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Addendum to the 2015-16 Catalog

This Addendum is an integral part of the College's Catalog. The contents of this catalog addendum are provided as an update and in addition to the content specified in the 2015-2016 catalog. Effective Spring 2016.

Palo Verde College has made every reasonable effort to determine that everything stated in the academic catalog is accurate. Sometimes changes to the academic catalog are necessary after the date of publication. Courses and programs offered, together with other matters contained herein, are subject to change at the discretion of the college.

Under Nursing & Allied Health programs beginning on page 103, add the following section introduction and program description:

The programs in Nursing and Allied Health offer certificates for students seeking entry level employment in the health care profession and prepare students to successfully pass state board and national exams. As required by California State Credentialing requirements all courses (general education and nursing) must be passed with a "C" or better.

VOCATIONAL NURSING CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

Prior to enrollment in the Vocational Nursing Program, students must show official proof of High School Graduation or GED Completion (Foreign transcripts must be evaluated for US equivalency). Students must be at least 17 years of age. Students must undergo a criminal background screening and the results may disqualify them from practice at the clinical facilities. Flu vaccination is required; other mandatory vaccinations may be also required. Theory instruction and clinical practice are offered concurrently and student must meet the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians attendance requirements. Completion of the VN program does not guarantee licensure.

The VN program can be completed in 54 weeks (3 semesters). Prior to application, students must have completed designated prerequisite courses. Students are in class and/or clinical practice approximately 32 hours per week. Students are required to meet the BVNPT standards for both theory and clinical attendance. Supplementing classroom instruction are clinical practice opportunities in a variety of health care facilities, such acute care hospitals, long-term care facilities, clinics, and other agencies where nursing services are structured and well developed.

A minimum grade of “C” must be earned in all courses taken to complete the Vocational Nursing certificate.

General Education Courses required for Admission to Vocational Nursing Program:

- Current CPR and HCP (American Heart Association) card
 - ENG099 Basic Composition or higher
 - MAT081/82 Basic Arithmetic or higher
- OR Assessment Test Scores above ENG099 and MAT081/082

Prerequisite courses required prior to admission into the Vocational Nursing Program:

◆NUR 102	Anatomy & Physiology **	3.00
	OR BIO210 & BIO211**	
NSC 128	Medical Terminology	3.00
◆PSY 201	Lifespan**	3.00
◆NUR 100	Nursing Assistant- Lecture	3.00
◆NUR 118	Nursing Assistant- Clinical	3.00

Total Prerequisite units for admission to VN Program = 15.00 units

**All Anatomy, Physiology and Psychology courses must have been taken within the last 5 years.

**VOCATIONAL NURSING
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Course	Title	Units
◆NUR 117	Nutrition for Nursing	1.50
◆NUR 103	Introduction to Pharmacology I	1.25
◆NUR 120	Fundamentals of Nursing Lecture	10.00
◆NUR 121	Fundamentals of Nursing Clinical	5.00
◆NUR106	Introduction to Pharmacology II	2.00
◆NUR 109	Medical-Surgical Nursing I Lecture	10.00
◆NUR 124	Medical-Surgical Nursing I Clinical	5.00
◆NUR 112	Medical-Surgical Nursing II Lecture	7.50
◆NUR 127	Medical-Surgical Nursing II Clinical	7.50
Total Required Units:		49.75 units

PROGRAM STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of the Vocational Nursing Certificate of Achievement program students will be prepared to:

1. successfully pass the NCLEX-PN licensure examination on their first attempt.
2. demonstrate entry level competence in delivering patient care for clients in hospitals, long-term care and subacute facilities, and/or community-based health care agencies.

The VN program prepares the individual to

- establish a positive, caring relationship to optimize health outcomes while demonstrating sensitivity to the client’s values
- apply the nursing process and critical thinking principles in the development and implementation of appropriate nursing strategies and clinical judgments
- provide leadership in a variety of health care settings working with diverse populations
- function as an integral member of the multidisciplinary team of care providers

Under Courses of Instruction for Nursing, beginning on page 167, replace the following course descriptions for those courses indicated below:

NUR 102 INTRODUCTION TO ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY FOR ALLIED HEALTH

Course length: 54 hours lecture

3 units

CSU

Prerequisite: MAT 081 or 082, ENG 99

This Course provides an overview of structure and function of the human body for allied health students or for those who desire a basic understanding of the design and operation of the human body.

NUR 109 MEDICAL-SURGICAL NURSING I – LECTURE *Course length: 180 hours lecture*

10 units

CSU

Prerequisite: NUR 102; NUR 120; NUR 121; NUR 117 or equivalent transfer courses

Corequisite: NUR 106; NUR 124

This course builds on the foundation of knowledge established in NUR 120. Continued emphasis is placed on the Nursing Process as the basis for providing total client care. Selected disorders of the body's systems and the implications for nursing care are presented to prepare the student to care for adult clients in the clinical setting. The student will continue to apply previously learned foundational concepts (fundamentals, pharmacology, nutrition, lifespan) to develop nursing strategies and actions to meet the physiologic and nursing needs of adult clients. Basic concepts of mental health, including selected disorders: major mood, organic, sexual, somatoform, and eating, are introduced. The addictive personality will be presented, including alcoholism and drug abuse. Discussion will include the chemically impaired nurse as well.

