

Palo Verde College

Program Outline Report

Program Basics	
Program Title:	ADN (Associate Degree in Nursing)
Program Status:	Active from 2025-2026 Fall (2025FA)
Department:	Nursing
Award Type:	A.S. Degree Major (Credit)
Program/Catalog Description	The two-year registered nursing program at Palo Verde College is designed to prepare the student with the knowledge and clinical skills required to assume the responsibilities of an entry level registered nurse. Upon graduation the student receives an Associate Degree in Nursing and is eligible to take the national licensure examination to become a registered nurse. ALL prerequisite courses must be completed with a 2.5 GPA, or better, BEFORE applying to the ADN-RN Program. Students need to meet with a nursing advisor to ensure that all prerequisites are completed.
Control Number:	41693
Credential ID:	No value
Transferability:	Transferable to CSU only
(SP01) Program TOP Code:	1230.10
(SP01) Program TOP Code:	Registered Nursing
(SP02) Student Program Award:	Associate of Science (A.S.) degree
Maximum Credits:	74
Minimum Credits:	70
Curriculum Committee Approval Date:	04/10/2025
Board of Trustees Approval Date:	05/13/2025
External Review Approval Date:	05/13/2025

Proposal Details	
Proposal Start:	2025-2026 Fall (2025FA)
What changes have been made to the program:	Program description was changed to let students know that they need to work with the nursing advisor to get all prerequisites completed prior to entry. Labs were taken out of some of the courses as the skills are taught in previous courses. Weekly student contact hours were increased in some courses to ensure student success and delivery of content as well as meet CA BRN requirements for the number of units. Clinical hours were removed from the specialty courses as the previous hours superseded CA BRN requirements. A community mass casualty event was added to NUR 267 to meet the required clinical hours. Theory hours were removed from NUR 251 and NUR 255 due to the addition of contact hours in other courses. Total unit change due to Calgetc
Program Justification:	This program is needed to address the local, state, and national nursing shortage.

Submission Rationale

- Improvement to Program of Study

Program Requirements

ADN (Associate Degree in Nursing) (Total 70-74)

Complete all of the following

Required Core courses (Total 36)

Complete all of the following

NUR251 - Fundamentals in Nursing	4.5
NUR252 - Clinical practice for NUR 251	5
NUR255 - Medical-Surgical Nursing I	4
NUR256 - Clinical Practice for NUR 255	5
NUR258 - Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing	1.5
NUR259 - Clinical Practice for NUR 258	0.5
NUR260 - Family-Child Nursing	1.5
NUR261 - Clinical Practice for NUR 260	0.75
NUR262 - Maternal-Newborn Nursing	1.5
NUR263 - Clinical Practice for NUR 262	0.5
NUR264 - Advanced Medical-Surgical Nursing	4
NUR265 - Clinical Practice for NUR 264	2.5
NUR266 - Leadership	1.75
NUR267 - Clinical Practice for NUR 266	3

In addition to the Core Courses required for the Associate Degree in Nursing, students will also be required to complete the Cal-GETC General Education Requirements.

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Recommended Sequences

No value

Program Outcomes

ADN (Associate Degree in Nursing)

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Performance

Upon completion of this program, the student will be able to utilize critical thinking skills to provide patient-centered nursing care using evidence-based outcomes and the nursing process to accommodate society/cultural differences and communicate the same to other members of the healthcare team.

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Upon completion of this program, the student will be able to demonstrate professional and social responsibility as an associate degree nurse by assuming responsibility and accountability for quality of nursing care, maintaining continued competence, adhering to ethical and legal standards and promoting a positive image of professional nursing.

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Program Narrative

Narrative Item 1. Program Goals and Objectives

The purpose of the program is to provide students with a lucrative career in nursing as a Registered Nurse. The curriculum and course sequence progress from simple to complex knowledge and skills with emphasis on nursing process, caring, problem solving and critical thinking. The Nursing Program graduate is prepared as a clinician to think critically using the nursing process, safely perform nursing care, teach individuals, families, communities and members of the health care team, function as a client advocate, provide leadership, manage resources, delegate tasks, and supervise unlicensed personnel within the legal scope of practice of the Registered Nurse. Upon completion of the program, the student is prepared to take their NCLEX examination and begin practicing as a Registered Nurse.

Narrative Item 2. Catalog Description

The two-year registered nursing program at Palo Verde College is designed to prepare the student with the knowledge and clinical skills required to assume the responsibilities of an entry level registered nurse. Upon graduation the student receives an Associate Degree in Nursing and is eligible to take the national licensure examination to become a registered nurse. ALL prerequisite courses must be completed with a 2.5 GPA, or better, BEFORE applying to the ADN-RN Program. Students need to meet with a nursing advisor to ensure that all prerequisites are completed.

