MISSION
The mission of the Porterville College Associate Degree Nursing Program is to prepare entry-level registered nurses as providers and managers of care across the health/illness continuum and as members within the profession. Graduate nurses will collaborate with members of the health care team, be effective communicators, be politically aware, and demonstrate a commitment to life-long learning.

The study of nursing is the application of knowledge from the arts and sciences. The purpose of the Porterville College Associate Degree Program is to provide the foundation for students to become competent registered nurses. The ADN Program respects the individuality of students and recognizes that each student has different educational, experiential, cultural, spiritual, economic and social backgrounds and a unique support system. The aim of the Program is to provide a positive, innovative learning model that fosters the development of critical thinking and problem solving skills so that the graduate nurse is equipped to deliver care to a culturally diverse population in a variety of healthcare settings.

A grade of “C” or better is required in each nursing course for progression toward the Associate of Science Nursing Degree.

NOTE: The California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) protects the public by screening applicants for licensure in order to identify potentially unsafe practitioners. The law provides for denial of licensure for crimes or acts, which are substantially related to nursing qualifications, functions or duties. Conviction of any offenses other than minor traffic violations must be reported to the Board of Registered Nursing at the time of application for licensure. Business and Professions Code 480 and Nurse Practice Act article 3 section 2761. For clarification contact the ADN Program Director or the Board of Registered Nursing, P.O Box 944210, Sacramento, California, 94244-2100, (916) 322-3350.

NOTE: Social Security Number (SSN) or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number Requirement: Pursuant to Section 30(c) of the Business and Professions code the California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) will not process any application for licensure unless the applicant provides a United State SSN or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number. The Nursing Practice Act provides for a unified examination and licensing application. Once an applicant passes the examination, a license is automatically issued. Under these circumstances the BRN cannot accept applications for the examination and licensure without a SSN or Tax Payer Identification Number.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Employment in the field for registered nurses is excellent locally and nationally. The registered nurse enjoys a well-compensated, rewarding, highly flexible career, which should continue in the future. This field is expanding and growth in the job market is projected.
PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon completion of the program, the graduate will be able to function as:

1. Provider of Care – The graduate will provide safe nursing care through therapeutic nursing interventions to clients with critical and complex disease states.
2. Manager of Care – The graduate will provide safe nursing care consistently utilizing critical thinking skills for clients who have critical and complex disease states.
3. Member of Profession – The graduate will consistently demonstrate accountability, advocacy, legal/ethical and caring behavior, and responsibility for one’s own professional growth, behavior, and form/informal education.

ENROLLMENT ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for enrollment in the program, the student must meet the following criteria:

- Graduation from an accredited high school, or successful completion of General Education Development (GED) or California High School Proficiency Exam (CHSPE). These requirements are defined by the current Nurse Practice Act, Title 16, California Code of Regulations, Section 1412. Students with AA/AS degree or higher do not need to submit proof of high school graduation, but must submit proof of AA/AS degree completion (in progress not accepted). Graduates from outside the United States must have transcripts evaluated by a National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) approved independent agency.
- A grade of “C” or better required for all Prerequisites
- 2.5 minimum GPA in anatomy, physiology, and microbiology
  - ANAT P110 (Human Anatomy) 4 units at Porterville College, or equivalent course at another accredited college.
  - PHYL P101 (Introductory Physiology) 5 units at Porterville College, or equivalent 4-5 semester unit physiology course at another accredited college.
  - MICR P106 (Microbiology) 5 units at Porterville College, or equivalent 4-5 semester unit microbiology course at another accredited college.
- 2.5 minimum GPA in remaining prerequisite courses for the nursing program.
  - ENGL P101A (Expository Composition) 4 units at Porterville College, or equivalent course at another accredited college.

MULTICRITERIA SCREENING SELECTION PROCESS

Porterville College Associate Degree Nursing Program has adopted a blended combination of random selection and a multi-criteria selection process for admission (Education Code Section 78261.5). The multi-criteria selection process will be utilized to identify the most qualified candidates for admission. Each incoming class will be randomly selected from the top third of candidates who apply during the application cycle. The multi-criterion process will be implemented for Fall 2017 admission. Students must reapply each year. There is no waiting list.