NUR 112 MEDICAL-SURGICAL NURSING II – LECTURE *Course length: 135 hours lecture*

7.5 units

CSU

Prerequisite: NUR 109; NUR 106; NUR 124 or equivalent transfer courses

Corequisite: NUR 127

This course is designed to provide the student with basic knowledge in the nursing specialty areas of pediatrics and obstetrics. Pediatric nursing introduces care of children, emphasizing age and developmentally-appropriate care, for common selected childhood disorders. Obstetrical nursing includes prenatal, labor and delivery, postpartum, and newborn care. Coverage of selected medical-surgical disorders continues to emphasize application of the nursing process in assessment, plan, implementation, and evaluation of nursing care. Concepts of leadership and supervision, particularly delegation and conflict management, provides the basis for building team leading skills.

NUR 117 NUTRITION FOR NURSING *Course length: 27 hours lecture*

1.5 Units

CSU

Prerequisite: ENG 99, Math 81/82, BIO 210 & BIO 211 or NUR 102 and prior admission to the Vocational Nursing Program

Corequisite: NUR 120, NUR 121

This course is designed to meet the needs of the Vocational Nursing student. It introduces the students to the essential nutrients and their functions. Emphasis is directed toward the nutritional needs of clients experiencing problems with the integumentary, musculoskeletal, endocrine, cardiovascular and urinary systems with the expectation the knowledge will be applied to the care for hospitalized clients with related disorders. Specific nutritional needs are presented for target populations: maternity, pediatric, rehabilitation, and gerontological patients. Note: This class is not transferable as a stand-alone Nutrition class.

NUR 120 FUNDAMENTALS OF NURSING - LECTURE *Course length: 180 hours lecture*
10 units

CSU

Prerequisite: MAT 081 or 082; ENG 099; NUR 100; NSC 128; NUR 102; PSY 201 or equivalent transfer courses

Corequisite: NUR 117; NUR 103; NUR 121

This course introduces knowledge essential for nursing practice in general and vocational nursing specifically. The Nursing Process provides the framework for development and implementation of nursing care strategies and interventions. Legal/ethical aspects of care, therapeutic communication techniques, along with cultural and ethnic considerations are introduced to prepare the student to work effectively with the client and the health care team. Principles of medical/surgical asepsis, infection control, and proper body mechanics are presented to provide the knowledge base needed to provide safe and appropriate patient care.

NUR 121 FUNDAMENTALS OF NURSING – CLINICAL
Course length: 160 hours laboratory, 128 hours clinical/field

5 units

CSU

Prerequisite: NUR 109; NUR 106; NUR 124 or equivalent transfer courses

Corequisite: NUR 117; NUR 103; NUR 120

This course emphasizes the development and application of client care skills related to the Vocational Nurse scope of practice. Students will learn and practice selected nursing skills under the direct supervision of the clinical instructor(s) in the skills lab setting prior to providing direct care to the patient in the clinical facility. Students will apply principles of care (e.g. asepsis, infection control) and the nursing process learned in NUR 120 while providing total patient care. This course is offered as Pass/No Pass.

NUR 124 MEDICAL-SURGICAL NURSING I – CLINICAL
Course length: 32 hours laboratory, 256 hours clinical/field

5 units

CSU

Prerequisite: NUR 120; NUR 121; NUR 117; NUR 103 or equivalent transfer courses

Corequisite: NUR 109; NUR 106

This course emphasizes the development and application of client care skills related to the Vocational Nurse scope of practice. Students will learn and practice selected advanced nursing skills under the direct supervision of the clinical instructor(s) in the skills lab setting prior to providing direct care to the patient in the clinical facility. Students will continue to apply principles of care and the nursing process in providing total patient care. This course is offered as Pass/No Pass.

NUR 127 MEDICAL-SURGICAL NURSING II - CLINICAL *Course length: 408 hours clinical/field*
7.5 units

CSU

Prerequisite: MAT 081 or 082; ENG 099; NUR 100; NSC 128; NUR 102; PSY 201 or equivalent transfer courses

Corequisite: NUR 112

This course is designed to provide the student with basic knowledge in the nursing specialty areas of pediatrics and obstetrics. Pediatric nursing introduces basic care of children, emphasizing age and developmentally-appropriate care, under the supervision of the clinical instructor. As appropriate, the student will observe the pregnant client in labor and delivery and postpartum, including newborn care. Coverage of selected medical-surgical disorders continues to emphasize the nursing process in assessment, plan, implementation, and evaluation of nursing care. Opportunities to apply concepts of

leadership and supervision, particularly delegation and conflict management, provides the basis for building team leading skills. This course is offered as Pass/No Pass.