



### **1. Catalog description of the program (program goals and objective)**

De Anza College's Nursing program prepares students for careers as Registered Nurses (RNs). The program and all course offerings are approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN). In accordance with the guidelines established by the BRN, program applicants must first complete a series of prerequisite courses that include: human anatomy and physiology, psychology, microbiology, and nutrition. The program offers two tracks: a "generic" Registered Nursing program for those without previous nursing education or experience and an LVN to RN Transition program for those with a valid California Vocational Nurse License. The latter is an accelerated program which presumes students already have education and clinical experience in the provision of patient care and the management of acute medical conditions. Successful completers of both programs are awarded Associate in Science degrees in Nursing. De Anza College's Nursing program has cultivated strong relationships with all major South Bay hospitals. This ensures a broad range of experience for students and helps connect graduates with potential future employment opportunities.

De Anza College's Nursing program is committed to providing access to the program to all qualified applicants. After the successful completion of prerequisites, interested students submit a completed program application. The Nursing program recently updated its program screening and selection process in order to create a more equitable means to admit program applicants and ensure the greatest chance of successful completion of the program. In addition to classroom instruction and clinical practica, De Anza's Nursing program provides many other supportive services to ensure student success including the Nursing Skills Lab, work with patient simulators, and professional experts (RNs) to provide additional guidance to student nurses on clinical externships.

## **2. Certificate and degree programs offered (title and units)**

A.S. Degree – **LVN Transition to RN** – 67 units plus General Education

A.S. Degree – **Registered Nursing (RN)** – 111 units plus General Education

## **3. Program-level Student Learning Outcomes**

## **4. Data on certificate and degree awards for previous year (2009-10)**

Associate in Science degrees

LVN Transition to RN – 7

Registered Nurse (RN) - 80

## **5. Regional and State Labor Market Data**

Employment opportunities for Registered Nursing program graduates exist in hospitals, public and private clinics, sub-acute and long-term care facilities. Many nurses also find employment in schools and occupational medicine practices. Nurses provide and manage patient care in acute and out-patient settings, provide health education, assist with surgeries and other procedures, administer treatments and medications, and manage teams of nurses and other healthcare providers. Similar to other healthcare professions, there is projected to be a nationwide shortage of registered nurses. According to the California Employment Development Department's Labor Market Information data for the San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara MSA, there are projected to be 473 combined annual openings for the period 2006-2016 for registered nurses with a strong growth rate of 15.4%. The demand for registered nurses around California is projected to continue to grow with 10,210 total annual openings for the period 2008-2018 at a growth rate of 25.7%.

## **6. Areas for new course and/or program development**

## **7. Recommendations of Advisory Committee (retain or delete program)**