

# **2019 SCHOOL CATALOG**

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#### **EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY AND MISSION**

Unitek College's mission and philosophy is to provide quality programs that are sound in concept, implemented by a competent and dedicated faculty and geared to serve those seeking a solid foundation in the knowledge and skills required to obtain employment in their chosen fields. The programs emphasize hands-on training, are relevant to employer's needs and focus on areas that offer strong long-term employment opportunities. To offer students the training and skills that will lead to successful employment, Unitek College will:

- Continually evaluate and update educational programs
- o Provide modern facilities and training equipment
- Select instructors and faculty with professional experience in the vocations they teach and the ability to motivate and develop students to their greatest potential
- o Promote self-discipline so that students may enjoy success on the job and in society

### **SCHOOL OFFICIALS**

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### **SCHOOL HISTORY**

Unitek College began offering healthcare education in Fremont, CA with the Pharmacy Technician program in 2002, followed by a Medical Assisting program the next year. In 2004 the school entered Nursing Education with a Vocational Nursing program at the Fremont main campus, which was soon expanded to a satellite campus in Santa Clara, CA in 2005.

In 2006, Unitek College opened a branch campus in Sacramento and began offering a Vocational Nursing program, with approval from the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technician (BVNPT). The Sacramento Branch campus was approved by California's BPPE on October 23, 2006 when the Bureau of Private Postsecondary Education became the state authorizing agency.

2007 was a significant year in the history of Unitek College when the school began offering a Medical

Assisting program at the Sacramento Campus and also launched the pre-licensure Registered Nursing Program at Fremont. This elevated the school's profile as a nursing school in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Unitek College soon began pursuing institutional accreditation, and in 2009, Unitek College's main campus in Fremont (and its satellite in Santa Clara) received national accreditation through the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC) for an initial three-year period.

Following ACCSC's accreditation, in 2010 the US Department of Education approved Unitek College to participate as a Title IV awarding institution at the Fremont main campus and Santa Clara satellite campus. The following year, Unitek College launched its first fully-online program (the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree Completion Program) and in December 2011 the Sacramento branch campus was awarded ACCSC accreditation for an initial three-year period.

In 2012 Unitek College achieved two major regulatory milestones: 1) the Sacramento campus received approval to participate as a Title IV awarding institution; and 2) ACCSC renewed the Fremont campus' accreditation for a period of five years.

In 2013, the Sacramento branch campus moved to a larger facility and the Santa Clara satellite campus also moved into a larger facility in San Jose, CA. Also in 2013, Unitek College's parent company, Unitek Information Systems, Inc. underwent a change of ownership.

In 2014, Unitek College launched the Information Technology program at its Fremont and Sacramento campuses, and received ACCSC's approval to convert the San Jose Satellite campus into a Branch campus. Approval was also granted in 2014 for an acquisition of NCP College of Nursing, which had been offering nursing education in the Bay Area since 1993. Also this year, the RN-to-BSN Degree Completion Program received CCNE accreditation (as of 2/5/2014) for a period of five (5) years.

In 2015, ACCSC granted accreditation to Unitek College's new branch campus in Concord, CA, and the Dental Assisting program was launched in Sacramento campus (expanding later to San Jose and Concord). NCP College of Nursing also officially changed its name to Unitek College, adding its South San Francisco and Hayward campuses to the Unitek College family.

In 2017, Unitek College added a seventh campus with the acquisition of Southern California Medical College in Bakersfield, California. This campus received accreditation from ACCSC as a branch of Unitek College's Fremont campus in March 2018.

### **ACCREDITATION & APPROVALS**



### ACCREDITING COMMISSION OF CAREER SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES (ACCSC)

Unitek College's campuses in Fremont, Hayward, San Jose, Sacramento, Concord, South San Francisco and Bakersfield are accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC), a recognized accrediting agency by the U.S. Department of Education. The San Jose, Sacramento, Bakersfield and Concord campuses are recognized by ACCSC as accredited branches of the Fremont main campus. The South San Francisco campus is recognized by ACCSC as an accredited branch of the Hayward main campus.

### **NURSING BOARD APPROVALS**

- The Vocational Nursing (VN) program at Unitek College is approved by the California Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians (BVNPT).
- The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree program at Unitek College is approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN).



### ACCREDITED Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)

The RN-to-BSN Degree Completion program at Unitek College is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (http://www.ccneaccreditation.org).

### **BUREAU FOR PRIVATE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION (BPPE)**

Unitek College is a private institution approved to operate by the California Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education. Approval to operate means the institution is in compliance with state standards as set forth in the California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2009.

Any questions a student may have regarding this catalog that have not been satisfactorily answered by the institution may be directed to the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education at 2535 Capitol Oaks Drive, Suite 400, Sacramento, CA 95833, <a href="www.bppe.ca.gov">www.bppe.ca.gov</a>, toll-free telephone number (888) 370-7589 or by fax (916) 263-1897.

### **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Unitek College is approved by the U.S. Department of Education to offer students the option of applying for federal financial aid through the Title IV program. All accredited programs running at all campuses are eligible for Title IV funding, which is available for those who qualify.

### ASHP/ACPE - Pharmacy Technician Program Accreditation

Unitek College's Pharmacy Technician program (which stopped enrolling new students in 2018) is accredited by the ASHP/ACPE Pharmacy Technician Accreditation Commission (a Collaboration between the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists and the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education). ASHP has served as an accreditor of pharmacy technician programs since 1982.

#### **VETERANS ADMINISTRATION**

Unitek College is approved by the California State Approving Agency for Veterans Education (CSAAVE) to accept students using GI Bill® funding for both pre and post 9/11 GI Bills® for the following programs and locations (GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs):

Program Approved at these campuses

RN-to-BSN Distance Education	Fremont
Associate of Science in Nursing	Fremont
Associate of Science in Vocational Nursing	Fremont
Vocational Nursing (Diploma)	Fremont, Sacramento, San Jose, Hayward, South San
	Francisco, Concord
Medical Assisting	Fremont, Sacramento, San Jose, Hayward, South San
	Francisco, Concord
Dental Assisting	Fremont, Sacramento, San Jose, Concord
Pharmacy Technician	Fremont, San Jose, Concord
Medical Office Administration	Fremont, Sacramento, San Jose, Concord
Information Technology	Fremont, Sacramento, San Jose, Concord

### **FACILITIES**

The Fremont campus occupies over 50,000 square feet, with 13 classrooms, 10 labs, library, student break room, reception and faculty and administrative offices.

The San Jose campus is located 25 miles from the Fremont main campus and occupies approximately 28,000 square feet with 9 classrooms, 9 labs, library, student break room, reception and faculty offices.

The Sacramento campus occupies approximately 13,400 square feet, with 11 classrooms, four of which also function as computer classrooms, 4 skills labs, a library/learning resource center and a student lounge.

The Concord campus occupies approximately 24,000 square feet with 7 classrooms, 9 labs, learning resource stations, and a student break room. There is also a café in the building.

The Hayward campus is approximately 13,181 square feet and contains 2 skills labs, a simulation lab, 5 lecture rooms (two of which also function as computer classrooms), student lounge, employee lounge, learning resource room, and areas to accommodate all administrative and clerical staff to adequately support students.

The South San Francisco campus occupies more than 7,000 square feet of Building 2 of the former Serra Vista Elementary School. The school has two levels which include a student lounge and five classrooms, (two of which serve as a Skills Lab and a Computer Resource Center). One level is occupied by an administrative office, a small library, and the Admissions/Financial Aid Offices. Administrative and Faculty offices occupy the other level.

The Bakersfield campus is approximately 10,350 square feet and contains 4 classrooms, 2 skills labs, 2 computer labs, a student breakroom and study area, and sufficient administrative offices and staff to adequately support students.

### **PROGRAMS & COURSES**

#### **PROGRAM SUMMARIES**

#### Maximum number of students in each classroom

- Medical Assisting and Medical Office Administration 40 (Fremont & Concord); 28 (San Jose);
   30 (Sacramento); 30 (South San Francisco and Hayward); and 23 (Bakersfield)
- Dental Assisting 20
- Information Technology 24 (Concord), 18 (Fremont)
- Vocational Nursing Prerequisite Course 45
- Vocational Nursing 36 for classroom instruction (15:1 student/faculty ratio for skills lab and clinical experience)
- Associate of Science in Vocational Nursing (ASVN) & RN-to-BSN Distance Education (BSN) 20 (online classes)
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing 40 (on campus), 10 per offsite clinical rotation

### <u>Total semester credits (for credit-hour programs)</u>

- Medical Assisting 28
- Medical Office Administration 25
- Dental Assisting 27.5
- Information Technology 27.5

- ASVN 81
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing 120
- RN-to-BSN Distance Education 121

### Total clock hours (for clock-hour programs & avocational courses)

- Vocational Nursing Prerequisite Course 80
- Vocational Nursing Diploma Program 1,620

### Normal program completion time

- 9 months: Medical Assisting, Medical Office Administration, Information Technology
- 10 months: Dental Assisting
- 12 months: Vocational Nursing (day version) and Associate of Science in Vocational Nursing
- 17 months: Vocational Nursing (full-time evening version)
- 20 months: Vocational Nursing (part-time evening version)
- 36 months: Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- 40 months: RN-to-BSN Distance Education

### Academic credential awarded upon graduation

- Diploma: Medical Assisting, Medical Office Administration, Dental Assisting, Information Technology, Vocational Nursing
- Associate of Science Degree: ASVN, Associate of Science in Nursing
- Bachelor of Science Degree: Bachelor of Science in Nursing; RN-to-BSN Distance Education

#### **MEDICAL ASSISTING**

(All campuses)

### **Program Overview**

This program is designed to produce a competent and safe entry level Medical Assistant. This program emphasizes administrative and clinical skills and includes extensive instruction in medical terminology, medical office procedures, medical/clinical procedures, basic anatomy and physiology, and special duties common in the field. The externship provides practical experience in physicians' offices, hospitals, or other healthcare facilities. Emphasis is placed on communication, critical thinking, human relations, decision making, and other skills required of well-qualified medical personnel.

Students receive a strong foundation in the skills needed to begin work as a Medical Assistant, combining in-class instruction with hands-on lab skills experience. The externship provides opportunities to put into practice the skills learned in the classroom and the lab. Courses cover multiple aspects of medical assisting including typing, transcription, record keeping, accounting, and insurance. Students learn laboratory techniques, clinical and diagnostic procedures, pharmaceutical principles, medication administration, first aid, common office practices, patient relations, medical law, and ethics.

Graduates of the program may be eligible to take various professional certification exams, including the NCCT exam required for the National Certified Medical Assistant (NCMA) credential and the American Medical Technologists (AMT) to earn the Registered Medical Assistant (RMA) credential. Such credentials are not required to graduate, but may be of value depending on a student's particular career goals. Faculty are available to advise students seeking such professional certifications.

### **Classroom and Lab Environment**

The labs are fully equipped to simulate an office and clinic setting. Lab equipment includes: microhematocrit centrifuge, blood and urine centrifuge, pulse oximeter, electrocardiogram machine, glucose meters, sphygmomanometers (B/P) cuffs, patient height and weight scale, infant height and weight scale, autoclave machine, and a hemoglobin meter.

### **Educational Objectives & Corresponding Occupation**

Graduates are prepared to gain employment as entry level Medical Assistants (SOC code 31-9092.00), performing administrative functions such as answering telephones, scheduling appointments, greeting patients, updating and filing patient charts, ordering supplies, arranging for hospital admission and laboratory services, handling billing, collections, and bookkeeping. Graduates will also be trained in the use of electronic medical records software, and will be prepared to perform Clinical functions such as relaying prescriptions to a pharmacy, collecting and preparing laboratory specimens, sterilizing medical instruments, preparing patients for x-rays, taking electrocardiograms, removing sutures and changing dressings.

### **Courses and Hours**

After successful completion of all on-campus instruction, students are scheduled for a full time externship. Students must complete all on-campus instruction to be eligible to start externship, and are required to complete 150 hours of outside-class assignments and projects throughout the program.

Courses ("Modules")	Instructional hours	Out-of-class hours	Semester credits
HCMA 110: Introduction to Medical Assisting & Medical Law	85	21.25	3.5
HCMA 111: Pharmacology, Medication Administration, Diagnostic	85	21.25	3.5
Imaging			
HCMA 112: Patient Assessment, Cardio-Pulmonary,	85	21.25	3.5
Gastroenterology			
HCMA 113: Eyes, Ears, Nose, Throat, Nervous System	85	21.25	3.5
HCMA 114: Stages of Life: Pediatrics, Ob/Gyn, Geriatrics	85	21.25	3.5
HCMA 115: Computerized Medical Assisting	85	21.25	3.5
HCMA 116: First Aid, Emergencies, Behavior in Acute situations	85	21.25	3.5
HCMA 117: Medical Assisting Externship	165	1.25	3.5
TOTALS	760	150	28

### HCMA 110- Introduction to Medical Assisting/ Medical Law

This course is designed to introduce the student to the healthcare industry, it provides student with the opportunity to explores and learn the role of the medical assistant in healthcare. Content focus is inclusive, but not limited to: the attitudes and behaviors expected of the medical assistant healthcare worker, attitudes and behaviors of the client population with an emphasis of interpersonal behaviors; entry level assisting in the clinical laboratory, vital signs, communications, and the function and use of computers in the medical environments. In addition the module provides students with guidelines and tips for being a successful student in the program.

### HCMA 111 - Pharmacology, Medication Administration, Diagnostic Imaging

This course introduces students to the Medical Assistant's role in healthcare related to pharmacology, diagnostic imaging and Anatomy & Physiology. Content includes, but is not limited to: terms and structures and function of the body; the skin and the muscular skeletal systems; calculation of dosages for injection, by mouth medications both liquids and solids, transdermal, inhalation, instillation, and topical administration of medications using various formulas of medical dosage calculations, assisting with physical examination by positioning and providing privacy for a patient; setting up correct instruments and supplies, explaining the procedures to the patient, and maintaining patient safety before, during, and after the procedure; positioning and providing privacy for patients for diagnostic imaging. Lecture and demonstrations are reinforced with hands on activities.

### HCMA 112 - Patient Assessment, Cardio-Pulmonary, Gastroenterology

This course introduces students to the Medical Assistant's role in healthcare related to assessment process and procedures, and the Cardio-Pulmonary and Gastrointestinal Systems. Content includes but is not limited to: structures and functions of the Cardio-pulmonary and GI systems; role of the medical assistant in the prevention of disease and the promotion of behaviors that will decrease the risk of infection and promote a healthy environment. The student will have the opportunity to learn and assist with performing EKG and Respiratory tests.

#### HCMA 113- Eyes, Ears, Nose, Throat, Nervous System

This course is designed to introduce the student to the healthcare industry, it provides student with the opportunity to explore and learn the role of the medical assistant in healthcare as relates to the A & P of the Sensory, Nervous and Endocrine System; content will be presented to facilitate the learning and understanding of the diseases and malfunctions of these systems. Content includes, but is not limited to: introduction of basic anatomy and physiology of the Eye, Nose, Throat; Central

Nervous System; Endocrine System; phlebotomy as relates to the Blood System with both academic clinical theory and hands-on experience; assisting the physician in the examination and performing of minor procedures done in the office and clinics. In addition this module includes patient education in the preparation for examinations and procedures. The student is provided with real-world lab experience to prepare for employment in the healthcare field / workplace.

### HCMA 114 – Stages of Life: Pediatrics, OB/GYN, Geriatrics

This course introduces the student to the roles and responsibilities of the Medical Assistant and provides student with the opportunity to explore and learn content as relates to the stages of life; surgical asepsis; care, use and handling of surgical instruments and the surgical environment; the process and procedures for a urinalysis. In addition they will be provided with content and the opportunity to learn the A & P of the Male and Female Reproductive Systems; participate in the basic concepts for assisting in self-examination for the prevention of breast and testicular cancer; understanding obstetrics/gynecology calculations of the EDD in preparation for externship in physician's office and clinic setting.

### **HCMA 115 – Computerized Medical Assisting**

This course provides student with the opportunity to explore and learn the role of the medical assistant in healthcare as relates to processes and skills in management and smooth running of the business aspects of a medical practice. Content focus is inclusive, but not limited to: Front office skills and processes: Accurately scheduling, medical record keeping, filing, health insurance, billing and coding practices, banking services and procedure; communication through various modalities such as telephone and computers; professional conduct.

### HCMA 116 - First Aid, Emergencies, Behavior in Acute Situations

This course provides the student with the opportunity to explore and learn the role of the medical assistant in healthcare related to professional behavior in the healthcare workplace, communication and use of interpersonal skills and human behaviors in acute, crisis and stressful situations; medical ethics; patient education in emergencies and first aid situations, triaging in the physician's office and clinic setting. Content includes but is not limited to: preparation for examinations and procedures in emergency, non-emergency situation and first aid situation; information related to job search.

### **HCMA 117 – Medical Assisting Externship**

This course provides the student with the opportunity for continued learning and the chance to demonstrate the ability to transfer classroom knowledge to externship setting. The student will report to the preceptor, assigned by the affiliate medical externship site. Students will work under the direct supervision of these preceptors. Completion of 160 hours will be done in a variety of clinical settings. 5 hours of the externship module are completed in classroom setting prior to being assigned to clinical externship hours; information will be inclusive of, but not limited to: job seeking skills, resumes, cover letters, interview process, communication in the work place. Some of the office and clinical sites require substantially more externship hours. Students are required to fill out time sheets weekly and have preceptor verification of hours worked.

#### MEDICAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

(Fremont, Concord, San Jose, Sacramento, campuses)

### **Program Overview**

Medical Office Administrators are a fundamental member of the healthcare team. This program prepares individuals to perform entry level duties as a Medical Office Administrator in a medical, clinical, or health care office environment under the supervision of office managers or other medical office professionals. Graduates are prepared to manage electronic health records, process insurance claims, handle entry-level bookkeeping, and manage the scheduling of patients in a medical setting. The program includes instruction in general office skills, medical data processing, medical office software, principles of medical record-keeping and applicable regulations, medical/clinical office procedures, and communications skills.

Graduates of the program may be eligible to take various professional certification exams, including the Electronic Health Records Specialist exam, Certified Medical Administrative Assistant exam, and Medical Billing and Coding Specialist exam. Such credentials are not required to graduate but can be of value depending on students' particular career goals. Faculty are available to advise students seeking such professional certifications.

#### **Classroom and Lab Environment**

The Medical Office Administration classrooms are equipped with computer workstations for each student (Windows PC's) with access to specialty billing, coding, medical records and office administration software. Standard office software for word processing, email communication, and appointment scheduling is also provided. Students have internet access which allows them to utilize the school's online library as well as government insurance sites. Students have access to the medical lab while learning CPR, first aid and patient vital signs.

### **Educational Objectives**

Graduates are prepared to work as entry level Medical Office Assistants (SOC code 29-2071.00) and:

- Use medical terminology
- Perform opening and closing office procedures
- Operate hardware and software to accomplish office tasks
- Create electronic health records
- Use software to collect and audit patient information
- · Assign insurance codes for medical diagnoses and procedures
- · Submit health insurance claims for reimbursement
- Perform entry-level bookkeeping and accounting procedures
- Perform CPR, basic first aid, and take patients' vital signs

### **Courses and Hours**

After successful completion of all on-campus instruction (courses MOA 110 - 116) students are scheduled for a full time externship. Students must complete all on-campus instruction to be eligible to start externship, and are required to complete 140 hours of outside-class assignments and projects throughout the program.

Courses ("Modules")	Instructional hours	Out-of-class hours	Semester credits
MOA 110: Fundamentals of Health Care	80	20	3.0
MOA 111: Computer Fundamentals	80	20	3.0
MOA 112: Medical Office Administration	80	20	3.0
MOA 113: Business Practices in the Medical Office	80	20	3.0
MOA 114: Health Records Management	80	20	3.0
MOA 115: Medical Insurance Billing	80	20	3.0
MOA 116: Medical Insurance Coding	80	20	3.0
MOA 117: Medical Office Externship	200	0	4.0
TOTALS	760	140	25.0

### **MOA 110: Fundamentals of Health Care**

This course introduces students to the principles of medical law and ethics, including HIPAA and the Patient's Bill of Rights. Students use prefixes, suffixes, and root words to create medical terms related to body position, planes, and cellular structure. Finally, students learn how to take patient vital signs, perform basic first aid, and become CPR certified.

### **MOA 111: Computer Fundamentals**

In this course, students use the computer to practice keyboarding skills and to perform basic office functions in Microsoft Word, Excel, Outlook, and PowerPoint. Students draft appropriate office correspondence and email communications. Students use prefixes, suffixes, and root words to create medical terms related to the integumentary system and the senses. Basic anatomy, physiology and common disorders of those systems are also discussed.

#### **MOA 112: Medical Office Administration**

This course introduces students to front office operations. Procedures used to open and close the office are addressed. Students learn patient intake methods, telephone etiquette, patient communication techniques, appointment management, and file creation. Students use prefixes, suffixes, and root words to create medical terms related to the male and female urinary and reproductive systems. Basic anatomy, physiology and common disorders of those systems are also discussed.

### **MOA 113: Business Practices in the Medical Office**

In this course, students use Microsoft Excel and QuickBooks to perform general accounting and bookkeeping functions. Students learn how to create ledgers, process payments, and discuss payment arrangements with patients. Students use prefixes, suffixes, and root words to create medical terms related to the cardiovascular, blood and lymphatic systems. Basic anatomy, physiology and common disorders of those systems are also discussed.

### **MOA 114: Health Records Management**

This course introduces students to the laws and regulations that govern patient medical records. Students use software to create, audit and modify electronic health records. Secure data transfer procedures are also discussed. Students use prefixes, suffixes, and root words to create medical terms related to the nervous system, mental health and pharmacology. Basic anatomy, physiology and common disorders of those systems are also discussed.

### **MOA 115: Medical Insurance Billing**

This course presents information about various types of insurance plans including HMOs, PPOs, Group Plans, and Medicare. Students familiarize themselves with forms used by insurance plans, as well as by Medicaid, Workman's Compensation, and Disability including the CMS-1500. Students use software to process and submit mock billing forms, and troubleshoot and correct denied claims. Students use prefixes, suffixes, and root words to create medical terms related to the musculoskeletal and respiratory systems. Basic anatomy, physiology and common disorders of those systems are also discussed.

### **MOA 116: Medical Insurance Coding**

This course introduces students to ICD-10, CPT, and HCPCS coding procedures. Students learn coding principles, code modifiers and how to apply the correct code to inpatient and outpatient procedures. Finally, students practice evaluating records submitted by healthcare providers to achieve optimal reimbursement. Students use prefixes, suffixes, and root words to create medical terms related to the gastrointestinal and endocrine systems. Basic anatomy, physiology and common disorders of those systems are also discussed.

### **MOA 117: Medical Office Externship**

Externship is a field experience that is completed as the final course in the program. During externship, students have the opportunity to practice the skills they have learned in class, in an actual office environment. In addition to demonstrating subject knowledge and skills, students must demonstrate teamwork, professionalism, and initiative. Students should treat externship as if it was a job and therefore, excellent attendance is also required.

#### INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(Fremont and Concord campuses)

### **Program Overview**

Unitek College's Information Technology program covers computer system concepts and skills required in a wide range of possible small to mid-sized business environments. The labs include virtual environments to simulate multiple real-world scenarios, as well as physical workstations for hands-on skills training.

#### **Classroom and Lab Environment**

The program combines classroom and laboratory space to ensure easy accessibility and allow instructors to closely supervise students. Each student will have an individual computer workstation. Lab equipment includes tool, software and hardware systems.

### **Educational Objectives and Corresponding Occupation**

This program prepares students to obtain entry-level positions in Computer System Support (SOC codes 15-1151.00 & 15-1152.00). Graduates are prepared to explain computer hardware and software concepts to a variety of audiences, work individually and in teams on IT-related tasks. Graduates may also be eligible to take various professional certification exams. Such credentials are not required to graduate, but may be of value depending on a student's particular career goals. Faculty are available to advise students seeking such professional certifications.

#### **Courses and Hours**

Courses ("Modules")	Instructional	Out-of- class	Semester
	hours	hours	credits
CITP 120 Office Suite Support	100	25	4
CITP 125 Basic Networking Essentials	100	25	4
CITP 130 System Security	100	25	4
CITP 135 Windows Desktop Essentials	100	25	4
CITP 140 Windows Server Essentials	100	25	4
CITP 145 PC Hardware	100	25	4
CITP 150 IT Externship	160	0	3.5
TOTALS	760	150	27.5

### **CITP 120 Office Suite Support**

This course presents essential introductory and advanced features of Microsoft Office 2016. It includes video, interactive demonstrations and advanced Office skills to assist a student if they wish to pursue Microsoft Office Specialist certifications for each topic (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Outlook). The depth and detail of this course will help prepare a student for a Help Desk position or Office support.

#### **CITP 125 Basic Networking Essentials**

This course will cover the knowledge and skills necessary to manage, maintain, troubleshoot, install, operate and configure basic networking infrastructure, describe networking technologies, basic design principles, adhere to wiring standards and use testing tools. This module will prepare the student for an entry level network support position.

### **CITP 130 System Security**

Students learn the skills required to identify risk and participate in risk mitigation activities, provide infrastructure, application, operational and information security, apply security controls to maintain confidentiality, integrity and availability, identify appropriate technologies and security products, and operate with an awareness of applicable policies, laws and regulations. This module will prepare the student for an entry level system administrator position.

### **CITP 135 Windows Desktop Essentials**

This course teaches students to configure Windows desktop computers under several common scenarios, including: installing, upgrading, and migrating, configuring hardware and applications, configuring network connectivity, and monitoring and maintaining Windows systems. The module will prepare the student for an entry level helpdesk or system administrator position.

### **CITP 140 Windows Server Essentials**

This course provides an overview on entry level server management, installation. It includes coverage of Active Directory and Network Infrastructure organization. The focus of this class is learning to install and setup a server in a domain environment. Various server roles are covered including DHCP, DNS, and Domain Controller replication. This module will prepare the student for an entry level server support position.

### **CITP 145 PC Hardware**

This course covers the fundamentals of computer systems, networking and security; identification of hardware, peripheral, networking and security components; basic functionality of operating systems; basic troubleshooting methodologies and safety procedures; security practices. This module will prepare the student for an entry level helpdesk or computer repair position.

#### **CITP 150 IT Externship**

Consists of a supervised experience (paid or unpaid) at an appropriate technical facility. Providing an opportunity for students to practice/be exposed to administrative and technical procedures where skills they have learned can be utilized. Student's hands-on experience may include troubleshooting, storage devices, data reconfiguring, data imaging and migration, network management and program installations. The student will report to the site supervisor, assigned by the affiliate externship site. Students will work under the direct supervision of these managers. Completion of 160 hours is required. Students are required to fill out time sheets weekly and have supervisor verification of hours worked. This module provides a transition from a classroom and lab environment to a "real world" environment with "real world" issues to be addressed. This module prepares the student for transitioning to a fulltime work environment in Information Technology.

#### **DENTAL ASSISTING**

(San Jose, Concord and Sacramento campuses)

#### **Program Overview**

This program prepares students with the knowledge, technical skills, and work habits of a Dental Assistant, focusing on the treatment-room care of dental patients taught using in-class instruction, hands-on labs, and externship experience. Topics covered include infection control and sterilization, medical emergencies, X-rays and impressions, dental instruments, oral evacuation, prosthodontics, pharmacology and pain control, preventative dentistry, assisting with oral surgery, and tray setups.

### **Educational Objectives & Corresponding Occupation**

Graduates are prepared for entry level employment as Dental Assistants (SOC code 31-9091.00) and:

- Work in a dental office, clinic, or lab environment
- Function as Dental Assistants to licensed Dentists
- Utilize current industry standard dental software
- Work with digital dental technology

#### **Courses and Hours**

The instructional hours are comprised of one 60-hour pre-requisite class (DA101) followed by seven 80-hour classes. After successful completion of all on-campus classes, students are scheduled for a 200-hour externship. All courses except Externship include out-of-class work such as reading and writing assignments, library research, practice and practical application assignments, and projects.

Courses ("Modules")	Instructional hours		Semester credits
DA101 - Dental Terminology and Proper Asepsis Techniques	60	15	2.5
DA102 - Chairside Assisting for General and Specialty Dentistry	80	20	3.0
DA103 - Dental Materials and Prevention	80	20	3.0
DA104A - California Dental Assisting with Expanded Duties Lab	80	20	3.0
DA104B - California Dental Assisting with Expanded Duties Lab	80	20	3.0
DA105 - Dental Radiology	80	20	3.0
DA106 - Dental Practice Management	80	20	3.0
DA107 - Clinical and Lab Duties	80	20	3.0
DAC108 - Clinical Externship	200	0	4.0
TOTALS	820	155	27.5

### DA101 - Dental Terminology and Proper Asepsis Techniques (pre-requisite class)

This course introduces basic knowledge of dental terminology, health team roles, HIPAA, CPR, dental anatomy and histology. Laboratory practice includes basic chairside assisting and sterilization.

### DA102 - Chairside Assisting for General and Specialty Dentistry

In this course, students are taught an introduction to the profession of dentistry as it relates to the dental assistant in general and specialty dentistry, including orthodontics, pedodontics, oral surgery, endodontics, periodontics, and fixed and removable prosthodontics. Bones, salivary glands, and muscles and nerves of the skull are also covered. Students have the opportunity to practice instrument exchange, oral evacuation, seating and dismissing a patient, handpiece maintenance, and anesthesia.

#### **DA103 - Dental Materials and Prevention**

In this course, students are taught preventive medicine, nutrition, oral hygiene methods, vital signs, pharmacology, and medical emergencies. Students have the opportunity to practice manipulation of and armamentarium of dental materials to include restorative, cast, impression, cements, liners, bases, tooth brushing, flossing, and blood pressure.

### DA104A - California Dental Assisting and Registered Dental Assisting with Expanded Duties Lab

This course covers applicable regulations, categories, terminologies, examination, certification, continuing education, and legalities off the profession. Students have the opportunity to practice functions as they apply to general dentistry, oral surgery, and preventive dentistry.

### DA104B - California Dental Assisting and Registered Dental Assisting with Expanded Duties Lab

This course allows students to practice dental assisting functions as they apply to intra-oral/extra-oral photography, placement of patient monitoring sensors, monitoring patient sedation, intra-oral images for milled restorations, endodontics, orthodontics, and periodontics.

#### **DA105 - Dental Radiology**

In this course, students are taught basic principles of radiographic physics, radiographic production and darkroom errors, bitewing radiographs, intra-oral techniques, mounting full-mouth radiographs, and manual film processing. Students have the opportunity to practice exposing films and taking full-mouth radiographs and x-rays for diagnosis using mannequins and patients. Students are also taught production of acceptable dental radiographs, including an overview of panoramic film techniques, and automatic film processing. This course requires the completion of four patient surveys as clinical practice, with no more than three retakes. Instruction in radiograph duplication is also provided.

### **DA106 - Dental Practice Management**

This course covers origin and treatment of patient fear, management of patient pain and discomfort motivation, the basis for human behavior, recognition of social behavior, individual difference, communication skills, relationship enhancement, special problems in communications, compliance, preventive behavior, behavior management of children as patients, care of the geriatric patient, and care of the handicapped patient. Students are also taught the nonclinical functions of a dental office with emphasis on appointment scheduling, financial arrangements, collection techniques, recall, completing insurance forms, and maintaining current insurance records. Students will practice telephone communications, computer terminology and functions, inventory supply systems, employment search techniques, and completing job applications.

#### **DA107 - Clinical and Lab Duties**

This covers pit and fissure sealants, facebow transfers, automated caries detection device, coronal polishing, stainless steel crowns, adjusting dentures extra-orally, and California Law and Ethics. This course requires the completion of four pit and fissure sealant patients as clinical practice. Patients will be completed on one weekend. Coronal polishing requires the completion of clinical practice to include one student patient and two additional patients.

### **DAC108 Clinical Externship**

This externship is designed to provide practical on-the-job experiences that augment the student's inclass experiences. Students are required to complete the 200-hour externship program at a work site connected with their field of study, which normally includes health care facilities such as private or group practices, clinics, and industrial clinics. Externs work under the direct supervision of qualified personnel at the externship site and under general supervision of the college staff. Externs are evaluated by supervisory personnel and the evaluations are placed in the student's permanent record. Dental students must complete their externship training to fulfill graduation requirements.

### **VOCATIONAL NURSING PRE-REQUISITE COURSE**

(All campuses)

#### **Course Overview and Hours**

Passing this course is a requirement for admission to the Vocational Nursing Diploma Program. The course assists in identifying at-risk students who may not succeed in the Vocational Nursing Diploma Program. The course also provides an opportunity to advise students and develop plans of action, including but not limited to changes in study habits, goal setting, study guide development, and tutoring. The course helps students and faculty assess students' study skills, learning styles, organizational skills, ability to follow directions, maintain attendance, be punctual, and pass quizzes in a fast-paced academic environment which mirrors that of the Vocational Nursing Diploma Program. The course consists of 80 hours of instruction.

Students must complete this course with a cumulative score of at least 75% to pass. This score is determined by averaging the scores of all exams and quizzes with equal weighting for each. If a student fails this course, the student may be provided an opportunity to retake it one time. Students must receive approval from the Chief Academic Officer in order to take the course a 3<sup>rd</sup> time. Students may be required to pay all costs associated with retaking the course. Students wanting to retake this course should discuss their situation with an Admissions Advisor.

As an avocational course, this prerequisite course is not vocational in nature and does not lead to initial employment. This course is not eligible for Federal Financial Aid. Students receive a Transcript upon successfully completing this course (not a Certificate of Completion, Diploma or Degree).

Topics covered include study skills, critical thinking, identification of personality types and how they interact within teams, Nursing education levels and the role of an LVN, communication in health care, web-based nursing resources, dosage calculations, and medical terminology related to basic overview of primary systems (Skeletal, Muscular, Cardiovascular, Respiratory, Digestive, Urinary, and Nervous).

Please note that while completion of this course is not required by California's Board of Vocational Nursing & Psychiatric Technicians (BVNPT), completion of this course (or its equivalent, as determined by Unitek College) is required in order to be admitted to Unitek College's Vocational Nursing program.

### **Classroom and Lab Environment**

This course is taught in a single classroom which contains desks for each student, whiteboards, and a projector for use by the Instructor. Maximum class size is 45 students (36 at Bakersfield campus).

### **VOCATIONAL NURSING (DIPLOMA)**

(All campuses)

### **Program Overview**

The pre-licensure Vocational Nursing program is approved by California's Board of Vocational Nursing & Psychiatric Technicians (BVNPT).

#### Hours:

The Vocational Nursing program consists of 1620 instructional clock hours as follows: 660 hours of didactic/theory and 960 hours of supervised lab/clinical instruction.

### **Classroom and Lab Environment:**

Classrooms are equipped with individual student desks, whiteboards, projector and screen for lecture presentations. Labs contain patient care stations to simulate actual hospital settings. Each lab has storage cabinets for supplies and all necessary equipment such as: IV poles, enteral feeding pump; blood pressure cuffs, scales; adult and pediatric mannequins; equipment to practice common nursing care and procedures including medication administration.

### **Educational Objectives and Corresponding Occupation:**

The program's goal is to prepare students to pass the NCLEX-PN license exam and gain entry-level employment as Licensed Vocational Nurses (SOC code 29-2061.00). Graduates will be able to:

- Collaborate effectively with clients, families, health care team, and community resources to provide holistic care.
- Assist in the formulation of a systematic problem-solving approach to deliver basic nursing care to clients and implement approaches within ethical-legal limitations.
- Assist in the coordination of patient care as a member of the health care team within the organizational framework of a structured health care setting and standards of practice.
- Assume responsibility as a member of the nursing profession by demonstrating accountability for practice, promoting the practice of vocational nursing and participating in health promotion.

