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2019-2020 Program Guide for the Associate in Science Degree in Nursing, Traditional Track
Daytime & Evening/Weekend Programs

Admission requirements are subject to change. Please check for any admission updates.
Check here valenciacollege.edu/health for important application information.

The Nursing, Traditional Track Program at Valencia is a limited access program based upon available seats. Students will be admitted into the Nursing, Traditional Track Program on a first-come, first-served basis once all admission requirements have been satisfied (please see admission checklist below). **The Traditional Nursing Program admits for Fall, Spring and Summer terms.** Note**:** Daytime Program is offered on the West and Osceola Campuses. Evening Program is only offered on West Campus. Once a campus enrollment is filled for the upcoming term, students will continue to be reviewed for future program start dates for that campus.

The admission requirements that MUST be satisfied PRIOR to submitting an application for the Traditional Nursing Program are:

_____ 1.   Read about the Nursing, Traditional Track admission and program requirements at valenciacollege.edu/health and the Valencia Catalog http://valenciacollege.edu/catalog/; read this program guide in its entirety and confirm you are capable of meeting the Core Performance Standards listed within this guide.

_____2.   Be a U.S. Citizen, a U.S. permanent resident or an International Student.
International Students: F-1, J-1, and all other non-immigrant visa types eligible to enroll in degree-seeking programs, must complete their background check, fingerprinting, drug testing, immunizations and CPR certification at least **six months** in advance of the anticipated start term. Contact the Health Sciences Compliance Office to begin the compliance process and background check at email: HSCompliance@valenciacollege.edu.
NOTE: All individuals who have DACA, Temporary Protection Status, Refugee, Asylee status, etc. must complete the Employment Authorization Permit (EAP) prior to submitting application.
(Graduate of the program can sit for the NCLEX-RN, but will need appropriate Social Security documentation to be licensed).

_____3.   Attend a Health Sciences Information Session (**strongly recommended**). Information Session dates are posted on the Health Sciences website at: valenciacollege.edu/health.

_____4.   Submit a completed Valencia Application for Admission via Valencia's website at http://valenciacollege.edu/, click on **Future Students**, **Admissions**, and pay the application fee; satisfy the requirements for Degree-Seeking Status, including submission of **all official transcripts** from all institutions (include High School transcripts or GED score report) must be submitted to Valencia and posted on your record, and be in Active Student Status.

_____5.   Must be at least 18 years of age at program start.

_____6.   Satisfy the Valencia entry testing requirements and satisfactorily complete any mandatory courses in Reading, Professions of Caring or New Student Experience, Mathematics, English and English for Academic Purposes in which you are placed (must be at college-level for Reading, Mathematics, and English). For more information about Mandatory Courses: http://catalog.valenciacollege.edu/entrytestingplacementmandatorycourses/mandatorycourses/

_____7.   Complete the following **science prerequisites** with a **minimum combined GPA of 3.0 (and a minimum grade of C):**
- *BSC 2093C Anatomy and Physiology I
- *BSC 2094C Anatomy and Physiology II
- MCB 2010C Microbiology

_____8.   Complete the **remaining 5 prerequisites** with a **minimum combined GPA of 3.0 (and a minimum grade of C):**
- PSY 2012 General Psychology
- DEP 2004 Developmental Psychology
- ENC 1101 Freshman Composition
- ***HUN 2202 Essentials of Nutrition with Diet Therapy**
- **Humanities (See Gen. Ed. Core or Institutional Requirement)**

You may not repeat a course for grade forgiveness for which you previously have earned a grade of A, B or C

