



DIFFERENCE MAKERS

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Nursing

NURSING AT VCSU

If you are interested in pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing, you can take the pre-nursing coursework on our campus as a VCSU student. In this route you can have the college experience with one-on-one attention for the general education pre-requisites after which you will transfer to a nursing program of your choice to finish the bachelor's degree and take your exams to become a licensed Registered Nurse (RN).

PRE-NURSING COURSEWORK

BIOL 150 General Biology I	4
BIOL 220 Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BIOL 221 Anatomy and Physiology II	4
BIOL 310 Microbiology	4
CHEM 115 Introductory Chemistry	4
CHEM 116 Intro Organic and Biochemistry	5
MATH 103 College Algebra	2
MATH 321 Probability & Statistics	3
PSYC 111 Introduction to Psychology	3
PSYC 250 Developmental Psychology	3
PSYC 370 Abnormal Psychology**	3
ENGL 110 College Composition I	3
ENGL 120 College Composition II	3
COMM 110 Speech	3
SOC 110 Intro to Sociology	3
CIS 170 Intro to Computer Information Systems	2
Humanities/Social Science Electives	9
Nutrition*	

*Course not offered at VCSU, but can be taken online through another NDUS school

**Some BSN programs require this class

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

The Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing is ideal for students that want to go into professional nursing and see themselves in leadership roles. The BSN's scope includes care in cardiac, oncology, neonatal, neurological and obstetric/gynecological nursing, along with others. The BSN is commonly preferred for registered nursing jobs in a hospital setting and essential for nurses seeking to move up the career ladder because they have a broader liberal arts education preparing them for more advanced leadership roles. If you are thinking about continuing your education to become an advanced practitioner, a BSN is required. This also includes nurse anesthetists, midwives, nurse educators and clinical nurse specialists.

FACTS ABOUT A CAREER IN NURSING

- By 2020, the U.S. will be short of approximately 193,000 nursing professionals according to a recent report by the Center on Education and Workforce at Georgetown University.
- The increased shortage of nurses is attributed to the mounting health care needs of increasing numbers of elderly and an aging workforce
- Demand for nurses is particularly acute for nurses in specialties such as critical care, neonatal nursing, emergency, operating room, and labor and delivery units; and for advanced practice RNs.
- The national average annual earnings for registered nurses employed in nursing was \$65,470 in 2012
- The U.S. Bureau of Statistics projects a growth rate of 19% for RN's and 22% for LPN's between the years of 2010 and 2020

DAKOTA COLLEGE AT BOTTINEAU NURSING AGREEMENT

NURSING AT VCSU?

Not exactly. VCSU does not offer Nursing as a major, BUT we do have an agreement with Dakota College at Bottineau through the Dakota Nursing Program which allows you to earn your Practical Nurse (PN) certificate or your Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) right here in Valley City. Upon acceptance at Dakota College at Bottineau and into the nursing program, you will begin the 11 month PN program. Certified Nursing Assistant experiences is a plus for admission into this program but is not required. Upon successful completion of the PN program, students are eligible to take the NCLEX LPN® exam. Students who meet the qualifications may apply to gain entrance into the ADN program. Current LPN's who desire to become RN's would apply to the ADN program. This one year program prepares students to take the NCLEX RN® exam. To better understand all of the options, please call us to help you choose the path that is right for you. You can contact our DCB Site Manager at VCSU, Betty Tykwinski or the Pre-Nursing Advisor, Hilde Van Gijssel. Their contact information is listed below.

LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES (LPN) provide basic nursing care. They work under the direction of registered nurses and physicians. LPN's work in a variety of settings, including long term care facilities, hospitals, clinics, and private homes. Duties of the LPN vary depending on their work setting and the state in which they work. Duties may include monitoring patients' health, administering basic patient care, medication administration, reinforcing patient education and maintaining health records.

REGISTERED NURSES (RN) work as part of a team with physicians and other healthcare specialists. RN's work to promote health, prevent disease, and cope with illness. They are advocates and educators for patients, families, and communities. When providing direct patient care they observe, assess, and document symptoms, responses, and progress in patients. RN's develop and manage nursing care plans, instruct patients and their families in proper care, and help individuals take steps to improve their health.

FACTS ABOUT NURSING IN NORTH DAKOTA

- Registered Nurses and Practical Nurses are among the fastest growing jobs in North Dakota. It is projected that nearly 3,500 job openings will be created during 2006-2016.
- 2014 average salary for LPN in ND - 32,000-42,000
- 2014 average salary for RN in ND - \$45,000-\$61,000

For questions about admission into the PN and ADN programs at Dakota College at Bottineau programs, contact Dawn Romfo at 701-228-5433 or dawn.romfo@dakotacollege.edu
Betty Tykwinski, DCB site manager at VCSU, can be contacted at 1-800-532-8641 extension 7681 or betty.j.tykwinski@vcsu.edu.
You can also contact Hilde Van Gijssel at 1-800-532-8641 extension 7337 or hilde.vangijssel@vcsu.edu.

GENERAL EDUCATION/SUPPORTING COURSES

BIOL 220 Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BIOL 221 Anatomy and Physiology II	4
PHRM 215 Introduction to Pharmacology	3
PSYC 111 Introduction to Psychology	3
PSYC 250 Developmental Psychology	3
ENGL 110 College Composition I	3
ASC 93 Algebra Prep III	3

PRACTICAL NURSING (CERTIFICATE)

NURS 120 Foundations of Nursing	3
NURS 121 Practical Nursing I	3
NURS 122 Clinical Practice I	3
NURS 124 Clinical Practice II	3
NURS 126 Clinical Nursing III	3
NURS 127 Practical Nursing II	2
NURS 129 Practical Nursing III	3
NURS 145 Intro to Maternal/Child Nursing	2

ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSE (ADN)

NURS 224 Professional Role Development	2
NURS 225 Alterations in Health Care I	3
NURS 226 Maternal Child Nursing	3
NURS 227 Clinical Applications I	4
NURS 228 Alterations in Health Care II	4
NURS 229 Health Promotion/Psychosocial Nurs.	2
NURS 237 Clinical Application II	5
NURS 259 RN Role Transition	1
BIOL 310 Microbiology	4
Elective (campus specific)	3