### **COURSES**

#### VN 100: Nursing Fundamental - Theory

Co-requisites: Nursing Fundamental-Clinical/Skills

This course provides an introduction to the nursing profession and technical instruction towards mastery of entry level nursing skills and competencies. Subject matter includes: Nursing history and trends, trans-cultural nursing & health (spiritual and cultural diversity), human needs and wellness, community health, therapeutic communication, nurse client relationships, terminology and abbreviations, legal-ethical issues in nursing, safety and emergency preparedness, admissions, transfer and discharge, feeding and elimination, pain management, body mechanics, infection prevention and control; Nursing Process (inclusive of data collection / assessment and basic charting), medical and surgical asepsis, Nutrition, Anatomy and Physiology as well the Geriatric Patient. The following are the skills competencies in this course; hand-washing, vital signs, body mechanics / personal hygiene, enemas, Foley insertion, sterile gloving and dressing, insertion and management of nasogastric and percutaneous feeding tubes, tracheostomy management and tracheostomy suctioning. These course also provides theory content and nursing skills competencies on care of the adult, older adult / geriatric client. Subject matter includes: Care of the adult early, middle, late; care settings; effects of aging on the systems of the body; risk factors; assessment and interventions in providing holistic care; effects of losses; elder abuse; diagnostics test and procedures, mini mental assessment; dementia; legal-

ethical issues as related to the older adult. The Nursing Process is utilized as the foundation for all nursing interventions. This course also provides theory content and skills related to basic nutrition; special diets and nutritional need of the compromised clients. Subject matter includes: Basic precepts and guidelines of nutrition; cultural, social and religious influences; Excesses and deficit in nutrition; therapeutic diets, house diets, modified diets; special nutritional needs and nutritional support, as it relates to nursing. This course, as well, provides instruction as relate to anatomy and physiology. Subject matter includes: Overview of Body Systems and Body functions; Integumentary system; Musculoskeletal system; Gastrointestinal system, Genitourinary system; Reproductive Systems; Respiratory System; Cardiovascular System; Blood & Lymph and Immune Systems; Endocrine System; Neurological System and Sensory System.

### VN 101: Nursing Fundamental-Clinical/Skills

Co-requisites: Fundamentals Theory

This course provides detailed education and training, and application of theory and nursing skill competencies in the clinical setting; direct client / patient interaction and care in a clinical / work based experience setting, long term care facility. Direct patient care, of different age spectrums, is provided, focusing on the client's / patients individual needs for the adult client / patient. The Nursing Process is utilized as the foundation for all nursing interventions.

### **VN 200: Introduction to Pharmacology**

Pre-requisites: Successful completion of Term 1

This course provides introduction to the basic principles of pharmacology content, drug regulations, and classification as it relates to the different body systems and diseases, categories, factors affecting medication administration, abbreviations and symbols, systems of measurements, delivery systems, calculations for drug administration, principles and methods of drug administration. The course encompasses review of Anatomy and Physiology as related to the effects of drugs to specific organ systems. The specific and in depth mechanisms of actions and Nursing care are incorporated in Medical-Surgical organ system disease topics and course.

#### VN 201: Medical-Surgical 1

Pre-requisites: Introduction to Pharmacology Co-requisites: Medical-Surgical Clinical 1

This course provides detailed education, opportunity for application of theory content in clinical setting, instruction, training, and work-based experience with direct patient care, in a variety of settings. Emphasis is placed on the study of specific medications, administration and treatment related to general conditions and specific organ system and diseases. Subject matter includes: Inflammation, Infection, and Immunity, Fluids and Electrolytes, Pain management, Surgical Care, First Aid, Emergency care, and Disaster Management, Shock, Delirium and dementia, Incontinence, Falls, Fractures, Amputations, Care of the client with Skin Disorders, Immunologic Disorders, HIV, Cardiac Disorders, Diabetes Mellitus, hypoglycemia, and Acute and Chronic Respiratory Disorders. The Nursing Process is utilized as the foundation for all nursing interventions.

### VN 202: Medical-Surgical Clinical 1

Pre-requisites: Introduction to Pharmacology Co-requisites: Medical-Surgical Theory 1

This course provides detailed education and training, and application of theory and nursing skill competencies in the clinical setting; direct client / patient interaction and care in a clinical / work based experience setting, long term care facility as well as Simulation laboratories. Direct patient care is provided focusing on the client's / patients individual needs for the adult client / patient. Emphasis is

placed on medication administration, care and treatment related to the organ systems discussed in the theory portion. The Nursing Process is utilized as the foundation for all nursing interventions.

### VN 304: Medical-Surgical 2 - Theory

Pre-requisites: Successful Completion of Term 2 Co-requisites: Medical-Surgical Theory 2 Clinical

This course provides detailed education, opportunity for application of theory content in clinical setting, instruction, training, and work-based experience with direct patient care, in a variety of settings. Emphasis is placed in the understanding of the disease process and the care related to clients with specific organ system diseases as well as the medication specifically used for them. The Nursing Process is utilized as the foundation for all nursing interventions. Subject matter includes: Care of patient with conditions as related to Male and female reproductive System, Sexually transmitted Infections, Connective tissue disorders, Upper and Lower gastrointestinal Tract disorders, Liver, Pancreatic and Biliary tree disorders, Endocrine disorders, Urologic Disorders and Neurologic disorders. This course also provides the study of human behavior with emphasis on emotional and mental abnormalities and disorders; behavior therapy and psychiatric medications; coping mechanisms and nursing responsibilities. Subject matter includes: Mental health team and centers; therapeutic communication / defense mechanisms; psychiatric disorders, treatment and nursing interventions; substance abuse and addictions; assessment of mental functioning, effects of illness/hospitalization, interventions for mental health disorders abuse and dependencies with evaluation of outcomes. The course provides instruction in skills lab and clinical experience in a variety of facilities / settings: long-term, acute, sub-acute, mental health, and developmental facilities.

### VN 305: Medical-Surgical 2 - Clinical

Pre-requisites: Successful Completion of Term 2 Co-requisites: Medical-Surgical Theory 2 Theory

This course provides detailed education and training, and application of theory and nursing skill competencies in the clinical setting; direct client / patient interaction and care in a clinical / work based experience setting, long term care facility as well as Simulation laboratories. Direct patient care is provided focusing on the client's / patients individual needs for the adult client / patient. Emphasis is placed on medication administration, care and treatment related to the organ systems discussed in the theory portion. The Nursing Process is utilized as the foundation for all nursing interventions.

### VN 300: Maternal and Newborn - Theory

Pre-requisites: Successful Completion of Term 2 Co-requisites: Maternal and Newborn-Clinical

This course provides theoretical instruction on care of the women during the stages of pregnancy and care of the newborn. Subject matter includes: Prenatal care, assessment of normal pregnancy, fetal development, discomforts of pregnancy, prenatal teaching, preparation of childbirth, normal labor and delivery, nursing care of the newborn, post-partum care, possible complications, high risk pregnancy, high risk labor and delivery, high risk newborn, inclusive of concepts applicable to basic needs and support of the family during the period of change. The Nursing Process is utilized as the foundation for all nursing interventions. Course includes classroom and lab time.

#### VN 301: Maternal and Newborn - Clinicals

Pre-requisites: Successful Completion of Term 2 Co-requisites: Maternal and Newborn-Theory

This course provides detailed education, training, and clinical / work-based experience; direct patient care, in a variety of acute, sub-acute and / or long term care facilities. Care is provided focusing on the individual's needs across the life span inclusive of the Maternal /Newborn client. The Nursing Process is utilized as the foundation for all nursing interventions.

### VN 302: Pediatrics - Theory

Pre-requisites: Successful Completion of Term 2

Co-requisites: Pediatrics-Clinical

This course provides detailed instruction on the care of the pediatric client, subject matter includes: Growth & Development, Care of the child with acute and chronic childhood diseases and disorders from infancy through adolescence. Assessment of: Health maintenance and wellness, interventions for acute and chronic disorders and diseases, and children with special needs.

#### VN 303: Pediatrics - Clinical

Pre-requisites: Successful Completion of Term 2

Co-requisites: Pediatrics-Theory

This course provides detailed education, training, and clinical / work-based experience; direct patient care, in a variety of acute, sub-acute and / or long term care facilities as well as Pediatric clinics. Care is provided focusing on the individual's needs across the life span inclusive of the pediatric client. The Nursing Process is utilized as the foundation for all nursing interventions.

### VN 306: Professional development

Pre-requisites: Successful Completion of all prior subjects

Study of the importance of professional growth. This course provides instruction on the changing roles and skills needed for successful transition from student vocational nurse to licensed vocational nurse. Subject matter includes: Role transition, legal-ethical requirements, practice acts, rules and regulations, leadership qualities and styles, management styles, career pathways, job seeking skills, NCLEX-PN preparation and successful passing of a proctored exit exam.

### ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE in VOCATIONAL NURSING (ASVN)

(Offered by the Fremont campus; all General Education courses are online)

#### **Program Overview and Hours**

Graduates of an approved program in Vocational Nursing or Practical Nursing may apply for admission to the ASVN program and may also apply for credit transfer of their completed Vocational Nursing or Practical Nursing courses. The ASVN program builds on the Vocational Nursing Diploma by adding the same 100% online General Education and Science courses required for graduates of the pre-licensure Associate Degree Registered Nursing program.

### **Educational Objectives and Corresponding Occupation**

The goal of this post-licensure program is to educate and develop Vocational Nurses to become more well-rounded professionals through undergraduate General Education. Graduates will have:

- enhanced critical thinking, science knowledge, and verbal / written communication skills
- expand employment opportunities to employers requiring or preferring an Associate Degree

Acquisition of the Associate Degree on top of an existing Vocational Nursing or Practical Nursing License can open up additional opportunities for employment as an LVN or LPN (SOC code 29-2061.00) not only in traditional healthcare settings such as clinics, physician offices, sub-acute and long term care facilities but also in education, research, pharmaceutical, and medical equipment fields.

### **Program Format**

General Education courses are taught 100% online using Unitek College's online learning system. These courses are Instructor-led, and the Instructors engage students through discussion forums, online office hours, assignments and group projects/discussions, and exams.

### **COURSES TAUGHT IN THE PROGRAM**

These courses are taught 100% online and are required for completion of the Associate of Science in Vocational Nursing (ASVN) program.

### **ENG 101: English – 3 semester credit hours**

This course is focused on the principles and practice of writing, with attention to critical thinking and analytical reading including discussion skills, library usage, research techniques and an introduction to literature. There is emphasis on grammar, mechanics, style and understanding the writing process with writing assignments that will incorporate both personal and professional applications.

### **ENG 104: Public Speaking – 3 semester credit hours**

This course provides foundational knowledge of interpersonal communication, group communication, and public speaking. These foundational skills are essential—good communication skills are continuously ranked by employers as one of the most valued competencies for any employee. This comprehensive introduction to communication skills, therefore, will increase a student's ability to get (and keep) a job. Upon completion of this course, students will be able to describe the methods and processes of interpersonal communication, group communication, and public speaking, as well as the theories and reasons behind them. Different types of communication will be examined to determine how they vary by gender, culture, setting, and type of relationship. People's perceptions often alter how they "read" and respond to both verbal and nonverbal communication. Students will analyze these perceptions and explain methods for improving communication skills. Course assignments will allow students to gain valuable experience in group communication and public speaking.

### PSY 101: Introduction to Psychology – 3 semester credit hours

This course introduces is a general overview of psychology and human behavior. It includes the study of the theories and concepts of psychology including the scope of psychology, including an overview of perception, motivation, personality, learning/memory, emotion, states of consciousness, cognition, lifespan development, and applied psychology.

### SOC 102: Introduction to Sociology – 3 semester credit hours

In Introduction to Sociology, you will explore the major perspectives, principles, theories, and methods that govern the study of people and social structures. This course explores sociological processes that underlie everyday life. The course focuses on globalization, cultural diversity, critical thinking, new technology and the growing influence of mass media.

### MTH 200: College Algebra – 3 semester credit hours

This course reviews algebraic operations; problem solving strategies; integer and rational exponents; complex numbers; solving equations; function concept; graphs and applications of linear, quadratic, exponential and logarithmic functions; and systems of equations.

### MIC 101: Microbiology with lab – 4 semester credit hours

The course is designed to convey general concepts, methods, and applications of microbiology for health sciences. The role of microorganisms in the environment and in human disease is discussed. Topics include: immunology, bacteriology, virology, and mycology; the morphology, biochemistry, and physiology of microorganisms including bacteria, viruses, and fungi; the diseases caused by these microorganisms and their treatments, and the immunologic, pathologic, and epidemiological factors associated with diseases. Laboratory portion of the course provides first hand experiences that inform, illustrate, expand, and reinforce major concepts discussed in lecture.

### BIO 201A: Anatomy & Physiology I - 2 semester credit hours

This is the first online course in a 4-course sequence covering the basic structures and functions of the human body using a systems approach. This course will provide an overview of the anatomical structures and physiology of the human body including an introduction to anatomical terminology, organization of the human body, cell physiology, tissues, and the integument. This information is discussed in terms of the major anatomical structures and functions including relevance to homeostasis. In addition, the course introduces selected major pathologies, including disease definitions and causes, signs and symptoms, diagnostic procedures, and possible treatments.

### BIO 201B: Anatomy & Physiology II - 2 semester credit hours

This is the second online course in a 4-course sequence covering the basic structures and functions of the human body using a systems approach. This course provides an overview of the anatomical structures and physiology of the human body including examination of the skeletal, muscular, joints and digestive systems. These systems are discussed in terms of the major anatomical structures and functions including relevance to homeostasis. In addition, the course introduces selected major pathologies, including disease definitions and causes, signs and symptoms, diagnostic procedures, and possible treatments. The prerequisite for this course is successful completion of BIO201A.

### BIO 202A: Anatomy & Physiology III - 2 semester credit hours

This is the 3rd of 4 online anatomy and physiology courses taught by Unitek College. The course builds on the previously presented content related to the anatomical structures and physiology of the human body. Course content includes the following body systems: The Nervous system, Endocrine System, Cardiovascular System, and Blood. Each body system is discussed in terms of the major anatomical

structures and functions including how each system participates in homeostasis of the body. The student will also be provided with content and opportunity for discussion related to selected major pathologies, changes that occur in disease process, causes, diagnostic procedures, and possible treatments. Prerequisite for this course is successful completion of BIO201A and BIO201B.

### BIO 202B: Anatomy & Physiology IV - 2 semester credit hours

This is the 4th of 4 online anatomy and physiology courses taught by Unitek College. The course builds on the previously presented content related to the anatomical structures and physiology of the human body. Course content includes the following body systems: Lymphatic, Immune, Respiratory, Urinary, and Reproductive systems. Each body system is discussed in terms of the major anatomical structures and functions including how each system participates in homeostasis of the body. The student will also be provided with content and opportunity for discussion related to selected major pathologies, changes that occur in disease process, causes, diagnostic procedures, and possible treatments. Prerequisite for this course is successful completion of BIO201A and BIO201B.

### PSYC 190: Lifespan Development – 3 semester credit hours

In the context of a general introduction to psychology and the social sciences, this course explores human development across the life span. Topics include physical, cognitive, psychological, social and moral development of infants, children, adolescents and adults. Coursework also addresses developmental theories, motivation, personality development, culture and general psychological theories and principles.

### MTH 205: Applied Managerial Statistics – 3 semester credit hours

This course stresses the practical use of statistics in the collecting, organizing, analyzing, interpreting and presenting of data. Descriptive and inferential techniques are covered.

# BACHELOR OF SCIENCE in NURSING (BSN) (Fremont campus)

#### **Program Overview and Hours**

This is a pre-licensure Registered Nursing program which prepares students to pass the NCLEX-RN license exam and gain entry-level employment as Bachelors-prepared Registered Nurses. Graduates of board-approved Vocational Nursing or Practical Nursing programs who have completed all required lower-division General Education courses may apply for Advanced Placement enrollment, and are encouraged to discuss this option with an Admissions Representative.

### **Educational Objectives & Corresponding Occupation:**

Learning Objectives are based on the Standards of Competent Performance as described in Article 4, Section 1443.5 of the California Nursing Practice Act, 2014 Edition. Graduates may also apply for an interim permit to practice as a Graduate Registered Nurse (GN/GRN). More information for the interim permit can be found on the board of registered nursing website http://rn.ca.gov/.

Graduates will receive the credential of Bachelor of Science in Nursing, will be prepared to work as entry level Bachelors-prepared Registered Nurses (SOC code 29-1141.00) and:

- Utilize a body of knowledge from nursing, medical, biological, physical and behavioral sciences in planning to meet the health needs of individuals
- Utilize the nursing process to assess, plan, implement and evaluate the individualized care for a client or a group of clients experiencing common well-defined acute or chronic health problems including but not limited to the following:
  - o Assess clients and identify actual and potential health problems.
  - o Formulate a nursing diagnosis or diagnoses reflecting assessment findings.
  - Determine appropriate and realistic goals including stating measurable outcome behaviors and time lines.
  - Select, plan and implement nursing interventions based on evidence-based constructs.
  - o Provide information and support to restore, rehabilitate or maintain client health.
  - Evaluate effectiveness of interventions, communication and teaching in achieving goals, and revising plan of care as indicated by assessments.
- Provide nursing care with consideration of the individual's developmental stage, and as an integral part of a cultural group, family and community.
- Perform as a member/manager of the interdisciplinary health care team, understanding roles and responsibilities of self and other health workers within the employment setting's policies and procedures, and according to discipline-specific practice acts
- Apply strong critical thinking/ problem solving competencies in crisis resolution.
- Synthesize analytical reasoning within a framework of creative inquiry & situational context resulting in the development & implementation of appropriate, competent actions.
- Adhere to ethical, legal, regulatory & professional standards for nursing practice.
- Utilize insight, intuition, & empirical knowledge in a commitment to nursing actions.
- Apply evidence-based knowledge from nursing & related disciplines to shape practice.
- Provide nursing care that reflects sensitivity to physical, social, cultural, spiritual, & environmental diversity of persons.
- Apply management, delegation, & supervision strategies in planning, implementing, & evaluating nursing care.
- Demonstrate professional nursing standards, values & accountability.

#### **Classroom and Lab Environment**

The Fremont campus contains 5 labs: 2 skills labs and 3 simulation labs. Each has patient care stations, simulating actual hospital healthcare facility settings. The main skills lab also offers a study area for students with tables and chairs; cabinets with library books and films. Each lab has storage cabinets for supplies and all necessary equipment such as: IV poles, enteral feeding pumps; blood pressure cuffs, scales; adult and pediatric mannequins; equipment to practice common nursing care and procedures including medication administration.

### **Eligibility for RN Licensure**

Practicing as an RN in California requires licensure from the California State Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) which in turn requires meeting certain educational requirements, obtaining a clear criminal background check, and passing the national licensing exam (NCLEX-RN). To apply for licensure:

- Obtain detailed instructions online at the BRN website: http://rn.ca.gov.
- Complete the fingerprinting process included in your tuition for the program.
- Apply for an Interim Permit if you wish to work in a supervised nursing capacity while awaiting
  your application process. Detailed information is available on the BRN website. (Note: this fee
  is not included in your tuition.)
- Complete and submit the application online through BREEZE.

Unitek College will pay the application fee electronically on behalf of the student. The BRN sends the applicant a letter stating eligibility to take the exam. Students must have this letter before registering for the exam. The exam is computerized and given 6 days each week throughout the year. (New graduates are advised to take the exam soon after graduation because research has shown that there is a higher success rate for early test takers compared with those who wait several months). Students who wish to submit their applications directly to the BRN are responsible for the application fee. The school will only pay an application fee for applications submitted by the school and for which the school is responsible. Unitek College will not pay an application fee for applications submitted by students.

### Eligibility for Licensure of Applicants with Military Education and Experience

An applicant for licensure who presents with relevant military education and experience, and who presents documentation from a board-approved registered pre-licensure nursing program of equivalency credit evaluation that provides evidence of meeting, in whole or in part, the minimum standards for competency set forth in Section 1443.5 and minimum education requirements of licensure listed pursuant to Sections 1426(c)(1) to (3) of Division 14 / Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, utilizing challenge examination or other evaluative methods, will be considered to meet, in whole or in part, the education requirements for licensure.

Applicants to the pre-licensure registered nursing program are encouraged to discuss the process for evaluating and awarding credits for specific course(s) or prior military education or experience, with the Program Director prior to enrollment. Documentation regarding the evaluation of and granting credit in the field of nursing for previous education, including military education and experience, for purpose of establishing equivalency or granting credit, is available from the school upon request.

### **Items That May Affect Licensing Eligibility**

Criminal Records: Any prospective student with a criminal background must understand that it may prevent them from obtaining a license in their chosen field. When a criminal background must be fully investigated, it may take up to one year or longer in order to obtain a decision from the licensing board. Any student with a criminal background should check with the licensing board for specific information on their standings on various criminal background situations.

### Licensing and/or Certification Requirements are as follows:

- Complete a Nursing board approved nursing program, such as Unitek College's
- Complete the program with a cumulative score of at least 75% (2.5 on a 4.0 scale)
- Clear Live Scan© background check including Department of Justice and FBI clearance
- File a completed application with the necessary fee
- The Board of Registered Nursing gives final approval to sit for the NCLEX-RN

### **Degree Requirements**

The Board of Registered Nursing requires certain theory and clinical courses be taken concurrently, students must pass both paired courses in order to progress in the program. Students must successfully complete all RN courses in each Semester prior to taking any RN courses in the following Semester.

### **Graduation Requirements**

For all programs, to be eligible for graduation a student must complete all program requirements, be meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress requirements, and satisfy all financial obligations with the school. Students on academic probation may qualify for graduation if, at the end of their probationary term, they meet the minimum grade requirements.

For pre-licensure nursing programs (the Vocational Nursing and BSN programs) to be eligible for graduation, a student must:

- Complete all required courses with a score of at least 75%
- Have no grade of "Fail" in any Pass/Fail courses, as applicable
- Pass the assigned national benchmark exam (Vocational Nursing only)
- Complete all required program clock hours (Vocational Nursing only)

### 30-Unit\* Option for Licensed Vocational Nurses (available based on seat availability)

As mandated by California Administrative Code, Title 16, Article 3, Section 1429, Unitek College informs Licensed Vocational Nurses applying to its BSN program of the option to take thirty (30) semester units\* of qualifying nursing coursework and clinical practice to be eligible to apply for the examination for licensure as a Registered Nurse in the State of California. Please note that an RN license obtained by this method is not accepted by all states, and that several facilities within California no longer accept the 30-Unit Option for RN positions.

While this 30-Unit Option contains courses from Unitek College's approved BSN Program, it does not lead to its own diploma or degree from Unitek College. After meeting the requirements of the 30-Unit\* Option, students will receive a transcript from Unitek College but not a diploma or degree.

In order to participate in this option, an applicant must:

- 1. Declare during the admissions process his/her intent to take the 30-Unit\* Option
- 2. Must be licensed as a Vocational Nurse in California
- 3. Enroll at the institution level of Unitek College

After successful completion of courses in Pathophysiology and Microbiology with Lab (totaling 7 units) the following courses (totaling 19 units) must be completed at Unitek College in order for a student to meet California's 30-Unit\* Option requirements:

	LVN 30 Unit Option Required Nursing Content	Unitek Course Number	Unitek Course Title	Units
Basic	Physiology	RN206	Pathophysiology with Lab	3
Science	Microbiology	MIC101	Microbiology with Lab	4
	Geriatrics	RN216	Adult Health 1	5
Nursing	Psych/Mental Health	RN222	Mental Health Nursing (Theory 3u, Clinical 2u)	5
Nursing	Management/Leadership	RN400	RN400 - Leadership & Management in Healthcare	4
	Advanced Medical-Surgical	RN404	Complex Adult Care (Theory 3u, Clinical 2u)	5
			Total Units	26

<sup>\*</sup>Unitek College's 30 unit option has 26 semester units as approved by the CA BRN.

### **COURSES: GENERAL EDUCATION**

### ENG 101: English

The course develops writing skills through analysis of essays, articles and other written works that are used as models for writing practice and development. Writing assignments stress process approaches, development, organization, revision and audience awareness. Students use word processing and webbased tools to develop written work.

### **PSY 101: Introduction to Psychology**

The course provides a foundation for understanding, predicting and directing behavior. Organized within a framework encompassing foundations, general topics and applications, the course provides an understanding of how psychological principles and concepts relate to professional and personal life. Topics include learning, attitude formation, personality, social influence, dynamics of communication, conflict resolution, motivation, leadership and group roles and processes.

#### MIC 101: Microbiology with Lab

The course covers basic concepts of microbiology, with emphasis on medically important microorganisms and infectious diseases. The topics studied also include microscopy, microbial growth and genetics, antimicrobial agents, epidemiology and immune system responses to pathogens. Lab exercises emphasize aseptic techniques, isolation and culture of microorganisms, microscopy and staining techniques.

### **SOC 102: Introduction to Sociology**

The course explores the role of culture in social organizations. Social institutions and the issues of race and gender within social structures are analyzed in the context of multicultural societies and increasing global interaction. Basic sociological principles and research findings are used to support analysis of cultural and social issues.

#### **ENG 104: Public Speaking**

The course explores ways in which people interact verbally and non-verbally and teaches basic principles of interpersonal communication, including perception, self-concept, persuasive communication, nonverbal communication, semantics, roles and norms and communication barriers. Activities include participating in groups, pairs and interactive communication situations.

### **CHEM 121: Introduction to Chemistry with Lab**

This course will focus on the major theories and concepts in Chemistry (including measurements, atomic and molecular properties and structures, chemical equations, stoichiometric calculations, chemical bonds, liquids and solutions, acids and bases). This course also will introduce the student to the science of matter, how matter is categorized, the properties of matter and how it interacts will be explored. The Atomic Theory and, the signs and causes of chemical reactions will also be discussed.

#### **BIO 145 Nutrition**

The course focuses on the study of the structures, types and metabolism of carbohydrates, lipids and proteins. Discussion of the biological roles of vitamins and minerals. Application and integration of metabolic knowledge with health promotion and chronic disease.

### **PSY 190: Lifespan Development**

The course explores human development across the lifespan in the context of a general introduction to psychology and the social sciences. Topics include physical, cognitive, psychological, social and moral development of infants, children, adolescents and adults. Topics are addressed include developmental theories, motivation, personality development, culture and general psychological theories and principles.

### MTH 200: Intermediate Algebra

The course focuses on topics such as basic treatment of algebraic expressions, solving linear equations and inequalities, graphing linear equations and inequalities, polynomial operations, positive and negative integral exponents, factoring, systems of linear equations, radical and rational expressions, quadratic equations and various application problems.

### BIO 201A: Anatomy & Physiology I

The course is the first in a four course sequence in which human anatomy and physiology are studied using a body systems approach. Coursework emphasizes interrelationships between form and function at the gross and microscopic levels of organization. Topics include basic anatomical and directional terminology, muscle tissues, fundamental concepts and principles of cell biology, history and the integumentary and skeletal systems. The course starts with an introduction to the human body, defining anatomical terms and describing the physiological organization of the body from cells to systems. An overview of the biochemical basis of life and cell structure and function will be studied next. Students then learn how cells combine to form tissues which, in turn, combine to form organs and organ systems. Having laid the foundation for understanding the anatomical organization of the body, the course describes each body system in turn, explaining in general terms what the system does and how it interacts with other systems. The integumentary and skeleton systems will complete the course.

### BIO 201B: Anatomy & Physiology II with Lab

The course is the second in a four-course sequence in which human anatomy and physiology are studied using a body systems approach. Coursework emphasizes interrelationships between form and function at the gross and microscopic levels of organization. Topics include fundamental concepts and principles of the muscular and nervous systems, special senses and the endocrine system. Includes one unit of lab.

### **BIO 202A: Anatomy & Physiology III**

The course is the third in a four course sequence in which human anatomy and physiology are studied using a body systems approach. Coursework emphasizes interrelationships between form and function at the gross and microscopic levels of organization. Topics include basic anatomical and directional terminology, muscle tissues, fundamental concepts and principles of cell biology, history and the integumentary and skeletal systems. The course starts with an introduction to the human body, defining anatomical terms and describing the physiological organization of the body from cells to systems. An overview of the biochemical basis of life and cell structure and function will be studied next. Students then learn how cells combine to form tissues which, in turn, combine to form organs and organ systems. Having laid the foundation for understanding the anatomical organization of the body, the course describes each body system in turn, explaining in general terms what the system does and how it interacts with other systems. The integumentary and skeleton systems will complete the course.

### BIO 202B: Anatomy & Physiology IV with Lab

The course is the fourth in a four-course sequence in which human anatomy and physiology are studied using a body systems approach. This is the 4th of 4 online anatomy and physiology courses taught by Unitek College. The course builds on the previously presented content related to the anatomical structures and physiology of the human body. Course content includes the following body systems: Lymphatic, Immune, Respiratory, Urinary, and Reproductive systems. Each body system is discussed in terms of the major anatomical structures and functions including how each system participates in homeostasis of the body. The student will also be provided with content and opportunity for discussion related to selected major pathologies, changes that occur in disease process, causes, diagnostic procedures, and possible treatments and nervous systems, special senses and the endocrine system. Includes one unit of lab.

### MTH 205: Applied Statistics

The course stresses the practical use of statistics in the collecting, organizing, analyzing, interpreting and presenting of data. Both descriptive and inferential techniques are covered.

### **ETHC 225: Principles of Ethics (Humanities)**

Through readings, discussions and case studies of contemporary issues, the students acquire the ethical tools to determine appropriate courses of action. Ethical principles are applied to choices and decisions that arise in professional and personal life and that reflect membership in a democratic society.

### **ENG 227: Professional Writing**

The course builds on the conventions and techniques of composition through critical reading requirements and longer, more sophisticated reports, including a library research paper. Assignments require revising and editing for an intended audience. Students are also taught search methods for accessing a variety of print and electronic resources.

### **HIST 411: Contemporary History**

The course examines major 20th-century political, social, economic and technological developments in a global context. It also establishes a context for historical events and suggests relationships among them. The impact of technological innovation on contemporary society, politics, military power and economic conditions is explored.

#### **POLI 413: Political Science**

The course explores comparative political systems, determinants of foreign policy and the dynamics of political change. Studies of recent political history, current world affairs and the structure of political institutions are included.

### **PHIL 415: Critical Reasoning**

The writing-intensive course introduces practical and theoretical contexts of logical argument as well as critical reading and reasoning. Students apply information analysis and problem-solving skills to define, convey and defend positions that influence decision-making. Students prepare a range of documents that reflect and/or incorporate principles of sound logic and reasoning.

### **TECHNICAL COURSES**

### RN 200 Health Assessment 1

The course, part one of a two-part course, introduces the student to principles and techniques of nursing assessment, focusing on patient history taking, interview and communication techniques and

techniques of inspection, palpation, percussion and auscultation. The role of the nurse in obtaining comprehensive health assessments, including attributes of physical, psychosocial, developmental, cultural and spiritual functioning is discussed. Application of assessment findings to clinical decision making is addressed in the laboratory component. The laboratory component is designed to promote cognitive and psychomotor skills necessary to assess the integumentary, head and neck, lymphatics, respiratory and cardiovascular systems. Practice of assessment techniques occurs through experiential learning. The Benner Model of Novice to Expert, together with the concepts of Jean Watson's Caring Theory, the NLN roles of practice, critical thinking, QSEN standards, and ANA Standards of practice are used as curricular threads throughout the course.

#### **RN 204 Fundamentals- Skills**

The course is the fundamental theory and skills of professional nursing. An introductory unit provides the basis for understanding concepts such as body mechanics, positioning and mobility. The laboratory component provides practice of selected fundamental nursing skills, as well as psychomotor skills necessary for care of individuals requiring assistance with mobility, hygiene and comfort. Included are basic principles of health promotion, safety, infection prevention, and vital-sign assessment. Students have the opportunity to develop the beginning skills of a professional nurse through experiential learning. The Benner Model of Novice to Expert, the concepts from Jean Watson's Caring Theory, and NLN Roles of Practice, the nursing process, and Quality and Safety in Educating Nurses (QSEN) standards are used as curricular threads throughout the course.

#### **RN 206 Pathophysiology**

The course focuses on biologic processes leading to alterations of body structure and functions in all major body systems. The major concepts explain cellular dysfunction and injury that can lead to illnesses. The understanding of pathophysiology facilitates the students' ability to assume a proactive role in health care.

### RN 208 Fundamentals - Patient Care

The course introduces the principles of health promotion and the rehabilitative aspects of patient care. Students provide direct patient care in the acquisition of skills and concepts of professional nursing in accordance with the Nursing Practice Act. The nursing process is utilized as the student implements basic aspects of nursing practice. The concepts from Jean Watson's Caring Theory, the NLN Roles of Practice, the nursing process, and Quality and Safety in Educating Nurses (QSEN) standards are used as curricular threads throughout the course. A variety of populations and settings are used in the experiential learning component of this course in community health clinics and convalescent facilities. The Benner Theory of Novice to Expert, together with the concepts from Jean Watson's Caring Theory, and NLN Roles of Practice, the nursing process, and Quality and Safety in Educating Nurses (QSEN) will be utilized as threads through the course.

### **RN 212 Pharmacology for Nursing Practice**

The course provides introduction to the basic principles of pharmacology, principles and guidelines for drug administration and classifications of agents utilized for the treatment of health alterations related to body systems and diseases. Content is inclusive of drug categories, factors affecting medication administrations, abbreviations and symbols; systems of measurements, delivery systems, calculations for drug administration; principles and guidelines for administration of medications.

#### RN 214: Health Assessment II

The course, part two of a two-part course, examines the principles and techniques of nursing assessment, focusing on utilization of assessment findings in clinical decision making. Students learn to

identify teaching and learning needs from a comprehensive physical assessment and health history. Professional responsibilities in conducting a comprehensive physical assessment and documenting assessment findings are addressed. The laboratory component is designed to continue promotion of the cognitive and psychomotor skills necessary to assess all major body systems; the integumentary, head and neck, lymphatics, respiratory and cardiovascular, the peripheral vascular, abdominal/gastrointestinal, musculoskeletal, neurological and male and female genitourinary systems (including breast). Practice of comprehensive assessment techniques occurs through experiential learning. The Benner Model of Novice to Expert, together with the concepts from Jean Watson's Caring Theory, and NLN Roles of Practice, the nursing process, and Quality and Safety in Educating Nurses (QSEN) will be utilized as threads through the course.

# RN 216: Adult Health I

The focus of this course is on the needs of adult patients and their families with emphasis on older adults in relation to health promotion and management of conditions that require acute and chronic care. The nursing process is used in the discussion of health alterations affecting selected life processes. Students continue their professional skill development as members of the health team. A variety of populations and settings are used in a variety of community health agencies, such as skilled nursing facilities and hospitals. This course focuses on alterations in life processes, including the effect on the patient's family. The nursing process is used to make clinical decisions and foster health restoration and maintenance. A major emphasis is placed on health care management, discharge planning, and community resources for the patient and family. A variety of community health agencies and hospitals are used for the clinical component of the course. The Benner Model of Novice to Expert, together with the concepts from Jean Watson's Caring Theory, and NLN Roles of Practice, the nursing process, and Quality and Safety in Educating Nurses (QSEN) will be utilized as threads through the course.

## RN 218: Adult Health II

The course focuses on the adult patients with unstable emergent critical illnesses. Students synthesize and combine nursing care principles, health assessment modalities, technological data, and scientific knowledge with clinical judgment to potentiate optimal health for a culturally diverse and age-specific patient population. Students integrate comprehensive assessment techniques, advanced nursing skills, and multiple nursing modalities to maximize optimal health care for patients and families. The Benner Theory of Novice to Expert, together with the concepts of Jean Watson's Caring Theory: A Holistic Approach, and the NLN roles of practice are utilized. Threads of critical thinking, QSEN principles and ANA Standards of Care are woven throughout the course and its curriculum. A variety of adult populations, clinical health care agencies and hospitals are used in the course's clinical component.

## RN 220: Information and Technology in Patient Care

The focus of this course is the understanding of health information systems to ethically manage data, information, knowledge and technology to communicate effectively; provide safe and effective patient care; and utilize appropriate databases to search for evidence based on research to enhance the quality of patient care and inform practice decisions. Development of competencies in using patient care technologies and information management systems is emphasized.

