The Nursing Program

The Associate in Arts Degree in Nursing at Chabot College has an excellent reputation. Chabot Graduates consistently enjoy a very high first-time pass rate on the National Council Licensing Examination for Registered Nursing (NCLEX-RN). Therefore, if you are a good student, serious about nursing, and willing to work hard, you will find Chabot College offers an excellent opportunity for you to obtain a low cost education of a very high quality. Moreover, graduates can transfer to the baccalaureate programs throughout the state if they plan to continue their formal education.

Sixty nursing students are admitted each August to the two year program leading to an Associate in Arts Degree in Nursing. The graduate is then eligible to take the NCLEX for a license as a Registered Nurse.

What is the job?
A Registered Nurse is a member of a health care team who may work in a variety of settings. Hospital nurses constitute the largest group of nurses, providing skilled bedside nursing care and carrying out the medical treatment prescribed by physicians. They may also supervise other personnel, work with specific kinds of patients, or administer nursing services. Other areas of employment include, but are not limited to office nursing, education, and occupational health nursing.

There are about 2.5 million Registered Nurses in the United States, making nursing the largest sector of the health care industry. Of the 2.5 million, 83% are employed in hospitals or nursing homes, on either a full or part-time basis. Thirty-five percent hold an Associate Degree as their highest nursing-related educational preparation.

Working Conditions and Earnings
In private industry, most nursing salaries are above the average for non-supervisory personnel. Salaries of nurses in acute care hospitals of the Bay Area for a new graduate average $60K to $68K annually.

Personal Qualifications

Communication: A nurse is expected to have strong communication skills in order to interact with other professionals and with ill patients and their families.

Coping: A nurse must develop coping skills to work under stressful conditions and to offer support to those who are suffering.

Academic: Knowledge of and ability to apply principles of English, Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology, Anatomy, Physiology and Microbiology in patient care is necessary. Mental stability and a healthy physical state are prerequisite characteristics.

Skills Lab available daily for students

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Information Meetings Monthly

- First Tuesday of each month
- September—May (except in January)
- 12 Noon to 1:00 PM
- Room 2223—Chabot Campus
- No appointment necessary

For additional information call 510.723.7677 or go to our website: www.chabotcollege.edu/nurs

Chabot Class 2008-2010

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What does the Program cost?

The total cost of the two year program for in-state residents is approximately $4,500*. This includes class fees, books, uniforms, shoes and in-program testing fees. Financial Aid is available. Personal physician or nurse practitioner physical and dental examinations with current immunizations and TB testing are required prior to entering the program. Transportation to and from hospitals or other agencies is the responsibility of the student.

*All costs are approximate and subject to change.

What is my first step?

General Education

Your first goal should be to complete any preparatory course work and general education courses which will help you meet the program’s requirements. This could include basic mathematics, algebra, chemistry and/or geology.

Earn strong grades, especially in science, behavioral science and communication courses. A grade of ‘C’ cannot be repeated unless you have some extenuating circumstance. See your counselor to discuss your skills and courses.

Why should I complete my GE first? The nursing theory and concurrent clinical experiences are in hospital/agency settings from 7 AM to 2 Pm Monday through Thursday. Some courses in the nursing sequence may be assigned in late afternoon or evening. In addition, some clinical experiences may require an evening assignment, making it difficult, if not impossible to enroll in an evening class.

Basic Requirements

English 1A or equivalent

Complete English 1A (or equivalent) before applying to the Nursing Program. You may also need preparatory work in collegiate reading and/or writing. Nursing texts are written at the 12th grade level. The grade for English 1A is used in part to determine eligibility for the applicant pool.

Natural Sciences

You must complete all pre-requisite Natural Science courses prior to entry to the Nursing Program. It is recommended they be as recent as possible.

Complete the Chabot College equivalent of the following science courses. All courses must include a lab and consist of 4-5 semester units. You must receive a “C” or higher in all of these courses.

1. Human Anatomy
2. Human Physiology
3. Microbiology

Financial Aid

Many of our students are eligible for Federal or State financial aid but do not apply! If you would like to apply for financial aid to assist you with your educational expenses, you can still do so. It will take a little time and effort on your part, but we are here to help you. The Board of Governor’s (BOG) Fee Waiver program will waive the enrollment fees for eligible students admitted to Chabot, as well as the Health Center fee. Parking permits are reduced to $20/semester for BOG eligible students. To apply for all federal and state aid, including the California BOG Fee Waiver, go to: http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/

If your income has changed significantly, review your situation with the FAO staff, as we may be able to adjust your eligibility to reflect current year circumstances. For more information, go to www.chabotcollege.edu/finaid

Once you receive your Student Aid Report (SAR), check CLASS Web Financial Aid for documents needed by our office to complete our review to determine actual eligibility. The 2008-09 application will consider you for financial aid for Fall08 through Sum09.
Courses required for the AA Degree in Nursing

**Application Process**

**Step 1**
A Chabot College Application for Admission* must be submitted to the college. This application can be submitted electronically by going to http://www.cccapply.com and is available year round.

