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 $70K 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.

Caring: All nurses are expected to render knowledgeable and compassionate care for patients with a variety of disorders and communicable diseases. It is necessary to develop a broad scientific knowledge base which will promote the ability to make clear and appropriate decision while caring for patients.

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.

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Information Meetings Monthly
- First Tuesday of each month September—May (except in January) Check website for dates
- 12 Noon to 1:00 PM
- Room 2252—Chabot Campus
- No appointment necessary

For additional information call 510.723.7677 or go to our website: www.chabotcollege.edu/nurs
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 classes 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. The overall GPA required for program admission is based on all coursework and will be required to be higher than a 2.3 based on multiple research measures.

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, and some Fridays. Some courses in the nursing sequence may be assigned in late afternoon or evening. The only times you can enroll in general education courses which you have not completed will be in the summer sessions or in the evening. Most nursing students find that the heavy commitment to studying and preparing for the nursing courses makes it necessary to study in the 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) 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 prerequisite Natural Science courses prior to entry to the Nursing Program.¹ 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 1
2. Human Physiology 1
3. Microbiology 1

¹Natural Science Note: Students who have completed only two of the natural sciences prior to January 1st may submit an application. However, the following stipulations are in effect.

- Evidence of current enrollment in the third prerequisite science course must be submitted with the application.
- The course must be verified as having been completed by the end of the Spring Semester, 2011 with a grade of ‘C’ or higher and must meet the grade criteria for acceptance into the Nursing program as outlined above.
- The application will be entered into the pool with other applicants and be subject to the selection process as outlined, with the understanding that failure to meet the criteria as outlined will result in the applicant’s name being withdrawn from the list of those qualified for admission to the Nursing Program. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS to this rule.
Courses required for the AA Degree in Nursing

Application Process

**Step 1—Apply to Chabot College**
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—Application Opens November 1, 2010**
Nursing Program Applications* will be accepted between November 1, 2010 and January 31, 2011. Download the application: www.chabotcollege.edu/nurs. Click RN Program for instructions.

**Step 3—Complete Application**
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. The application must be postmarked on or before **January 31, 2011**. It is recommended you obtain a “Certificate of Mailing” and “Return Receipt” from the U.S. Postal Service at the time of the mailing.

- If you are taking one or more prerequisite in the Fall and have not completed the class prior to applying for the program: you will need to submit a letter from your instructor verifying your current grade and possibility of passing the class.
- If you are registered for one of your pre-requisite natural science courses in the Spring 2011; verification of enrollment is required with the application.

**Step 4—Official Transcripts deadline January 31, 2011**
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 31, 2011**.

**Step 5—Verify Receipt of Transcripts**
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—Update Fall 2010 Transcripts, deadline January 31, 2011**
If you have taken any classes in colleges other than Chabot/Las Positas during the Fall 2010 semester those official transcripts must be updated. Request and mail the updated transcript on or before **January 31, 2011**.

**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:

- Verified Credentials -Headquarters
  20890 Kenbridge Court,
  Lakeview, MN 55044
  952.985.7200 Main
  925.985.7218 Fax.

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 Revised 02/24/2010
Acceptance Requirement

If selected and upon your 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 $121) for the first semester assessment examination.

4. Background and drug screen fees paid. Social Security number required. (Approximate cost $81)

Applicant Pool and Admission

January 31, 2011, DEADLINE

After the January 31, 2011 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. Grade received in English 1A (or its equivalent);
2. Anatomy course grade and if the course was taken once or repeated;
3. Overall lower division grade point average.

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 by May 2011. The “eligible candidates for admission pool” will be split into pools.

Verified Eligibility

Pool# 1 Chabot College
Includes eligible residents West of Castro Valley and other cities outside of district.

40 Applicants Selected

Pool# 2 Extended Campus Valley Memorial Hospital
Includes eligible residents East of Castro Valley and other cities outside of the district.

20 Applicants Selected

Alternate Pool Notification by May 2011

Non-selected, but eligible 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® version 5.0 will be given to all applicants selected in the pool 1 & 2 and the first 75 alternates. To enter the program your “Adjusted Individual Score” must be 67% *or higher on your first attempt. An official copy of the ATI TEAS® taken after 08/20/2009¹ at other schools and scored 67% or higher on your first attempt, will also be accepted for final admission to the program.

For additional information about Test Essential Academic Skills (TEAS®) go to www.ATItesting.com. *Test scores maybe changed, go to website for current cut score.¹TEAS version 4.0 will be accepted for incoming Fall 2010.

Required Orientation:

Selected students will be notified of summer orientation dates and times. Attendance to orientations is mandatory.

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