# RN 222: Mental Health Nursing

The course provides theoretical knowledge and skills necessary for the care of psychiatric patients in acute and long term care facilities. Emphasis will be on the holistic care of children, adolescent and adults living with mental health problems, cognitive disorders. The impact of mental illness on patients' lives, relationships, employment and otherwise coping with daily living is at the heart of this course. Subject matter covers: assessment of the psychiatric/mental health patient, the pharmacology and

nursing considerations regarding psychiatric medications. The impact of physiological conditions combined with psychiatric illness will be studied. Students will get hands-on practice in a variety of clinical settings, closely supervised by clinical instructors. The Benner Theory of Novice to Expert, together with the concepts of Jean Watson's Caring Theory: A Holistic Approach, and the NLN roles of practice are utilized. The threads of critical thinking, QSEN principles and ANA Standards of Care are woven throughout this course and its curriculum.

# RN 224: Maternal/Newborn Nursing

The course provides theoretical instruction and clinical application on care of the woman during the stages of pregnancy and care of the newborn. Subject matter includes: Prenatal care, assessment of normal pregnancy, fetal development, discomforts of pregnancy, intervention for care of the newborn, post-partum care, possible complications, high risk pregnancy, high risk labor and delivery, high risk newborn, inclusive of concepts applicable to basic needs and support of the family during the period of change. The Benner Theory of Novice to Expert together with the concepts of Jean Watson's Caring Theory a holistic approach and the NLN roles of practice are utilized in presentation of the content in addition to focusing on the physiological and psychological changes that occur during pregnancy. The threads of critical thinking, QSEN principles and standards of care are woven throughout this course and the curriculum. A variety of community health agencies and hospitals are used for the clinical component of the course.

#### **RN 330: Pediatric Nursing**

Family-centered care of children is the focus of the course, exploring issues of normal child care as well as health alterations of children from infancy through adolescence. Students participate as members of the multidisciplinary health team to provide health promotion, illness prevention, health restoration and maintenance and rehabilitative care to children and families. The Benner Model of Novice to Expert, the concepts of Jean Watson's Caring Theory a holistic approach and the NLN roles of practice are utilized in presentation of the content in addition to focusing on the physiological and psychological changes that occur during childhood. The threads of critical thinking, QSEN principles and standards of care are woven throughout this course and the curriculum. A variety of populations and settings are used in the clinical component of this course

# RN 332: Nutrition, Health & Wellness

The course provides an overview of the basic nutrients required by the body for optimal health and wellness. The role that nutrition plays in various phases of the human life cycle and the psychological and sociological implications of food are discussed. Scientific inquiry along with the research data is used to question nutritional information presented in the various media and dispel any common nutrition myths. In addition, the application of nutritional concepts to care for all ages and cultural populations are studied. Health conditions that are amenable to modification and possible cure by diet therapy and other nursing and medical interventions are explored along with the health education role of nurses in today's society.

## RN 400: Leadership and Management in Healthcare

The course provides instruction on the changing roles, technology and competency skills needed for successful transition from student nurse to a licensed registered nurse. The content of this course prepares students for the changing role of the professional nurse in complex and diverse health care settings. The theories and methods of leadership and management are explored and applied in the clinical experience. There is an emphasis on critical thinking, team building, communication, priority setting, collaborative decision-making and advocacy. Students will use nursing leadership and management theory as well as the basic and fundamental knowledge from previous courses. The

clinical component is a presentation of a major project in the community with a health care agency. The Benner Theory of Novice to Expert, together with the concepts from Jean Watson's Caring Theory, and NLN Roles of Practice, the nursing process, and Quality and Safety in Educating Nurses (QSEN) will be utilized as threads through the course.

#### RN 402: Evidence-Based Practice

The research process and its contributions to the professional nursing practice are explored. The skills related to asking research questions and searching for best evidence are reviewed. The research skills related to reading peer-reviewed published research findings with understanding are developed. Research studies and analysis of best practice studies are reviewed to determine validity and relevance to nursing practice. Policies and protocols are discussed in relation to outcomes-based research studies.

# **RN 404: Complex Adult Health**

The course focuses on adult patients with unstable emergent critical illnesses. Students integrate nursing, technological and scientific knowledge with clinical judgment to potentiate optimal health with a diverse patient population. Students utilize comprehensive assessment techniques, advanced nursing skills and multiple nursing modalities to maximize optimal health. Content includes pathological processes, causes, complications that may occur. The Benner Theory of Novice to Expert, the concepts of Jean Watson's Caring Theory a holistic approach and the NLN roles of practice are utilized in the assessment, identification and prioritization of patient problems and implementation of nursing care within a legal/ethical framework. The curricular threads of critical thinking, QSEN principles and standards of care are woven throughout this course. The nursing process and the NLN guidelines for effective practice are integrated and utilized in identifying and prioritizing client problems/needs in the clinical setting. The acute care units, Intensive care units, post-surgical units, telemetry units, emergency room units and surgical units in hospitals are used for the clinical component of this course. Students care for multiple patients on the medical-surgical units in the clinical component.

## RN 406: Community Health Nursing

The course focuses on the theory and concepts of community/public/global health utilizing levels of prevention. The Healthy People 2020 goals are discussed in relation to the political, sociocultural, demographic and epidemiologic aspects of a community. The role of the Community Health Nurse (CHN) is discussed as it relates to identifying predictive factors that influence health and prevention of epidemics. This course will investigate the needs of aggregates in the community setting including planning for disasters, addressing environmental health problems, and managing information and communication technology. Communication, collaboration and teamwork strategies are explored along with application of evidence-based practice. Student clinical experiences are scheduled with nurse preceptors in community settings to assist them in applying community-health principles and implementing relevant concepts in non-acute care settings. The Benner Model of Novice to Expert, together with the concepts from Jean Watson's Caring Theory, and NLN Roles of Practice, the nursing process, and Quality and Safety in Educating Nurses (QSEN) will be utilized as threads through the course.

### **RN 408: Capstone Course**

The culminating course requires senior nursing students to demonstrate mastery of knowledge learned in general education as well as nursing courses. The course synthesizes the major concepts and principles in nursing practice learned in the baccalaureate program to facilitate the student's transition into professional nursing as knowledgeable, competent, and professional. The culminating clinical practicum focuses on demonstrating the student's nursing abilities in the delivery and management of patient care within the context of legal, ethical, and evidence-based practice. A comprehensive nursing

program review is embedded in this course to support mastery of essential nursing content for entry level practice as a registered nurse. A variety of populations and settings are used for the clinical component of the course. The Benner Model of Novice to Expert, together with the concepts from Jean Watson's Caring Theory, and NLN Roles of Practice, the nursing process, and Quality and Safety in Educating Nurses (QSEN) will be utilized as threads through the course. The writing-intensive course introduces practical and theoretical contexts of logical argument as well as critical reading and reasoning. Students apply information analysis and problem-solving skills to define, convey and defend positions that influence decision-making. Students prepare a range of documents that reflect and/or incorporate principles of sound logic and reasoning.

#### RN-to-BSN DISTANCE EDUCATION

(Offered at the Fremont campus; 100% online except for the independent project/practicum)

## **Program Overview**

The online RN-to-BSN DE program is a Degree-Completion program that transitions Associate Degree Registered Nurses (SOC code 29-1141.00) to the Bachelors level. The Bachelors of Science Degree in Nursing is typically required of Registered Nurses to progress to Leadership roles. Upon completion of the program, students will be awarded 121 semester credits, which include 60 credits granted for prior lower-division coursework (an Associate Degree in Nursing) & up to 30 credits for qualifying prior upper-division coursework.

# **Educational Objectives / Program Outcomes**

The Program goals and objectives for the RN to BSN program are associated with the goal geared toward the graduates as active members of the professional and capable of assuming leadership roles as well as being ready to:

- 1. Apply strong critical thinking/ problem solving competencies in crisis resolution.
- 2. Synthesize analytical reasoning within a framework of creative inquiry & situational context resulting in the development & implementation of appropriate, competent actions.
- 3. Explore & define a role as a positive change agent in the work force & community.
- 4. Adhere to ethical, legal, regulatory & professional standards for nursing practice.
- 5. Utilize insight, intuition, & empirical knowledge in a commitment to nursing actions.
- 6. Apply evidence-based knowledge from nursing & related disciplines to shape practice.
- 7. Provide nursing care that reflects sensitivity to physical, social, cultural, spiritual, & environmental diversity of persons.
- 8. Apply management, delegation, & supervision strategies in planning, implementing, & evaluating nursing care.
- 9. Explore political, economic, organizational, educational, & advocacy resources & strategies to improve health care delivery to individuals, groups, families, communities, national & global populations.
- 10. Accept accountability for lifelong learning, professional growth, & commitment to the advancement of the profession.
- 11. Demonstrate professional nursing standards, values & accountability.

## **Corresponding Occupation**

This program leads to employment as a Bachelors-prepared Registered Nurse.

### **Pre-Requisites**

Prior to admission to the 300-level courses of the RN to BSN Program, students must demonstrate completion of 60 semester units (the General Education & Nursing pre-requisites outlined below) & proof of a current unrestricted RN license. An official transcript MUST be provided for all pre-requisites prior to admission & will only be accepted from an accredited institution approved by the US Department of Education or, in the case of foreign transcripts, when such transcripts have been evaluated by a recognized 3rd Party & deemed equivalent to coursework from an accredited institution approved by the US Department of Education. Please Note – students must demonstrate that they have successfully completed all required pre-requisites with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale & no less than a "C" (2.0) in any course (as calculated by the granting institution).

REQUIRED GENERAL EDUCATION PRE-REQUISITE COURSES	UNITS
Microbiology with Lab	4
Human Anatomy with Lab	4
Human Physiology with Lab	4
English, Reading & Composition (College level)	3
Math: Intermediate or College level Algebra or higher	3
General Psychology	3
General Sociology or Cultural Anthropology	3
Public Speaking or Speech	3
TOTAL GENERAL EDUCATION UNITS	27

REQUIRED PRE-REQUISITE NURSING COURSES	THEORY	CLINICAL
Medical- Surgical Nursing; Theory & Clinical: may include	10	14.5
leadership & geriatrics		
Obstetrics-Maternity Nursing; Theory & Clinical	1.5	1
Mental Health/Psychiatric Nursing; Theory & Clinical	2	1.5
Pediatric Nursing; Theory & Clinical	1.5	1
TOTAL NURSING UNITS	15	18

The following upper division courses are taken at Unitek College (61 Semester Units). Note: Courses may not be offered in this exact sequence. A full-time pace is shown below.

FIRST SEME	STER	UNITS
RNSG 301	Transition to Professional Nursing	3
ENG 337	Professional Writing	3
RNSG 309	Cultural Diversity In Health Care	3
RNSG 313	Issues & Trends in Contemporary Practice	3
TOTALS		12
SECOND SE	MESTER	
RNSG 321	Pathophysiology	4
RNSG 325	Advanced Health Assessment	4
RNSG 327	Nursing Research	4
TOTALS		12
THIRD SEM	ESTER	
RNSG 331	Ethics in Today's Health Care	3
RNSG 333	Clinical Decision Making – Diagnosis & Management	3
SOC 335	Complementary & Alternative Medicine in Healthcare	3
ECON 324	Economics in Healthcare	3
TOTALS		12
FOURTH SE	MESTER	
BUS 307	Informatics in Healthcare	4
RNSG 407	Pharmacotherapeutics	4
RNSG 409	Community & Public Health Nursing	4
TOTALS		12

FIFTH SEME	FIFTH SEMESTER							
RNSG 403	Family Nursing Theory & Practice	3						
BUS 428	Managed Care & Healthcare	4						
RNSG 434A	Leadership & Management	3						
RNSG 434B	Leadership & Management Practicum	3						
TOTALS		13						
TOTAL PEO	GRAM UNITS TAUGHT BY UNITEK COLLEGE	61						

#### **COURSES**

## RNSG 301 – Transition to Professional Nursing

This course focuses on concepts & characteristics of the professional nursing role of the BSN graduate; providing practical applications for topics directly related to nursing practice. Research and critical thinking are emphasized.

## **BUS 307 – Informatics in Healthcare**

In today's complex health system, it is important for healthcare providers to have an understanding of the information management process: compiling, disseminating & maintaining crucial data. This course addresses both the principles & guidelines of health information management & focuses on the integrated approach of informatics. Students will evaluate informatics as it applies to patient safety, decision-making & the evaluation of measurements & patient outcomes.

# RNSG 309- Cultural Diversity in Health Care

This course explores beliefs, practices & traditions pertaining to cultural diversity, healing traditions & effects on the health care of individuals with different ethnic backgrounds. The course presents content that promotes increased awareness of the dimensions & complexities involved in caring for people from diverse cultural backgrounds. Focus: influences of recent social, political & demographic changes in delivery of health care; exploration of issues & perceptions of health & illness today.

# RNSG 313 – Issues & Trends in Contemporary Practice

Course presents content intended to explore nursing's past, current & future impact in the health care environment & in particular nursing practice. Local, national & international issues are examined. Additional focus: examination of the impact of current issues & trends on initiating changes in nursing practice, education & science.

## RNSG 321 – Pathophysiology

The course content is focused on the etiologic, symptomatology & pathologic characteristics of human diseases; health promotion, disease prevention, & the progression of disease & treatment are explored. Genetic, ethnic & cultural variables & their effects on human diseases are analyzed. Content is intended to promote critical thinking in nursing practice.

# **ECON 324 – Economics in Healthcare**

In today's health care environment, it is important for healthcare providers to have a basic understanding of economics & its' impact on management decision-making. Course provides an introduction into the application of economic concepts & principles; decisions related the amount, organization & distribution of health care services. Focus: content that will provide information for health care managers that will assist them in functioning as positive role models in the reform of healthcare; economics perspectives of management decision making; theoretical foundation for the study of finance, accounting, marketing & planning.

## RNSG 325 - Health Assessment / Advanced

This course provides the BSN student with the opportunity to build on their assessment skill & decision-making competencies related to individual patient care in the area of medical surgical nursing. Course is taught through the utilization of web learning activities, case studies & written assignments. Focus is place on advanced assessment; comparing & contrasting of normal & abnormal finds; development of nursing plans of action to address specific scenarios which present nursing history, chief complaint & physical assessment & findings.

# RNSG 327 - Nursing Research

This course provides an introduction to the principles & procedures involved in nursing research. The scientific method & its application to nursing inquiry are emphasized. A student successfully completing this course will possess: (1) a broad understanding of the process & outcomes of research methodology; (2) an appreciation of the strengths & limitations of research; (3) an understanding of the ethical considerations inherent in research; (4) a solid understanding of typical experimental designs & their application, (5) statistical techniques utilized in nursing research, & (6) the ability to evaluate the credibility of typical research oriented publications.

# RNSG 331 - Ethics in Today's Health Care

The course focuses on ethical issues in today's health care environment, examination of individual values, professional values & effects of culture on an individual's value system. The course provides content on value development, ethical theories & real life examples intended to motivate & stimulate thought process & discussion. Web related activities are designed to promote the development of methods to resolve ethical & legal issues encountered by nurses in the health care environment of today.

# RNSG 333 - Clinical Decision Making - Diagnosis & Management

Course content is designed to meet knowledge requirements to function in critical care settings. Emphasis is placed on learning activities that address clinical judgment in eight major categories: Cardiovascular, pulmonary, endocrine, hematology/immunology, neurology, gastrointestinal, renal, & multisystem, & explore concepts of professional caring & ethical practice innursing.

## **SOC 335 – Complementary & Alternative Medicine in Healthcare**

This course acquaints students with alternative practices, which may become standards of care in the near future. It also helps students learn to evaluate the strengths & weaknesses of the claims made by the proponents of these practices so they can more readily separate real knowledge from emotional advertising. This course provides a balanced overview of a selection of complementary & alternative medicine interventions & presents practice in & techniques for objectively assessing the validity of claims presented in formats different than usually acceptable to current "Western" science.

## **ENG 337 – Professional Writing**

Course focus: principles & practices for the creation of effective business letters, memos, reports & professional contexts. The course teaches students the rhetorical principles that assist them in developing their own ethical business writing style that can be applied to a variety of professional situations & audiences. Course provides opportunity for the student to experience & utilize an innovative total web approach to learning.

# RNSG 403 – Family Nursing Theory & Practice

Course builds on previous knowledge related to concepts & theories applicable to families, & family nursing. Focus is on relationship between individuals, family; effects of family health on individual member of the family; cultural concepts & characteristics of a family; assessment of family power; construction, interpretation & inference of genogram; nursing knowledge, competencies & attitudes needed in caring for culturally diverse families.

# **RNSG 407 – Pharmacotherapeutics**

This course provides the Bachelors of Science in nursing student the opportunity to build on prior knowledge of pharmacology. Emphasis is place on examining various classifications of drugs & the effect the human body. Focus is placed on physiological reactions to medications; appropriate nursing roles & responsibilities in medication administration, monitoring effects, & evaluation of therapeutic effects. Web related activities, computer based written assignments are integrated.

# RNSG 409 - Community & Public Health Nursing

Presents core concepts of community & public health nursing across the life span, utilizing detailed case studies & web based learning activities. Focus: Community health nursing & public health principles: prevention, health promotion, protective services benefiting various population groups; impact of global health status on national health agenda & community empowerment.

# **BUS 428 – Managed Care & Healthcare**

This course focuses on the impact of managed care on health care delivery. Its goal is to help students better understand what managed care is, how managed care works, & to guide the student in acquiring knowledge of reimbursement, quality, legal & ethical issues involved with managed care programs. A diversity of managed care models are presented, including HMO's, PPO's, IPA's & many others.

# RNSG 434A – Leadership & Management

This course examines the nurse as a leader in a variety of contexts and settings. This didactic course is 3 units; the practicum portion of the course will be 3 units in 8 weeks. The student will have the full semester to complete their independent project. The course provides the nurse with skills needed to ensure that employing organizations are guided accurately and effectively through periods of transformation. The course also provides strategies for handling challenges that arise in health care organizations in order to better assist nurse leaders in creating a healing environment for both consumers and healthcare providers. This course prepares students for the practicum portion of the course RNSG434B, in the RNSG434B course, all students are required to complete an independent student 'practicum' during the capstone course RNSG 434 Leadership and Management. Students are required to submit ACA 18.1 - Preceptor Information Form and the Preceptor's Curriculum Vitae/Resume to the RNSG434B Faculty on Record one week prior to the end of the RNSG434A course. Students who do not submit the required documents within the timeline will not be permitted to continue into the RNSG434B course

## RNSG 434B – Leadership & Management Practicum

As nursing is a practice based profession all students are required to complete an independent student 'practicum' during the capstone course RNSG 434 Leadership and Management. The didactic course is 3 units; this practicum portion of the course will be 3 units in 8 weeks. The student will have the full semester to complete their independent project. The American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) White Paper: Expectations for Practice Experience in the RN to Baccalaureate Curriculum (2012) will be included the course syllabus. This document can be found at <a href="https://www.aacn.nche.edu/aacn-nche.e

publications/white-papers/RN-BSN-White-Paper.pd paper'; it will provide several suggestions for the stu	<u>f</u> . All students udents' indepen	are required dent practicun	to read the n project.	e 'white

# **TUITION & FEES**

Modular Diploma Programs (Fremont, Concord, San Jose, Sacramento campuses)

		Dental		Information
Charge	Assisting			Technology
Tuition	\$	14,182	\$	14,900
Registration Fee	\$	40	\$	40
Books and Supplies	\$	348	\$	1,190
Lab Fee	\$	990	\$	50
Program Fees	\$	195	\$	160
Technology Fees	\$	225	\$	220
Total Program Costs	\$	15,980	\$	16,560

Modular Diploma Programs (Fremont campus)

Charge	Medical Assisting	Medical Office
Tuition	\$ 13,825	\$ 13,050
Registration Fee	\$ 40	\$ 40
Books and Supplies	\$ 485	\$ 670
Lab Fee	\$ 40	\$ 40
Program Fees	\$ 195	\$ 140
Technology Fees	\$ 285	\$ 285
Total Program Costs	\$ 14,870	\$ 14,225

Modular Diploma Programs (Concord, Hayward, San Jose, South San Francisco campuses)

Charge	Medical ssisting	Medical Office
Tuition	\$ 12,825	\$ 12,050
Registration Fee	\$ 40	\$ 40
Books and Supplies	\$ 485	\$ 670
Lab Fee	\$ 40	\$ 40
Program Fees	\$ 195	\$ 140
Technology Fees	\$ 285	\$ 285
Total Program Costs	\$ 13,870	\$ 13,225

Modular Diploma Programs (Sacramento, Bakersfield campuses)

Ch	arge	Medical ssisting	Medical Office Administration		
Tuition		\$ 11,825	\$	11,050	
Registration Fee		\$ 40	\$	40	
Books and Supplies		\$ 485	\$	670	
Lab Fee		\$ 40	\$	40	
Program Fees		\$ 195	\$	140	
Technology Fees		\$ 285	\$	285	
	Total Program Costs	\$ 12,870	\$	12,225	

Pre-Licensure Nursing (Fremont, South San Francisco, Concord, San Jose, Hayward campuses)

Applies to: FMT, SSF, CNC, SJ and HAY					Nurs	sing Progra	ms			
Charge		/N Pre- equisite		RN *Advance Placement Vocational Associate Degree - Nursing Feb 2019 Only		Pla	**BSN Advance acement (Apr 2019)	G	BSN - Full eneric Program (Aug 2019)	
Tuition	\$	1,318	\$	32,199	\$	44,000	\$	93,150	\$	127,250
Registration Fee	\$	150	\$	-	\$	-	\$	150	\$	150
Books and Supplies	\$	117	\$	1,010	\$	830	\$	4,926	\$	5,600
Lab Fee	\$	-	\$	215	\$	260	\$	485	\$	485
Program Fees	\$	5	\$	760	\$	990	\$	1,117	\$	1,117
Technology Fees	\$	65	\$	2,110	\$	1,280	\$	3,200	\$	3,300
***Unitek College VN Alumni Scholarship							\$	(10,000)		
***Unitek Collee ASVN Alumni Scholarship							\$	(5,000)		
Total Program Costs	\$	1,655	\$	36,294	\$	47,360	\$	88,028	\$	137,902
	Total BSN-AP Without Scholarships \$						\$	103.028	3	

<sup>\*</sup> Generic ADN program Advanced Placement

# Pre-Licensure Nursing (Sacramento campus)

Charge	VN Pre- equisite	Vocational Nursing
Tuition	\$ 1,318	\$ 31,329
Registration Fee	\$ 150	\$ -
Books and Supplies	\$ 117	\$ 1,010
Lab Fee	\$ -	\$ 215
Program Fees	\$ 5	\$ 760
Technology Fees	\$ 65	\$ 2,030
Total Program Costs	\$ 1,655	\$ 35,344

# Pre-Licensure Nursing (Bakersfield campus)

	VN Pre-			Vocational	Re	e-Take VN	
Charge		quisite		Nursing	Pre-Req		
Tuition	\$	668	\$	31,329	\$	285	
Registration Fee	\$	150	\$	-	\$	150	
Books and Supplies	\$	117	\$	1,010			
Lab Fee	\$	-	\$	215			
Program Fees	\$	5	\$	760			
Technology Fees	\$	65	\$	2,030	\$	65	
Total Program Costs	\$	1,005	\$	35,344	\$	500	

<sup>\*\*</sup> BSN Full Generic Program with Transfer Credits and LVN Certificate.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Unitek College Alumni Scholarship available for Unitek graduates from the VN and/or ASVN program. Scholarships will be applied in the final 2 semesters of the BSN Advanced Placement program.

# RN course enrollments (Fremont campus)\*

Charge	INT RN Course - MedSurg		INT RN Course - Obstetrics		Course -		Course - Course -		Course - Co		- Course -		Course - Course -		Course - Course -		T RN Course Psychology
Tuition	\$	11,450	\$	9,565	\$	4,980	\$ 6,980										
Books and Supplies	\$	220	\$	125	\$	-	\$ -										
Application Fee	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -										
Registration Fee	\$	150	\$	150	\$	150	\$ 150										
Lab Fee	\$	265	\$	265	\$	265	\$ 265										
Program Fee	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -										
Technology Fees	\$	60	\$	45	\$	-	\$ -										
Total Program Costs	\$	12,145	\$	10,150	\$	5,395	\$ 7,395										

<sup>\*</sup>These fees are charged either once per enrollment or annually depending on the courses required. Students will not be charged duplicate fees for charges related to another course. Mask fitting charges will not be re-charged if RN Transition was completed. These fees may be waived depending on a student's academic requirements.

# Online Post-Licensure Nursing Degree Programs

One-Time Fees	ASVN	BSN
Registration Fee	\$ 150	\$ 150
Lab Fee	\$ 300	\$ -
Technology Fee	\$ 50	\$ 50
Total Fees	\$ 500	\$ 200

# ASVN semester-based breakdown:

ASVN (33 Semester Credits) Tuition Only	Ful	l-Time	3/4	Time	1/2	Time	Les	s Than 1/2
Semester 1	\$	6,175	\$	4,750	\$	3,325	\$	2,375
Semester 2	\$	6,175	\$	4,750	\$	3,325	\$	2,375
Semester 3	\$	3,325	\$	6,175	\$	3,325	\$	2,375
Semester 4 Semester 5					\$	2,850 2,850	\$	2,375 3,325
Semester 6							\$	2,850
Total Tuition	\$	15,675	\$	15,675	\$	15,675	\$	15,675
Books and Supplies	\$	2,112	\$	2,112	\$	2,112	\$	2,112
One Time Fees & Lab	\$	500	\$	500	\$	500	\$	500
Total Cost	\$	18,287	\$	18,287	\$	18,287	\$	18,287

# RN-to-BSN Program semester-based breakdown:

BSN (61 semester credits) Tuition Only	Full	-Time	3/4	Time	1/2	Time	Less	Than 1/2
Semester 1	\$	3,900	\$	2,925	\$	1,950	\$	975
Semester 2	\$	3,900	\$	2,925	\$	1,950	\$	975
Semester 3	\$	3,900	\$	2,925	\$	1,950	\$	975
Semester 4	\$	3,900	\$	2,925	\$	1,950	\$	1,300
Semester 5	\$	4,225	\$	2,925	\$	1,950	\$	1,300
Semester 6			\$	2,925	\$	1,950	\$	1,300
Semester 7			\$	2,275	\$	1,950	\$	1,300
Semester 8					\$	1,950	\$	1,300
Semester 9					\$	1,950	\$	1,300
Semester 10					\$	2,275	\$	1,300
Semester 11							\$	1,300
Semester 12							\$	1,300
Semester 13							\$	1,300
Semester 14							\$	1,300
Semester 15							\$	1,300
Semester 16							\$	1,300
Total	\$	19,825	\$	19,825	\$	19,825	\$	19,825
Books and Supplies	\$	2,000	\$	2,000	\$	2,000	\$	2,000
One Time Fees & Lab	\$	200	\$	200	\$	200	\$	200
Total Cost	\$	22,025	\$	22,025	\$	22,025	\$	22,025
Maximum Timeframe/# of Semesters at 150%		8		12		17		24

# Lower Division General Education Courses (if taken individually):

General Education Course Enrollments	Tui	tion	Во	oks	Prog	gram
2 Unit Course	\$	1,000	\$	200	\$	80.00
3 Unit Course	\$	1,500	\$	200	\$	80.00
4 Unit Course	\$	2,000	\$	200	\$	80.00
One Time Fees (Registration, Technology & Lab)	\$	500.00		*Lab Fee i	f app	licable

# VN Pre-Requisite Retake (all Campuses except Bakersfield)

	Re-	Take VN
Charge	P	re-Req
Tuition	\$	663
Application Fee	\$	-
Registration Fee	\$	150
Books and Supplies		
Total Program Costs	\$	813

# **Dual Enrollment: ADN Program + BSN Courses**

Twenty (20) scholarship opportunities are available to each cohort of currently-enrolled ADN Program students who wish to pursue a dual enrollment with BSN courses in their final semester of the ADN program. Students who wish to pursue this option will be given a \$3,000 scholarship to be used towards the tuition for the first two courses in the BSN program. Students receiving this scholarship will be responsible for all remaining fees & must agree to enroll directly into the BSN program upon completion of the RN program & after passing the NCLEX-RN exam.

Fees	<b>BSN Course Enrollment</b>	With Dual Enrollment Scholarship
Tuition (\$1,500 per Course)	\$3,000	- \$3,000
Registration	\$150	\$150 (paid upon enrollment)
Books & Lab	\$600	\$600 (paid after ADN Program graduation)
Total Cost	\$3,750	\$750

#### **ADMISSIONS POLICIES**

The Admissions Department strives to provide excellent service to prospective students with information about the school & assist students with preparing for their future. An Admissions Representative will talk to students prior to enrolling into a program, reviewing their educational & career goals. The Admissions Representative will assist students in finding the best training program to match their goals, will make any necessary arrangements for entrance exams, & will assist with enrollment agreements once a student decides to attend Unitek College.

#### **General Admissions Policies**

All prospective students shall be chosen for admission without regard to race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or national origin. All admitted students must be able to read, write & understand English (all courses at Unitek College are taught in English & no translation services are provided). All admitted students must be able to meet the physical demands of their chosen education program as well as those of the job(s) for which that program prepares them.

All applicants must complete a personal interview with an Admissions Representative. Parents & spouses are encouraged to attend. This gives applicants & their families an opportunity to see the school's equipment & facilities, meet the staff & faculty, & to ask questions relating to the campus, curriculum, & career objectives.

Once an applicant has completed & submitted the application packet & required documentation, the school reviews the information & informs the applicant if eligible for admission. If an applicant is not accepted, all fees paid to the school are refunded. The school follows an open enrollment system. The following criteria must be met before the student's start date:

- An applicant must be 17 years of age or older. Applicants who are 17 at the time of enrollment must have a parent or legal guardian sign the enrollment agreement.
- Proof of high school completion (copy of High School Diploma, transcript, or GED certificate)
- Valid ID (Military IDs are prohibited)
- Must be a U.S. citizen, national or eligible permanent resident of the United States & have a valid social security number or Federal Tax ID number (for Dental Assisting & pre-licensure Nursing programs & Nursing pre-requisite courses).
- Achieve the program's passing score on the entrance exam.

#### **Entrance Exam Retakes & Timelines**

- 1) An applicant failing the first attempt may retake the exam on the same day (within 24 hours).
- 2) An applicant failing the second attempt may retake the exam beginning seven (7) calendar days from the second attempt.
- 3) An applicant failing the third attempt may retake the exam beginning twenty-one (21) calendar days from the third attempt.
- 4) After four (4) unsuccessful attempts, an applicant my re-apply to the college after one full year from the fourth attempt.
- 5) An entrance exam attempted after one full year from the previous attempt will be treated as a new "first attempt" such that the retake policy will apply from step 1 again

# **Proof of High School Graduation**

All students must show proof of their High School Diploma, GED or equivalent in order to complete the enrollment process & be approved to start the program. Acceptable forms of proof are:

- Copy of a US High School Diploma or transcript from a state approved or US Department of Education approved school
- Copy of a G.E.D. certificate
- Copy of homeschooling completion certificate
- Copy of an Associate's, Bachelor's or Master's Degree obtained from a school with accreditation recognized by the US Department of Education
- A foreign Transcript at the High School, Associates Degree, Bachelor's Degree, or Master's Degree levels evaluated by a recognized agency to be the equivalent of a US High School Diploma or higher. Applicants wishing to submit documentation evaluated by an approved agency take full responsibility to acquire & provide such documentation. Applicants not providing satisfactory documentation at the time of application mayforfeit the privilege of starting their desired program, even if they have met all other admissions criteria. Unitek College will not pay any fees that may be incurred by an applicant in order to submit such proof.

#### For applicants to non-degree programs:

All foreign documents submitted for proof of education or transcripts for credit granting must be evaluated by an acceptable service in order for the applicant submitting such foreign documents to complete the enrollment process. Unitek College will accept only evaluations completed by Academic & Credential Records, Evaluation & Verification Services, AACRAO's International Education Standards Council or by members of either the Association of International Credential Evaluators or the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services. Any evaluation completed by another agency will not be accepted for completing the admissions process.

Association of International Credential	www.aice-eval.org/members/
Evaluators (AICE)	See website for list of approved evaluators
National Association of Credential Evaluation	www.naces.org
Services (NACES)	See website for list of approved evaluators
Academic & Credential Records, Evaluation &	WWW acrove com
Verification Services (ACREVS)	<u>www.acrevs.com</u>
AACRAO's International Education Standards	http://www.aacrao.org/aacrao-
Council ( AACRAO IES)	solutions/aacrao-international/home

## For applicants to Nursing degree programs:

Applicants wishing to submit their foreign Associate's, Bachelor's, or Master's Degree Transcripts, or transcripts for prerequisite courses, must have them evaluated by the Commission on Graduate of Unitek College – School Catalog

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Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS). All foreign transcripts evaluated by any other evaluation service will not be accepted as part of the enrollment process. Admissions documentation for students from foreign countries is to be translated and certified to be at least equivalent to the credential required by the school's admissions criteria.

# **Commission on Graduate of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS)**

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# Student's Responsibility for Satisfying Academic Requirements

Although Program Directors & Faculty assist students in planning their programs, each student must assume *complete responsibility* for compliance with the instructions & regulations set forth in this catalog & the syllabi of the student's courses. In addition, the student is responsible for selecting the courses that will enable him/her to achieve his/her educational objectives, whether it be graduation from college, satisfaction of requirements for transfer to another college or university, or preparation for an occupation.

# **Physical Conditions**

The program in which a student enrolls may be physically demanding. Students are expected to participate in all program components, including lecture, lab, clinical & externship sessions to earn grades in the corresponding courses. Failure to do so will result in a failing grade for the course(s) and/or being dropped from the program. If a student has a physical condition that could reasonably prevent his or her participation in all program activities (e.g. pregnancy, chronic pain) at time of enrollment or during the program, the student must provide a note of release from a licensed physician, licensed physician's assistant or nurse practitioner as a condition to enroll & participate in the program without restrictions. In the event such a physical condition causes an interruption in the student's attendance, the school will require a similar note of release to return to school. A Leave of Absence (LOA) may be granted pursuant to a student's written request & eligibility for a leave; however, the LOA must be approved by the school prior to the leave.

Applicants concerned about the physical requirements of a program are encouraged to speak with their Admissions Advisor or a Program Director. Examples of possible program requirements are:

- one (1) to four (4) hours of intermittent sitting
- four (4) hours of intermittent standing
- three (3) hours of intermittent walking in an average eight (8) hour day
- Squatting, bending, kneeling, reaching, & twisting are frequently required fifty percent (50%) of the time along with an occasional need for ladder climbing, exposure to changes in temperature & humidity; exposure to dust, fumes, or gasses
- Frequent lifting/carrying of twenty-five (25) to fifty (50) pounds
- Pushing/pulling up to one hundred (100) pounds

# **Learners with Special Needs**

Unitek College is committed to Equality of Opportunity, & positively values the participation of learners with special needs. Unitek College is committed to the admission of all qualified students without regard to applicants' race, color, religion, sexual orientation, or disability if they are able to meet the physical & academic requirements of the programs. We further commit ourselves to make reasonable accommodations & provide information in order to render the academic programs & support services of the school accessible to all persons. Every effort is made to individually & appropriately serve students & to enable them to attain success & reach their educational goals. For

students who need to request accommodations they must present a formal physical or cognitive evaluation by a professional in the field that outlines areas in which the student would need reasonable assistance or accommodations to complete classroom, clinical rotations, or externship training. Learners with Special Needs are encouraged to meet with Unitek College's on- site ADA coordinator.

# **Smartphones**

Unitek College's on-ground programs utilize an electronic attendance tracking system which requires that students use a smartphone to log their class attendance. All applicants to on-ground programs must agree to maintain possession of a personal smartphone while enrolled at Unitek College.