Points are awarded for the following criteria:

- Academic Degrees
- Grade point average in sciences (Anatomy, Physiology, Microbiology).
  - Repeats in Science Pre-requisites penalty points
- Grade point average in non-science courses (English)
• Relevant health care certification, work or volunteer experience with direct human care ≥ 500 hours
• Life experiences or special circumstances
  o Disabilities
  o Low family income
  o First generation to attend college
  o Need to work
  o Disadvantaged social or education environment
  o Difficult personal or family situation/environment
  o Refugee status
• Veteran status or eligible spouse status
• Language proficiency
• ATI TEAS

Only students who meet the educational and pre-nursing requirements and follow the pre-enrollment procedures will be considered for the program. Meeting all these requirements does not guarantee acceptance into the program.

HANDLING OF APPLICATION CYCLES PENDING CRITERIA IMPLEMENTATION DATE
• Spring 2017 Application Cycle for Fall 2017 Admission: Qualified applicant who have previous applied will automatically be placed in the top 30% for randomized selection.
• Spring 2018 Application Cycle for Fall 2018 Admission: No special consideration will be given for multiple attempts.

ASSESSMENT TESTING (ATI TEAS) REQUIRED FOR NURSING PROGRAM.
All qualified applicants will be required to complete the latest edition of the ATI TEAS (Assessment Technologies Institute Test of Essential Academic Skills). The ATI TEAS is a state approved nursing assessment test. ATI TEAS will be offered by Porterville College on an invitation-only basis to qualified applicants.

Students must rank at or above the ATI TEAS average composite score of 62% to be eligible for enrollment into the program. Students who do not meet the 62% minimum score on the first attempt will be required to complete a TEAS remediation program. Only one repeat of the ATI TEAS will be allowed. PC will accept the highest TEAS score of the first two attempts. There must be 45 days or more between attempts and evidence of remediation for the second score to be accepted.

ATI TEAS REMEDIATION PROGRAM
Students who fail to achieve a composite score of 62% or greater are required remediate before retaking the exam. Students are to meet with the program director or faculty advisor for assistance in developing a remediation plan. The student has one year to complete the remediation plan. Once the remediation plan is completed and the student submits evidence to the program director, the student will be invited to repeat the ATI TEAS at Porterville College.

NOTE: As a condition of enrollment into the Nursing program, the student is required to have a physical examination, inoculations, TB clearance, drug screen, background check, and current BLS card (at the student’s expense).
NOTE: The student is responsible for providing uniforms, laboratory fees, necessary equipment and transportation to off-campus laboratory locations. There are morning, afternoon, evening, and weekend clinical experiences that may change with limited notice.

OTHER ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING REQUIREMENTS

- MATH P051 (Intermediate Algebra) OR higher, 5 units at Porterville College or an equivalent course at another accredited college
- COMM P101 (Introduction to Public Speaking) OR COMM P102 (Interpersonal Communication)
- PSYC P101A (General Psychology)
- SOCI P101 (The Social World) OR ANTH P102 (Cultural Anthropology)

GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES

General education courses are required to graduate from Porterville College with an Associate Degree in Nursing. It is suggested that most of these courses be completed prior to beginning the ADN Program. NOTE: Some of the general education courses are also prerequisite courses for the Associate Degree in Nursing OR required by The Board of Registered Nursing (BRN)

- Area A: Education – NURS P100 is recommended, EDUC P101, EDUC P102 and EDUC P107 may also meet the requirement
- Area B: Writing - ENGL P101A (4 units) (“C” or higher) – prerequisite course for the program
- Area C: Communications – COMM P101 or COMM 102 (“C” grade or higher) –required by the BRN for the program
- Area D: Mathematics - MATH P051 (“C” grade or higher) – required by the BRN for the program
- Area E: Biological Science – ANAT P110, PHYL P101 and MICR P106 (“C” grade or higher) – all are prerequisite courses for the program
- Area F: Physical Science – CHEM P106 is recommended – this course is a prerequisite for Microbiology
- Area G: History/Political Science – HIST P117, P118 OR POLS P101
- Area H: Social/Behavioral Science – PSYC P101A AND SOCI P101 OR ANTH P102 – required by the BRN for the program
- Area I: Analytical Thinking - this area is met by completing the Associate Degree Nursing Program courses
- Area J: Multicultural Studies - this area is met by completing the Associate Degree Nursing Program courses
- Area K: Health/Physical Education - this area is met by completing the Associate Degree Nursing Program courses
- Area L: Humanities: PHIL P112 is recommended or any course as listed in Area L of the General Education Checklist
ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSE PROGRAM CURRICULUM

The following courses are taken after the student enters the Program.