*HUN2202 - Students who have completed a college Nutrition course of two or more credits (e.g. HUN 1201) that did not include Diet Therapy may request permission in the Health Sciences Advising Office (email: HealthScienceApplications@valenciacollege.edu) to complete the one-credit HUN 2015 Diet Therapy for Health Care Professionals, which may be in progress at the time of program application, but must be completed with a minimum grade of C (or minimum grade needed to maintain 3.0 general education prerequisite GPA) by the program start date. If taken, HUN 2015 and the initial Nutrition course will combine to substitute for HUN 2202 unless the student has already attempted the required HUN2202 course. Therefore, if a student has HUN2202 on his/her record, then HUN2015 with the initial nutrition course is not an option to meet program entry requirements

_____9.   The grade for each prerequisite must be posted to your Valencia transcript (**prior to application**). Transfer courses may need to be reviewed by an Advisor for potential course substitution or equivalency. NOTE: courses taken at other institutions may not be equivalent to Valencia Nursing Program course requirement, as listed in this guide. Course substitution or equivalency must be on your Valencia record before submitting program application.

_____10.   **Have a minimum overall college GPA of 3.0,** including all undergraduate transfer coursework for admission into the program**.** Must be in good academic standing.
NOTE: Transfer students with completed coursework at Valencia College also need to have a minimum institutional/Valencia GPA of 2.0 at the time of applying (in addition to the minimum overall college GPA of 3.0).

_____11.   Prior to submitting your program application, you are encouraged to meet with your assigned advisor. You can locate your assigned advisor by logging into Atlas, Courses tab, Academic Profile. We strongly recommend that you meet early in your course planning to ensure all requirements, including program pre-requisite courses mentioned in this guide are met.

_____12.   Successfully complete the designated entrance exam, ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS), with scores posted to your Valencia record (exam requirement subject to change) of a minimum passing score of 64.9. Paper copies of scores are NOT accepted. The examination fee is the responsibility of the student. Information and verification about the ATI TEAS may be found at http://valenciacollege.edu/assessments/. To verify receipt of scores, email the Assessment Office at: Assessment@valenciacollege.edu

_____13.   After completing numbers 1 – 12, submit a completed Valencia Nursing, Traditional Track Program application via **Atlas** and pay the $15 non-refundable Health Sciences program application fee. The online application can be found via **Atlas** (Login to Atlas, Click on **Students** tab, under Student forms, **Applications**, **Health Sciences Online Applications**, then **Nursing, Traditional**).

GUIDELINES for ALL HEALTH SCIENCE LIMITED ACCESS PROGRAMS
(EXCEPT THE BACHELOR DEGREE PROGRAMS AND ADVANCED TECHNICAL CERTIFICATES)

Valencia's Health Science programs are offered through the School of Allied Health and the School of Nursing, which provide information about specific admission criteria for the programs. The Health Sciences Program Guides, of which this is one, are developed for a specific academic year (August to July) and, as a rule, changes to admission and program requirements becoming effective at the start of an academic year. **Valencia College, however, reserves the right to make changes in admission and program requirements as circumstances require.** If a mid-year change becomes necessary, it will be indicated in the information for the specific program at: http://valenciacollege.edu/west/health/AdmissionUpdates.cfm.

Students interested in a health sciences career are encouraged to explore the many challenging and rewarding opportunities available in health professions. The health sciences programs may have clinical experiences that expose the student to blood borne pathogens via contact with bodily fluids including, but not limited to blood and saliva. Students accepted into these programs will be expected to adhere to Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines for the use of Standard Precautions. The CDC defines standard precautions as "a set of precautions designed to prevent the transmission of HIV, Hepatitis B virus (HBV), [and] other blood borne pathogens when providing first aid or health care." Under standard precautions, blood and certain body fluids are considered potentially infectious for HIV, HBV, and other blood borne pathogens. Students will be expected to adhere to hand hygiene protocols and consistent use of personal protective equipment including masks, gloves and eyewear. In some of the health sciences programs, students may need to conduct peer-to-peer examinations in lab settings.