## **Purchasing Books & Supplies**

Unitek College purchases physical books & supplies from various vendors, often at volume discounts, & includes them by default within the total fees charged to students. This is called "inclusive tuition" & reduces the burden on students to find & purchase all required books & supplies. Students may opt out of paying for the books within the inclusive tuition by initialing the applicable section in their enrollment documents, which will obligate them to purchase all necessary books by the scheduled first day of class. By opting out of inclusive tuition & agreeing to purchase the required books themselves, the total fees charged to the students by Unitek College at the time of enrollment will be reduced by the then-current total costs paid by Unitek to acquire the books. Please note that the option to "opt out" only applies to books. Students may not opt out of paying for their supplies.

#### Visa Assistance

Unitek College is authorized to issue I-20s to international students meeting the required criteria. Upon receipt of an I-20, eligible international students can apply for an M1 visa at their local embassy. International students must complete the following steps prior to requesting an I-20:

- 1) Complete a Unitek College application
- 2) Achieve a passing score on the relevant admission exam
- 3) Provide proof of:
  - a. High school education via official evaluation documentation
  - b. Ability to pay for tuition & living expenses.
  - For loans, prospective student may go to <a href="http://www.internationalstudentloan.com/">http://www.internationalstudentloan.com/</a>. In order to qualify for this loan, a co-signer with a permanent resident card/citizenship & good credit is mandatory.
- 4) Once an I-20 is received from Unitek College, the International student must:
  - a. Pay SEVIS I-901 fees by:
    - A receipt printed when paying at <a href="http://www.fmjfee.com">http://www.fmjfee.com</a> with a credit card
    - A receipt from Western Union when using the Western Union Quick Pay option
    - A Form I-797 receipt mailed
  - b. Apply to the student's local U.S. consulate for M-1 visa, & bring the following items to the visa interview:
    - The signed Form I-20 form from Unitek College
    - Evidence that the SEVIS I-901 fee has been paid
    - Signed passport valid for at least six months after date of entry into the United States
    - Form DS-156, Nonimmigrant Visa Application with photo
    - Form DS-157A, Contact Information & Work History for Nonimmigrant Visa Applicant
    - Transcripts & diplomas from previous institutions
    - Financial evidence of sufficient funds to cover tuition & living expenses for at least the first year of study.

Prospective non-immigrant students from visa-exempt countries must bring their documentation to the Point of Entry (POE) & apply for entry as an M-1 nonimmigrant student. All courses at Unitek College are taught in English & all students must be able to read, write & understand English.

#### **Online Readiness**

Applicants to any program containing online courses must verify with their Admissions Representative that their computer system is appropriate for the school's online learning environment. Applicants must also score 75% or more on an online readiness survey during the admissions process. Programs actively enrolling students and containing online courses are: Associate of Science in Vocational Nursing (ASVN), Bachelor of Science in Nursing, and RN-to-BSN.

The following are minimum hardware & software requirements for taking courses online:

- a. <u>Supported Operating System:</u> All operating systems are supported by the program. It is highly recommended that students have administrative rights on their computers in order to download certain functions.
- b. <u>Productivity Tools:</u> A word processing program that can save in .doc or .rtf file format; Microsoft Office Student Suite is the recommended software.
- c. Internet Access: ISP account for internet access & email address. Supported Browsers:
  - Windows: Internet Explorer (Free Download)
  - Windows: Mozilla Firefox (Free Download)
  - Macintosh: Mozilla Firefox (Free Download)
  - Macintosh: Safari (SAFARI is only supported on MAC computers)
- d. Plug-Ins: (Required for many of our resources, must be most current version):
  - Adobe Flash Player (Free Download)
  - Adobe Acrobat Reader (Free Download)
  - Java (Free Download)
- e. Additional Requirements
  - Processor Intel Pentium or later, or equivalent
  - OS: Microsoft Windows 95, 98, 98 SE, Me, NT, 2000, XP or Vista
  - RAM: 64MB min. 128MB recommended
  - Hard drive: 90 MB or more free space
  - Display: 800x600 16-bit color display or better (1152x864 pixels is recommended)
  - Audio: speakers or headphones
  - CD-ROM drive: any speed
  - Browser: Internet Explorer 9.0 or later, Mozilla Firefox 20.0 or later, Safari 6.0 or later, with Adobe Flash plug-in
  - Broadband/High Speed Internet connection is strongly encouraged. All software required must be downloaded on initial Browser Tune Up at start of each module.
  - Web camera for web conferencing & group discussion.
- f. Valid Email Account

A valid in-use email account is required for participation in the program. The school reserves the right to reject students if the items listed above are not verified.

#### PROGRAM-SPECIFIC ADMISSIONS POLICIES

# **Allied Health & Technology Diploma Programs**

- 1. Achieve a passing score on the Scholastic Level Exam (SLE). Passing scores are 12 for Medical Assisting, Medical Office Administration, and Information Technology; 13 for Dental Assisting.
- 2. Proof of completion of 12th grade level education. If education was completed in a country other than the United States, a course-by-course evaluation report by an accredited agency must be provided. Students who have taken the GED examination must have the score reported directly to Unitek College by the testing company.
- 3. Dental Assisting only: initiation of a criminal background check, which must be deemed "clear' in order to begin the Externship module of the program after enrollment (see the Background Check section of this catalog for details).

# **Immunization Requirements – Allied Health Programs**

Students must provide proof of the following immunizations by the end of the 3rd successfully completed module of the Program:

- One Step PPD (TB)
- 2 x MMR (measles, mumps & rubella)
- 2 x Varicella (chicken-pox)
- 3 x Hepatitis B

PPD results must be dated within six (6) months of externship start date. Students must show current immunity to Rubella (German measles), Rubeola, Varicella (Chicken Pox), mumps & Hepatitis B.

Verbal confirmation of the above is not acceptable. Acceptable forms of Proof of Immunity or immunizations given are **any of the three items listed below**:

- Document printed out from the Primary Care Provider that shows the exact <u>immunization(s)</u>
   & date(s) given along with the Primary Care Provider signature.
- Print out from Primary Care Provider showing exact titer(s) & result(s) indicating immunity.
- Legal <u>California Immunization Record</u> card showing the immunizations & the date given, or the results of a titer & dates of test, along with the Primary Care Provider signature.

# **Hepatitis B Explanation:**

Hepatitis B is a series of 3 injections; Student must have the first two before Student may begin externship. The series is given with the initial injection; the second injection is given 30 days later, & the last injection is given after 6 months. Students who are carriers of Hepatitis B will need to take their immunization card, with a note from their PCP (primary care provider) stating that they are a carrier, but in good health, to their externship site BEFORE beginning the externship.

# **Vocational Nursing Prerequisite Course (VN PRQ)**

The following criteria must be met for admission to the Vocational Nursing Prerequisite Course:

- 1. A score of at least 17 on the Scholastic Level Exam (SLE)
- 2. Proof of completion of 12th grade level education. If education was completed in a country other than the United States, a course-by-course evaluation report by an approved agency must be provided. Students who have taken the GED examination must have the score reported directly to Unitek College by the testing company.
- 3. Payment of all fees and tuition due for the course
- 4. Initiation of criminal background check process for admission to the Vocational Nursing program

Please note that students applying to the Vocational Nursing (VN) program must undergo and pass an interview with the Program Director or Designee. This interview should be completed prior to the start of a student's VN PRQ course but <u>must be completed</u> no later than the end of the first week of the VN PRQ course. Students not passing the interview will have their VN PRQ enrollment cancelled and receive a refund of fees paid for the course.

## **Vocational Nursing (VN) Program**

Admission Requirements include:

- 1. A clear criminal background check
- 2. Successful completion of the VN PRQ course within the past twelve (12) months
- 3. Completion of an interview with the Program Director or Designee with a passing score
- 4. A physical examination, including immunizations and TB testing, must be completed within the three (3) months prior to the start date of the first clinical rotation in Term I of the program. The examination must be conducted by a licensed physician, licensed physician's assistant or nurse practitioner establishing sound health.

Upon completion of each VN PRQ course, students will be ranked based on a combination of their course score and points awarded during the interview with the Program Director or Designee. Students with the highest overall combined scores will receive first consideration for available VN Program seats. If two or more students have the same combined score, then application date will take

precedence for final seat selection. Students who pass the VN PRQ course and meet all admissions criteria but are not selected for the upcoming VN Program will be assigned seats in the next available VN Program. Students must start the VN Program within twelve (12) months of VN PRQ course completion or they must reapply to the program. The maximum possible ranking score for students who repeat the VN PRQ course due to failing it previously is 75%.

# Associate of Science in Vocational Nursing (ASVN) Program

Admission Requirements include:

- 1. Proof of graduation from a nursing-board-approved Vocational Nursing or Practical Nursing Program, from an accredited institution, is required
- 2. Official transcripts must be from an accredited institution approved by the US Department of Education, & are required prior to enrollment. However, the application process may begin with unofficial transcripts.

Please note that while a nursing license is not required for enrollment into the ASVN program, students planning on Advanced Placement enrollment into the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program will be required to have a current, unencumbered LVN or LPN license in order to enroll into that prelicensure RN program.

# **Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Program**

Students with an active, unencumbered California Vocational Nursing license who are accepted into the BSN Program will be granted 6 semester credits for the courses RN204 (Fundamentals – Skills Lab) and RN208 (Fundamentals – Patient Care).

Admissions requirements for students not seeking the Advanced Placement option include:

- 1. Proof of high school completion (copy of High School diploma, transcript, or GED certificate)
- 2. A score of at least 19 on the Scholastic Level Exam (SLE) to begin the application and ranking selection process
- 3. Copy of Government-Issued Photo ID
- 4. Interview with Program Director or designee
- 5. Reliable transportation for off-campus clinical locations
- 6. Within 24 months prior to enrollment in the BSN program, score a minimum of 62% on the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) exam

Additionally, students meeting the minimum admissions requirements above must apply for selection and will be ranked according to the following point structure detailed in the chart below. Applicants are also required to take and pass the TEAS exam. A maximum of 100 possible points can be earned, and points will be awarded based on the following criteria:

Supplemental Admission Criteria	Points Possible
TEAS exam composite score <sup>1</sup>	40
High school GPA / General Education Development test (GED) <sup>2</sup>	30
Program interview	10
Recommendation letters	5
Academic or relevant work / volunteer experience	5
Life experience or special circumstances	5
Proficiency and/or advanced level coursework in languages other than English	5
Total Points	100

<sup>1 -</sup> Please note that the minimum TEAS score is 62%; therefore, a score below 62% will neither be accepted nor ranked.

2 - For those applicants with a GED or a foreign diploma evaluated by an approved provider, points assigned will equal the median of points possible, which is 15.

Points will be awarded based on the criteria being submitted. In the event two or more applicants are tied for total points, a tie breaker will be determined based on the admission criteria above, starting with the TEAS exam score first (e.g., the applicant with the highest TEAS score will be ranked highest among the tied applicants). If the TEAS score(s) are also tied, the next criteria for tie breaker will be the high school GPA and so on and so forth, working down the list of criteria.

Note: Although not required for admission to the BSN program, the following requirements must be met prior to completion of Year 1, Semester 3 and prior to beginning any core nursing courses:

- Proof of Basic Life Support as Healthcare Provider certification by the American Heart Association
- Proof of immunizations and titers
- Completed health history and physical exam signed by the student and health care provider. The physical exam must clear the student to fully participate in all aspects of the program. The student must use the Physical Examination Form included in their admission packet.
- Clear criminal background and drug screening

Additionally, in accordance with Regulation 480 of the State Board of Registered Nursing, a person convicted of any offense other than a minor traffic violation may not qualify to be licensed as a Registered Nurse.

# **BSN Advanced Placement Option**

A prospective student with an active, unencumbered California Vocational Nursing license who has met all General Education requirements for the BSN program may apply for the Advanced Placement (AP) option. For students seeking the AP option, admission requirements include:

- 1. Proof of an active, unencumbered California Vocational Nursing license
- 2. Successful completion of a nursing-board-approved Vocational Nursing or Practical Nursing training program
- 3. Copy of Government-Issued Photo ID
- 4. Proof of Basic Life Support, Healthcare Provider certification, by the American Heart Association
- 5. Proof of immunizations and titers
- 6. Completed health history and physical exam done no more than three (3) months prior to starting the BSN program. The health history and physical exam must be signed by the student and health care provider. The physical exam must clear student to fully participate in all aspects of the program. The student must use the Physical Examination Form included in their admission packet.
- 7. Clear criminal background and drug screening
- 8. Reliable transportation for off-campus clinical locations
- 9. Within 24 months prior to enrollment in the BSN program, score a minimum of 62% on the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) exam

AP admission to the BSN program is a 2-step process:

- 1. Meet all admissions requirements to apply for AP Selection (see above)
- 2. Achieve a ranking (detailed in chart below) which is high enough to be among the students selected for AP admission

A maximum of 100 points can be earned, and points are awarded based on the following criteria:

Supplemental Admission Criteria	Points Possible
TEAS exam composite score <sup>1</sup>	34
2.5 GPA in Sciences: Microbiology, Human Anatomy & Human Physiology	30
2.5 Cumulative General Education GPA	15
Academic Degree, Diploma, relevant work / volunteer experience within the last 3 years	15
Unitek College VN Program Graduate	4
Life experience or special circumstances	2
Total Points	100

<sup>1 -</sup> minimum TEAS score is 62%, therefore a score below 62% will neither be accepted nor ranked.

Points will be awarded based on the criteria being submitted. In the event two or more applicants are tied for total points, a tie breaker will be determined based on the admission criteria above, starting with the TEAS exam score first (e.g., the applicant with the highest TEAS score will be ranked highest among the tied applicants). If the TEAS score(s) are also tied, the next criteria for tie breaker will be the Sciences GPA and so on and so forth, working down the list of criteria.

Note: In accordance with Regulation 480 of the State Board of Registered Nursing, a person convicted of any offense other than a minor traffic violation may not qualify to be licensed as a registered nurse.

#### **RN Course Readmission**

For any repeated courses, students will be required to pay the training costs associated with the hours the student is repeating. For example, if a student fails a course that is 31 hours of instruction, but passes all other courses, the student will only be required to pay the total cost associated with the 31 hours. A student is not required to retake a course that the student successfully completed with a score of 75% or higher. Note: failure in one paired course equates to failure in both courses.

- Students must request readmission. Students are eligible for only one readmission in total.
- Program Director approval is required prior to readmission.
- Students cannot repeat a course until payment has been received.
- Students may repeat a course only **ONE** time **(total two attempts).** All course grades received will appear on the transcript, but only the most recent affects the cumulative GPA.
- Courses taken at institutions other than Unitek College do not affect GPA.

## **RN-to-BSN Distance Education Program**

Prospective students who wish to enroll in Unitek College's Bachelors of Science in Nursing Degree Completion Program must meet the following criteria to be eligible for enrollment:

STEP 1: Complete Advisory phone call with Unitek BSN Admissions Representative at 888-762-2761

**STEP 2A:** Complete the Admissions application

**STEP 2B:** Submit all of the following documentation:

- A. Proof of current, unrestricted license as a Registered Nurse
- B. Proof of Education

Provide proof of education from option 1, 2, or 3 below. US Transcripts must be from an accredited institution approved by the US Department of Education. Courses on foreign transcripts for which credit is sought must be evaluated by a recognized 3rd party evaluator & deemed equivalent to coursework from an accredited institution approved by the US Department of Education. All transcripts submitted will go through a thorough evaluation by the nursing department at Unitek College to determine if all course requirements are met to enter the RN-to-BSN program. This proof can be presented in the following manner:

Option 1: Provide sealed official transcripts from an Accredited Institution recognized by the US Department of Education demonstrating completion of an Associate of Science in Nursing degree with a minimum cumulative score of at least 75% (2.5 on a 4.0 scale) with no grade less than "C" (2.0) in any course (as calculated by the granting institution).

Option 2: Provide sealed official transcripts with a minimum cumulative score of at least 75% (2.5 on a 4.0 scale) with no grade less than "C" (2.0) in any course (as calculated by the granting institution) in all courses required for Associate or Bachelors level degree completion, as well as for the specific courses listed below:

REQUIRED GENERAL EDUCATION AND PRE-REQUISITE COURSES	SEM. UNITS
Microbiology with Lab	4
Human Anatomy with Lab	4
Human Physiology with Lab	4
English, Reading & Composition (College level)	3
Math: Intermediate or College level Algebra or higher	3
General Psychology	3
General Sociology/Cultural Anthropology	3
Public Speaking or Speech	3
TOTAL GENERAL ED UNITS	27

REQUIRED PRE-REQUISITE NURSING COURSES		CLINICAL (SEM. UNITS)
Medical- Surgical Nursing; Theory & Clinical: includes	10	14.5
Leadership/Management, & geriatrics	4 =	4
Obstetrics-Maternity Nursing; Theory & Clinical	1.5	1
Mental Health/Psychiatric Nursing; Theory & Clinical	2	1.5
Pediatric Nursing; Theory & Clinical	1.5	1
TOTAL NURSING UNITS	15	18

A total of 60 units are required PRIOR to admission to the RN-to-BSN Program. Official transcripts must be submitted for evaluation.

# Option 3 - Military or Foreign Degrees

A military or foreign degree must be evaluated by a recognized 3<sup>rd</sup> party evaluator prior to submission to Unitek College. Transcripts that have been translated will not be accepted.

## **STEP 2C: Credit Transfer**

Students wishing to Transfer credits for upper division (300 or 400 level) courses taken at another school must submit prior to enrollment:

- Credit granting request form
- Sealed official transcripts demonstrating a minimum cumulative score of at least 75% (2.5 on a 4.0 scale) with no grade less than "C" (2.0) in any course (as calculated by the granting institution) for the courses being requested for transfer
- Course syllabus for each course being requested for transfer

A maximum of 30 of the 61 upper division credits in this program can be transferred in. Students must complete at least 31 semester credit hours at Unitek College to be awarded the BSN degree.

### **STEP 3: Admissions Review & Acceptance**

- Unitek reserves the right to deny admission if the items listed above are not completed.
- Any transcripts showing several withdrawals or repeated courses will be evaluated on an individual
  basis. This may result in admission being denied. Students are encouraged to write a letter explaining
  what the circumstances were & why they feel they should be admitted. If accepted into the program,
  the enrollment documents need to be completed & financials cleared in order to start class. If a
  student does not complete the requirements they will have to wait for the next program start date.

# **CREDIT GRANTING**

All Unitek College applicants are eligible to apply for credit granting. Applicants wishing to have their prior education assessed for credit granting must notify their Admissions Representative during the enrollment process, & all requests must be received on or before the official start date of the program. Any requests received after the deadline may not be accepted. Credit Granting requests are reviewed once the credit granting form is completed & sealed official transcripts have been received. An unofficial transcript may be used for unofficial review; however, credit granting will only be awarded based on final review of official transcripts. If official transcripts are not submitted on or before the program start date, the student forfeits the opportunity to apply for credit granting on courses previously taken

previously. Unitek College does not give credit for experiential learning.

Veterans seeking to use GI Bill® funding (GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs) must submit all previous coursework for evaluation prior to enrollment or attest in writing that such prior coursework is not creditable towards a diploma or degree program at Unitek College.

Academic credit earned for courses appearing on an official transcript from a regionally or nationally accredited certificate/degree granting school, college or university with a minimum grade of 'C' will be evaluated by the Program Director or Transcript Evaluation Team.

Credit granting based on a different unit of credit than the one prescribed by Unitek College is subject to conversion before being transferred. Credit granting for paired courses must meet the requirements for both courses. No credit(s) shall be granted for partial courses.

# **Maximum Transfer Credits**

- **Vocational Nursing Diploma Program:** A maximum of 25% of the credits taught within the program may be granted towards completion of the program.
- Allied Health & Information Technology Programs: Credits for a maximum of two (2) modules taught within the program may be granted towards completion of the program. Credit for externship courses will not be granted.
- RN-to-BSN & ASVN Programs: A maximum of 49% of the credits taught within the program may be transferred from another school & granted towards completion of the program.
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Program: A maximum of 45% of the credits taught within the program may be granted towards the completion of the program, with no more than 36% being Gen Ed credits and no more than 9% being technical (RN) credits.
- All programs: All credits earned in a program at one accredited Unitek College campus are transferable to the same program at another accredited Unitek College campus.

## **Credit Granting Application Requirements**

# All programs:

- Completed Credit Granting Request Form (see Admissions Representative for details)
- Sealed official transcripts. If official transcripts are not submitted at the time of the application, applicant forfeits the opportunity to apply for credit granting.
- Official course descriptions (e.g. from syllabi or a school catalog).
- Allied Health & Information Technology Programs: No course grade less than a GPA of 2.0 as calculated by the granting institution will be accepted. All courses must be taken within the last five (5) years to be eligible for credit granting.
- Vocational Nursing Diploma Program: No course grade less than a GPA of 2.5 as calculated by the granting institution will be accepted. All courses must be taken within the last five (5) years to be eligible for credit granting. Courses that may be acceptable for credit granting include:
  - Successfully completed approved vocational/practical nursing courses
  - Successfully completed certified nurse assistant courses
  - Successfully completed approved psychiatric technician courses
  - Successfully completed approved registered nursing courses
  - Successfully completed armed services nursing courses
  - Successfully completed courses that are equivalent to courses in the program as determined by the director of the nursing program

# Nursing Degree Programs:

- Courses possibly accepted include:
  - Nursing courses (including Armed Services nursing courses)
  - General Education Courses
- Nursing courses no course grade less than a GPA of 3.0 as calculated by the granting institution will be accepted. There is a 3-year recency rule for nursing courses.
- Non-science courses no course grade less than a GPA of 2.0 as calculated by the granting institution will be accepted. There is no recency rule for non-science courses.
- Science courses no course grade less than a GPA of 2.5 as calculated by the granting institution will be accepted. There is a 5-year recency rule for science courses.

# **Recency Rules**

All biology & science courses must be taken within the last five (5) years of the tentative start date to be eligible for credit granting, with no more than one (1) repeat attempt for each science course. Core nursing courses must be taken within the last three (3) years of the tentative start date to be eligible for credit granting, with no more than one (1) repeat attempt for each nursing course. All other general education courses are eligible for credit granting & will be considered upon receipt of official transcripts.

## **Review & Acceptance**

The school reserves the right to reject applicants' requests for credit granting if the items listed above are not successfully provided and/or completed. Any transcripts showing several withdrawals or repeated general education pre-requisite courses will be evaluated on an individual basis. This may result in admission being denied. Applicants are encouraged to write a letter explaining the circumstances & why they feel they should be admitted.

If accepted into the program, the enrollment documents must be completed & financials cleared in order to start class. If an applicant does not complete the requirement documents before the start date, the applicant must wait for the next program start date.

## **Credit Calculations**

Allied Health & Information Technology courses:

- One semester credit hour for at least 15 hours of classroom contact
- One semester credit hour for at least 30 hours of supervised laboratory/shop instruction
- One semester credit hour for not fewer than 45 hours of externship experience

Nursing & General Education courses:

- o One semester credit unit for 18 hours of classroom contact; or
- o One semester credit unit for 54 hours of external or in-house clinical lab

## **CLEP**

Students may transfer credits via CLEP examination for the following courses: ENG 101, MTH 200, SOC 102, & PSY 101. The required CLEP scores & corresponding credit hours can be obtained by searching for Unitek College on the CollegeBoard website: <a href="clep.collegeboard.org/search/colleges/us">clep.collegeboard.org/search/colleges/us</a> or by contacting the Academics department at Unitek College.

## **Nursing Challenge Examinations for BSN program**

Unitek provides an alternative path to earn credits for other acquired knowledge in the field of nursing through equivalence, challenge examinations, or other methods of evaluation. An applicant may be able to obtain credits in this manner if following applies:

- 1. Students must be accepted into the BSN program in order to challenge a nursing course.
- 2. Students must meet all prerequisites of any courses prior to attempting the challenge examination.
- 3. Students may not challenge a nursing course where a similar nursing course has been previously completed in which the grade received was below a C.
- 4. Students who request to take a challenge examination for a clinical course must first: 1) transfer in credit for the related theory course; or 2) pass the theory course challenge exam prior to attempting the clinical challenge examination.
- 5. Students who did not pass a lower level nursing course with a clinical component may not challenge a higher level nursing course with a clinical component.
- 6. Standardized computer examinations, such as ATI, will be used for challenge examinations for on-ground nursing courses.

Additional information may be required prior to scheduling a challenge examination for clinical courses, such as immunization status, health records, background check, drug screening, fire & BLS cards (i.e.-clinical packet information).

# Methods by which tuition & fees are adjusted for credits granted

Credits from transfer units are adjusted financially as they relate to the number of credit hours being granted for those courses. Total tuition is then recalculated & monies are either 1) collected according to the new tuition amount due, or 2) refunded once final loan disbursement is received or adjusted.

## TRANSFERABILITY OF CREDITS AND CREDENTIALS EARNED AT OUR INSTITUTION

The transferability of credits you earn at Unitek College is at the complete discretion of an institution to which you may seek to transfer. Acceptance of the degree, diploma, or certificate you earn in the educational program is also at the complete discretion of the institution to which you may seek to transfer. If the degree, diploma, or certificate that you earn at this institution are not accepted at the institution to which you seek to transfer, you may be required to repeat some or all of your coursework at that institution. For this reason, you should make certain that your attendance at this institution will meet your educational goals. This may include contacting an institution to which you may seek to transfer after attending Unitek College to determine if your degree, diploma or certificate will transfer.

# **GRADING**

Faculty post grades within 72 business hours of receiving assignments (24 business hours is preferred). Final grades for courses are provided to the Program Director within 3 working days after their completion. The Program Director will ensure that grades are posted in a timely manner.

## **Allied Health & Information Technology Programs**

These programs contain courses with various scoring parameters such as professional development, class participation (e.g. oral Q&A sessions & projects), skills demonstrations, quizzes, & exams. The maximum possible score in each category may differ based on the program or course. At the completion of a course or program the total score earned by a student is divided by the maximum possible score to arrive at the percentage received by that student. This percentage is converted to a letter grade using the scale below:

PERCENTAGES	GRADE	GRADE POINTS		
90% & Above	Α	4.0		
80% - 89.99%	В	3.0		
70% - 79.99%	С	2.0		
69.99% or below	F	0		

At the end of each course, students receive a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) which is the average of the grades for all courses completed in the program. The equivalent grade points from the grading table above are used to calculate the CGPA. For example, if a student completes 3 courses with grades of A, A, &C, the CGPA is calculated as follows: CGPA = (4.0 + 4.0 + 2.0) / 3 = 10/3 = 3.33

# **Vocational Nursing Diploma Program**

Grading scale for Vocational Nursing differs from that of the general college grading system. An average of 75 is the minimum required for passing any module /course. Unitek College does not round grades to the near decimal point.

## CONVERSION OF NUMERICAL TO LETTER GRADE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

PERCENTAGES	GRADE	GRADE POINTS		
90% & Above	Α	4.0		
80% - 89.99%	89.99% B			
75% - 79.99%	С	2.5		
74.99% & below	F	0		

Students who are unable to meet classroom requirements with a minimum average grade of 75% (C) or who receive an unsatisfactory performance evaluation in clinical will fail the course & may consequently be withdrawn from the program.

Late work may be accepted when the student makes previous, acceptable arrangements with the instructor. Late assignment submission must be graded by the Instructor & will be penalized 10% for every day that last assignment is not turned in.

# **Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program: on-ground courses**

The grading scale for nursing differs from the grading system for other programs: a minimum score of 75% (2.5 grade points) is required to pass any course. The following grading table is used in Nursing:

PERCENTAGES	GRADE	GRADE POINTS		
90% & Above	Α	4.0		
85% - 89.99%	B+ B C	3.5		
80% - 84.99% 75% - 79.99%		3.0		
		2.5		
74.99% or below	F	0		

Program Progression: Nursing students must complete each course in each semester with an average of 75% or higher in order to progress to the next semester.

Lecture courses: Most lecture courses are graded in the following manner: 90% exams, 10% written or other self-directed assignments. Students must demonstrate competence with an AVERAGE of 75% in all exams to receive the additional points available from the written assignments.

Clinical courses: Most clinical courses are graded in the following manner: 80% clinical performance, 20% written assignments. Students must demonstrate clinical competence with an average of 75% in performance to receive the additional points available from the written assignments.

Lab: All skills tested in the lab are given a grade of Pass or Fail. The student will have 3 opportunities to pass. If the skills are not passed, the student will not progress to the next level.

# **Nursing Programs: online courses**

- The grading scale for online courses differs from that of the on-ground courses.
- An average of 75% is the minimum required for passing any module/course.
- Grades for BSN courses do not round.

Conversion of numerical to letter grade are as follows:

Percentages		Grade Points
90% & Above	Α	4.0
85% - 89.99%	B+	3.5
80% - 84.99%	В	3.0
75% - 79.99%	С	2.5
74.99 % or Below	F	0.0
Withdrawn (Attendance in course is more than 25% of scheduled course hours)		0.0
Incomplete	Ī	0.0
Credit Granting	CG	0.0

#### **Student Individual Conference**

Students may request individual conference times with faculty members to review exams/assignments & receive feedback & referrals. Conferences should be scheduled within one week of the exam or assignment. All conferences must be scheduled prior to the end of the course. All faculty will have posted office hours & may be available by appointment.

# Remediation – All Programs

Please see the program-specific remediation policies provided by Faculty after the start of a program.

#### **Grade Appeals**

Students have the right to formally appeal the <u>final grade</u> in a course when he/she has a legitimate basis for the appeal. Appeals are limited to situations in which the student believes the grade was a mistake in calculation, demonstrable bias, gross negligence, or misapplication of stated criteria. The following steps should be taken to appeal the final grade in a course:

<u>Step 1:</u> The written appeal must first be directed to the instructor of the course within 5 days following the receipt of the final grade. It is the responsibility of the student appealing a grade to base the appeal on clear & substantive grounds. Appeals based on a desire to improve a grade through additional work or re-testing are not acceptable. If, after the student has consulted with the instructor,

the appeal cannot be resolved, proceed to step 2.

<u>Step 2:</u> The student should appeal in writing to the Program Director within 5 days of the appeal meeting with the instructor. An informal meeting will be arranged to hear both sides of the complaint & attempt to resolve the matter through a negotiated settlement. The decision of the Program Director will be final.

# **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

For all programs, to be eligible for graduation a student must successfully complete all program requirements, be meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress requirements, and satisfy all financial obligations with the school.

NOTE: students on academic probation may qualify for graduation if, at the end of their probationary term, they meet the minimum grade requirements

In addition to the above requirements for all programs, program-specific graduation requirements are as follows:

## **MODULAR PROGRAMS**

(Medical Assisting, Medical Office Administration, Dental Assisting, Information Technology) To be eligible for graduation, a student must:

Successfully complete all required courses

#### PRE-LICENSURE NURSING PROGRAMS

(Vocational Nursing Diploma and Bachelor of Science in Nursing)

To be eligible for graduation, a student must:

- Successfully complete all required courses with a minimum of 75% or a Pass for Pass/Fail courses
- Pass the assigned national benchmark exam (applies to the Vocational Nursing program only)
- Complete all required program hours (applies to the Vocational Nursing program only)

#### POST-LICENSURE NURSING PROGRAMS

(Associate of Science in Vocational Nursing, RN-to-BSN)

To be eligible for graduation, a student must:

Successfully complete all required courses

For all programs, any new, additional, or modified graduation requirements will be communicated to students after enrollment.

#### BACKGROUND CHECKS & DRUG SCREEN

A criminal background may prevent someone from obtaining licensure, clinical training, externship placement or employment in their chosen field. When a criminal background must be fully investigated, it may take up to one year or longer in order to obtain a decision from a licensing board. Applicants or students with a criminal background should check with the relevant licensing body for their stance towards various criminal background situations.

Students will not be allowed to continue their enrollment in the following programs without a current criminal background check deemed "negative" or "clear": Vocational Nursing Diploma, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, and Dental Assisting.

A student's background check will be initiated immediately upon enrollment & no later than the first day of class. A background deemed to be "clear" is required to remain active in any of the above programs. The cost of a criminal background check is included in the total tuition of these programs, but students in a pre-licensure Registered Nursing program must pay for the criminal background check required by the California Board of Registered Nursing.

Students may be subject to additional background checks, & possibly drug screening, at any time if requested by a clinical facility, employer, or externship site. Failure to pass any background check or drug screen requested by an Externship, Employer or Clinical Site may prevent a student from going to that Externship or Clinical Site & may put their program completion at risk. Clear background checks are required for registration in clinical nursing courses. The California Board of Registered Nursing requires an additional criminal background check as part of the licensure process. Should a student's educational progress be interrupted, a new background check will be required upon readmission to the program. A student may be denied access to clinical facilities based on offenses appearing on the criminal record even though such offenses may have occurred more than seven years ago.

For students in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program, please note that the California Board of Registered Nursing requires an additional criminal background check as part of the licensure process.

A background check is deemed to be "clear" by Unitek unless the background check results include any one (1) or more of the following convictions:

- Murder
- Felony assault
- Sexual offense/sexual assault
- Felony possession & furnishing (with or without certificate of rehabilitation)
- Felony drug & alcohol offenses (with or without certificate of rehabilitation)
- Certain other felonies involving weapons and/or violent crimes
- Class B & Class A misdemeanor theft, or theft having to do with drugs or alcohol
- Felony theft
- Fraud
- Child abuse, elder abuse
- Active probation (for any offense, including offenses not listed above)

If one (1) or more of these convictions appear on a student's background check, the student's enrollment may be cancelled & the student may be responsible for charges incurred up to his/her last date of attendance.

Note: These issues will be discussed with the individual student in a confidential manner.

#### ACADEMIC APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES

Unitek College upholds the fundamental values of honesty, respect, fairness, & accountability, which fosters a learning environment with academic integrity at the forefront. The College also understands there may be instances when a student disagrees with an academic decision or action resulting from a violation of policy and/or standard of academic integrity. To address these grievances, the College allows a process for students to appeal the College's decision. An appeal may be made for specific reasons defined by the College's Academic department, & all decisions made as a result of an appeal are final. Regarding an appeal for grades, the grievance & appeal process applies to final course & module grades, & students may file a grievance & appeal for personal extenuating circumstances only. As clarification, a student may not file a grievance & appeal on behalf of his/her class. Additionally, disagreement with an established school policy is not a valid reason for grievance & appeal.

# Level 1 – Informal Appeal

- The student may initiate a Level 1 appeal by contacting the faculty member or individual with whom the grievance arose, as soon as the discrepancy has been identified.
- An effort to resolve the matter informally should be made.
- If the matter cannot be resolved at this level, the student may request a Level 2 appeal in writing & provide the written request to his/her Program Director within two (2) business days.

# Level 2 – Formal Appeal

- The student may initiate a Level 2 appeal by contacting the Program Director, in the manner described above, if the grievance is not resolved during Level 1.
- The Program Director will determine if the grievance & appeal request is in accordance with policy requirements.
- If the grievance & appeal request is determined to not be in accordance with College policy (invalid), the request will be denied & the student will be notified by the Program Director.
- If the grievance & appeal request is determined to be in accordance with College policy (valid), the Program Director will enlist the respective faculty member(s) and/or the Team Lead to review the appeal request.
- The Program Director will communicate the outcome of the Level 2 review to the student within one (1) business day of the appeal request being received.
- If the matter cannot be resolved at this level, the student may request a Level 3 appeal in writing within two (2) business days to:
  - o The respective Associate/Assistant Dean for all modular programs & Vocational Nursing
  - The College Dean for Registered Nursing, the Associate of Vocational Nursing program, & RN-to-BSN program

# Level 3 - Campus Appeal Hearing

- A Level 3 appeal may only be initiated if a Level 2 appeal was attempted but did not resolve the grievance.
- The student may initiate a Level 3 appeal by submitting the request for an Appeal Hearing in writing to the respective Associate/Assistant Dean or College Dean as outlined above.
- The Associate/Assistant Dean or College Dean will investigate the request thoroughly, including interviewing all individuals involved & reviewing all documents that relate or may potentially relate to the student's grievance.
- The original decision will stand if after review of the information, the Associate/Assistant Dean or College Dean determines that the request for appeal was thoroughly addressed during the Level 2 appeal process & the outcome was justified.

