

Palo Verde College

Program Outline Report

Program Basics

Program Title:	Fast Track Vocational Nursing
Program Status:	Active from 2026-2027 Fall (2026FA)
Department:	Nursing
Award Type:	Certificate of Achievement (Credit)
Program/Catalog Description	The Fast Track Vocational Nursing program offers certificates for students seeking entry level employment in the nursing profession and prepares students to successfully completed 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.
Control Number:	43202
Credential ID:	No value
Transferability:	Transferable to CSU only
(SP01) Program TOP Code:	1230.20
(SP01) Program TOP Code:	Licensed Vocational Nursing
(SP02) Student Program Award:	Certificate requiring 30 to fewer than 60 semester units
Maximum Credits:	48.25
Minimum Credits:	48.25
Curriculum Committee Approval Date:	05/16/2026
Board of Trustees Approval Date:	06/09/2026
External Review Approval Date:	06/09/2026

Proposal Details

Proposal Start:	2026-2027 Fall (2026FA)
What changes have been made to the program:	Course units and hours changed per approved IP from BVNPT
Program Justification:	Student success is better on the Fast Track

Submission Rationale

No value

Program Requirements

Required Courses (Total 48.25)
Complete all of the following

NUR115 - Pharmacology I for Fast Track VN	2
NUR116 - Fast Track VN Fundamentals Theory	11
NUR141 - Fast Track VN Fundamentals Clinical	5.5
NUR143 - Fast Track Medical Surgical Theory	15.5
NUR144 - Fast Track Medical Surgical Clinical	7.75
NUR145 - Fast Track VN Clinical Focus	5
NUR119 - Pharmacology II for Fast Track VN	1.5

Recommended Sequences

New Sequence

Term 1 (Total 18.5)

Required Courses NUR115 - Pharmacology I for Fast Track VN	2
Required Courses NUR116 - Fast Track VN Fundamentals Theory	11
Required Courses NUR141 - Fast Track VN Fundamentals Clinical	5.5

Term 2 (Total 24.75)

Required Courses NUR143 - Fast Track Medical Surgical Theory	15.5
Required Courses NUR144 - Fast Track Medical Surgical Clinical	7.75
Required Courses NUR119 - Pharmacology II for Fast Track VN	1.5

Summer Term (Total 5)

Required Courses NUR145 - Fast Track VN Clinical Focus	5
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Program Outcomes

Fast Track Vocational Nursing

PSLO	Performance
Successfully pass the NCLEX-PN licensure examination on the first attempt.	70
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.	70

Program Narrative

Narrative Item 1. Program Goals and Objectives

Palo Verde College offers a Vocational Nursing (VN) program accredited by the California Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians (BVNPT).

Students who successfully complete the VN program qualify to take the National Council Licensure Examination for practical/vocational nurses (NCLEX-PN).

Narrative Item 2. Catalog Description

The Vocational Nursing program offers certificates for students seeking entry level employment in the nursing profession and prepares 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.

Narrative Item 3. Program Requirements

Required Course Title		Units	Sequence
NUR 115	Pharmacology I For fast Track VN	2	Yr. 1, fall
NUR 116	Fast Track VN Fundamentals Theory	11	Yr. 1, fall
NUR 141	Fast Tract VN Fundamentals Clinical	5.5	Yr. 1, fall
NUR 119	Pharmacology II For Fast Track	1.5	Yr. 1, spring
NUR 143	Fast Track Medical Surgical Theory	15.5	Yr. 1, spring
NUR 144	Fast Track Medical Surgical Clinical	7.75	Yr. 1, spring
NUR 145	Fast Track VN Clinical Focus	5	Yr. 1, summer

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

This is a high-quality educational program that includes all of the required components of the Board of Vocational Nursing. The program uses Assessment Technology Institute (ATI) resources that prepare all students to successfully pass the NCLEX. ATI also provides instructors and administration the resources to evaluate student performance and content delivery.

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

This program will accept 15 students per year with a goal to graduate 15 students per year.

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 VN 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 other VN programs in the area of Blythe California. The closest VN program is in Palm Desert or Imperial Valley which is over 100 miles away.

LMI and Analysis

No Value

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

No Value

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

No Value