Valencia offers eight health sciences programs which lead to an A.S. degree. They are the Cardiovascular Technology, Dental Hygiene, Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Emergency Medical Services Technology (including EMT and Paramedic technical certificates), Health Information Technology (including Medical Information Coder/Biller TC), Nursing (R.N.), Radiography, and Respiratory Care. Admission to these programs is limited because of clinical facilities and staff. Once you complete your A.S. degree in Nursing, you can continue at Valencia to earn a bachelor-level Advanced Technical Certificate (ATC) in Echocardiography or in Leadership in Healthcare. With additional education at the bachelor's level and professional experience, you will enhance your skills and have more career options available.

Students whose official records indicate they are seeking admission to a limited access Associate in Science (A.S.) health sciences program will have the health sciences program designated as their secondary major and the Associate in Arts (A.A.) Degree designated as their primary major in order to maximize their educational opportunities. If the student has already earned a Bachelor's or A.A. degree, the student will not have A.A. designated as a major.

APPLICATION INFORMATION
Most programs have an application deadline, but some do not. If a program application deadline falls on Saturday, Sunday or a Valencia holiday, the deadline will become the following Valencia business day. Health Sciences program applications are available at valenciacollege.edu/west/health/AppDeadlines.cfm. Program applications received after the deadline date will not be considered for the identified term. Students who are not accepted will need to reapply for a future term.

Students must complete a Valencia application for admission and the application for the specific health sciences program. Admission to Valencia does not imply acceptance to the health sciences program.

Students may apply to more than one limited access Health Science program; however, enrollment is limited to only one Health Sciences program in a term. A new program application is required if reapplying for admission. Having previously earned a college degree does not grant an advantage in admission to a Health Sciences program that

does not require a degree for admission nor does it exempt students from taking the ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) if the ATI TEAS is required for admission to the program.

All communication from Valencia relative to program admission will be sent via your **Atlas e-mail address**. Written communication you initiate with Valencia staff should also be via your Atlas e-mail account and should include your full name and your Valencia ID number.

BACKGROUND CHECK, FINGERPRINTING, DRUG TESTING, IMMUNIZATIONS AND CPR CERTIFICATION
The Health Sciences programs include student clinical rotations in external affiliate health care facilities with which Valencia has agreements for student clinical assignments. The affiliates' policies require that students serving in a clinical rotation be cleared of offenses that would disqualify them from participating in student clinical assignments. Thus, all students **conditionally* accepted** to a Health Sciences program are required to submit to a criminal background check, fingerprinting and drug testing as well as provide documentation of specific immunizations and American Heart Association (AHA) and Basic Life Support (BLS) CPR certification **following acceptance to a program**. The timeframe for meeting these requirements will be provided in the Orientation information that will be sent to the student upon acceptance through ATLAS email.
NOTE: Non-Immigrant visa holders must complete their background check, fingerprinting, drug testing, immunizations and CPR certification at least six months in advance of the anticipated start term.

Students may need to renew their background and drug testing requirements annually. See the Compliance Department for more details at HSCompliance@valenciacollege.edu

*If you have a positive background check, fingerprint or drug screening, you _may_ be denied enrollment in a Health Sciences program due to the inability to participate in a student clinical assignment. If you have concerns regarding known background issues, it is recommended that you email questions to hscompliance@valenciacollege.edu.

MANDATORY ORIENTATION
The mandatory program Orientation for accepted students usually is held four to six weeks prior to the program start date. Once accepted to a program, students will receive an email via ATLAS regarding the Orientation date, requirements and deadlines. The Orientation materials will give the student information regarding the processes for completing background checks, fingerprinting, drug screening, and other requirements through CastleBranch.com.

TRANSPORTATION TO CLINICAL SITES
If accepted to a program, students will be responsible for furnishing transportation to the community and/or hospital facilities used by Valencia for clinical practice.