- If the Associate/Assistant Dean or College Dean concludes that the student has grounds for a Level 3 appeal, a Campus Grievance & Appeal Committee hearing will be scheduled as soon as possible but no later than one (1) business day from the receipt of the written appeal request. The Committee will consist of:
  - Associate/Assistant Dean or College Dean (Committee Chair)
  - o Program Director
  - Campus Director
  - One full-time faculty member from the student's respective program (not involved in the Level 1 or 2 appeal)
- Following the Committee's hearing (and the review by the CAO & SVP of Student Financial Services, as applicable), the Associate/Assistant Dean or College Dean will provide the student with a written summary within one (1) business day of the hearing & any advising/action plan determined by the Committee.
- A copy of the signed advising/action plan is placed in the student's file & a copy is provided to the student. A scanned copy is uploaded to their CVUE file.
- If the matter cannot be resolved at this level, the student may request a Level 4 appeal in writing to the Chief Academic Officer within one (1) business day.

# Level 4 – Appeal to the Chief Academic Officer

- A Level 4 appeal may only be initiated if a Level 3 appeal was performed but did not resolve the grievance.
- The student may initiate a Level 4 appeal by submitting his/her written appeal request to the Chief Academic Officer (CAO) for review.
- The CAO will investigate the request thoroughly, including interviewing all individuals involved & reviewing all documents that relate or may potentially relate to the student's grievance.
- The original decision will stand if after review of the information, the CAO determines that the
  request for appeal was thoroughly addressed during the Level 3 appeal process & the outcome
  was justified.
- If the CAO concludes that the student has grounds for a Level 4 appeal, the CAO's office will schedule an appointment with the student. All information related to the appeal request will be reviewed.
- All decisions made by the CAO are final, & Level 4 appeal is the last step in the appeals process provided by the college.

Decisions of the Chief Academic Officer are the final step within the college's appeals process. However, students may at any time submit an appeal and/or grievance to applicable agencies:

- California Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education: P.O. Box 980818, West Sacramento, CA 95798-0818
- California Board of Vocational Nursing & Psychiatric Technicians (BVNPT): 2535 Capital Oaks Drive, Suite 205, Sacramento, CA 95833
- U. S. Department of Veteran Affairs (VA): 810 Vermont Avenue, NW; Washington, DC 20420
- Accrediting Commission of Career Schools & Colleges (ACCSC): 2101 Wilson BLVD., Suite 302;
   Arlington, VA 22201.
  - A complaint form & description of ACCSC's complaint process are available online here: www.accsc.org/Student-Corner/Complaints.aspx
- Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE): One Dupont Circle, NW Suite 530;
   Washington, DC 20036

## ATTENDANCE POLICIES

Regular class attendance is necessary to successfully complete an education program. For all programs, time spent cutting class counts towards the recorded time of absence. There are no excused absences in any program.

**Tardiness & Early Departure:** Students arriving late for or leaving early from any Lecture, Lab or Clinical course will have their missing class time counted towards their record of time of absence.

# **Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Program**

More than three (3) calendar days of absence in theory, in clinical or any combination of theory or clinical instruction will result in withdrawal from the course (W). The student may take the course at a later date based on space availability and with the RN Program Director recommendation.

Two failures or course withdrawals will result in withdrawal from the program (i.e., failure during a repeat of a course or failure in two (2) different courses).

# **Vocational Nursing (VN) Program**

Students in the Vocational Nursing program will be terminated from the program if absences exceed a total of 3,360 minutes. Additionally, Vocational Nursing students are required to make up any and all absences in their current term before starting the next term. Due to the complexities involved in scheduling off-campus clinical instruction, the College cannot guarantee a student's ability to make up such "clinical absences". There are no excused absences in the program.

For new Vocational Nursing cohorts starting <u>after April 1, 2019</u>, the following additional requirements must be met:

- Dismissal from the program will occur when a student misses any scheduled off-campus clinical instruction after already missing:
  - o 1 full day of off-campus clinical instruction during Term 1, or
  - o 2 full days of off-campus clinical instruction during Term 2, or
  - o 3 full days of off-campus clinical instruction during Term 3
- Students terminated from the program for violating any of the policies included above may seek
  re-admittance to the program via written request to the Program Director. If a re-admittance
  is granted, the student will be placed on an Attendance Probation for the duration of the
  program. Once a student is placed on Attendance Probation, dismissal from the program will
  result when a student misses more than:
  - 960 minutes in any one Term, from any combination of courses during that Term, or
  - o 1 full day of off-campus clinical instruction during Term 1, or
  - 2 full days of off-campus clinical instruction during Term 2 or Term 3

# **Online Education**

Absence in online courses is defined as a lack of participation via Substantial Interaction, which includes uploading required assignments and engaging in the various online functions required for each course. This is in addition to completing any assignments by the assigned due date. If for any reason a student has a personal circumstance that will likely limit online participation, they must notify the Instructor and the Associate Dean/Program Director of Online Academics to discuss their options. A student absent for 14 consecutive days will be administratively withdrawn from the program.

Within the first 7 calendar days after a program start:

- Students who are beginning a program for the first time by taking a single online course will
  have their program enrollment cancelled if they do not participate via Substantial Interaction in
  that particular course.
- Students who are beginning a program for the first time by taking multiple online courses will
  have their program enrollment cancelled if they do not participate via Substantial Interaction in
  any of those courses.
- Students who are beginning a program for the first time by taking multiple online courses, and
  who successfully participate via Substantial Interaction in some courses but fail to participate in
  others, shall be withdrawn from those course in which they failed to participate while remaining
  enrolled in those courses in which they successfully participated. Note that this could lead to a
  change in financial aid due to reduced credit load.

### **Allied Health and Technology Programs**

- For on-campus courses, termination will result from fourteen (14) consecutive calendar days of absence. Excluded from this 14-day policy are school-scheduled holidays and non-scheduled school days based on the schools' holiday calendar. For students who have completed their final on-campus course and are awaiting placement on an externship site, all calendar days between their last day of attendance and first day of externship count towards this 14-day policy.
- For externship courses, termination will result from fourteen (14) consecutive calendar days of absence. Excluded from this 14-day policy are days the campus is closed based on the campus operational calendar. Students wishing to attend externship on any day the campus is closed may coordinate such attendance with the Externship site. For programs with externships, 100% of the required externship hours must be completed to pass the externship course and graduate from the program.
- Termination will result when a student's total time absent from the program becomes more than 20% of the expected program length. In other words, termination from the program will occur when a student is unable to attend at least 80% of the expected program length.

### **LEAVE OF ABSENCE (LOA) POLICY**

The Institution acknowledges that there are circumstances in which a student's educational program may be interrupted due to situations not within the student's control. If an emergency situation arises making it necessary for a student to interrupt his/her training, the school, at its' discretion, may permit a student to take a Leave of Absence (LOA). Any request for an LOA must be approved by Academic management prior to the LOA commencement date. Students will be advised on any effects the LOA may have on their academic progress & financial status.

### Length & Timing of an LOA

Students may be granted multiple leaves of absence as long as the total number of days for all leaves combined does not exceed 180 days within a 12-month period. The 12-month period begins on the first day of a student's initial LOA. Students may request an extension of an existing LOA as long as the total LOA time does not exceed 180 calendar days within a 12-month period.

An LOA will not be granted during a student's first didactic module (for modular programs) or during a student's first course (for semester programs). Additionally, any student who fails to return from an approved LOA on the scheduled return date will be dropped from the program.

### Allowed Reasons for an LOA

The following situations may be considered for a student's Leave of Absence:

- Medical reasons affecting a student or member of the student's immediate family
- Military service requirements
- Jury duty
- Family tragedy (i.e., death in the immediate family)
- Other circumstances deemed appropriate by the Program Director & Corporate Compliance

### **LOA Processing**

A student who wishes to request a Leave of Absence must obtain an LOA Request Form from their Program Director or from the Campus Registrar. The request must be made in writing using the form, must be accompanied by any applicable supporting documentation, & must be reviewed & approved on or before the expected LOA start date.

### SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS

Regardless of Full Time or Part Time status, Degree or Diploma program, or Financial Aid support level, all students are expected to maintain satisfactory academic progress (SAP) while enrolled at Unitek College. To maintain SAP, a student must meet the following criteria:

### **Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA)**

Achieve a cumulative GPA of 2.5 (equivalent to 75%) in Nursing Programs (including online/distance education), or 2.0 (equivalent to 70%) for all other programs, each time SAP is evaluated.

### Pace of Completion (POC)

Achieve a minimum Pace of Completion rate of 67% for all programs. POC is calculated by dividing the credits earned by the credits attempted. Only those credits required in the student's program of study, including credits that were transferred from other approved institutions, & proficiency credits earned, are used in the POC calculation. As with the determination of CGPA, the pace of completion requirement will be evaluated at the end of each grading period after grades have been posted to determine if the student is progressing satisfactorily. The Pace of Completion for part-time students will be evaluated based on the part-time requirements for the program.

### **Maximum Timeframe**

There is a maximum timeframe in which students must graduate. For undergraduate programs measured in credit hours, the maximum timeframe is 150 percent of the total credits of the program. For an undergraduate program measured in clock hours, the maximum timeframe is 150 percent of the published length of the program as evaluated by the cumulative number of clock hours the student is required to complete as expressed in calendar time. Please note that a student in a clock hour program cannot receive federal financial aid for hours beyond those in the program; the maximum timeframe applies to the amount of calendar time the student takes to complete those hours.

#### FREQUENCY OF SAP EVALUATIONS

**Non-Term Programs:** in the Information Technology program, SAP is officially evaluated at the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> module & upon graduation. For Medical Assisting, Dental Assisting & Pharmacy Technician, SAP is evaluated at the end of the 5<sup>th</sup> module & upon graduation. SAP is reviewed for academic progress advising at end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> module & prior to externship for all modular programs. The Vocational Nursing Diploma Program evaluates SAP at the end of each semester, based on scheduled hours earned.

**Degree Programs:** The Bachelor of Science in Nursing program, Associate of Science in Vocational Nursing program, & RN-to-BSN program all evaluate SAP at the end of each semester.

### Effect of Incompletes, Withdrawals, Repetitions, & Transfer Credits on CGPA & Pace of Completion:

VOCAT	ΓΙΟΝΑL NURSING	ALL O	THER PROGRAMS	EFFEC	T ON SAP		
Letter Code	Percentage	Letter Code	Percentage	Credit	n Incl. in s Credits d Attempted	Incl. in GPA	Quality Points
ı	Incomplete	I	Incomplete	No	Yes	No	N/A
TC	Transfer Credit	TC	Transfer Credit	Yes	Yes	No	N/A
W	Withdraw	W	Withdraw	No	Yes	No	N/A
**	Repeated Course	**	Repeated Course	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A

### **Effect of Transfer Credit on SAP**

Transfer credit awarded by the college has no effect on CGPA calculations for SAP, but does effect the Pace of Completion calculation. Transfer Credits are included in maximum timeframe calculations.

### **Effect of Program Change on SAP**

Students who change programs will only have credits & grades that are applicable to the new Program (including transfer credits) calculated in SAP & Maximum Timeframe. Any credits previously taken & not part of the student's new program of study will not be used in the calculation.

#### **SAP WARNING**

If a student has not met the minimum SAP requirements, the student will be placed on SAP Warning. A school official will conduct an advising session when a student is placed on SAP Warning. The student will then be given an advising form indicating risk of probation, how long the status will last, and the conditions to be met to avoid being placed on SAP Probation.

Additionally, an SAP Warning letter will be mailed or emailed to the student which informs the student that s/he did not maintain satisfactory academic progress towards the completion of his/her program of study during the most recently completed payment period or semester. The letter also informs the student that s/he is eligible to receive financial aid (if applicable) for the next payment period or semester. However, if the student fails to make satisfactory progress by the end of that payment period or semester, s/he will be placed on SAP Probation & lose financial aid eligibility.

### **SAP PROBATION**

If a student has not met the minimum SAP requirements for either two consecutive payment periods or two consecutive semesters, the student will be placed on SAP Probation. If the student is a financial aid recipient, financial aid is suspended at that time.

### **Maximum Probation Periods**

A student may remain on academic probation no longer than one semester in Pre-Licensure Nursing Programs, & no longer than 2 semesters in Post-Licensure Nursing Programs. For Allied Health & Technology Programs, a student may remain on academic probation no longer than two courses.

Since a student must pass all courses within a semester or term in order to continue onto the next semester or term, a student may be terminated prior to the probation period ending. This will only occur

if the student's grades drop below a point where there is no possible way for the student to pass the course.

Students who do not achieve SAP by the end of the maximum probationary period will be withdrawn from their program.

All students placed on SAP Probation will develop a remediation plan with the assistance of their advisor, faculty, Program Director or authorized designee. All remediation plans include specific outcomes & a timeline.

Additionally, a SAP Probation letter will be mailed to the student notifying him/her that s/he is not making satisfactory progress towards completion of his/her program of study. The letter will also provide the student with instructions on how to appeal the suspension of financial aid eligibility (if applicable), as well as the deadline for submitting the appeal.

### Appealing Suspension of Financial Aid Eligibility (ifapplicable)

Students have the right to appeal the suspension of financial aid eligibility within 10 days from the date on the SAP Probation letter. The appeal form is available in the Registrar's Office or in the student services guide. The appeal should include an explanation, & supporting documentation, of any circumstances that prevented the student from maintaining SAP throughout the semesters in question. Examples of such circumstances are: death of a relative of the student, severe personal injury or illness of the student, & other special circumstances that have a causal link to the deterioration in academic performance. The appeal will be reviewed by a committee which will include the Financial Aid Director, among others, & the student will be notified of the result by a letter mailed to the student's address on file. The appeals committee's decision is final & non-appealable.

### Reinstatement of Financial Aid Eligibility (FA Probation)

If the appeal is approved, the student will be placed on Financial Aid Probation for one payment period or semester, at the end of which SAP will be re-evaluated. If SAP is not met, financial aid will, again, be suspended.

#### **DISMISSAL POLICY**

Dismissal from a course or program can be due to, but is not limited to, the following:

- Failure or inability to continue the program (Nursing programs); failure of any 3 courses (nonnursing programs)
- Failure to return from an approved leave of absence (LOA) as scheduled
- Violation of the student code of conduct; this includes crimes & drug-related offenses
- Violation of any attendance policy

### **Academic Dismissal**

If a student is academically dismissed, the student's academic file will be annotated to reflect this action & the file will be flagged to block future enrollment, unless the student follows the program's process for readmission. Students may be dismissed for academic reasons without previous academic action, including failure to complete all program requirements within the maximum allowable time frame.

If a student is readmitted after successfully completing the readmission process, the student will reenter on probation & be required to meet SAP at the end of the returning module or semester or be dismissed without appeal. Unitek College will graduate students who were on probation only if the standards for SAP were met prior to being eligible for graduation.

#### Other Reasons for Dismissal

Students may be dismissed from Unitek College for other reasons than those stated above if the institution determines they cannot satisfactorily meet the academic, professional, or ethical expectations, the expectations detailed in the student conduct policy, or other expectations of the program. Unitek College reserves the right to administratively dismiss students for violations of academic honesty, student conduct standards, or clinical negligence. If a student is administratively dismissed, the student's academic file will be annotated to reflect this action & the file will be flagged to block future enrollment, except through appeal. Students retain the right to appeal, please see Grievance/Appeal Process.

### **COURSE COMPLETION / INCOMPLETE**

An Incomplete (I) grade is only intended to be used as an interim course mark. A grade of "I" signifies that not all of the required coursework was completed to allow for a final grade to be determined at the end of a course. An Incomplete (I) grade may be assigned in situations where a student is in good academic standing, completed at least 75% of the course requirements, but has a permissible reason for not completing all requirements prior to grade reporting time. Students who have been granted an Incomplete (I) grade will have seven (7) calendar days from the last day of the course to complete all required coursework. If the student does not submit the required course work within the allotted time, the final course grade will be reverted from an "I" grade to the "F" grade. An Incomplete (I) grade may also be assigned in situations where a student has failed his/her exit exam. Students will be given twelve (12) weeks from the last day of the Professional Development course to remediate & retake the exit exam.

### Make Up Work

A student is responsible for all work assigned & missed during an absence, and, it is the responsibility of the student to contact the faculty member for any available make-up work; in periods of extended absence contact should be attempted prior to the missed classes. A student anticipating an absence, for any reason, should notify the appropriate academic administrator to ensure they are eligible for make-up work. For the nursing programs there are additional criteria, please see the nursing student handbook for further details.

### **WITHDRAWALS**

Students wishing to withdraw from a program must notify the school (preferably the Program Director of Registrar) verbally or in writing.

### **Allied Health & Technology Programs**

Students who have withdrawn from a program will have the status of "Withdrawal" (W) recorded on their transcript. Students who withdraw after the Last Date to Withdraw will receive a Letter Grade. If a student completes 75% or more of the course upon withdrawal, their grade is an "F". If a student completes less than 75% of the course upon withdrawal, their grade for the incomplete course will be a "W". Withdrawal status remains on a student's transcript. Students contemplating withdrawing from a course are cautioned that:

- 1) Time spent enrolled in class up to the withdrawal counts towards the maximum program completion time;
- 2) They may have to wait for the appropriate course to be offered again;
- 3) They must repeat the entire course from which they withdraw prior to receiving a final grade.
- 4) Financial aid and/or tuition costs may be affected.

### Nursing Programs: ADMINISTRATIVE WITHDRAWAL/PROBATION

A student can be administratively withdrawn or placed on probation at any time during the nursing program for reasons including, but not limited to, the following:

- Failure to comply with the rules & regulations as stated in the nursing handbook
- Absences or tardiness that exceeds the days allowed in the attendance policy
- Failure to achieve the required average of 75% in any course and/or failure to meet the objectives & requirements of that course as stated in the individual course syllabi
- Failure to achieve a passing grade on clinical evaluations
- Insubordination, failure to comply with college or hospital policies, including discourteous conduct to the public, patients, physicians, instructors or other students
- Dishonesty including, but not limited to, theft, cheating on tests, or any misrepresentation on applications or hospital records (including data omission)
- Possession or abuse of alcoholic beverages, narcotics, or any degree of intoxication on the premises of the College or any health care facility partner of the College, or conviction of a misdemeanor involving alcoholic beverages or narcotics
- Participation in, or being present at, gambling activities on premises of the College or any of its clinical partners
- Nonpayment of tuition & fees
- Demonstrating behavior that has jeopardized, or could have jeopardized, the health or safety of any student, staff or patient

Probationary status & conditions will be established on an individual basis after meeting with faculty & director. Students may be withdrawn without being placed on probation at the discretion of the Program Director.

#### Reinstatement

Students who have been terminated or have voluntarily withdrawn may apply for reinstatement by contacting the Registrar. Students who were terminated or voluntarily withdrew from their program for unsatisfactory academic performance are permitted only one opportunity for re-admission. No readmission is guaranteed, & all are based on availability of space & the Program Director's recommendation. Students must follow the readmission policy in their student handbook.

Re-entry must be no later than 6 months for Allied Health & Technology programs & one year for Nursing Programs from the withdrawal date; otherwise the student must start at the beginning of the program. Students may be reinstated when the next module or semester they need is available. If students achieve a cumulative GPA of at least 70% by the end of that module for Allied Health & Technology Programs & at least 75% by the end of that semester for Nursing Programs, they will be making satisfactory academic progress. If a student has been terminated for failure of a course for a second time they must request an appeals committee meeting to be considered for reinstatement. Students must follow the appeals & grievance policy detailed in the catalog.

#### **Course Retakes**

### **Nursing Programs**

A Student may be eligible to repeat a course if they did not receive a passing grade. However, the course the student must repeat is subject to the qualification standards for repeating a course, as defined by the Program Director. At time of failure of a course, the Student will be informed of the possibility of a repeat & the scheduling of the repeat course. If a repeat is not possible, the Student will be withdrawn & may appeal to the Program Director for readmission at a later time to complete the program & repeat any failed courses; (see FSA Handbook, 1-12 & 1-13). The failing grade & the second grade earned in the course will be entered on the student transcript.

### **Allied Health & Technology Programs**

Students who fail a module are allowed one retake of that module. If repeating one or more modules is required, the length of the program must not exceed 1.5 times the planned program length. A student may not repeat the same module more than once unless an appeal has been submitted & approved. If a student is approved to repeat the same module twice & fails the module for a third time, the student will be dropped from the program. In some situations, a required module may not be immediately available for the student to continue attendance. If the next required module is not immediately available but will be available within 45 days of the end date of the failed module, & if the student does not want to withdraw from the program, the student will be notified that he/she has been placed in an Administrative Leave of Absence (ALOA) status & will be provided with the start date of his/her next required module. Failure to attend the next required module may result in termination from the program. In the event the next required module is not available within 45 days of the end date of the failed module, the student will be dropped from the program & may re-enter on the start date of the next available module.

#### **Retake Fees**

Students who need to retake a course for unsuccessful completion (due to not passing the course or withdrawal from the course) will be charged tuition at the currently established rate for that course & all remaining courses in the program. In addition, re-entry nursing students will be charged an ATI reactivation fee of \$75.00 for their ATI assessment program. This policy does not apply to the following programs, for which tuition is not charged for repeat failed courses: Medical Assisting, Pharmacy Technician, Information Technology, & Dental Assisting.

### **Clinical Rotations: Pre-licensure Nursing Programs**

Clinical rotations occur throughout the program while the didactic portion is being taught. Specific assignments & locations are provided to students prior to the rotations beginning. Shifts & sites of clinical rotations vary; there are required morning, afternoon, evening, & weekend clinical experiences that may change with limited notice. Students are responsible to have dependable transportation to meet the demands of clinical rotations. Please refer to the nursing handbook & program calendars provided on the first day of class for specific guidelines. Please note that clinical assignments are based on educational criteria, not carpooling or other considerations; it is the student's responsibility to have reliable transportation to attend all clinical assignments.

### **EXTERNSHIP/CLINICAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

Unitek College offers Externship experiences in Modular programs, & Clinical experiences in prelicensure Nursing programs. Eligibility to participate in the extern or clinical portion of a program requires completion of all pre- requisite course work at minimum accepted levels. It is the student's personal & financial responsibility to obtain any required immunizations, proof of antibodies (titers) or other medical requirements that are specific to a clinical site the students is assigned to & are in addition to those required for admission to the program in order to participate in the externship/clinical training. Externships are scheduled as the last course in a program & require receipt of confirmed final payment of tuition. All externships & clinical rotations are requirements of their associated educational programs, & are not paid work experiences. While on Externship, a campus-based Instructor is assigned to each student to oversee the externship experience & be a resource for the student. Externships & Clinical rotations are under the supervision of Program Faculty. Extern/Clinical site staff may not revise the learning objectives without specific permission from the Program Director.

### **EXTERNSHIP PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS - Allied Health & Technology Programs**

In order to participate in externships, the following are required: (see Program Specific criteria in the Student Handbook & Externship Performance Agreement). Students must:

- Attend the Career Services Seminar, Career Development Workshops & Externship Orientations
- Satisfactorily complete a mock interview with Career Services
- Provide records of all relevant immunizations by the set deadlines. Immunizations are to be completed on students' personal time.
- Attend any site-specified orientations, interviews or drug testing
- Students must provide or arrange for their own transportation during the externship period
- Review & sign the extern performance agreement form
- Review the Unitek College Externship Checklist, obtain all required signatures & return the form to the externship coordinator or instructor
- Keep an accurate time sheet & submit it weekly to Career Services
- All students must return to campus as scheduled for class sessions.
- Adhere to instructions & objectives in the Externship courses syllabus
- Assist their site supervisor in timely completion of evaluations & assure that they are returned to the College upon completion. The point of contact to facilitate communication with the externship sites is the Career Services Department.
- Comply with the standards of dress, conduct & attendance as established by Unitek College
- Comply with additional standards of professional behavior, conduct, policies & procedures as established by the clinical facility.

Students in programs that require completion of an externship are expected to participate in a full time (40-hours per week) externship experience determined by the college to meet program requirements. Externships begin immediately after a program's didactic portion is completed. Please note that while on externship, school holidays do not apply. Students are required to work the shift as set by the Externship site, with its holiday schedule.

The College will work with each student in arranging one Externship site (for applicable programs) selected from the sites which have contracted with the college. Students wishing to arrange their own Externship site or to attend a particular Externship site may suggest those sites, but suggested sites located more than 50 miles from the campus at which the student is enrolled will not be considered.

It is the responsibility of the student to meet the externship guidelines set by the college & the externship site. Students are not allowed to change externship sites from the one to which they were assigned. If a student is dismissed from a site for not following the guidelines, it will be their responsibility to find a replacement externship site in order to meet the program requirements. The proposed new site must be approved by the Program Director & be within 50 miles of the campus at which the student is enrolled.

In order to pass an Externship course, a studentmust attend an Alumni Success Workshop and submit:

- all timecard(s) showing completed required hours with Externship Site Supervisor's signature
- a completed Site Evaluation from the Site Supervisor
- a completed Student Survey

### STUDENT SERVICES

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Counseling (WellConnect)

Active students are offered a confidential & free program that provides professional assistance & valuable resources to help resolve issues that interfere with success at school. The college has contracted with WellConnect for students to utilize telephone or face-to-face counseling & coaching for challenges such as balancing school, work & life; relationship & parenting concerns; stress & anxiety; legal & financial concerns. This is a free service available to all Unitek College students 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to help them resolve issues that may be interfering with their progress of success in school. The program is paid for by the school so students can receive free counseling services. Relevant coping skills such as career development, personal & financial skills, budgeting, housing or transportation are topics that WellConnect handles with particular emphasis on counseling, housing, childcare, financial advice/assistance, legal assistance, transportation & health care.

WellConnect is introduced & made available to all enrolled students during Orientation & through a recorded phone message which is sent out before every class start. Students are given a brochure with a tear-off sheet with the WellConnect toll free number, their website & the username & password to access the site. Posters & flyers are made available to students throughout the campus. Students are again advised & encouraged to contact WellConnect when they speak to any staff or faculty member about hardships that affect their progress or state of mind in school such as: finding an affordable medical provider, marital or daycare issues, or financial problems. Additionally, faculty may have the option to fill out a form for any student they are formally referring to WellConnect. The form is filled out by the faculty & sent to WellConnect so if the student contacts them, WellConnect may notify the school to confirm that the student did in fact seek counseling. No information other than confirming that the student availed of counseling will be released to the school.

#### **Academic Advising**

The role of academic advising is to provide information about academic progress, programs & available resources. In addition, faculty are available to help students to think critically & to empower them to explore options & make decisions about their education. Each student is assigned a primary faculty advisor for the duration of the program. Students who require academic advising can request an advising appointment with their advisor, instructor, or the Program Director.

#### **Tutoring**

After school tutoring is available on campus for students in the college's pre-licensure programs. Tutoring for other programs may also be available at certain campuses, & students may request such services from their Instructor. It is the Tutor's responsibility to answer questions & clarify information students receive during lecture, using the provided textbooks as resources as well as any handouts provided by the Instructor. Tutoring does not replace lecture, & Tutors are responsible for tutoring to the lesson plan objectives since they will not have access to the exam.

#### CAREER SERVICES

In order to qualify for employment assistance, students must have successfully completed their education program & satisfied all financial obligations with Unitek College. A Career Services Coordinator assists graduates with enhancing their professional skills & job searching techniques to

successfully obtain employment. Students' success in this relationship will depend largely on:

- 1. Attendance at all one-on-one sessions, meetings, seminars & workshops
- 2. Submitting a resume as scheduled by the Career Services staff
- 3. Use of a personal job search file
- 4. Compliance with standards of professional conduct & appearance at all times during the job search process.

At Unitek College employment assistance consists of the following:

- 1. Career development planning, career coaching & interviewing skills
- 2. Preparation of resumes, cover letters & thank you letters
- 3. Establishing references
- 4. Career Development seminars & workshops
- 5. Communication & Public Speaking skills
- 6. Job search techniques & networking skills
- 7. Professional development in a business setting
- 8. Reviewing "dress for success" strategies
- 9. Volunteer opportunities
- 10. Electronic & "Hot" Job leads

The Career Services staff is here to assist graduates in obtaining employment after graduation but cannot & do not guarantee employment.

### **FINANCIAL AID**

The Financial Aid (FA) Department strives to provide excellent service to deliver financial aid information to prospective, current & former students & their families. Information include federal, state, institutional & private aid options to cover educational cost. FA Staff assist in the completion of required documents, & processes all financial aid awards. The focus of the FA Office is helping students attend Unitek College by alleviating or eliminating financial barriers, & maximizing all available resources to help meet each student's financial needs. FA staff assist students in a variety of ways throughout the enrollment process & while attending school. Unitek College recognizes that each student is an individual with unique needs & barriers. The FA Office strives to provide information to increase awareness of available financial resources, & to provide information on how to access resources by reaching out to students, parents, & the general public. The FA Office recognizes that financial barriers are not always long term & significant, but can also be short term & only involve small amounts of funds.

### Overview

Financial Aid is money that can be used to cover the costs associated with attending Unitek College. Financial Aid funds are provided by U.S. taxpayers to ensure that all those who want a college education have the financial ability to pay for their college expenses. This money can be in the form of grants, scholarships & federal loans. All loans & some grants must be repaid.

We understand that the rules that govern the financial aid programs can sometimes be complicated. However, the staff at Unitek College's Financial Aid Office are available to answer questions & provide special assistance as needed.

All financial aid at Unitek College is administered in accordance with the policies & procedures of the U.S. Department of Education. The basis of such programs is that students & their parents have the

primary responsibility to meet educational costs & that financial aid is available only to fill the gap between the families and/or student's contribution & allowable educational expenses. The amount of expected student or family contribution is determined by an analysis of financial strength: income & net assets, which the family may have versus the allowable expenses. Educational expenses that are considered a basis for establishing student need include nonresident tuition, fees, books & supplies, room, board, transportation, & personal expenses. The Unitek College Financial Aid office has established standard student budgets to reflect the costs of each of these items based on a statewide cost survey & local cost data.

The Financial Aid Office at Unitek College is always available to assist federal loan borrowers with student loan questions or concerns. If an issue exists, borrowers should first attempt to resolve the issue by contacting the Financial Aid Office. If the borrower has made a reasonable effort to resolve the issue through normal processes & has not been successful, s/he should contact the Federal Student Aid (FSA) Ombudsman. The FSA Ombudsman will informally research a borrower's issue & make suggestions for resolution. The FSA Ombudsman contact information is listed below:

Online: http://studentaid.gov/repay-loans/disputes/prepare

Telephone: 877.557.2575 Fax: 606.396.4821

Mail: FSA Ombudsman Group, PO Box 1843, Monticello, KY 42633

### **Private Lending Options**

Private loans are available to students through various lending institutions to help pay educational expenses. Private loans, which are not insured by the federal government, have repayment terms that vary depending on the lender from which you borrow. Unitek College encourages students to explore federal & state grants & loans, & to consider the anticipated monthly loan payments along with expected future earnings before considering a private education loan. Federal student loans are required by law to provide a range of flexible repayment options & loan forgiveness benefits, which private student loans are not required to provide. Generally, private loans require that the borrower is a U.S. Citizen, a U.S. national, or a permanent resident & must be creditworthy. International students are eligible with a creditworthy cosigner (who must be a U.S. Citizen or permanent resident) & appropriate U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Service documentation. If the student has no credit or a poor credit history, he/she may still qualify for a loan by applying with a creditworthy co-borrower. Most lenders expect you to have a qualified co-borrower before they will approve the loan. Interest rates & repayment terms vary between private lenders.

Unitek College does not make any recommendations regarding private lender selection for students who decide to pursue private loan options. Students may borrow from any lender. Be sure to research & review each lender's terms & conditions before making a final decision. Please contact your selected lender to determine if Unitek College is an eligible institution. If Unitek is approved, we will gladly certify your loan with your lender.

### **Books & Supplies**

## Opting out of Books & Supplies & Early Financial Aid Disbursement for Books & Supplies Policy for Pell Eligible Students

Any Pell eligible student who "opts out of books & supplies" during the enrollment process & who will have a refund after tuition & fees are applied to their student bill will be eligible to receive an early disbursement for books & supplies. Students are eligible if the disbursement of financial aid funds will result in a credit balance. Eligible students will be notified by the Financial Aid Office regarding the Book

& Supply Allowance Policy via email. Those students who qualify for a refund will receive a refund check up to the maximum amount allowed for books & supplies for each payment period or up to their total refund amount if the refund due is under the maximum for books & supplies. The early book & supply allowance for eligible students will be deducted from the total refund due for the term. Checks are required to be received by the student prior to the 7th day of class. Students will be notified two weeks before disbursement of their Book & Supply Allowance.

#### **Federal Student Loan Information**

Federal regulations require all first-time Federal Direct Student Loan borrowers participate in Entrance Loan Counseling before receiving the first disbursement of their loan proceeds. To complete an on-line Entrance or Exit Loan Counseling please visit the following links:

Entrance Counseling Session: <a href="www.studentloans.gov">www.nslds.ed.gov</a>
Follow the instructions carefully, complete all sections, & email the completed counseling session to the Financial Aid Office at <a href="mailto:financialaid@unitekcollege.edu">financialaid@unitekcollege.edu</a>

Students and/or students' parents applying for & receiving a federal student loan under the Title IV student financial assistance programs & the Higher Education Act (HEA) will have their information reported to the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) & this information will be accessible by guaranty agencies, lenders & schools determined to be authorized users of the data system.

#### **Cal Grant**

Cal Grant (A, B & C) is a state-funded educational opportunity grant program administered by the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) to assist students in paying for a college education. All Cal Grant payments are credited to the student's account to cover outstanding tuition, fees, books & supplies. Funds are awarded for the fall, spring, & summer terms only if eligible. Cal Grants may be renewed if the recipient continues to meet the income, asset, unmet need found on the established eligibility requirements & information based on the results of a current Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

FAFSA & GPA Verification forms must be submitted to the Cal Grant office by March 2<sup>nd</sup> to meet the CSAC's deadline. Students must be enrolled at least half-time, & meet Cal Grant requirements in the semester in order to receive this disbursement.

**Cal Grant A:** provides tuition/ fee assistance for Undergraduate California residents at a qualifying four-year college. These awards vary by type of college. The following GPA requirements are as follows: Students who have a high school GPA of at least 3.0 & meet the established program eligibility criteria or if applying using a Community College GPA must have at least a 2.40.

Note: Award Amounts will differ based on type of college. 2016-2017, Cal Grants are up to \$12,240 at a University of California Campus, \$5472 at a California State University Campus & up to \$9084 at an Independent College.

**Cal Grant B**: provides living allowance & tuition fee assistance. Awards for most first-year students are limited to an allowance of up to \$1656 for books & living expenses. When renewed or awarded beyond the freshman year, the award also helps pay for tuition & fees (up to \$12,240 at a UC campus, up to \$5,472 at a CSU campus & up to \$9,084 at independent colleges for 2016-2017) GPA must be a least a 2.0 to meet requirements.

**Cal Grant C** assists with tuition & training related costs (such as books & supplies) for occupational, vocational, & technical programs. Grant provides up to \$547 for books, tools & equipment & up to \$2,462 more for tuition & fees if student is attending a school other than a California Community College. Cal Grant C is available for up to two years. Additional required Cal Grant C Supplemental Forms must be submitted to CSAC upon applicant's award submission.

### **Cal Grant Refund Policy**

Cal Grant recipients may want to rescind their Cal Grant Award & notify the California Student Aid Commission of their leave or withdrawal in order to preserve their eligibility for a future semester. Students can process a leave of absence request with the California Student Aid Commission online at <a href="https://www.csac.ca.gov">www.csac.ca.gov</a> & click the link "WebGrants4Students." In this case, the student would be responsible for covering the tuition balance on their student account.

If a student is dismissed or withdraws from school, all unearned Title IV funds will be refunded to the Department of Education, & any unearned funds will be returned to Cal Grant or State Funds & lastly, to Private Loans accordingly.

