

TREASURE VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
NURSING DEPARTMENT

NURSING ASSISTANT COURSES

The program, approved by the Oregon State Board of Nursing, is designed to prepare the graduate for entry-level employment as a Nursing Assistant Level 1, which is required for employment in the State of Oregon. State certification through Oregon State Board of Nursing must be obtained after the course is completed. A state-administered test is provided at TVCC on a periodic schedule throughout the year.

Advantages

- Opportunity for employment readily available
- Over minimum wage
- All states require State certification
- Introduction to the health care field - aids in making career decisions
- Provides employment while pursuing career advancement in LPN and RN educational programs
- This knowledge can be applied to everyday living

Topics covered include:

- Interpersonal Relationships (nursing assistant-patient and family and staff).
- Growth and Development throughout the life cycle
- Cultural Aspects
- Legal/Ethical Aspects
- Medical and Nursing Terminology
- General Patient Care:
 - . Patient bathing
 - . Taking and recording vital signs
 - . Feeding patients
 - . Infection control
 - . Caring for patient's personal needs.

Program Entrance Requirements

- Complete and submit application form to the nursing department.
- Must be 16 years of age prior to clinical experience
- Submit High School diploma/transcript or copy of GED certificate (desirable).
- Take and receive a score of 55/RD 11 or higher on the TVCC Reading Test (anything less is evaluated on an individual basis).*

*This requirement is waived if you are a high school graduate/GED completed.

ACCEPTED STUDENTS MUST PASS BOTH A PHYSICAL AND A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK.

Program Entrance Requirements Cont..

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Expenses: These are approximate costs at the time of this writing.

- Fee
 - In state - \$500
 - Out of state - \$580
- Books (\$72)
- CPR class/book (\$45)
- Fingerprinting (\$33)
- Physical (\$45)
- Uniform: Carribean blue scrubs (as designated by Nursing Department), white leather shoes (\$50-\$70)
- Gait belt (\$10)
- Watch with second hand (or digital with seconds easily counted) (\$25)
- State Exam Fingerprinting (\$52)
- State Certifying Test (\$106)

Note: The student is responsible for own health and insurance expenses. Neither the college nor the clinical agency are responsible for illness or accident costs while a student.

Financial Assistance may be available.