**Step 2**
Nursing Program Applications* will be accepted between October 15, 2007 and January 5, 2008. Download the application: www.chabotcollege.edu/nurs.

**Step 3**
Complete the application on-line. Print, sign and MAIL the Nursing Program application to Admissions and Records Office, Chabot College, 25555 Hesperian Blvd. Hayward, CA 94545. If you are registered for one of your pre-requisite natural science courses verification of enrollment is required with the application. The application must be postmarked on or before January 5, 2008. It is recommended you obtain a “Certificate of Mailing” and “Return Receipt” from the U.S. Postal Service at the time of the mailing.

**Step 4**
The student must request official transcripts from all previously attended schools and colleges. These must be MAILED to Admissions and Records directly. Hand carried transcripts will not be accepted. All these records must be postmarked on or before January 5, 2008.

**Step 5**
Go to www.chabotcollege.edu, click Class Web online to verify receipt of transcripts. Due to the volume of applicants we are not able to notify students individually if any information is missing.

**Step 6**
If you have taken any classes in colleges other than Chabot/Las Positas during the Fall 2007 semester those official transcripts must be updated. Request and mail the updated transcript on or before January 31, 2008.

**Note:** Failure to follow all of the above steps will result in your application being removed from consideration or eligibility.

*Any falsification of data on the application(s) will result in immediate disqualification.

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**Background Check**

Chabot College is required to secure background checks on all students entering clinical studies. We will review the following for each and every student.

1. Social Security Number Trace
2. Felony/misdemeanor Criminal Conviction Search
3. Combined OIG.GSA Exclude parties/Debarment List Search
4. A pre-placement drug screen

Investigative reports may include information concerning your character, general reputation and personal characteristics, mode of living and may include information obtained through interviews.

These consumer reports may also include investigative consumer reports obtained from:

Corporate Screening Services, Inc.
16530 Commerce Court
Cleveland, OH 44130-6304,
810.229.8606.

If you have been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony it is possible you will be denied placement in one or more hospitals that are used for clinical experience or the Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) may not grant you a license. You will need to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the BRN that the behavior for which you were convicted is no longer a problem. Please contact the BRN or make an appointment for a confidential meeting with the Nursing Program Director for guidance in this area.

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Applicant Pool and Admission

January 5, 2008, DEADLINE
After the January 5, 2008 Deadline, students who meet the minimum requirements of having completed the science prerequisites AND whose transcripts from all schools attended are on file will have their transcripts evaluated for the following:

1. Overall lower division grade point average;
2. Anatomy course grade and if the course was taken once or repeated;
3. Grade received in English 1A (or its equivalent).

Criterion Score Calculated
A Criterion score (calculated from 1-3 above) will be established for each applicant for purposes of selection. Those meeting or exceeding the criterion score will be entered into the "candidate for admission pool" and chosen by a random selection method.

Random Selection Pool
Notification will be mailed after April 15, 2008. The "candidates for admission pool" will be split into two groups.

First 60 are selected from Verified residents of the geographical area served by Chabot-Las Positas Community College District:

Pool# 1 Chabot College
Eligible residents from Castro Valley, Hayward, San Leandro, San Lorenzo and Union City
40 Applicants Selected

Pool#2 Extended Campus Valley Memorial Hospital
Eligible residents of Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton, and Sunol
20 Applicants Selected

Alternate Pool Notification by April 30, 2008
Non-selected, but eligible residents of both pools and non-district applicants will be entered into the "alternate" pool and randomly selected on a rank-order basis and given an alternate number.

Final Admittance Testing:
TEAS® will be given to all applicants chosen in the pool 1 & 2 and the first 50 alternates. To enter the program your "Adjusted Individual Score" must be 67.6% or higher on your first attempt. TEAS® taken after 08/20/2007 and scored 67.6% or higher on your first attempt, will be accepted for final admission to the program.

Acceptance Requirement
Upon acceptance to the program, the following is required:

1. Physical and dental examinations, as well as immunization records, must be completed on forms sent to the enrollee.
2. Evidence of 2 year American Heart Association Health Care Provider CPR card. (We do NOT accept on-line courses or any other type of course certification.)
3. ATI Testing Fee (Approximately $105) for the first semester assessment examination.
4. Background and drug screen fees paid. (Approximate cost $88)

If any of the above items listed have not been completed by 8/1/2008 the candidate is subject to having their name deleted from the program.

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