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

### **Clinical Educational Scholarship**

Unitek College may allow discounts to qualified employees of institutions providing clinical education experience to Unitek students. The size, availability, terms & conditions of these discounts are subject to change from time to time. For complete details please contact the Admissions department. This scholarship is capped at \$100,000 annually across all Unitek College Campuses.

### **ADN Alumni Scholarship**

This scholarship is available to graduates of Unitek College's Vocational Nursing (VN) Diploma program who enroll in Unitek College's pre-licensure Registered Nursing (RN) program: The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program. This scholarship is awarded based on financial need & requires the completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Financial need is defined as:

Cost of Attendance – Estimated Financial Assistance – Expected Family Contribution

This scholarship cannot be used in conjunction with any tuition reduction programs or create a credit balance on any student's account. In the event a credit balance is created resulting from the Alumni Scholarship, the scholarship will be reduced to remove the credit balance. Applications for this scholarship will be completed during the enrollment process into the RN program.

### **VN Alumni Scholarship**

This scholarship is available to graduates of Unitek College's Medical Assisting Diploma program who enroll in Unitek College's Vocational Nursing (VN) program: This scholarship is awarded based on financial need & requires the completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Financial need is defined as:

Cost of Attendance – Estimated Financial Assistance – Expected Family Contribution

This scholarship cannot be used in conjunction with any tuition reduction programs. Applications for this scholarship will be completed during the enrollment process into the VN Diploma program.

#### RN-to-BSN Alumni Scholarship

Graduates of Unitek College's Associate of Science in Nursing (ADN) program, who pass the NCLEX-RN exam are eligible for a discount of 25% off the tuition of Unitek College's RN-to-BSN program. Tuition cost & discount savings are listed as follows:

BSN (61 semester credits)	Full-time	Half-time	Less Than Half- time
Semester 1	\$ 3,800	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,800
Semester 2	\$ 3,800	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,800
Semester 3	\$ 3,800	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,800
Semester 4	\$ 3,800	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,800
Semester 5	\$ 3,800	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,800
Semester 6		\$ 2,500	\$ 1,800
Semester 7		\$ 2,500	\$ 1,800
Semester 8		\$ 2,500	\$ 1,800
Semester 9		\$ 2,500	\$ 1,800
Semester 10		\$ 2,500	\$ 1,800
Semester 11			\$ 1,800
Semester 12			\$ 1,800
Semester 13			\$ 1,800
Semester 14			\$ 1,800
Semester 15			\$ 1,800
Total	\$ 19,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 27,000
25% Alumni Discount	\$ (4,750)	\$ (6,250)	\$ (6,750)
Cost after Alumni Discount	\$ 14,250	\$ 18,750	\$ 20,250
Enrollment Status	Tuition Per Semester	Alumni Discount	After Discount
Full-time (12 to 18 credits)	\$ 3,800	\$ (950.00)	\$ 2,850.00
Three Quarter-time (9 to 11.5 credits)	\$ 3,200	\$ (800.00)	\$ 2,400.00
Half-time (6 to 8.5 credits)	\$ 2,500	\$ (625.00)	\$ 1,875.00
Less- than Half-time (0.5 to 5.5 credits)	\$ 1,800	\$ (450.00)	\$ 1,350.00
Total Credits for Program	61		

Students may qualify for both scholarship opportunities & can save up to \$7,750 - \$9,750 depending on enrollment load into the BSN program.

### Conditions of Eligibility:

- 1. The student must remain enrolled & graduate from the BSN program. In the event the student drops from the program, the student will lose eligibility for the scholarship and/or discount.
- 2. Student must complete the financial aid process and/or secure funding to pay for the entire cost of the program less the scholarship and/or discount.
- 3. Student must have an account in good standing to qualify for the scholarship and/or discount. Failure to maintain financial obligations may disqualify the student from participating in the scholarship/or discount & cause the student to be dropped from the program.
- 4. Student must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress as specified in the academic catalog to remain eligible for the scholarship and/or discount.

5. Students are responsible for all books, supplies, & fees associated with the program.

For questions about these opportunities, financial aid or the RN-to-BSN program, please contact your Online Financial Aid Administrator.

### **STUDENT FINANCE POLICIES**

Student responsibilities for applying for & receiving financial aid at Unitek College are as follows:

- 1. Complete all requested forms for financial aid accurately
- 2. Use all financial aid received solely for expense related to attending Unitek College
  - a) Students that apply for financial aid understand that costs related to attending school are defined in the cost of attendance budget
- 3. Submit in a timely manner all additional documentation requested by Financial Aid.
  - a) These documents can include tax forms & household information.

### **Student Financial Aid Rights:**

- 1. the right to know how financial need was determined
- 2. the right to know how financial aid will be distributed
- 3. the right to request an explanation of programs in the financial aid package
- 4. the right to refuse any aid offered
- 5. the right to request an explanation of the College's refund policy
- 6. The right to know what portion of financial aid must be repaid & what portion is a grant.
  - a. If a loan has been received, have the right to know the interest rate & loan repayment options & procedures
- 7. The right to examine the contents of aid records provided a written request is made to the Department of Financial Aid.
  - a. Students may not review confidential records submitted by parents without the written consent of the parent whose information has been submitted.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

To be considered for Federal financial aid, a student must:

- 1. Be past the age for compulsory school attendance in California (over 18 years old) & not concurrently enrolled in high school, an elementary or secondary school program, or taking college credit to earn a high school diploma or GED. California compulsory education law requires everyone age 6-18 to attend school until graduation from high school or passing the California High School Proficiency Exam (CHSPE).
- 2. Have proof (a copy) of any of the following:
  - a. US High School Diploma or transcript from a state approved or US Department of Education approved school
  - b. G.E.D. certificate
  - c. Associate's, Bachelor's or Master's Degree obtained from a US Department of Education Accredited school
  - d. Foreign HS Transcript, Associates Degree Transcript, Bachelor's Degree Transcript, or Master's Degree Transcript evaluated to be the equivalent of a US High School Diploma.
- 3. Be a US citizen, national or eligible permanent resident of the United States;
- 4. Be enrolled or admitted to a degree or diploma program at Unitek College that is eligible for Federal Financial Aid;
- 5. Not owe repayment of a Federal Grant or be in default of a Federal Direct Student Loan or to Unitek College:
- 6. Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress as defined by Unitek College's Standards for Academic

Progress & published in the catalog;

7. If you are male, you must register and/or be confirmed as registered with Selective Services

### **Program Availability**

Unitek College makes financial aid resources available to its students including federal & alternative loans or payment plans. Some funds are need-based, meaning the funds go to the most financially needy students who qualify first. There are also non need-based funds that are available to any students who qualify for the programs regardless of their income or that of their parents. Need-based programs that Unitek College currently offers include the Federal Pell Grant & Federal Direct subsidized student loans. Non-need-based programs include unsubsidized student loans, parent loans, alternative loans, & some scholarships.

Students considered for financial aid must apply using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) found at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Some financial aid resources require a student to submit additional application materials; scholarships, for example, might have a completely separate form to submit to the funding agency. The Financial Aid Office is not responsible for the application process of outside resources like non-Unitek College scholarships, although all students are encouraged to apply for scholarships that might contribute to their financial resources while attending college.

Prior to release of any eligible FSA Title IV funds & at the time awards are to be paid the Financial Aid Office will check a student's enrollment & continued eligibility through the Registrar's Office. Changes in a student's enrollment or program may cause delays or removals of any scheduled disbursement(s). All awards will be posted to the student's account at Unitek College, and, any monies that are posted above the student's outstanding current school charges will be sent directly to the student's address on file in check format via standard post. Should a student not wish to receive the payment via standard post to the address on file they must notify the business office in writing at businessoffice@unitekcollege.edu. It is important to keep the Business Office, the Registrar & the Financial Aid Office updated on with current addresses on all student accounts. Money will NOT be requested for payment of tuition or other charges earlier than three days after the start of the payment period. A student's financial aid award is based on enrollment level as of census date per semester, & any changes made prior to the census date must be addressed in financial aid prior to release of any pending FSA awards. If a student has a late-starting class due to a late enrollment it will be verified & adjusted as final attempted credits are tallied & any other such changes that may be made if deemed necessary.

### **Packaging**

Financial aid funds usually come from more than one source. This combination of financial resources is referred to as packaging. State programs are always subject to an approved State budget. Financial aid funds may be categorized into four basic sources: federal, state, institutional, & private. Because there are too many outside private sources to list here, only Federal sources are listed below:

- Federal Pell Grant
- Federal Direct Subsidized Loan
- Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan
- Federal Parental Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS)
- Campus Based Programs (SEOG & Federal Work Study)

### **Applying for Financial Aid**

The procedures required to apply for financial aid are published in this Catalog & additional information

can be obtained by visiting the Financial Aid Office. There are many forms which may be required to evaluate student aid eligibility. However, a student need only apply for admission & file the Federal Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to begin application process. Additional documents may be requested to complete processing of the aid request. Students will be notified via e-mail or phone/message if additional documents are required.

- Proof of citizenship
- Proof of selective service registration
- Marriage certificate
- Verification Worksheet
- Tax returns (parent & student and/or spouse)

#### Verification

If your FAFSA application is selected by the U.S. Department of Education for a process called verification you will be required to submit additional information to the Student Financial Services Office in order to receive federal student aid. This selection is based on information that you provided on your FAFSA. This documentation will need to be submitted within 30 days of selection. Failure to submit this documentation will result in Title IV funding being suspended. Without the funding your tuition & fees will not be paid & you can be dismissed from your program.

#### **Disclosure Information**

Additional consumer & disclosure information regarding placement rates, median loan debt, cost of programs, etc. is at the Unitek College website www.unitekcollege.edu/disclosures

#### **Consumer Information**

The Student Consumer Information Guide can be found on our website at <a href="https://www.unitekcollege.edu/docs/disclosures/Student\_Consumer\_Information\_2018.pdf">https://www.unitekcollege.edu/docs/disclosures/Student\_Consumer\_Information\_2018.pdf</a>
This guide will direct you to all of the required consumer information.

### **Need-Based Eligibility**

To be eligible to receive need-based Federal assistance, a student must:

- 1. Be enrolled in an eligible program of study as part-time or full-time student.
- Be a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or U.S. permanent resident or reside in the United States for other than a temporary purpose (supportive documentation may be required to verify residency or citizenship status).
- 3. Maintain satisfactory academic progress in their course of study.
- 4. Not be in default of any loan or owe a repayment on a Federal Pell Grant, FSEOG, or State Grant.
- 5. Demonstrate financial need.

#### **Definition of Financial Need**

Students are packaged for financial aid based on the student's financial need. Financial need is determined by subtracting student's Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from to Unitek College's Cost of Attendance (COA). Aid from most Federal aid programs is awarded on the basis of financial need. The information a student reports on their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is used to calculate each specific student's "Expected Family Contribution" (EFC). Eligibility for the Pell Grant Program is determined by the student's EFC. If the student's EFC is too high students, would not be eligible for Pell Grant. To ensure compliance with federal regulations, Unitek College defines the neediest students as those whose EFC = 0.

Financial aid packages are awarded as follows:

- The Pell Grant is awarded to students who meet the federal criteria including the student's EFC. Award amounts vary.
- The Federal Direct Subsidized & Unsubsidized Loans are awarded to all eligible students based upon the academic grade level, the amount of eligibility available for the student(s) based on prior borrowing, & the remaining need.

#### **Cost of Attendance**

Cost of attendance (COA) components are composed of direct & indirect costs which establishes the student's unmet need for attending Unitek College. Below is a list of cost categories utilized in calculating the full cost of attendance at Unitek.

Direct Costs	Indirect Costs
Tuition & Fees	Room & Board Living Expenses
Books & Supplies	Personal & Miscellaneous Expenses
Lab & Technology Fees	Transportation Costs

Direct costs are all expenses associated with direct program costs including tuition, fees, books & supplies.

Indirect costs are living expenses associated with attending school and are calculated using a monthly cost allocation for each living expense category. Unitek utilizes the California Student Aid Commission's recommended monthly cost of attendance allocations to determine the true cost of attendance for each student. This amount is based on the student's living situation & length of the program. The student's indirect expenses may change.

To view your full cost of attendance for your program with living expenses, please go to Unitek's website & view the Net Price Calculator & cost of attendance allocation at:

https://www.unitekcollege.edu/docs/disclosures/Cost-of-Attendance-Allocations-2017-2018-and-2018-2019.pdf

### **Academic Grade Levels**

Academic Grade Levels at the college (by clock hours & semester credits) are as follows:

Credit/Clock Hour Breakdown	Grade Level
0-24 Credits / 900 Clock hours	1
25-51 Credits / 1589 Clock hours	2
52-76 Credits	3
77 + Credits	4

Loan amounts cannot exceed the remaining of a student's annual loan limit at the loan level associated with their training program.

### Disbursement

All Financial Aid is received by the Financial Aid Office & disbursed through the Business Office. Eligible Title IV & other Financial Aid funds will first reduce any tuition a student owes Unitek College and, depending on the method by which the student selects, a refund of any overages will be returned by

check. Checks will be mailed to the mailing address on file with the school.

Students who are Pell Grant eligible will have disbursements as follows: the first disbursement will be after the add/drop period & the second disbursement will be the first day of the following semester/semester. The first disbursement will be 50% of the student's Pell Grant eligibility & any scholarships you may have been awarded. The remainder of the student's financial aid (loans, SEOG, etc.) as well as the other 50% of the student's Pell Grant will be disbursed the first day of the following semester. As students become eligible for additional aid, Unitek College will process the updates &notify the business office of the additional funds. The business office will produce refund checks on Friday of each week & all checks will be mailed to the mailing address on file with the school.

The U.S. Department of Education requires that for all first-time loan borrowers a 30-day delay from the start of semester be put in place. For alternative loans, the loan is disbursed once per semester/semester.

### Withholding Aid

Unitek College reserves the right to withhold aid from any student, at any time, who has:

- 1. Not met the eligibility requirements or resolved the conflicts in information as it pertains to their financial aid awards;
- 2. Not completed mandatory entrance counseling & signed the MPN/Plus MPN
- 3. Not performed satisfactorily at the published minimal academic standards, or, due to an attendance pattern, appears to abuse the financial assistance programs. For example, financial aid could be withheld from any student who, withdraws from all classes two consecutive semesters, or, who has previously attended two or more institutions & who has not progressed satisfactorily, or, who does not appear to be pursuing degree/diploma completion, etc.

#### **Documentation of Citizenship**

To be eligible to receive Title IV, Higher Education Act assistance a student must:

- 1) Be a citizen or national of the United States, or
- 2) Provide evidence from the US Immigration & Naturalization Service that they are:
  - a. A permanent resident of the United States with Permanent Resident Cards or Resident Alien Cards
  - b. Classified as one of the eligible non-citizen categories:
    - i. Refugees
    - ii. Victims of human trafficking
    - iii. Persons granted asylum
    - iv. Persons paroled into the US for at least one year
    - v. Some persons under the Violence against women act
    - vi. Cuban Haitian entrants

### Misrepresentation & Fraud

Any student found or suspected to have misreported information and/or altered documentation to increase his/her student aid eligibility or to fraudulently obtain federal funds may face loss of participation in federal financial aid programs for the current academic year and/or the remaining semesters of enrollment.

Unitek College will investigate any allegations of misrepresentation. As per federal regulation 668.14(g), a case of fraud will be referred to the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Education, & if appropriate, to the state or local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction to investigate the

matter.

Financial Aid Administrators of Title IV programs & funds are obligated to ensure processes are in place to protect against fraud by applicants or staff. The Financial Aid Office has procedures for handling actual or suspected cases of fraud or abuse. Individuals who submit fraudulent information or documentation to obtain financial aid funds will be investigated & all cases of fraud & abuse will be reported to the proper authorities. Regulations require only that the college refer the suspected case for investigation, not that a conclusion be reached about the propriety of the conduct.

#### **Procedures for Fraud**

If a Financial Aid Officer suspects or determines intentional misrepresentation of facts, false statements, or altered documents which resulted or could result in the awarding or disbursement of funds for which the student is not eligible, the information shall be reported to the Director of Financial Aid for review & possible disciplinary action. If the Director of Financial Aid determines or suspects fraud, all information will be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer, School President, the Office of Inspector General of the Department of Education, and/or the local law enforcement agency.

The Financial Aid Office must identify & resolve discrepancies in the information received from different sources with respect to a student's application for Title IV aid. These items include, but are not limited to:

- Student aid applications
- Needs analysis documents e.g. Institutional Student Information Records (ISIRs,) Student Aid Reports (SARs)
- Federal income tax returns
- Documents & information related to a student's citizenship
- School credentials e.g. high school diploma
- Documentation of the student's Social Security Number (SSN)
- Compliance with the Selective Service registration requirement
- Other factors related to students' eligibility for Title IV funds

Some forms of financial aid fraud include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Forged signatures on an application, verification documentation or master promissory notes
- Falsified documents including reporting members that are not part of your household
- · False statements of income
- False statements of citizenship
- Use of fictitious names, addresses, SSNs
- False claims of independent status

Cases of fraud will be reported to the Office of Inspector General (OIG): Inspector General's Hotline:

1-800-MIS-USED <a href="http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oig/hotline.html">http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oig/hotline.html</a>

Office of Inspector General

US Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW

Washington, DC 20202-1510

### **Payment Methods**

Accepted payment methods are: cash, check, credit card, Financial Aid or private bank loans.

#### **Student Loan Repayment**

Students are responsible for the re-payment of loans plus any interest accrued. If students fail to repay any loans, income tax refunds can be withheld. Students may not be eligible to receive another student loan, financial aid or government housing assistance until the loan is paid. Semesters & schedules of loan repayment will be disclosed & discussed with the student once the lender is determined.

### **Delinquency & Default**

Students who experience a financial hardship and/or have difficulty making their monthly student loan payments are advised to contact the Direct Loan Servicing Center immediately to discuss their financial situation, other repayment options & determine eligibility for loan deferment or forbearance. Payments received after the due date will be considered delinquent. Default occurs when delinquent payments are not received for 270 days. Students who default on a federal student loan are not eligible for additional federal financial aid, the entire unpaid amount is due immediately, & the default(s) are reported to the national credit agencies; additional repercussions could occur.

### Federal Work Study (FWS)

FWS enables students who demonstrate financial need to earn aid to pay for their education expenses. Students earn at least the current hourly minimum wage by working at the College, for nonprofit agencies or for-profit businesses. Unitek helps eligible students locate jobs; certain restrictions apply. Unlike traditional sources of income, FWS earnings are exempt from the subsequent year's expected family contribution calculations. Funds are allocated annually on July 1<sup>st</sup> & are limited. Due to the nature of this program, FWS awards are offered on a first-come, first-serve basis. To be considered for FWS, students must complete a FAFSA application, have an unmet need & show an interest in working part-time to be considered for FWS funds. Award ranges from \$200 to \$4500 per academic year. If interested in participating, please inquire with your Financial Aid Administrator about the program. Depending on funds availability & your qualifications, you will need to provide a resume & employment application to be considered for an interview.

### Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)

FSEOG (Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant) is a campus-based federal aid awarded to Pell recipients with the most financial need. Financial need is based on a student's Expected Family Contribution received off of the student ISIR. Unitek will award FSEOG to those students with the lowest EFC's starting at zero.

### Student Direct Loans - Subsidized & Unsubsidized

Once the FAFSA has been completed, & an EFC value defined, individual financial need will be established, & for students enrolled at least half time, they may apply for student loans. Students must maintain half-time enrollment in order to remain eligible for loans. Those with unmet financial need may receive subsidized loans (government pays interest while in school); those without need may receive unsubsidized loans (student pays interest while in school). Loan limits are federally established & may never exceed a student's cost of attendance. Student loans are deferred for six months after graduating or dropping below half-time status. An entrance & exit counseling session is required for all students who receive loans. Semesters of the promissory note, avoidance & consequences of default, student notification & responsibilities are very clearly explained. Contact the Financial Aid Office for further information.

### **Financial Responsibility**

Students who obtain loans for their program of instruction are responsible for full repayment of these loans plus any accrued interest less the amount of any refund. Students must repay loans even if they

do not complete their educational programs or are unable or choose not to get jobs after graduation. Students who fail to repay a loan will be considered in default. The federal & state government or a loan guarantee agency may take action against such a student, including applying any income tax refund to which the person is entitled to reduce the balance owned on the loan. The student may not be eligible for any other federal student financial aid at another institution or government assistance until the loan is repaid. Students receiving federal financial aid may be entitled to a refund of moneys not paid from federal financial aid funds.

### **Collection of Fees**

Unitek College checks to confirm if finances are up to date at the following intervals:

- 1) Nursing Program At the end of each semester
- 2) Allied Health & Technology Programs Near the midpoint of the program (after 3 courses)

In the case of a student being delinquent on payments, the following may occur:

- 1) Phone call regarding late payment
- 2) Sent an alert regarding late payment
- 3) If no payment arrangement has been made within 14 days of the original payment due date, the student will be withdrawn from the program
- 4) Withdrawn students are notified via certified mail.

The student is responsible for satisfying all financial obligations to Unitek College, which may have accrued in the student's account including amounts from prior education. In a situation where the student fails to satisfy current or prior obligations, student's current enrollment will be terminated. Unitek College reserves the right to terminate student's enrollment, withhold transcripts, certificates of completion, diplomas, degrees or assistance in board applications and/or securing of externships if student fails to meet any past, present and/or future scheduled financial obligations to Unitek College. Unitek College shall not be held liable if student fails to secure any third party funding source. Student acknowledges their financial obligations are strictly the responsibility of student and/or any co-signer but never Unitek College. Furthermore, Unitek College is not responsible to provide student with reminders and/or invoices of upcoming due dates for payments on student's account. Any invoices and/or reminders sent to student by Unitek College are sent as a nonobligatory courtesy.

### **Miscellaneous Fees**

Checks returned for insufficient funds - \$25 Late Fee - \$10
Installment Fee - \$150 Interest - ranges
Transcript Fee - \$5 to \$20

### **CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICIES**

- 1. For all programs & courses in this catalog: The student has the right to cancel & obtain a refund of charges paid through attendance at the first class session, or the seventh (7th) day after enrollment, whichever is later. For Continuing Education course enrollments, students have the right to cancel without any penalty or obligation if the cancellation notice is submitted by the end of the first (1st) day of the course.
- 2. For all programs & courses in this catalog: Students must exercise their right to cancel by the seventh (7th) calendar day after the scheduled program start date.
- 3. Students may withdraw from the School at any time after the cancellation period & receive a pro rata refund if they have completed 60 percent or less of the scheduled days in their program's current payment period through the last day of attendance. The refund will be less a registration or administration fee not to exceed \$150.00. If a Student has completed more than 60 percent of

- the period of attendance for which the Student was charged, the tuition is considered earned & the Student will not receive a refund.
- 4. Cancellation shall occur when the student provides notice of cancellation at the address of their respective campus. This can be communicated by mail, email or hand delivery.
- 5. A cancellation notice, if sent by mail, is effective when deposited in the mail properly addressed with proper postage.
- 6. A cancellation notice need not take any particular form and, however expressed, it is effective if it shows that the student no longer wishes to be bound by the Enrollment Agreement.
- 7. If an enrollment is cancelled, the school will refund the student any money s/he paid, less a registration/administration fee not to exceed \$150.00, & less deductions for equipment not returned in good condition, within 45 days after the notice of cancellation is received.
- 8. Registration fee is non-refundable if cancellation request is received more than 3 days after signing the enrollment agreement.

### **Refunds after Withdrawal**

For online education: students withdrawing from the school after the cancellation period (described above) will receive a pro rata refund if the student has completed 60% or less of the scheduled days in the program's billing period through the last day of attendance. If the student has completed more than 60% of the period of attendance for which the student was charged, the tuition is considered earned & the student will receive no refund.

For on-ground education: students withdrawing from the school after the cancellation period (described above) will receive a pro rata refund if the student has completed 99% or less of the scheduled days in the program's billing period through the last day of attendance. If the student has completed more than 99% of the period of attendance for which the student was charged, the tuition is considered earned & the student will receive no refund.

All programs: Refunds are less a registration or administration fee not to exceed \$150.00, & less any deduction for equipment not returned in good condition, within 45 days of cancellation or withdrawal.

Students can drop classes by contacting the Registrar. Students who drop when enrolled from 0% to 75% (or posted Last Day to Drop) of the calendar days of the applicable semester, module or session will receive a "W" on their transcript. Students who drop when enrolled past the Last Day to Drop will receive a letter grade on their transcript.

For the purpose of determining Date of Determination for a refund under this section, a student shall be deemed to have cancelled from a program of instruction when any of the following occurs:

- The student notifies the institution of the student's cancellation or as of the date of the student's withdrawal, whichever is later.
- The institution determines the student's enrollment for failure to maintain satisfactory progress; failure to abide by the rules & regulations of the institution; absences in excess of maximum set forth by the institution; and/or failure to meet financial obligations to the School.
- The student has failed to attend class for fourteen (14) consecutive Calendar days in an Allied Health,
  Business / Technology Program, Associate of Science in Vocational Nursing & the RN to BSN Degree
  Completion Program. Students in the Vocational Nursing or the LVN to RN Transition pre-licensure
  programs will be withdrawn for absences of seven (7) days in any combination.
- Failure to return from a leave of absence (LOA) as scheduled.

For determining the amount of the refund, the last date of recorded attendance will be utilized. The amount owed equals the daily charge for the program (total institutional charge, minus non-refundable

fees, divided by the number of clock hours in the program), multiplied by the number of clock hours earned, prior to withdrawal. For the purpose of determining when the refund must be paid, the refund will be issued 45 days from the date of determination. For programs beyond the current "payment period," if a student withdraws prior to the next payment period, all charges collected for the next period will be refunded.

If the student has received any Federal Title IV financial aid funds, the school is obligated to do a "Return to Title IV" (R2T4) even if a credit balance has already been issued. At the time of enrollment, the student must indicate via the Authorization of Credit Balances form which authorization a student is giving Unitek College as it relates to excess funds. The choices include the following:

- The appropriate lender to reduce the student's loan debt (within 14 days of the completion of the Withdrawal Calculation)
- Return any credit balance to the student (within 14 days of the completion of the Withdrawal Calculation)

Unitek College is required to complete an R2T4 calculation *even if* a credit balance was already issued. If a balance due results from the R2T4 calculation, the student will be responsible for the unpaid balance. For programs beyond the current payment period, if a student withdraws prior to the next payment period then all charges collected for the next period will be refunded.

For more information on refund policies relating to Title IV funding see www.nslds.ed.gov/nslds SA.

### Refunds/Cancellations with VA Funding

Unitek College maintains a policy for the refund of the unused portion of tuition, fees, & other charges in the event a VA Student cancels, withdraws, or is terminated from a Program. The amount ultimately charged to a veteran or eligible student for tuition, fees, & other charges will not exceed the approximate pro rata portion of the total charges for tuition, fees, & other charges, that the length of the completed portion of the program bears to its total length.

VA Students have the right to cancel enrollment from the program during the program's Cancellation Period. Cancellation may occur when the student provides a written notice to the current campus that the student enrolled in. This can be done by mail, email or by hand delivery. If any Certifications were processed for VA Recipient the Department of Veterans Affairs will be notified immediately.

VA Students may withdraw any time after the cancellation period. In the event of a withdrawal or termination, Unitek College will issue a refund according to the Refund Policy. If any Certifications were processed for VA Recipient the Department of Veterans Affairs will be notified immediately.

For more information on refund policies relating to Veterans Administration funding see: <a href="http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill">http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill</a>.

#### STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Professional conduct is behavior that reflects favorably on the student, Unitek College, and the profession for which the student is training. Unprofessional conduct includes, but is not limited to:

- Verbal and physical altercations
- Lying, cheating, and plagiarism
- Sexual harassment
- Vulgar and offensive language or actions
- Disruptive classroom behavior
- Threats of violence
- Possession of weapons, illegal drugs, or being under the influence of-alcohol or-illegal drugs
- Any action that violates state/federal law or the policies of an externship or clinical facility

All students must conform to federal, state, and local laws. They must respect the rights of others and conduct themselves in a manner conducive to the educational purposes of Unitek College. Certain activities are not considered appropriate on a campus and are prohibited by the administration of Unitek College. No smoking or eating is permitted in classrooms, halls or labs. Being in possession of weapons, drinking or being under the influence of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances on Unitek College campuses or any of our affiliate clinical sites is prohibited. A student may be suspended from training to allow Unitek College to conduct an investigation, or to cooperate in the investigation conducted by law enforcement or other agencies if unprofessional or illegal behavior is suspected. Additionally, students are expected to comply with requests for interview which arise during investigation proceedings. Refusal to do so may result in disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal from his/her program.

Please note as a Federal Title IV approved school under the United States Department of Education, Unitek College must adhere to all Federal Laws. The use of marijuana is illegal by Federal Law and students found positive will be withdrawn from the program with or without a medical marijuana prescription.

Unitek College will be the sole judge of the quality of evidence revealed during the investigation and the sole judge of what constitutes unprofessional conduct. A student who is determined by Unitek College to have violated the standards of professional conduct will be terminated.

### **BULLYING AND HARRASSMENT POLICY**

Unitek College believes that a safe & healthy school environment increases student attendance, promotes student engagement, & supports academic achievement. Accordingly, no student should engage in any form of behavior that interferes with the academic or educational process, compromises the personal safety or well-being of another, or disrupts the administration of College programs or services. Bullying or harassment will not be tolerated at Unitek College.

"Bullying" or "harassment" is any gesture or written, verbal, graphic, or physical act (including electronically transmitted acts – i.e., cyberbullying, through the use of internet or cell phone) that is reasonably perceived as being dehumanizing, intimidating, hostile, humiliating, threatening, or otherwise likely to evoke fear of physical harm or emotional distress & may be motivated either by bias or prejudice based upon any actual or perceived characteristic, such as race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression; or a mental, physical, or sensory disability or impairment; or by any other distinguishing characteristic, or is based upon association with another person who has or is perceived to have any distinguishing characteristic.

Bullying & harassment also include forms of retaliation against individuals who report or cooperate in an investigation under this policy.

By means of example only, bullying & harassment can take the following forms:

- 1. <u>Physical</u>: pushing, shoving, kicking, poking, and/or tripping another; assaulting or threatening a physical assault; damaging a person's work area or personal property; and/or damaging or destroying a person's work product.
- 2. <u>Verbal/Written</u>: ridiculing, insulting or maligning a person, either verbally or in writing; addressing abusive, threatening, derogatory or offensive remarks to a person; and/or attempting to exploit an individual's known intellectual or physical vulnerabilities.
- 3. <u>Nonverbal</u>: directing threatening gestures toward a person or invading personal space after being asked to move or step away.
- 4. <u>"Cyber bullying"</u>: bullying using an electronic form, including, but not limited to, the Internet, interactive & digital technologies, or mobile phones.

The scope of this policy includes the prohibition of every form of bullying, harassment, & cyberbullying/harassment, whether in the classroom, on school premises, immediately adjacent to school premises, when a student is traveling to or from school (portal to portal), or at a school-sponsored event, whether or not held on school premises. Bullying or harassment, including cyberbullying/harassment, that is not initiated at a location defined above is covered by this policy if the incident results in a potentially material or substantial disruption of the school learning environment for one or more students and/or the orderly day-to-day operations of the College program.

Students who are the target of bullying or students, instructors, & staff who have witnessed bullying should report the abuse to the class or clinical instructor & also to the Campus Director & Program Director or to the Manager of Distance Education for online courses. Instructors receiving a complaint or witnessing bullying are required to make a report to the Campus Director & Program Director or the Manager of Distance Education for online courses. Reports may be made anonymously, but formal disciplinary action may not be based solely on an anonymous report. Oral reports shall also be considered official reports. If a student or staff member feels that he or she is the target of cyberbullying, the student or staff member is encouraged to save & print any messages or other posts sent to them that they feel constitutes cyberbullying & to include that as evidence. Students reporting bullying or harassment should be directed to contact WellConnect if they are experiencing any emotional or physical distress.

Upon receiving a report either directly from the target of bullying, a witness of bullying, or from a teacher or staff member, the Campus Director & Program Director or the Manager of Distance Education must initiate a prompt & diligent investigation. All interviews of witnesses, the victim, & the accused shall be conducted separately. During an investigation, all individuals involved must, to the extent reasonably possible, maintain the confidentiality of the proceedings & the names of the complainant & students involved.

The Campus Director & Program Director (or for online courses, the Manager of Distance Education) shall decide the appropriate way to address the bullying behavior if the investigation has proven that a student has engaged in bullying or harassment in violation of this policy. Interventions & consequences will be equal to the severity of the violation. The intervention & discipline plan will be based on the particular characteristics of the situation to ensure that the plan remedies the bullying, decreases chances of retaliation, & helps rehabilitate the student who has engaged in bullying behavior, if appropriate. Consequences & appropriate remedial actions for a student who commits an act of bullying

may range from behavioral interventions & education up to & including probation, suspension, dismissal from the program, and/or referral to law enforcement.

Intentionally false reports, illegitimate use of the complaint process, or making knowingly false statements to defame a fellow student or staff member will result in disciplinary consequences. Additionally, retaliation against a complainant or any individual involved in the investigation of a bullying situation, either by the student who has allegedly engaged in bullying behavior, the friends of the student who allegedly engaged in bullying behavior, or any other individual, is strictly prohibited & is grounds for discipline.

Students who are found to have engaged in bullying may appeal the finding by filing a complaint with the Grievance Committee as per policy.

### DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE CAMPUS

Unitek College is committed to maintaining a campus free of drugs & alcohol for students & employees in accordance with the requirements of the U.S. Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988.

The unlawful possession, use or distribution of any illicit drug or alcohol by students on campus property or at college activities or events is prohibited. Use of drugs or alcohol may pose significant health risks including hangovers, blackouts, general fatigue, impaired learning, dependency & death.

The college strives to create a safe, disciplined, & drug & alcohol free school that is conducive for students to achieve high academic standards while in attendance at the school. In order to foster the environment of learning the school allows no use or distribution of illicit drugs or alcohol on campus or at any campus events. Advertising or the promotion of alcohol or alcohol events are banned from the school premises.

According to the American Council for Drug Education, alcoholism is the habitual abuse & addiction to alcohol & alcoholic beverages. This chronic condition affects more than 10 million Americans, claiming the lives of 100,000 each year. An estimated 4.5 million young adults under the age of 24 are alcoholics, with alcohol-related accidents noted as the primary cause of death during adolescence. The disease of alcoholism is very debilitating & ravages an individual's physical as well as mental health. There are signs or behavioral indicators to alert concerned family or friends of potential alcoholism. A of the complete Drug Free Campus Policy can be found online http://www.unitekcollege.edu/disclosures/policies.

### **SMOKE AND TOBACCO FREE CAMPUS**

Tobacco use is the number one cause of preventative disease & death in the United States. The Surgeon General has concluded that there is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand tobacco smoke. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has found secondhand tobacco smoke to be a risk to public health, & has classified secondhand smoke as a group A carcinogen, the most dangerous class of carcinogen. Furthermore, the California Air Resources Board has categorized secondhand smoke as a toxic air contaminant. Tobacco smoke is hazardous to smokers & non-smokers alike. To promote a safe & healthy campus environment, the college has adopted this tobacco & smoke-free policy.

### **Policy**

Smoking, including the use of electronic smoking devices, & the use of smokeless tobacco products are prohibited on all property locations owned, leased, licensed, or otherwise controlled by Unitek College. Smoking, including the use of electronic smoking devices & smokeless tobacco products, are prohibited

in all vehicles owned by Unitek College & at any event or activity on campus property. Furthermore, the use of nicotine products or nicotine delivery systems that have not been approved by the U.S. Food & Drug Administration for sale as a tobacco cessation product are prohibited in all spaces where smoking & tobacco use are prohibited. Products covered under this policy include, but are not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, pipes, water pipes (hookah), electronic smoking devices such as electronic cigarettes & electronic hookahs, chewing tobacco, spit tobacco, snus, snuff, & dissolvable tobacco products.