Example of Program Requirements and Proposed Sequence

Program Requirement (Narrative Item #3)

Requirements	Name/#	Title	Units
Required Core (36.5 units)	NUR 251	Fundamentals in Nursing	4.5
	NUR 252	Clinical Practice for NUR 251	5
	NUR 255	Medical-Surgical Nursing I	4
	NUR 256	Clinical Practice for NUR 255	5
	NUR 258	Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing	1.5
	NUR 259	Clinical Practice for NUR 258	0.5
	NUR 260	Family/Child Nursing	1.5
	NUR 261	Clinical Practice for NUR 260	0.75
	NUR 262	Maternal-Newborn Nursing	1.5
	NUR 263	Clinical Practice for NUR 262	0.5
	NUR 264	Advanced Med-Surg	4
	NUR 265	Advanced Med-Surg Clinical	2.5
	NUR 266	Leadership in Nursing	1.75
	NUR 267	Preceptorship	3
GE Requirements (34-38 units)	ENGLISH COMMUNICATION (9 UNITS MINIMUM)		
	A: ENGLISH COMPOSITION: ENGL C1000		4
	B: CRITICAL THINKING AND COMPOSITION ENGL C1001		3
	C: ORAL COMMUNICATION COMM C1000		3
	MATHEMATIC CONCEPTS & QUANTITATIVE REASONING (3 UNITS MINIMUM) STAT C1000, MAT 108, MAT 110, MAT 130 PSY 155		3
	ARTS & HUMANITIES (6 UNITS MINIMUM) 1 COURSE IN ARTS AND 1 COURSE IN HUMANITIES A: ARTS: ART 101, ART 110, ART 111, ENG 125, MUS 121, MUS 137, THA 110, THA 151 B: HUMANITIES: ENG 102, ENG 122, ENG 125, ENG 140, ENG 222, HIS 110 HIS 120, HIS 125, HIS 130, HIS 140, PHI 100, PHI 120		6
	SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES (6 UNITS MINIMUM) MUST BE IN 2 DIFFERENT DISCIPLINES ANT 101, 102, 107, 201, CHD 101, ECO 105, ECO 106, GGR 103, HIS 110, HIS 120, HIS 125, HIS 130, HIS 140, POLS C1000, SOC 101, SOC 115, SOC 120, SOC 160, SPE 105, PSYC C1000, PSY 115, PSY 150, PSY 201, PSY 205, PSY 210, PSY 215		6
	PHYSICAL AND BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES (7 UNITS MINIMUM) COURSES MUST BE IN 2 DIFFERENT DISCIPLINES, 1 MUST BE A LAB COURSE A: PHYSICAL SCIENCES: AST 101, AST 105, AST 110, GGR 101, GEL 101, GEL 103, GEL 105, PHY 100, CHE 101, CHE 109, CHE 210, CHE 211 B: BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES: ANT 100, BIO 100, 111, 190, 191, 210, 211 C: LAB BIO 101, GEL 102, 104, 106, GGR 102 or any underlined course		7
	ETHNIC STUDIES (3 UNITS MINIMUM) ETH 101, ETH 210		3
Required Major Total		36 Units	
College GE Requirements		34-38 units	
TOTAL UNITS		70-74	

Proposed Course Sequence

Term	Course	Units	Major	GE
1	NUR 251 Fundamentals in Nursing	4.5	x	
1	NUR 252 Clinical Practice for NUR 251	5	x	
TERM 1 TOTAL UNITS		9.5		
2	NUR 255 Medical-Surgical Nursing I	4	x	
2	NUR 256 Medical-Surgical I Clinical	5	x	
TERM 2 TOTAL UNITS		9		
3	NUR 258 Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing	1.5	x	
3	NUR 259 Clinical Practice for NUR 258	0.5	x	
3	NUR 260 Family/Child Nursing	1.5	x	
3	NUR 261 Clinical Practice for NUR 260	0.75	x	
3	NUR 262 Maternal-Newborn Nursing	1.5	x	
3	NUR 263 Clinical Practice for NUR 262	0.5	x	
TERM 3 TOTAL UNITS		6.25		
4	NUR 264 Advanced Med-Surg	4	x	
4	NUR 265 Advanced Med-Surg Clinical	2.5	x	
4	NUR 266 Leadership	1.75	x	
4	NUR 267 Preceptorship	3	x	
TERM 4 TOTAL UNITS		11.25		

Narrative Item 4. Master Planning (Not needed for Certificates of Career Preparation)

This is a high quality educational program that will promote student success and lifelong learning. Nursing is a lucrative career with many opportunities for graduates to explore. Nursing holds a commitment to lifelong learning in order to care for the public in a safe and effective manner.

Narrative Item 5. Enrollment and Completer Projections (Not needed for Certificates of Career Preparation)

This program will accept 20 students per year with a goal to graduate 20 students per year. The first graduating class will be 2 years after program start.

Narrative Item 6. Place of Program in Curriculum/Similar Programs (Not needed for Certificates of Career Preparation)

This program provides students with a different pathway in health sciences. As a college with a health science department, the ADN or RN program offers students an opportunity to continue their education earning a higher degree.

Narrative Item 7. Similar Programs at Other Colleges in Service Area (Not needed for Certificates of Career Preparation)

There are no ADN or RN programs in the area of Blythe California. The closest RN program is in Palm Desert which is over 100 miles away.

LMI and Analysis

attached

Advisory Committee Recommendations (Not needed for Certificates of Career Preparation)

Attached

Regional Consortia Recommendations (Not needed for Certificates of Career Preparation)

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