements of Paragraph (1) as the Secretary considers appropriate.
- It shall not be inconsistent with a policy described in Paragraph (1) for an educational institution to require a covered individual to take the following additional actions:
  - Submit a certificate of eligibility for entitlement to educational assistance not later than the first day of a course of education for which the individual has indicated the individual wishes to use the individual's entitlement to educational assistance.
  - Submit a written request to use such entitlement.
  - Provide additional information necessary to the proper certification of enrollment by the educational institution.