#### Cessation

For individuals interested in quitting smoking or smokeless tobacco use, free cessation resource information & services will be made available. Additionally, for help quitting contact the California Smokers' Helpline at 1-800-NO-BUTTS or www.californiasmokershelpline.org.

#### **Definitions:**

#### WHAT IS A TOBACCO AND SMOKE FREE CAMPUS?

All facilities, property, & vehicles, owned or leased, regardless of location. Smoking & the use of tobacco products shall not be permitted in any enclosed place, including, but not limited to, all offices, classrooms, hallways, waiting rooms, restrooms, meeting rooms, or community areas. Smoking & the use of tobacco products shall also be prohibited outdoors on all campus property, including, but not limited to, parking lots, paths, fields, & any sports/recreational areas. This policy applies to all students, faculty, staff, & other persons on campus, regardless of the purpose for their visit. "Smoking," means inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, hookah, or pipe, or any other lighted or heated tobacco or plant product intended for inhalation, whether natural or synthetic, in any manner or in any form. This includes all e-cigs, vaporizers, or electronic delivery systems.

#### WHAT IS A TOBACCO PRODUCT?

"Tobacco Product" means any substance containing tobacco leaf, including but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, hookah tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco, dipping tobacco, bidis, blunts, clove cigarettes, or any other preparation of tobacco; & any product or formulation of matter containing biologically active amounts of nicotine that is manufactured, sold, offered for sale, or otherwise distributed with the expectation that the product or matter will be introduced into the human body by inhalation; but does not include any cessation product specifically approved by the U.S. Food & Drug Administration for use in treating nicotine or tobacco dependence.

### "VAPING"

Vaping includes the use of an electronic smoking device such as an electronic cigarette (e-cig, or e-cigarette), personal vaporizer or electronic nicotine delivery system (ENDS) which creates an aerosol or vapor, in any manner or in any form, or the use of any oral smoking device that delivers "e-liquids" or other potentially harmful chemicals.

### **DRESS CODE**

Failure to comply with the Dress Code may result in being dismissed from class with the student being marked absent for the day. Absences can result in failure to meet required course hours & withdrawal from the prerequisite program.

### On Campus When Uniforms Are Required

Students must wear the uniform designated by the College, which is consistent with the type of apparel that would be required in the field. Students are also expected to dress in a neat, clean, & professional manner every day. Violation of the dress code may result in a grade reduction, probation, or withdrawal from school. Students are considered to be on campus while on college property,

including parking & social areas.

Uniforms: Scrubs must be worn at all times for all events on campus for Allied Health & Nursing Programs. All apparel must be clean & in good repair. Pants must be hemmed so they do not touch the floor. Cuffing of pants, or cutting on the side is not permitted. IT Program students are required to wear clothing appropriate for kneeling on the floor: clean jeans with no holes (blue jeans recommended), lace-up shoes (in good repair), & a Unitek polo shirt.

Outerwear: A solid-colored (white, blue, black, or gray), non-logo jacket or sweater may be worn. Although outerwear may be hooded, hoods may not be pulled up.

Head Covering: Decorative headwear such as caps, bandanas, hoods, or hats are not permitted. Headwear is only approved for documented religious beliefs.

Shoes: White, black, or brown shoes, leather/leather-like material are permitted without logos & decorations. Canvas, sandals, open-toed or open-heeled shoes, clogs, & flip-flops are unacceptable. Socks or stockings are to be worn at all times & are to cover the ankle. Socks/stockings should be white or neutral in color.

Underwear: Should not be visible. White t-shirts/undershirts may be worn with scrub tops, but must be tucked in & not hang below the hem of the scrub top. Knitted thermal garments are not acceptable for wear at the clinical site.

Hair/Nails: Hair should have a professional appearance & be clean & short or, if long, restrained so as not to fall forward into the individual's face or the work/patient space. Hair colored out of human hair color ranges is not permitted. (Examples: blue, orange, green, extreme red, etc.) Beards and/or mustaches must be neat. Nails must be clean & trimmed close to the fingertips (approx. ¼ inch past fingertips). Artificial nails of any type & nail polish (other than clear) are not permitted for safety/health reasons per Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines. Please note: All pre-licensure BSN students must pass a 'mask-fit test', which might require shaving of facial hair.

Jewelry: Only a minimum amount of jewelry should be worn. One small, single earring (stud or dimesized loop) may be worn in each ear lobe. Jewelry other than a wedding band & wristwatch is not permitted, including bracelets of any style. Fingernail, facial, tongue & nose jewelry are unacceptable. Body piercing jewelry cannot be visible, e.g. tongue, eyebrow, nose, lip jewelry/studs. Necklaces are not permitted. Religious articles worn as necklaces' are not permitted unless a high neck undergarment covers them. *Please note: Infection Control Policies at individual clinical facilities may prohibit the use of ANY jewelry*.

Tattoos: Tattoos must be completely covered at all times on campus & at externship / clinical sites.

Fragrance: Perfumes, colognes, perfumed lotions, & body odors (including smoking) are not permitted in the classroom, clinical sites or skills lab. This is a strict no scent policy due to the high incidence of reactive airway disease & allergies.

ID: Photo identification badges provided by the school are required at all times on campus & at the clinical site. Badges must be clean, in very good condition & free of any decorative items.

Failure to comply with the Dress Code may result in being dismissed from class or clinical rotation,

resulting in the student being marked absent for the day. Absences can result in dismissal from the program due to failure to meet required program-required contact hours.

### **Nursing Prerequisite Courses**

Students are expected to dress in a neat, clean, & professional manner every day. Violation of the dress code may result in a grade reduction, probation, or withdrawal from school. Students are considered to be on campus while on college property, including parking & social areas. In addition, the standards detailed above for outerwear, head covering, shoes, undergarments, hair, nails, jewelry, tattoos, hygiene, odor & other are applicable to all students while on campus or at a clinical site whether in uniform or not. Attire should reflect a professional & businesslike status. Shorts, sweats, low cut blouses, muscle shirts, & midriff-baring clothing are not appropriate. Shirts may not be see-through. Skirts must not be shorter than 2 inches above the knee. Pants may not be worn 'hanging' & no undergarments may be visible.

### IMMUNIZATIONS/VACCINATIONS

Unitek College requires immunization verification from a licensed health care provider prior to enrollment in most healthcare programs. Based on the program of interest, additional immunization verification may be required. Students must complete all immunization requirements on their own personal time & may not use class time in order to complete the requirements. Students cannot be enrolled into any pre-licensure RN courses unless all physical criteria are met. Physical examinations, immunizations and other health care documents may require updating during the Vocational Nursing program and annually. Please consult your campus Program Director for specific immunization requirements. Immunizations required may include, but are not limited to:

- ✓ Physical Exam Form, signed & dated by Medical doctor or Nurse practitioner (completed within the prior 3 months)
- ✓ Mumps, Measles & Rubella (MMR) positive Titer
- ✓ Varicella positive Titer
- ✓ Hepatitis B positive Titer
- ✓ Hepatitis C Screen (if positive, applicant must submit a note from their Healthcare Provider (MD or NP) stating that they are not a risk to others & can safely provide direct patient care)
- ✓ Tdap/DTAP within 10 years
- ✓ TB Screen
  - 2 Step PPD Skin Test or QuantiFERON Blood test (2 Step PPD, 2 Separate tests must be a minimum of 10 days & a max of 30 days apart); both no older than 3 months
  - Chest X-ray (CXR) ONLY if had positive PPD history; required yearly after initial x-ray & must provide record of proof of positive PPD history
  - TB Screen Questionnaire reviewed with & signed by healthcare provider (must be completed annually).
- ✓ Flu & H1N1 immunization record documented for the current season (current vaccines are usually available between August through March)\*\*
- ✓ Whooping Cough Booster IF Pertussis missing in Tdap/ DTAP (not older than 10 years)\*\*
- ✓ Drug Testing (school will provide to student)
- ✓ Mask Fit Test (school will provide to student)
- \*\* Students declining must submit a signed waiver. However, students must be advised that if it is a requirement by clinical facility they may not be placed, & may not be able to complete the program.

# FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT (FERPA) & PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION (PII)

The Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act ("FERPA") afford eligible students certain rights with respect to their education records. (An "eligible student" under FERPA is a student who is 18 years of age or older or who attends a postsecondary institution.) These rights include:

- The right to inspect & review the student's education records within 45 days after the day the Unitek College receives a request for access. A student should submit to the Registrar a written request that identifies the record(s) the student wishes to inspect. The Unitek Registrar will make arrangements for access & notify the student of the time & place where the records may be inspected.
- 2. The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the student believes is inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights under FERPA. A student who wishes to have records amended should submit a written form, available from the Registrar, clearly identifying the part of the record the student wants changed & specifying why it should be changed. The student should also identify the school official responsible for the record, if known. If Unitek decides not to amend the record as requested, the Unitek Registrar will notify the student in writing of the decision & the student's right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the student when notified of the right to a hearing.
- 3. Personally Identifiable Information: the right to provide written consent before the university discloses personally identifiable information ("PII") from the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. Unitek may disclose education records without a student's prior written consent under the FERPA exception for disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by Unitek College in an administrative, supervisory, academic, research, or support staff position (including law enforcement unit personnel & health staff); a person serving on the board of trustees; or a student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee. A school official also may include a volunteer or contractor outside of Unitek College who performs an institutional service of function for which the school would otherwise use its own employees & who is under the direct control of the school with respect to the use & maintenance of PII from education records, such as an attorney, auditor, or collection agent or a student volunteering to assist another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibilities for Unitek College.

Under FERPA, Unitek College may also disclose PII from the education records to the following parties without obtaining prior written consent of the student for the following purposes:

- Information the school has designated as "Directory Information" to the general public;
- Other schools to which a student is transferring or seeks to enroll;
- Specified federal or state officials for audit or evaluation purposes;
- Appropriate parties in connection with financial aid for the student;
- Organizations conducting certain studies for or on behalf of the school;
- Accrediting organizations carrying out their functions;
- Appropriate officials in cases of health & safety emergencies;
- Appropriate parties in order to comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena; State & local authorities, within a juvenile justice system, pursuant to specific state law;
- The parent or legal guardian when the student is a dependent, when the student is under the age of 21 & is in violation of any laws governing the use of alcohol or a controlled substance, or

- when the student is accompanied by their parent to a meeting with a college official;
- Appropriate parties, including parents, when a significant threat to the health or safety of a student or other individuals exists;
- The final results of a disciplinary hearing based on a crime of violence or a non-forcible sex offense, under certain circumstances.
- 4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by Unitek College to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name & address of the Office that administers FERPA is: Family Policy Compliance Office U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20202
- 5. The right to limit the release of Directory Information. "Directory Information" is information contained in a student's education record which would not generally be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed. Under FERPA, United College may release Directory Information about its students. The following is information that the college considers Directory Information:
  - Name
  - Unitek Student Identification Number
  - Address
  - Phone Number
  - Email Address
  - Birthdate
  - Enrollment Status

- Date of Graduation
- Degrees & Honors Received
- Major or Field of Study
- Attendance Dates
- Most Recent School Attended
- Participation in Officially Recognized Activities
- Photographs

You have the right to limit the disclosure of Directory Information. Please follow the instructions through your Unitek Student Portal or ask the Registrar for assistance. Unitek College must receive your request to limit the disclosure of Directory Information within 45 days of the start of your course or program. However, please consider carefully the consequences of any decision to limit disclosure. For instance, if you choose to withhold disclosure of your name or degree, your information will not appear in the commencement program or honor rolls. Should you later choose to release this hold, you may do so at any time.

### **HONORS PROGRAM**

Unitek College provides a process for acknowledging student academic achievement. The Honors program consists of the Dean's Honors List & Perfect Attendance awards.

#### **Dean's Honors List**

The Dean's Honors List recognizes outstanding academic achievement at two points in time: at the end of each module or semester (term), & at the time of program completion. To be eligible for this award following a term, a student must have earned at least a 3.0 grade point average (GPA) or better for at least one term (module or semester).

To be eligible for this award following program completion, a student must have earned at least a 3.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA) for the totality of a program. This award is conferred at the time of graduation from program. An award may be presented at a commencement address as well.

#### Naming Conventions:

- Summa Cum Laude: awarded to a graduate for earning a cumulative GPA of 3.900 or higher
- Magna Cum Laude: awarded to a graduate for earning a cumulative GPA of 3.700-3.899
- Cum Laude: awarded to a graduate for earning a cumulative GPA of 3.500-3.699

### **Perfect Attendance**

To be eligible for this award, a student must have missed zero (0) minutes for two (2) consecutive terms (semesters or modules). A pre-licensure program student must meet this criterion for both the theory & clinical courses of the program. Discipline related absences including a withdrawal of any kind would disqualify a student from eligibility.

As part of the Honors program, the College may post a student's name on the campus Honors Board in a visible showcase, on campus, within five days of a term end date. If you wish to withhold your name from the list, please notify your program director in writing. Additionally, the campus may announce your award status as either Summa Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, or Cum Laude in the printed graduation program or during the graduation ceremony. Again, if you wish to be excluded from the Honors program, please notify your program director in writing.

### STUDENT COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

This policy has been developed to foster a community of respect, collegiality & professionalism on all Unitek College campuses. Based on the principles of adult communication & accountability the following is the process for students to make complaints, ask questions or raise concerns.

- 1. Students with questions / concerns are encouraged to speak to the individuals directly involved.
- 2. Students unable to discuss an issue with the individual involved are encouraged to follow the chain of command. If that is not possible or they are unsure of who this may be, students may contact the academic coordinator, assistant program director or campus director for guidance.
- 3. After following the chain of command for the campus, if students feel there is still no resolution, students may contact the Campus Director or the Program Director
  - a. If necessary, issue can be escalated to the Chief Operations Officer or Chief Academic Officer
- 4. In addition, there is a secure & confidential suggestion box in each campus located in the main lobby where students can leave their suggestions, questions or issues.
- 5. If students approach staff who are not able to assist them they will be directed to the appropriate staff person; i.e. if it is an academic issue, students are directed to the appropriate academic leader; if it is an operational issue students are directed to the Campus Director.
- 6. Any individual who is contacted by a student with an issue or question must also forward that information to the appropriate individual as noted in number 4.
- 7. Each week the campus director will review the suggestion box contents. Items will be inputted into the tracker if indicated & then forwarded to the appropriate individual for resolution.

A student or any member of the public may file a complaint about this institution with the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education by calling 888-370-7589 or by completing a complaint form, which can be obtained on the bureau's Internet Web site (www.bppe.ca.gov). Any questions a student may have that have not been satisfactory answered by the institution may be directed to:

Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education

2535 Capitol Oaks Drive, Suite 400, Sacramento, CA 95833

P.O. Box 980818, West Sacramento, CA 95798-0818

Phone: 888-370-7589 or fax: (916) 263-1897 or Web: www.bppe.ca.gov

Schools accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools & Colleges must have a procedure & operational plan for handling student complaints. If a student does not feel that the school has adequately addressed a complaint or concern, the student may consider contacting the Accrediting Commission. All complaints reviewed by the Commission must be in written form & should grant permission for the Commission to forward a copy of the complaint to the school for a

response. This can be accomplished by filing the ACCSC Complaint Form. The complainant(s) will be kept informed as to the status of the complaint as well as the final resolution by the Commission. Please direct all inquiries to:

Accrediting Commission of Career Schools & Colleges 2101 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 302, Arlington, VA 22201 (703) 247-4212 or www.accsc.org

A copy of the ACCSC Complaint Form is available at the school & may be obtained by contacting the school's Compliance Department or online at <a href="https://www.accsc.org">www.accsc.org</a>

Students of the school's pre-licensure RN program(s) may also file a complaint about this institution with the California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN): P.O. Box 944210, Sacramento, CA 94244-2100. Additionally, students in the RN to BSN Degree Completion Program may file a complaint with:

The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) 655 K Street, NW, Suite 750 Washington, DC 20001 202-887-6791 phone 202-887-8476 fax

https://www.aacnnursing.org/CCNE

### **CAMPUS SCHEDULES**

FREMONT, SACRAMENTO & SAN JOSE HA	AYWARD
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Mon-Fri 8:00am – 10:50pm Mon-Thur 8:00am – 6:00pm Saturday Testing By Appointment Friday 8:00am – 5:30pm

Sunday Closed Weekends Closed

CONCORD SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO

Mon-Fri 8:00am – 7:00pm Mon-Fri 8:00am – 10:00pm

Saturday Testing By Appointment Saturday Closed Sunday Closed Sunday Closed

**BAKERSFIELD** 

Mon-Fri 8:00am – 5:00pm

Saturday Closed Sunday Closed

### **CLASS SCHEDULES**

Please note that these are *examples* of class schedules, & are subject to change. Ask your Admissions Representative for the current class schedule for your program of interest.

### Allied Health & Technology Diploma Programs (aka "Modular Programs")

Morning sessions: 8:00am – 12:15pm Mon-Fri Mid-Day sessions: 10:00am – 2:15pm Mon-Fri

Evening sessions: 5:30pm – 10: 50pm Mon-Thur, or 5:30pm – 9:45pm Mon-Fri (depends on campus)

#### **Nursing Programs (campus-based)**

All campus-based Nursing classes determine their lunch & break times based on the day's lecture, exam & lab schedule. Off-campus clinical instruction may be scheduled for any day of the week,

including Fridays or weekends, depending on the availability of our clinical site partners. Below are typical schedules of on-campus instruction.

- Vocational Nursing Prerequisite course: Mon-Fri 9:00am 3:30pm
- Vocational Nursing Program (day version): Mon-Thu 9:00am-5:00pm Bakersfield, Mon-Thu 8:00am-4:00pm all other campuses
- BSN on-campus instruction may be scheduled anytime between 8:00am-5:00pm Mon-Fri
- BSN off-campus clinical training: may be scheduled for any days, evenings or nights depending on availability of shifts at clinical partner locations

Please note that while on-campus courses in the VN Program are scheduled to run Monday through Thursday, by default, instruction will be scheduled on the Friday of any week(s) in which a School Holiday occurs on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday of that week. Students may also be scheduled to come to campus on a Friday for remediation, tutoring, or make-up work as needed.

#### **BREAK TIME**

Unitek College encourages students to take designated breaks during the course schedule. The instructor will implement & supervise all break periods during classroom training hours. During break time, students need to abide by both California State & Unitek College rules & regulations, which include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Students are allowed to receive & use cell phones only during break time. During class time, cell phones, iPods, & MP3 Players must be turned off.
- Students are not allowed chewing gum or chewing tobacco on campus.
- Students must return to class promptly after break.
- Food or drinks are not permitted in class, except water in closed containers.
- Students are not permitted to take breaks in stairway, hallways, offices and/or classrooms.
- Students are not permitted to have visitors without prior approval by managing staff or instructor.
- The school is not responsible for any personal items

### STUDENT SCHEDULED HOLIDAYS & NON-SCHEDULED DAYS OFF

(applies to all on-ground education; excludes online education)

School Holidays	2019	2020	
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	1/21/2019	1/20/2020	
President's Day**	2/18/2019	2/17/2020	
Faculty In-Service Q1**	2/22/2019	3/25/2020	
Memorial Day	5/27/2019	5/25/2020	
Faculty In-Service Q2**	6/18/2019	6/19/2020	
Independence Day	7/4/2019	7/3/2020*	
Labor Day	9/2/2019	9/7/2020	
Faculty In-Service Q3**	9/17/2019	9/18/2020	
Thanksgiving	11/28/19-11/29/19	11/26/20-11/27/20	
Faculty In-Service Q4**	12/23/2019	12/21/2020	
Winter Break	12/22/19-1/5/2020	12/20/20-1/3/2021	
Return to School	1/6/2020	1/4/2021	

### CAMPUS OPERATIONAL HOLIDAYS – Days the campus is closed

School Holidays	2019	2020	
New Year's Day (Observed)	1/1/2019	1/1/2020	
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	1/21/2019	1/20/2020	
Memorial Day	5/27/2019	5/25/2020	
Independence Day	7/4/2019	7/3/2020*	
Labor Day	9/2/2019	9/7/2020	
Thanksgiving	11/28/19-11/29/19	11/26/20-11/27/20	
Christmas Eve	12/24/2019	12/24/2020	
Christmas Day	12/25/2019	12/25/2020	
New Year's Eve (Observed)	12/31/2019	12/31/2020	

<sup>\*</sup> Holiday falls on a weekend - Therefore holiday will be observed the weekday prior to weekend.

### MISCELLANEOUS SCHOOL POLICIES

### **Online Library**

Unitek College's Online Library is available 24 hours a day/7 days per week to enrolled students. Students can use the library on campus, at home or using public computers. Procedures for accessing the library are posted in classrooms & in the online Student Portal. To access the library students can log into the Student Portal, select the Library link, & select their program & campus after which they will be redirected to the home page for their relevant library resources.

#### Databases include:

- CINAHL® (Cumulative Index to Nursing & Allied Health Literature) the most comprehensive resource for nursing & allied health literature. CINAHL offers four databases including two full-text versions. CINAHL is owned & operated by EBSCO Publishing.
- ProQuest® an online digital library dedicated to support the academic needs of our students & faculty across disciplines. ProQuest offers full-text access, videos, e-books, dissertations, blogs, & other resources to engage students of all learning styles.
- Books 24x7 this resource of books & professional publications covers Information Technology & Business topics.

Selected Research Websites: The Librarian & Program Directors have selected appropriate research websites to assist in programmatic learning.

Librarian Resources: Students with questions about using the Library can email the online Librarian using the email address provided to them after starting their program. The Librarian or a designated backup will reply to questions as soon as possible but no more than 72 hours after receiving the email. Students are encouraged to first ask their Instructor or Program Director about Library usage, contents, or policies before reaching out to the online Librarian.

#### **Distance Education**

Once a student is enrolled in an online program or course, access to the online functionality is provided no later than the first day of class.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Holiday is observed by Modular Programs Only.

### **Clock Hours**

Each clock hour consists of 50 minutes of instructional time except for pre-licensure Nursing programs which are 60 minutes per clock hour.

## **Clothing & Personal Property**

All personal property is the sole responsibility of the student. The school assumes no liability for any loss or damage. Clothing & other small items should be marked clearly with the student's name & address. Items should not be left visible in vehicles & vehicles should always be locked to avoid theft.

### **Health & Medical Care**

Students must take proper care of their health so that they can do their best in school. This means regular hours, plenty of sleep, sufficient exercise & nutritious food. Students who become seriously ill or contract a communicable disease should stay home & recover, but remember to notify the school immediately. All medical & dental appointments should be made after school hours. The school will not be responsible for rendering any medical assistance but will refer students to the proper medical facility upon request. Students are responsible for their own health insurance & medical care.

### **Weather Emergencies**

The school reserves the right to close during weather emergencies or other "acts of God." Under these conditions, students will not be considered absent. Instructors will cover any missed material to ensure completion of the entire program. This may require extending the end date of the student's program of study.

### **Student ID**

Students must wear their student ID badge while on campus & at clinical/externship. Any persons on campus without an ID card will be asked to leave the school grounds.

# **Housing Assistance**

Unitek College does not provide dormitory facilities or assistance in locating housing. The availability & approximate costs of a 1br/1ba apartment near our facilities are below.

Bay Area (San Jose, Fremont, South San Francisco, Concord, Hayward):

- Availability: approximately 3,600 rental postings monthly
- Approximate cost: \$1,800 per month

# Sacramento:

- Availability: approximately 1,400 rental postings monthly
- Approximate cost: \$1,100 per month

### Bakersfield:

- Availability: approximately 400 rental postings monthly
- Approximate cost: \$720 per month

According, average monthly housing costs are \$1,030. Current average costs, including but not limited to housing, transportation & food, are available from the California Student Aid Commission at <a href="http://www.csac.ca.gov/pubs/forms/grnt">http://www.csac.ca.gov/pubs/forms/grnt</a> frm/studentexpensebudget.pdf

# **Articulation / Transfer Agreements**

Each accredited Unitek College campus has articulation / transfer agreements in place with all other accredited Unitek College campuses, but has no such agreements with other institutions.

## **Academic Year Definition**

Source: 2014-15 FSA Handbook, pages 3-4:

An academic year at consists of a minimum of 26 weeks of instructional time for the Vocational Nursing Diploma program & 30 weeks of instructional time for all other programs. Instructional time is defined as a week where regular scheduled instruction occurs on at least one day or examinations, homework, & orientation sessions, advising sessions or remediation sessions occur. In addition to the weeks of instructional time, an academic year consists of 24 semester credit-hours for programs measured in credit-hours & 900 clock-hours for programs measured in clock-hours.

# **MISCELLANEOUS LEGAL POLICIES**

## **Copyright Policy**

Unitek College recognizes the Copyright Act of 1976, which grants authors, publishers, & creators control over the copying, distribution, & performance of their original works. The College's goal is for students & faculty to have access to materials & software & does not condone policies or practices that constitute an infringement of Federal copyright law. Transmitting or downloading any material that you do not have the right to make available & that infringes any patent, trademark, trade secret, copyright or other proprietary rights of any party is prohibited.

Unitek College prohibits violations of copyright, license restrictions, & authorial integrity. Distributing or receiving materials protected by copyright without permission of the copyright owner may be a violation of federal or state law and/or College policy. Violations may be grounds for sanctions or terminations & may be subject to civil or criminal penalties. Civil remedies can include an award of monetary damages (substantial statutory damages by per work infringed, or actual damages & of equipment used to produce the copies.

It is the responsibility of those reproducing materials to ensure the reproduction is consistent with US Copyright law. Unitek College reserves the right to suspend or terminate network access of any user who violates this policy, & Network access may be suspended if any use is impacting the operations of the network. Violations may be reported to appropriate authorities for criminal or civil prosecution.

## Summary of Civil & Criminal Penalties for Violation of Federal Copyright Laws

Copyright infringement is the act of exercising, without permission or legal authority, one or more of the exclusive rights granted to the copyright owner under section 106 of the Copyright Act (Title 17 of the United States Code). These rights include the right to reproduce or distribute a copyrighted work. In the file-sharing context, downloading or uploading substantial parts of a copyrighted work without authority constitutes an infringement. Penalties for copyright infringement include civil & criminal penalties. In general, anyone found liable for civil copyright infringement may be ordered to pay either actual damages or "statutory" damages affixed at not less than \$750 & not more than \$30,000 per work infringed. For "willful" infringement, a court may award up to \$150,000 per work infringed. A court can, in its discretion, also assess costs & attorneys' fees. For details, see Title 17, United States Code, Sections 504, 505. Willful copyright infringement can also result in criminal penalties, including imprisonment of up to five years & fines of up to \$250,000 per offense. For more information, please see the website of the U.S. Copyright Office at <a href="https://www.copyright.gov">www.copyright.gov</a>.

## File Sharing

Use of school computers & networks is strictly for educational purposes. The sharing of copyrighted works is prohibited over Unitek College's network through the use of e-mail, web-pages, & peer-to-peer file sharing software. The unauthorized distribution of copyrighted material, including unauthorized peer-to-peer file sharing, may subject students to disciplinary action as well as civil & criminal liabilities. This policy applies to computers owned by Unitek College as well as personal computers that may be

using the Unitek College network or working with Unitek College documents.

## **Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF)**

The State of California established the Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) to relieve or mitigate economic loss suffered by a student in an educational program at a qualifying institution, who is or was a California resident while enrolled, or was enrolled in a residency program, if the student enrolled in the institution, prepaid tuition, & suffered an economic loss. Unless relieved of the obligation to do so, you must pay the state-imposed assessment for the STRF, or it must be paid on your behalf, if you are a student in an educational program, who is a California resident, or are enrolled in a residency program, & prepay all or part of your tuition.

You are not eligible for protection from the STRF & you are not required to pay the STRF assessment, if you are not a California resident, or are not enrolled in a residency program

It is important that you keep copies of your enrollment agreement, financial aid documents, receipts, or any other information that documents the amount paid to the school. Questions regarding the STRF may be directed to the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education, 2535 Capitol Oaks Drive, Suite 400, Sacramento, CA 95833, (916) 431-6959 or (888) 370-7589.

To be eligible for STRF, you must be a California resident or enrolled in a residency program, prepaid tuition, paid or deemed to have paid the STRF assessment, & suffered an economic loss as a result of any of the following:

- 1. The institution, a location of the institution, or an educational program offered by the institution was closed or discontinued, & you did not choose to participate in a teach-out plan approved by the Bureau or did not complete a chosen teach-out plan approved by the Bureau.
- 2. You were enrolled at an institution or a location of the institution within the 120-day period before the closure of the institution or location of the institution, or were enrolled in an educational program within the 120-day period before the program was discontinued.
- 3. You were enrolled at an institution or a location of the institution more than 120 days before the closure of the institution or location of the institution, in an educational program offered by the institution as to which the Bureau determined there was a significant decline in the quality or value of the program more than 120 days before closure.
- 4. The institution has been ordered to pay a refund by the Bureau but has failed to do so.
- 5. The institution has failed to pay or reimburse loan proceeds under a federal student loan program as required by law, or has failed to pay or reimburse proceeds received by the institution in excess of tuition & other costs.
- 6. You have been awarded restitution, a refund, or other monetary award by an arbitrator or court, based on a violation of this chapter by an institution or representative of an institution, but have been unable to collect the award from the institution.
- You sought legal counsel that resulted in the cancellation of one or more of your student loans & have an invoice for services rendered & evidence of the cancellation of the student loan or loans.

To qualify for STRF reimbursement, the application must be received within four (4) years from the date of the action or event that made the student eligible for recovery from STRF.

A student whose loan is revived by a loan holder or debt collector after a period of non-collection may, at any time, file a written application for recovery from STRF for the debt that would have otherwise been eligible for recovery. If it has been more than four (4) years since the action or event that made

the student eligible, the student must have filed a written application for recovery within the original four (4) year period, unless the period has been extended by another act of law.

No claim can be paid to any student without a social security number or taxpayer identification number.

### **Disabled Students**

Disabled students should make arrangements to meet with the Program Director and/or our onsite ADA Coordinator prior to the start of class to review facilities and required accommodations. Reasonable assistance is provided through a variety of services tailored to particular students' needs in an effort to equalize educational opportunities for students. Support services are provided on an individual needs basis and should be discussed with the ADA coordinator. *Note: All nursing students must be cleared by their healthcare provider to participate fully in the clinical setting.* 

## Rehabilitation Act & Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

In accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Unitek College abides by the regulation that "no otherwise disabled individual" shall be excluded from participation in programs and services offered by the College "solely by reason of the disability." A student is eligible for consideration for accommodations and/or auxiliary aids and services if the student has a documented disability and the ADA Coordinator has consulted with the student and determined that the functional limitations of the disability require such accommodation, auxiliary aids and/or services.

Unitek College is committed to providing reasonable accommodations including auxiliary aids and/or services to qualified individuals with a disability, unless providing such accommodations would result in undue burden or would fundamentally alter the nature of the program, benefit, or service provided by the College. To request auxiliary aid or service, please contact the ADA Coordinator(s) for your campus.

## **Sexual Harassment**

In accordance with Title VII & Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Unitek College provides a school & working environment free from all forms of harassment, including sexual harassment. Unitek College also maintains an environment in which all students & employees model this behavior & are treated with dignity & respect. No person shall be subjected to sexual overtures or conduct that is verbal, visual or physical, that is intimidating, hostile, offensive, or unwelcome. Such conduct by employees or students is deemed unacceptable behavior & will not be tolerated by Unitek College.

The Administration of Unitek College considers harassment a serious offense. Violation of this Policy will constitute cause for disciplinary action. Specific disciplinary action shall be related to the severity of the incident, and/or the degree to which repeated incidents have occurred. Such disciplinary actions for employees may include, but are not limited to, verbal warnings, letters of reprimand, suspension with or without pay & dismissal. Such disciplinary actions for students may range from counseling to suspension and/or expulsion.

Sexual harassment may include, but is not limited to:

- 1) Sending suggestive or obscene letters, notes, invitations; making derogatory comments, slurs, jokes, epithets, assaults; touching, impeding or blocking movement; leering, gesturing, displaying sexually suggestive objects, pictures or cartoons;
- Continuing to express sexual interest after being informed that the interest is unwelcome;
- 3) Implying or withholding support for an appointment, promotion, or change of assignment; suggesting a poor performance report will be prepared; or suggesting probation will be failed;

- within the educational environment, implying or actually withholding grades earned or deserved; suggesting a poor performance evaluation will be prepared; or suggesting a recommendation or college application will be denied;
- 4) Engaging in coercive sexual behavior to control, influence, or affect the career, salary, and/or work environment of another employee; within the educational environment, engaging in coercive sexual behavior to control, influence, or affect the educational opportunities, grades and/or learning environment of a student;
- 5) Engaging in offering favors of educational or employment benefits, such as grades or promotions, favorable performance evaluations, favorable assignments, favorable duties or shifts, recommendations, reclassification etc., in exchange for sexual favors.

Unitek College has designated a responsible officer with procedures for filing & processing complaints & seeking resolution, including timelines & decision-making authority. Unitek College has established procedures that provide a person accused of harassment the opportunity to respond to allegations. These procedures ensure adequate communication of the Policy to all students & employees.

# Awareness & Prevention of Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, Stalking & Sexual Assault

In accordance with the provisions of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 & the Clery Act as it was amended in the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013, Unitek College strongly prohibits acts of dating violence, domestic violence, stalking, & sexual assault & is committed to fostering an environment of awareness & prevention. To that end, the College will investigate and/or execute disciplinary actions for all offenses of dating violence, domestic violence, stalking & sexual assault, regardless of location, when the institution is made aware of such an occurrence.

If you become the victim of a sexual assault or domestic violence, you should consider calling the police & seeking medical attention immediately. Additionally, if you fear for your safety or others around you, filing a protective order may be a good idea. We also encourage victims to report the offense to Unitek College's Title IX Coordinator to provide you with support & resources, including assistance with notifying local law enforcement authorities, if so desired.

Unitek College's Title IX Coordinator is:

Don Corvin, 1401 Dove Street, Suite 210, Newport Beach, CA 92660 (949) 590-4882

dcorvin@unitek.com

Unitek College has assigned Title IX Responsible Employees at each campus to coordinate with the Title IX Coordinator & assist victims with the reporting of these offenses. The Responsible Employees at each campus are as follows:

Name	Campus	Telephone	Email Address	
Rolando Jaochico	Fremont	(510) 945-4453	rjaochico@unitekcollege.edu	
Liceth Ahumada	Fremont	(510) 246-3882	lahumada@unitekcollege.edu	
Serena Macias	Fremont	(510) 743-2741	smacias@unitekcollege.edu	
Erick Arado	Fremont	(415) 347-8434	earado@unitekcollege.edu	
Shalini Kumar	San Jose	(408) 514-5862	skumar@unitekcollege.edu	
Laurie Jones	San Jose	(408) 514-5858	ljones@unitekcollege.edu	
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### **Crime on Campus**

It is Unitek College's policy to report all crimes to the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over the affected campus. In the event that a student is the victim of crime on campus, it should be reported immediately to the Program Director who will complete the report & refer the student to appropriate resources in the community. In the event that a student is accused or suspected of committing a crime on campus, Unitek College will cooperate in full with the appropriate law enforcement agency & will impose the appropriate sanction, up to & including termination, in the event that the student is determined to have violated the standards of professional conduct as established by Unitek College. The Annual Security Report can be found online at <a href="https://www.unitekcollege.edu/disclosures">www.unitekcollege.edu/disclosures</a>.

## **Professional Liability**

Unitek College provides professional liability insurance for each student during periods of externship or clinical rotations & clinical training. The student assumes the responsibilities to:

- Perform all skills as trained;
- Perform only those skills for which the student received training; and
- Perform skills only under the direction of the appropriate extern or clinical supervisor.

#### Non-Discrimination

To the extent provided by applicable law, no person shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of or be subject to discrimination under, any program or activity sponsored by or conducted by Unitek College on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, veteran status, marital status, sexual orientation, political beliefs or disability.

## **Bankruptcy**

Unitek College does not have a pending petition in bankruptcy; is not operating as a debtor in possession; has not filed a petition within the preceding five years; & has not had a petition in bankruptcy filed against it within the preceding five years that resulted in reorganization under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code.