Valencia is an Equal Opportunity Institution: http://valenciacollege.edu/HR/EqualAccessEqualOpportunity.cfm

NURSING CORE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS
FOR ADMISSION AND PROGRESSION

Nursing is a practice discipline with cognitive, sensory, affective, and psychomotor performance requirements. Based on these requirements, the following list of "Core Performance Standards" has been developed. Each standard has an example of an activity or activities, that a student will be required to perform while enrolled in the Nursing Program. These standards are a part of each Nursing course and of the professional role expectation of a Nurse.

For the purpose of the Nursing Program, a "qualified individual with a disability is one who, with or without reasonable accommodations or modifications, meets the essential eligibility requirements for participation in the program." The Division of Nursing at Valencia makes no preadmission inquiries concerning an applicant's disability status. Information related to an applicant's disabilities is not a part of the information reviewed by the Admission Committee.

These Performance Standards should be used to assist students in determining whether accommodations or modifications are necessary for the student to meet program requirements. A student who identifies potential difficulties with meeting the Performance Standards should communicate his/her concerns to an advisor in the Office for Students with Disabilities. The student has the responsibility to identify and document the disability and to request reasonable and appropriate adjustments. Determination is made on an individual basis as to whether any accommodations or modifications can be reasonably made.

NURSING
CORE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR ADMISSION AND PROGRESSION

ISSUE	STANDARD	EXAMPLES OF REQUIRED ACTIVITIES (NOT ALL INCLUSIVE)
Critical Thinking	Critical Thinking ability sufficient for safe clinical judgment.	* Identify cause-effect relationships in clinical situations. * Evaluate assessment data to ascertain appropriate measures that are of diagnostic value. * Practice positive problem solving and coping skills when faced with adversity. * Assess patient's condition and needs from a distance of at least 20 feet. * Based on assessment data; initiate proper emergency care protocols, including notification of Rapid Response team, initiating CPR.
Interpersonal	Interpersonal abilities sufficient to interact with individuals, families and groups from a variety of social, emotional, cultural, and intellectual backgrounds.	* Establish rapport with patients, families, and colleagues. * Display compassion, empathy and concern for others. * Work collaboratively with other healthcare providers in stressful situations. * Cope with anger/fear/hostility of others in a calm way. * Handle multiple priorities in stressful situations. * Concentrate and focus attention
Communication	Communication abilities sufficient for interaction with others in verbal and written form.	* Communicate verbally in English to the patient in order to: converse, explain treatment procedures, initiate health teaching, relieve anxiety, gain their cooperation, document and interpret nursing care actions and patient responses. * Speak with other members of the health care team utilizing effective verbal communication skills. * Read and cognitively comprehend written materials, the patient's medical record and/or physician's orders. * Write using a legible and concise documentation style which is readable and in the English language including documentation in electronic medical record. * Skill in the use of personal computers and general office software.
Mobility	Physical abilities sufficient to move from room to room and maneuver in small spaces.	* Move around in patient's rooms, work spaces and treatment areas, * Assist all patients, according to individual needs and abilities, in moving, twisting, turning, kneeling, bending and maintaining balance in administering nursing care and procedures. * Able to lift and or support at least 25 lbs. in order to reposition, transfer, and ambulate patients safely. * Able to push/pull a minimum of 100 lbs. such as pushing stretchers, beds, wheelchairs and other transportation device without injury to self, patient, or others.
Motor Skills	Gross and fine motor abilities sufficient to provide safe and effective care.	* Accurately able to draw up medications without contaminating the syringe/needle. * Calibrate and use equipment. * Position patient as necessary for nursing care or procedures.
Hearing	Auditory abilities sufficient to monitor and assess patient needs, and to provide a safe environment.	* Hear a patient talk in a normal tone from a distance of 20 feet. * Hears monitor alarms, emergency signals, cries for help and overhead pages. * Hears sounds that indicate changes in patient's physiological condition (i.e. breath sounds, blood pressure, apical pulse).
Visual	Visual ability sufficient for observation and assessment necessary in the operation of equipment and care of patients.	* Observe the patient in order to assess the patient's condition and responses to nursing care and procedures. * Has ability for frequent use of far vision (clarity of vision at 20 feet or more), near vision (clarity of vision at 20 inches or less), color vision, depth perception, and seeing fine details.
Tactile	Tactile ability sufficient for patient assessment and operation of equipment.	* Frequently perform simple grasping, firm grasping, fine manipulation, to perform nursing skills such as insertion of foley catheter, insertions of IV's * Perform palpation, tactile assessment, functions of physical examination and/or those related to therapeutic intervention (i.e. changes in skin temperature, edema, etc.).