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Note: All graduation requirements of the college must be met to earn an Associate Degree Nursing and to take the NCLEX RN – Licensure Exam.

RECOMMENDED COURSES PRIOR TO ENTERING THE PROGRAM
- NURS P100 Strategies for Success in a Nursing Program
- Nurse Assistant Certification

RECOMMENDED COURSES WHILE WAITING FOR ADMISSION INTO THE PROGRAM
- General Education and other required courses needed for Associate Science Degree in Nursing
- Courses required for BSN transfer or RN-BSN
PROGRAM ACCREDITATION
The California Board of Registered Nursing approves the PC Associate Degree Nursing Program. The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges accredits Porterville College.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION /EQUAL OPPORTUNITY STATEMENT
In accordance with the requirements of the Civil Rights Act, Porterville College provides services and benefits to students regardless of race, color, national origin, ancestry, gender, age, religion, marital status, medical condition or disability. The lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to administration and participation in vocational education programs. (Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.)
PORTERVILLE COLLEGE
HEALTH CAREERS

CONDITIONAL ENROLLMENT

As a condition of enrollment in any Health Careers Program, students are required to submit to and pass a designated drug and alcohol screening, a background screening, and physical examination clearance (at the student’s expense). Please note the following:

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

A physical examination completed by a physician of the student's choice is required when entering the Program to demonstrate that a student meets the following technical standards necessary to meet the Program objectives. Appropriate immunizations and TB clearance are also required and are performed at the student's expense.

ESSENTIAL TECHNICAL STANDARDS

Nursing students must meet the following essential technical standards to ensure the safety and welfare of the patients, the healthcare team, and themselves. A physical examination performed by a medical doctor determines whether a student meets the technical standards or any accommodations that may be necessary.

- Standing and/or walking most of a shift.
- Bending or crouching several times per hour.
- Lifting and carrying a minimum of 30 pounds several times an hour.
- Lifting and moving up to 300 lbs. with the assistance of 2-3 persons.
- Reaching overhead above the shoulder 90 degrees.
- Utilizing eyesight to observe clients and manipulate equipment under various illumination levels.
- Hearing to communicate with the patient and healthcare team.
- Manipulating medical equipment and accessories, including but not limited to switches, knobs, buttons, keyboards, patient lines, and tubes, utilizing fine and gross motor skills.
- Performing the assigned job responsibilities with the intellectual and emotional functions necessary to ensure patient safety and exercise independent judgment and discretion.
- Utilizing sufficient verbal and written skills to efficiently communicate in English with the patient and healthcare team.
- Utilizing the above standards/functions to respond promptly to the patient’s needs and/or emergency situations.

DRUG / ALCOHOL SCREENING

As a condition of application in any Nursing/Allied Health Program with a clinical laboratory component, students are required to submit to and pass a designated drug and alcohol screening.

BACKGROUND SCREENING

Every student offered space in the program will be required to submit to a background screening (at the student’s expense) as part of his or her clinical requirements for admission. Please note the following:
A history of felony conviction(s) or any bar, exclusion or other ineligibility for federal program participation could render a student ineligible for clinical placement, as determined by the clinical agencies.

If a student cannot obtain background clearance from the clinical agencies, it will not be possible to place the student in the clinical areas, which is a required component of the program.

In the event that a student cannot obtain a background clearance, the space will be forfeited.

Students who are found to be ineligible for clinical placement by the clinical agency after admission to the nursing program shall be subject to dismissal from the program, as they will be unable to complete mandatory clinical rotations.

**BASIC LIFE SUPPORT – BLS (formerly CPR)**

Prior to the beginning of the nursing program, and then throughout the program, students are required to show proof of a valid American Heart Association BLS – Healthcare Provider. This BLS card must be valid until the end of the Program. It is your responsibility to provide a copy of the current BLS card to the nursing department and to carry a copy of this card while attending clinical in the healthcare facilities, preferably in your portfolio.

**PROGRAM SUPPLY INFORMATION**

Students will be required to purchase uniforms, textbooks and selected equipment, provide transportation to off-campus clinical education sites and pay current college fees. An estimated cost for books, uniforms, fees and required equipment for the first term of the Program is approximately $3000.00. In addition to registration fees and books, the Nursing Program fourth semester’s expenses will include Program Completion activities, Program pin and State Board application fees. Total program cost is approximately $6,300.00.