# **Retention of Student Records**

Student records will be maintained at the school site for five years from the last date of attendance. Transcripts are maintained permanently & are available for all currently & formerly enrolled students. Unitek College protects our students' admissions, academic & financial records against loss & fire by storing such records in multiple secure locations both physical & electronic. Unitek College maintains all financial records of students, including but not limited to Financial Aid Disbursements, Financial Aid Retail Agreements, Tuition & Fee payments, & Tuition Refund records, as digital copies for at least 6 years.

### Offsite Trip Liability

When students participate in field trips, Unitek College will not provide transportation to or from such events, nor will it assume responsibility or be held liable for any injury to person and/or damages or loss of property suffered by any student for any reason while attending such events. Unitek College & its principals, owners, agents & employees are hereby released from every claim, liability or demand from personal injury, property damage or loss or other damages resulting from or in any way associated with any field trip event.

# Likeness, Image & Voice Authorization

Students of Unitek College ("Unitek") understand that their name, likeness (photo), and/or comments may be used by Unitek College for commercial and/or academic purposes including but not limited to training documents, videos, & various advertising media. Students will have the opportunity to accept or refuse to have their likeness, comments or name used in any commercial or training material. Unitek College copyrights all of its documents & media in which a student appears. Unitek College has the right to use & distribute these documents & media at its sole discretion. Students do not receive any compensation for Unitek College's use & distribution of any documents, videos or audio recordings containing students' likeness, image, or voice, such as any royalties, license fees, or otherwise. Students have no intellectual property rights over these productions, including any copyright, trademark, or any other ownership or proprietary rights. Unitek College has the right to use & distribute these productions at its sole discretion.

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### **POLICY AND PROGRAM CHANGES**

Unitek College updates the catalog at least once per year. The catalog is reviewed by the management team for any updates or changes prior to publishing & implements them as needed. A current version of the catalog can be found on the school's website. Prospective students are provided with a PDF copy of the catalog prior to signing an enrollment agreement.

Unitek College reserves the right to make changes in organizational structure, policy & procedures as circumstances dictate. Unitek College reserves the right to make changes in equipment & materials & modify curriculum as approved by accrediting bodies. When size & curriculum permit, classes may be combined to provide meaningful instruction & training & contribute to the level of interaction among students.

Unitek College regularly evaluates feedback received through our Advisory Board as well as information received from students through regular evaluations. Based on feedback, Unitek College agrees to implement changes to improve the quality of the programs offered.

As a prospective student, you are encouraged to review this catalog prior to signing an enrollment agreement. You are also encouraged to review the School Performance Fact Sheet, which must be provided to you prior to signing an enrollment agreement

The school reserves the right to make changes in the enrollment criteria, academic requirements, grading standards & other processes at any time.



# **ADDENDUM – Legacy Programs**

## **ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE in NURSING (ADN) Program**

(Fremont campus)

Enrollment in this program was stopped prior to the approval of a pre-licensure Bachelor of Science in Nursing program in early 2019. The information below is included in this catalog for information and reference for students who remain active in the Associate of Science in Nursing (ADN) program.

# **Program Overview and Hours**

This program (also known as Associate Degree in Nursing, ADN, or Generic RN Program) is a prelicensure Registered Nursing program. The program prepares students to pass the NCLEX-RN license exam and gain entry-level employment as Registered Nurses. Graduates of board-approved Vocational Nursing or Practical Nursing programs who have completed all required General Education courses may apply for Advanced Placement status into the program. Applicants are encouraged to discuss this option with Admissions.

### **Classroom and Lab Environment**

The Fremont campus contains 5 labs: 2 skills labs and 3 simulation labs. Each has patient care stations, simulating actual hospital healthcare facility settings. The main skills lab also offers a study area for students with tables and chairs; cabinets with library books and films. Each lab has storage cabinets for supplies and all necessary equipment such as: IV poles, enteral feeding pumps; blood pressure cuffs, scales; adult and pediatric mannequins; equipment to practice common nursing care and procedures including medication administration.

## **Educational Objectives & Corresponding Occupation:**

Graduates of the Associate of Science in Nursing (ADN) program are prepared to work as entry level Registered Nurses (SOC code 29-1141.00) and:

- Utilize a body of knowledge from nursing, medical, biological, physical and behavioral sciences in planning to meet the health needs of individuals
- Utilize the nursing process to assess, plan, implement and evaluate the individualized care for a client or a group of clients experiencing common well-defined acute or chronic health problems including but not limited to the following:
  - o Assess clients and identify actual and potential health problems.
  - o Formulate a nursing diagnosis or diagnoses reflecting assessment findings.
  - Determine appropriate and realistic goals including stating measurable outcome behaviors and time lines.
  - Select, plan and implement nursing interventions based on evidence-based constructs.
  - o Provide information and support to restore, rehabilitate or maintain client health.
  - Evaluate effectiveness of interventions, communication and teaching in achieving goals, and revising plan of care as indicated by assessments.
- Provide nursing care with consideration of the individual's developmental stage, and as an integral part of a cultural group, family and community.
- Perform as a member/manager of the interdisciplinary health care team, understanding roles
  and responsibilities of self and other health workers within the employment setting's policies and
  procedures, and according to discipline-specific practice acts.

Student Learning Objectives are based on the Standards of Competent Performance as described in Article 4, Section 1443.5 of the California Nursing Practice Act, 2014 Edition. Graduates may also apply

for an interim permit to practice as a Graduate Registered Nurse (GN/GRN). More information for the interim permit can be found on the board of registered nursing website <a href="http://rn.ca.gov/">http://rn.ca.gov/</a>.

# 30-Unit Option for Licensed Vocational Nurses (available based on seat availability)

As mandated by California Administrative Code, Title 16, Article 3, Section 1429, Unitek College informs Licensed Vocational Nurses applying to its ADN program of the option to take thirty (30) semester units of qualifying nursing coursework and clinical practice to be eligible to apply for the examination for licensure as a Registered Nurse in the State of California. Please note that an RN license obtained by this method is not accepted by all states, and that several facilities within California no longer accept the 30-Unit Option for RN positions.

While this 30-Unit Option contains courses from Unitek College's accredited ADN Program, it does not lead to its own diploma or degree from Unitek College. Students withdrawing from the RN Program after meeting the requirements of the 30-Unit Option will receive a transcript from Unitek College but not a diploma or degree. In order to participate in this option, an applicant must:

- 1. Declare during the admissions process his/her intent to take the 30-unit option
- 2. Be a Licensed Vocational Nurse
- 3. Enroll in the Associate of Science in Nursing (ADN) Program at Unitek College

After successful completion of courses in Human Anatomy & Physiology with Lab and Microbiology with Lab (totaling 8 semester credits) the following courses (totaling 22 semester credits) must be completed at Unitek College in order for a student to meet California's 30-Unit Option requirements:

- RNSG234 Nursing Across the Lifespan III Med/Surg Theory
- RNSG235 Nursing Across the Lifespan III Med/Surg Clinical
- RNSG244 Nursing Across the Lifespan IV Med/ Surg IV -Theory
- RNSG245 Nursing Across the Lifespan IV Med/Surg IV Clinical
- RNSG238 Mental Health Nursing Theory
- RNSG239 Mental Health Nursing Clinical
- RNSG246 Foundations II; Leadership Theory
- RNSG247 Foundations II; Leadership Clinical

### **Eligibility for RN Licensure**

Practicing as an RN in California requires licensure from the California State Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) which in turn requires meeting certain educational requirements, obtaining a clear criminal background check, and passing the national licensing exam (NCLEX-RN). To apply for licensure:

- Obtain detailed instructions online at the BRN website: http://rn.ca.gov.
- Complete the fingerprinting process included in your tuition for the ADN program.
- Apply for an Interim Permit if you wish to work in a supervised nursing capacity while awaiting
  your application process. Detailed information is available on the BRN website. (Note: this fee
  is not included in your tuition.)
- Complete and submit the application online through BREEZE.

Unitek College will pay the application fee electronically on behalf of the student. The BRN sends the applicant a letter stating eligibility to take the exam. Students must have this letter before registering for the exam. The exam is computerized and given 6 days each week throughout the year. (New graduates are advised to take the exam soon after graduation because research has shown that there is a higher success rate for early test takers compared with those who wait several months). Students who wish to submit their applications directly to the BRN are responsible for the application fee. The school will only pay an application fee for applications submitted by the school and for which the school

is responsible. Unitek College will not pay an application fee for applications submitted by students.

## Eligibility for Licensure of Applicants with Military Education and Experience

An applicant for licensure who presents with relevant military education and experience, and who presents documentation from a board-approved registered pre-licensure nursing program of equivalency credit evaluation that provides evidence of meeting, in whole or in part, the minimum standards for competency set forth in Section 1443.5 and minimum education requirements of licensure listed pursuant to Sections 1426(c)(1) to (3) of Division 14 / Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, utilizing challenge examination or other evaluative methods, will be considered to meet, in whole or in part, the education requirements for licensure.

Applicants to Unitek College's pre-licensure registered nursing program are encouraged to discuss the school's process for evaluating and awarding credits for specific course(s) or prior military education or experience, with the Program Director prior to enrollment. Documentation regarding the evaluation of and granting credit in the field of nursing for previous education, including military education and experience, for purpose of establishing equivalency or granting credit, is available from the school upon request.

# Licensing and/or Certification Requirements are as follows:

- Complete a Nursing board approved nursing program, such as Unitek College's
- Complete the program with a cumulative score of at least 75% (2.5 on a 4.0 scale)
- Clear Live Scan© background check including Department of Justice and FBI clearance
- File a completed application with the necessary fee
- The Board of Registered Nursing gives final approval to sit for the NCLEX-RN

# **Items That May Affect Licensing Eligibility**

Criminal Records: Any prospective student with a criminal background must understand that it may prevent them from obtaining a license in their chosen field. When a criminal background must be fully investigated, it may take up to one year or longer in order to obtain a decision from the licensing board. Any student with a criminal background should check with the licensing board for specific information on their standings on various criminal background situations.

# **Degree Requirements**

The Board of Registered Nursing requires certain theory and clinical courses be taken concurrently, students must pass both paired courses in order to progress in the program. Students must successfully complete all RN courses in each Semester prior to taking any RN courses in the following Semester.

## **Co-requisites**

A co-requisite is a condition of enrollment consisting of a course that a student is required to take in combination with another course. Courses requiring co-requisites include courses that are part of State-mandated lecture/clinical pairings requiring concurrent enrollment.

REQUIRED GENERAL EDUCATION PRE-REQUISITE COURSES	UNITS
SEMESTERS I & II (16 WEEK SEMESTERS)	(SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS)
Microbiology with Lab	4
Human Anatomy with Lab	4
Human Physiology with Lab	4
English, Reading & Composition (College level)	3
Math: Intermediate or College level Algebra or higher	3

General Psychology	3
General Sociology	3
Oral Communication or Speech	3
TOTAL GENERAL EDUCATION UNITS	27

REQUIRED NURSING COURSES	THEORY	CLINICAL/
17 WEEK SEMESTERS	UNITS	LAB UNITS
SEMESTERS III & IV		
RNSG 202 Nursing Across the Lifespan Foundations I Theory and Lab	6	2
RNSG 209 Nursing Across the Lifespan Foundations I Clinical		4
RNSG 210 Pharmacology (Degree Requirement)	3	
RNSG 220 Nursing Across the Lifespan II Theory		
RNSG 221 Nursing Across the Lifespan II Clinical		4.5
TOTAL SEMESTERS III & IV UNITS	13.5	10.5
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SEMESTERS V & VI		
RNSG 234 Nursing Across the Lifespan III Med/ Surg Theory	4	
RNSG 234 Nursing Across the Lifespan III Med/Surg Clinical		3
RNSG 236 Maternal /Newborn Theory	2.5	
RNSG 237 Maternal/Newborn Clinical		1
RNSG 238 Mental Health Nursing Theory	2	
RNSG 239 Mental Health Nursing Clinical		2
RNSG 242 Pediatrics Theory	2.5	
RNSG 243 Pediatrics Clinical		1
RNSG 244 Nursing Across the Lifespan IV Med/Surg Theory	3.5	
RNSG 245 Nursing Across the Lifespan IV Med/Surg Clinical		2.5
RNSG 246 Foundations II Leadership and Management Theory	2	
RNSG 247 Foundations II Leadership and Management Clinical		2.5
TOTAL SEMESTERS V & VI UNITS	16.5	12
TOTAL NURSING COURSES UNITS	30	22.5
TOTAL GENERAL EDUCATION UNITS	27	
TOTAL ADN PROGRAM UNITS	57	22.5

## **TOTAL THEORY AND CLINICAL UNITS FOR GRADUATION = 79.5 UNITS**

## **COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**

# RNSG200 - Transition to Professional Nursing

Completion of this 4-week course with a score of at least 75% (2.5 on a 4.0 scale) is required for Licensed Vocational Nurses (LVNs) or Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) seeking Advanced Placement admission into the Associate of Science in Nursing (ADN) program. As a stand-alone pre-requisite, this course is not within Unitek College's scope of accreditation & does not qualify for Federal Financial Aid. This course is approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing, & provides the transitioning LVN or LPN an opportunity to examine & self-evaluate the currency of their knowledge in courses previously taken for passing the NCLEX-PN licensing exam, & provides the opportunity to examine the role of the Registered Nurse within a professional, legal & ethical framework. Content emphasizes the application of a systematic problem solving process, critical thinking, time management & study skills to assist the students to be successful. Lab skill competencies include dosage calculations, IV therapy & common

nursing skills. Other topics include Role of the Nurse, Care of the Pregnant Client, Care of the Pediatric Client, & Care of the Adult Client.

### SEMESTERS I & II - General Education

(For General Education courses, please see the General Education section earlier in this catalog)

#### **SEMESTER III**

### RNSG202 - Nursing Across the Lifespan I - Foundations

This course provides the foundation & the fundamental concepts & principles for entry into the profession of nursing. The focus is Across the Lifespan with an emphasis on the geriatric population. Across the Lifespan integrates concepts as they are applied to different age groups - across the lifespan. The course introduces the nursing student to: evolution of Nursing, historical overview; concepts of evidence-based practice; role of nursing theorists, relevance & their contributions to nursing practice; overview of a conceptual framework & purpose; human needs, health beliefs & fundamental aspects of nursing; principles & guidelines related to care of geriatric patient; health care delivery Systems, community nursing & continuity of care; introduction to nutrition & relationship to illness / wellness. The course also provides the student with the opportunity to move from basic to complex in the mastery of nursing skills & competencies.

The Benner Model of Novice to Expert together with constructs from Jean Watson's Caring Theory, Quality & Safety in Educating Nurses (QSEN) & the Standards of Competent Performance will be used within the framework of the nursing process in the implementation of direct care for the culturally diverse adult & geriatric clients.

## RNSG209 - Nursing Across the Lifespan I - Clinical

This course provides the opportunity to apply theory content & skill competencies in the clinical setting within the conceptual framework of the nursing program. Direct client care is provided focusing on the individual needs of the adult, geriatric client (from basic concepts such as taking vital signs, assisting with activities of daily living & communication to more complex, implementation of interventions that assist with infection control, healing & elimination, wound care & catheter insertion). The clinical experience emphasizes role & responsibilities of the associate degree nursing student & focuses on the demonstration of knowledge & understanding of theory content related to legal & ethical behavior, multiple dimensions of client centered care, safety, interpersonal & teamwork principles & practices during the implementation of direct client care & in the documentation of care.

### **SEMESTER IV**

# RNSG210 - Pharmacology

This course provides introduction to the basic principles of pharmacology, principles & guidelines for drug administration & classifications of agents utilized for the treatment of health alterations related to body systems & diseases. Content is inclusive of drug categories, factors affecting medication administrations, abbreviations & symbols; systems of measurements, delivery systems, calculations for drug administration; principles & guidelines for administration of medications.

### RNSG220 - Nursing Across the Lifespan II Med/Surg – Theory

This course presents content related to nursing care of the individual client with medical surgical disorders. Sections I & II provide content which includes an introduction to pathophysiology & the role of fluid & electrolytes in maintain homeostasis. Sections IV through IX include medical surgical content focusing on care of the client with disorders of the Integumentary System; Muscular System disorders; Care of the Surgical Client; Care of the clients with Cancer/ Oncology & the Aspects of Death, Dying & the Grieving Process. Section III expands on the nursing role to incorporate principles & guidelines for

competent medication administration, inclusive of Intravenous medication administration. In addition, the course integrates prior theoretical knowledge in the care of culturally & ethnically diverse adult clients. Students advance their knowledge base & skill performance as they become increasingly accountable while functioning in the NLN roles of practice for the registered nurse. The Benner Model from Novice to Expert, the concepts of Jean Watson's Caring Theory are threaded throughout the course. QSEN is utilized in the assessment, identification, & prioritization of client needs. Content is taught focusing on the client's needs across the lifespan. The pre-licensure knowledge, skills & attitudes from the QSEN goals are threads woven throughout the course & throughout the curriculum.

## RNSG221 - Nursing Across the Lifespan II-Med/Surg - Clinical

This course provides detailed education; opportunity for application of theory content & skill competencies in the clinical setting. Direct patient care is provided focusing on the individual needs of the adult. The Benner Model from Novice to Expert together with the concepts from Jean Watson's Caring Theory, & NLN Roles of Practice will be used within the framework of the nursing process in the implementation of care for the culturally diverse adult patient. The clinical experience emphasizes role & responsibilities of the associate degree nursing student. The pre-licensure knowledge, skills & attitudes from the QSEN goals are emphasized in the clinical experience.

### **SEMESTER V**

## RNSG234 - Nursing Across the Lifespan III Med/Surg - Theory

This course integrates & synthesizes prior theoretical knowledge in the care of culturally & ethnically diverse adult patients with chronic & complex medical surgical health care needs. The nursing role is expanded to incorporate collaboration with members of the multidisciplinary health care team, therapeutic communication, & patient teaching in the planning & implementation of care. Principles & guidelines for competent medication administration are further developed to include IV medication administration through central lines & ports. Students advance their knowledge & skill as they become increasingly accountable & independent while functioning in the NLN roles of practice for the ADN registered nurse. The Benner Model from Novice to Expert, the concepts of Jean Watson's Caring Theory a holistic approach & the NLN roles of practice are utilized in the assessment, identification, & prioritization of patient problems & the implementation of nursing care within a legal/ethical framework. Content includes pathological processes & complications that may occur in relation to chronic or complex disorders or diseases. The threads of critical thinking, QSEN principles & standards of care are woven throughout this course.

# RNSG235 - Nursing Across the Lifespan III Med/Surg - Clinical

Clinical application of previous & present knowledge of nursing theory, concepts, skills & procedures. Clinical experiences emphasize role & responsibilities of the registered nursing student, refinement of clinical decision making, & management of care in professional nursing practice. Experiences are provided in acute & sub-acute health care settings & may include preoperative, medical/surgical units; rehabilitative units and/or Long Term Care facilities, community agencies. The Benner Model of Novice to Expert together with the concepts from Jean Watson's Caring Theory & NLN Roles of Practice will be used within the framework of the nursing process in the implementation of care for diverse patients across the lifespan. Focus on demonstration of: Legal & ethical behavior; safety principles & practices; interpersonal & teamwork principles & practice skills, & appropriate therapeutic communicating skills in the applicable language of the profession of nursing & the health care environment/industry/business. The pre-licensure knowledge, skills & attitudes from the QSEN goals are emphasized as threads throughout the clinical experience.

### RNSG236 - Maternal/Newborn - Theory

Theoretical instruction on care of the woman during stages of pregnancy & care of the newborn. Subject matter includes: Prenatal care, assessment of normal pregnancy, fetal development, discomforts of pregnancy, intervention for care of the newborn, post-partum care, possible complications, high risk pregnancy, high risk labor & delivery, high risk newborn, inclusive of concepts applicable to basic needs & support of the family during the period of change. The Benner Model of Novice to Expert together with the concepts of Jean Watson's Caring Theory a holistic approach & the NLN roles of practice are utilized in addition to focusing on physiological & psychological changes during pregnancy. The threads of critical thinking, QSEN principles & standards of care are woven throughout this course.

## RNSG237 - Maternal/Newborn - Clinical

Clinical application of theory content as relates the maternal client & the newborn; knowledge of nursing theory, concepts, skills competencies & procedures. Clinical experience is provided in multiple health care settings, community based, clinics, hospital & simulation. The Benner Model from Novice to Expert together with the concepts from Jean Watson's Caring Theory, & NLN Roles of Practice will be used within the framework of the nursing process in the implementation of care for the culturally diverse maternal/newborn client. The clinical experience emphasizes role & responsibilities of the ADN student. Focus is on demonstration of legal & ethical behavior; safety principles & practices; interpersonal & teamwork principles & practice skills; appropriate, therapeutic communicating skills during ante-, intra- & post-partum care of the maternal / newborn client. The pre-licensure knowledge, skills & attitudes from the QSEN goals are emphasized as threads throughout the clinical experience.

## RNSG238 - Mental Health Nursing - Theory

This course provides theoretical knowledge & skills in the care of the psychiatric client /patient in psychiatric care facility. Emphasis will be on the holistic care of children, adolescent & adult clients with mental health problems, cognitive disorders, and/or difficulties in coping with problems of daily living. The model will be incorporated within the framework of the nursing process. Clients with acute & chronic problems & those in crisis are selected for clinical care experience. Therapeutic communication & interaction will take place with the client, his/her family, his/her significant others, & members of the health care team. Student performance is observed & evaluated in each of the three roles of an ADN: Provider of Care, Manager of Client Care, & Member of the Nursing Profession. Technical competence & the practice of safe, client-centered care are maintained throughout. The Benner Model of Novice to Expert together with the concepts from Jean Watson's Caring Theory, & NLN Roles of Practice will be used within the framework of the nursing process & Quality & Safety in Educating Nurses (QSEN) in the implementation of direct care for the culturally diverse adult & geriatric clients.

### RNSG239 - Mental Health Nursing - Clinical

This course provides the student the opportunity for clinical application of theoretical content presented in RNSG 238 Mental Health/Psychiatric nursing Theory Course. The student will provide client care in the psychiatric in-patient facility. Emphasis will be on the holistic care of adolescent & adult clients with mental health problems, cognitive disorders, and/or difficulties in coping with problems of daily living. The Benner Model of Novice to Expert together with the concepts from Jean Watson's Caring Theory, & NLN Roles of Practice will be used within the framework of the nursing process & Quality & Safety in Educating Nurses (QSEN) in the implementation of direct care for the culturally diverse adult & geriatric clients. The pre-licensure knowledge, skills & attitudes from the QSEN goals are emphasized in the clinical experience.

### **SEMESTER VI**

# RNSG242 - Pediatrics - Theory

This course provides detailed theoretical instruction on the care of the Pediatric Client. Subject matter

includes: Introduction to care of the pediatric client; Health promotion & maintenance; the hospitalized child; care of the child with chronic, complex, acute disorders from infancy to adolescence; the child with special needs & care of the dying pediatric client inclusive of concepts applicable to basic needs & support of the family during the period of change. The Benner Model of Novice to Expert, the concepts of Jean Watson's Caring Theory a holistic approach & the NLN roles of practice are utilized in presentation of the content in addition to focusing on the physiological & psychological changes that occur during childhood. The threads of critical thinking, QSEN principles & standards of care are woven throughout this course & the curriculum. The Benner Model of Novice to Expert together with the concepts from Jean Watson's Caring Theory, & NLN Roles of Practice will be used within the framework of the nursing process & Quality & Safety in Educating Nurses (QSEN) in the implementation of direct care for the culturally diverse adult & geriatric clients. The pre-licensure knowledge, skills & attitudes from the QSEN goals are emphasized in the clinical experience.

### RNSG243 - Pediatrics - Clinical

Clinical application of theory content as relates the care of the pediatric client & their family; knowledge of nursing theory, concepts, skills competencies & procedures. Clinical experience is provided in multiple health care settings, community based, clinics, hospital & simulation. The Benner Model from Novice to Expert together with the concepts from Jean Watson's Caring Theory, & NLN Roles of Practice will be used within the framework of the nursing process in the implementation of care for the culturally diverse pediatric patient. Clinical experience emphasizes role & responsibilities of the associate degree nursing student. Focus on demonstration of: legal & ethical behavior; safety principles & practices; interpersonal & teamwork principles & practice skills; appropriate & therapeutic communicating skills.

# RNSG244 - Nursing Across the Lifespan IV Med/ Surg IV -Theory

This course provides theoretical knowledge, in the care of the client with disorders of the Endocrine System, Nervous System, Eyes & Ears the patient with acute, seriously ill, & critical medical surgical needs. The Benner Model Novice to Expert, the concepts of Jean Watson's Caring Theory a holistic approach & the NLN roles of practice are utilized in the assessment, identification & prioritization of patient problems & implementation of nursing care within a legal/ethical framework. Content includes pathological processes, causes, complications that may occur. The threads of critical thinking, QSEN principles & standards of care are woven throughout this course. The nursing process & the NLN guidelines for effective practice are integrated & utilized in identifying & prioritizing client problems/needs.

# RNSG245 - Nursing Across the Lifespan IV Med/Surg IV - Clinical

This course provides clinical application of theoretical knowledge in the care of the client with chronic & complex disorders & acute & critical life threatening health situations. Clinical experiences are provided in multiple health care settings which may include acute, sub-acute, perioperative, medical-surgical units, rehabilitative units, critical care units & community agencies. Clinical experience emphasizes refinement of clinical decision making & management of care, utilizing the nursing process & the NLN roles of practice for the RN. Focus is on demonstration of increased knowledge & competent, safe application in the clinical environment of legal & ethical behavior; safety principles & practices; interpersonal & teamwork principles & implementation of safe competent skills & appropriate, therapeutic communicating. The pre-licensure knowledge, skills & attitudes from the QSEN goals are emphasized throughout the clinical experience.

### RNSG246 - Foundations II; Leadership - Theory

This course provides instruction on the changing roles, technology & competency skills needed for successful transition from student of associate degree program to a licensed registered nurse. Focus is

on the importance of professional growth; role transition, roles of the nurse as a responsible manager & member of the profession; delegation of care to competent, safe staff to ensure safety & that appropriate care. Course content includes: legal-ethical requirements & boundaries; practice acts, rules & regulations; leadership & management qualities & styles; career pathways, job seeking skills & NCLES-RN preparation.

# RNSG247 - Foundations II; Leadership - Clinical

This course builds on & enhances the theoretical & clinical experiences that the student has had throughout the ADN program. The focus of the course is clinical performance in the three Roles of Practice (NLN), incorporation of concepts of the Benner Model Novice to Expert, Jean Watson's Caring Theory. The student functions as the nurse responsible for the healthcare delivery & management of group of patients in the healthcare setting. The student will work closely with the agency staff with the goal of assuming the staff nurse workload. The clinical instructor in collaboration with the facility staff will provide support & guidance for the student. During the Clinical Leadership experience the student will progressively become competent in performing all the usual skill competencies & responsibilities of an R.N. By midpoint of the experience, the student should function at an entry-level ADN graduate, requiring only suggestions & minimal supervision from the clinical instructor & staff to complete all expected responsibilities & duties in a competent, organized, safe & timely manner. This course focuses on the application of classroom learning to the clinical setting as relates to competencies of the Provider of Care, Manager of Patient Care & Member of the Profession.

## **VOCATIONAL NURSING (DIPLOMA)**

An updated curriculum for Unitek College's VN Program was approved by California's Bureau for Vocational Nursing & Psychiatric Technicians (BVNPT) in March 2018. Students enrolling in the VN Program after April 2, 2018 will enroll in the version listed in the main body of the Catalog. Below are the hours & course descriptions for the prior version of this program.

# **Program Overview**

This pre-licensure Vocational Nursing program is approved by California's Board of Vocational Nursing & Psychiatric Technicians (BVNPT).

#### Hours:

The Vocational Nursing Diploma Program consists of 1569 instructional clock hours: 603 hours of theory & 966 hours of lab & clinical application.

# **COURSES - Semester I**

# VNSG 100 Nursing Fundamentals – Theory / Lab

This course provides an introduction to the nursing profession & technical instruction towards mastery of entry level nursing skills & competencies. Subject matter includes: Nursing history & trends, trans-cultural nursing & health (inclusive of spiritual & cultural diversity), human needs & wellness, community health, therapeutic communication, nurse client relationships, terminology & abbreviations, legal-ethical issues, safety & emergency preparedness, admissions, transfer & discharge, feeding & elimination, pain management, body mechanics, infection prevention/control; Nursing Process inclusive of data collection/assessment & basic charting, medical & surgical asepsis. The following are the skills competencies included in this course; hand-washing, vital signs, body mechanics / personal hygiene, enemas, Foley insertion, sterile gloving & dressing, insertion & management of nasogastric & percutaneous feeding tubes, trach management & suctioning.

# **VNSG 101 Nursing Fundamentals - Clinical**

This course provides detailed education & training, & application of theory & nursing skill competencies in the clinical setting; direct client / patient interaction & care in a clinical / work based experience setting, long term care facility. Direct patient care is provided focusing on the client's / patients individual needs for the adult, geriatric client / patient. The Nursing Process is utilized as the foundation for all nursing interventions.

# **VNSG 102 Anatomy & Physiology**

This course provides theory content as relate to anatomy & physiology. Subject matter includes: Overview of Body Systems & Body functions; Integumentary system; Musculoskeletal system; Gastrointestinal system, Genitourinary system; Reproductive Systems; Respiratory System; Cardiovascular System; Blood & Lymph & Immune Systems; Endocrine System; Neurological System & Sensory System.

### **VNSG 103 Gerontology Clinical**

This course is designed to assist in the application of theoretical knowledge of the geriatric client. Focus is emphasized in providing direct patient care in the early, middle, & late adult with assessments including dementia & effects of aging on the body system.

### **VNSG 104 Gerontology**

This course provides theory content & nursing skills competencies on care of the adult, older adult / geriatric client. Subject matter includes: Care of the adult early, middle, late; care settings; effects of

aging on the systems of the body; risk factors; assessment & interventions in providing holistic care; effects of losses; elder abuse; diagnostics test & procedures, mini mental assessment; dementia; legalethical issues as related to the older adult. The Nursing Process is utilized as the foundation for all nursing interventions.

### **VNSG 106 Nutrition**

This course provides theory content & skills related to basic nutrition; special diets & nutritional need of the compromised clients. Subject matter includes: Basic precepts & guidelines of nutrition; cultural, social & religious influences; Excesses & deficit in nutrition; therapeutic diets, house diets, modified diets; special nutritional needs & nutritional support, as it relates to nursing.

### **COURSES - Semester II**

# **VNSG 108 Pharmacology**

This course provides introduction to the basic principles of pharmacology. Content: drug regulations, classifications as relates to body systems & diseases, categories, factors affecting medication administrations, abbreviations & symbols, systems of measurements, delivery systems, calculations for drug administration, principles & methods of drug administration.

## **VNSG 109 Medical Surgical I Clinical**

This course provides detailed education, opportunity for application of theory content in clinical setting, instruction, training, & work-based experience with direct patient care, in a variety of settings. Emphasis is placed on medication administration & treatment related to the Integumentary & Musculoskeletal systems. The Nursing Process is utilized as the foundation for all nursing interventions.

# **VNSG 110 Medical Surgical Nursing I**

This course provides detailed theory content instruction related to nursing care of the individual client with medical surgical disorders. Subject matter includes: Care of client with Integumentary System disorders; Care of the client with Musculoskeletal System disorders; Care of the surgical client & Care of the client with Cancer / Oncology; Death & Dying. Content is taught focusing on the client's needs across the lifespan. The Nursing Process is utilized as the foundation for all nursing interventions.

## **VNSG 111 Medical Surgical II Clinical**

This course provides detailed education, opportunity for application of theory content in clinical setting, instruction, training, & work-based experience with direct patient care, in a variety of settings. Emphasis is placed in regard to the Gastrointestinal system, Genitourinary system, Immune system, Cardiovascular system, & Respiratory system. The Nursing Process is utilized as the foundation for all nursing interventions.

### **VNSG 112 Medical Surgical Nursing II**

This course provides further detailed theory content instruction & training related to nursing care of the individual client with medical surgical disorders. Subject matter includes care of the clients / patients with: Disorders of the Gastrointestinal system; Disorders of the Genitourinary System; Disorders of the Blood, Lymph & Immune Systems Disorders of the Cardiovascular System inclusive of Peripheral Vascular Disorders, patient/client teaching inclusive of cardiac rehabilitation nursing & communication Disorders of the Respiratory System; Fluid & Electrolyte Disorders. Content is taught focusing on the individual client's needs. The Nursing Process is utilized as the foundation for all nursing interventions.

### **COURSES - Semester III**

## **VNSG 113 Maternal/Newborn Clinical**

This course provides detailed education, training, & clinical / work-based experience; direct patient care in a variety of acute & sub-acute facilities. Care is provided focusing on the individual's needs across the life span inclusive of the Maternal /Newborn with applications of cultural & religious influences. The Nursing Process is utilized as the foundation for all nursing interventions.

## **VNSG 114 Maternal/Newborn Nursing**

This course provides theoretical instruction on care of the woman during the stages of pregnancy & care of the newborn. Subject matter includes: Prenatal care, assessment of normal pregnancy, fetal development, discomforts of pregnancy, intervention for care of the newborn, post-partum care, possible complications, high risk pregnancy, high risk labor & delivery, high risk newborn, inclusive of concepts applicable to basic needs & support of the family during the period of change. The Nursing Process is utilized as the foundation for all nursing interventions.

### **VNSG 115 Pediatric Clinical**

This course provides detailed education, training, & clinical / work-based experience; direct patient care, in a variety of acute, sub-acute & / or long term care facilities. Care is provided focusing on the individual's needs across the life span inclusive of the pediatric client with applications of mental health concepts. The Nursing Process is utilized as the foundation for all nursing interventions.

### **VNSG 116 Pediatrics**

This course provides detailed instruction on the care of the pediatric client, subject matter includes: Growth & Development, Care of the child with acute & chronic childhood diseases & disorders, from infancy through adolescence. Assessment of: Health maintenance & wellness, interventions for acute & chronic disorders & diseases, & children with special needs.

# **VNSG 117 Medical Surgical III Clinical**

This course provides detailed education, training, & clinical / work-based experience; direct patient care, in a variety of acute, sub-acute & / or long term care facilities. Care is provided focusing on the individual's needs across the life span inclusive of the adult client, with application of mental health concepts. The Nursing Process is utilized as the foundation for all nursing interventions.

### **VNSG 118 Medical Surgical Nursing III**

This course provides further theory content instruction; continuation of medical-surgical health problems of the adult. Subject matter includes care of the client with: Disorders of the Reproductive Systems; Sexually Transmitted Disease; Disorders of the Endocrine System; Disorders of the Neurosensory Systems, inclusive rehabilitation nursing & patient education. Include classroom & Simulation labs. Content is taught focusing on the client's / patient's needs across the lifespan. The Nursing Process is utilized as the foundation for all nursing intervention.

### **VNSG 120 Professional Development**

Study of the importance of professional growth. This course provides instruction on the changing roles & skills needed for successful transition from student vocational nurse to licensed vocational nurse. Subject matter includes: Role transition, legal-ethical requirements, practice acts, rules & regulations, leadership qualities & styles, management styles, career pathways, job seeking skills & NCLEX-PN preparation including a comprehensive proctored exit exam which must be passed in order to exit from the program.

# **VNSG 122 Psychology / Mental Health Nursing**

This course provides the study of human behavior with emphasis on emotional & mental abnormalities & disorders; behavior therapy & psychiatric medications; coping mechanisms & nursing responsibilities. Subject matter includes: Mental health team & centers; therapeutic communication / defense mechanisms; psychiatric disorders, treatment & nursing interventions; substance abuse & addictions; assessment of mental functioning, effects of illness/hospitalization, interventions for mental health disorders abuse & dependencies with evaluation of outcomes. The course provides instruction in skills lab & clinical experience in a variety of facilities / settings: long- term, acute, subacute, mental health, & developmental facilities.