VALENCIA COLLEGE SCHOOLS OF ALLIED HEALTH AND NURSING
Sample Form of the Health and Physical Core Performance Requirements

Asses Ability to Meet Program Requirements	YES	NO	If NO, Note Limitations	Asses Ability to Meet Program Requirements	YES	NO	If NO, Note Limitations
General Requirements (has the ability to...)				**Require Lifting** (ability to lift...)			
Sit				25 to 34 lbs.			
Stand				35 to 50 lbs.			
Walk				Up to and over 100 for some Clinical Areas			
Bend							
Kneel							
Crouch				**Pushing/Pulling** (ability to push and pull...)			
Twist				Up to and over 100 for some Clinical Areas			
Maintain Balance							
Reach							
Climb Stairs							
Sensory Requirements (has ability for...)							
Far Vision							
Near Vision				**Hand Manipulation** (ability with...)			
Color Vision				Simple Grasping			
Depth Perception				Firm Grasping			
Seeing Fine Details				Fine Manipulation			
Hearing Norm Speech				Use of Keyboards			
Hearing Overhead Pages							
Infectious Diseases				**Mental & Emotional** Requirements (ability to...)			
Chemical Agents				Cope with high level of stress			
Dust, Fumes, Gases				Make decisions under high pressure			
Extremes in Temperature or Humidity				Cope with anger/fear/hostility of others in a calm way			
Hazardous or Moving Equipment				Concentrate			
Loud Noises				Handle a high degree of flexibility			
				Handle multiple priorities in stressful situations			
				Demonstrate high degree of patience			
				Work in areas that are close and crowded			
				Verbally Communicate under stress			

OVERALL GPA

INCLUDE: All credits, including transfer and non-related courses

REQUIRED: OVERALL GPA of 3.0 or GREATER

OVER-ALL GPA	QUALITY POINTS	GPA HOURS	GPA
	____ /	____ =	____

QUALITY POINTS

A = 4   B = 3
C = 2   D = 1
F = 0

SCIENCE PREREQUISITE COURSES

	COURSE	MY GRADE	POINTS		CREDITS	POINTS
BSC 2093C	HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY I	____	○	X	4	=
BSC 2094C	HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY II	____	____	X	4	=
MCB 2010C	MICROBIOLOGY	____	____	X	4	=
					TOTAL CREDITS	TOTAL POINTS
					12	____

REQUIRED:
- **MINIMUM GRADE of C in each class**
- **COMBINED GPA of 3.0 or GREATER**

SCIENCE GPA	TOTAL POINTS	TOTAL CREDITS	GPA
	____ /	12 =	____

GENERAL EDUCATION PREREQUISITE COURSES

	COURSE	MY GRADE	POINTS		CREDITS	POINTS
PSY 2012	GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY	____	____	X	3	=
DEP 2004	DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY	____	____	X	3	=
ENC 1101	FRESHMAN COMPOSITION I	____	____	X	3	=
HUMANITIES	HUMANITIES	____	____	X	3	=
HUN 2202	ESSENTIALS OF NUTRITION	____	____	X	3	=
					TOTAL	TOTAL
					15	____

REQUIRED:
- **MINIMUM GRADE of C in each class**
- **COMBINED GPA of 3.0 or GREATER**

GEN ED GPA	TOTAL POINTS	TOTAL CREDITS	GPA
	____ /	15 =	____