



How To Enroll

STEP 1 You may apply to the college online at www.cabrillo.edu, or use the form in the Schedule of Classes. Your application can

be faxed (831-479-5782), brought in person or mailed to: Admissions and Records Office, Cabrillo College, 6500 Soquel Drive, Aptos, CA 95003.

STEP 2 You will receive registration information in the mail, including your time to begin registering.

Who May Enroll

Cabrillo College is open to anyone 18 years of age or older, or anyone with a high school diploma or proficiency certificate. High school students also may attend classes at Cabrillo on a limited basis with the permission of their high school principals.

Nondiscrimination Policy

Cabrillo Community College does not discriminate on the basis of ethnic group identification, national origin, religion, age, sex, race, color, physical or mental disability, or sexual orientation in any of its policies, procedures, or practices. This nondiscrimination policy covers admission and access to, and treatment and employment in, the college's programs and activities, including vocational education programs. Limited English language skills will not be a barrier to admission to and participation in vocational education programs.

Plan De Acción No Discriminatoria

Cabrillo Community College no discrimina a base de identificación con grupos étnicos, nacionalidad de origen, religión, edad, sexo, raza, color, incapacidad mental o física ni orientación sexual en ninguna de sus reglamentaciones, procedimientos o prácticas. Este plan de acción no discriminatoria incluye la admisión y el acceso a los programas y actividades, y el tratamiento y el empleo en los mismos, incluyendo la educación vocacional. Tener limitadas destrezas en el idioma inglés no constituirá una barrera para ser admitido o participar en los programas de educación vocacional. 6/10

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Nursing

“Cabrillo College has exceeded my expectations for a nursing school. The faculty and staff are not only incredibly knowledgeable and excellent at what they do, they are so supportive and I feel they are truly there for me. They make Cabrillo feel less like a nursing school and more like a nursing community.”

— Hilary Briscoe,
2nd level student



The Profession

If you enjoy comforting others, are fearless in the face of great human need, thrive in a collaborative working environment, and are dedicated to lifelong learning—then nursing could be the career for you.

Nurses provide direct care in all health-care sectors such as hospitals, clinics, long term, hospice and home care. Registered nurses (RNs) collaborate directly with physicians by gathering and sharing information and participating in clinical decision-making. RNs work directly with patients and families in an effort to assure that the highest quality of care is delivered. Finally, RNs work with all other health care disciplines to coordinate the delivery of patient care.



Nursing

“As one of a handful of male nursing students at Cabrillo College I was always encouraged and welcomed to take on a role once viewed as only for women.”
— Raymond A. Manrique Level 3, Fall 2009

Career Opportunities

Nurses are in great demand, all over the world—so no matter where you decide to live or in which healthcare sector you choose to work, you’ll always find a rewarding job. With a nursing associate degree and an RN license, you deliver direct patient care in environments from hospital emergency rooms and community health clinics to hospice and uniformed military settings around the world. With advanced degrees such as a bachelor’s, master’s or doctoral degree, your career opportunities expand to include nursing management, education, consultation and research.

What Does A Nurse Do?



Nursing is an applied art and science—it’s more than taking a patient’s vital signs or recording data on a chart. You learn to combine your intuition, compassion and experience with critical thinking, scientific

methodologies and medical protocols. As a nurse, you perform a wide variety of complex activities such as: conducting physical assessments, administering medication (oral, intramuscular injections and intravenous therapy), providing counseling, documenting all activities in writing as well as using electronic medical records, and responding to emerging priorities.

Gaining a patient’s trust is crucial to being able to successfully treat his/her condition. Consequently the three most important skills a nurse must develop are communication, critical thinking and remaining calm and present in a crisis. It all comes down to being able to elicit information from a patient, analyze his/her condition quickly and accurately and keep the patient (and yourself) calm while treating potentially life-threatening conditions such as a heart attack.



What Does A Nurse Study?

Nurses must acquire a great deal of knowledge in the sciences (e.g. biology, chemistry, etc.) as well in subjects such as English, mathematics and communications. You’ll also get plenty of hands-on practice in major medical-surgical and psychiatric settings in the Monterey Bay area, in addition to lectures, simulations and labs.

Through these practicums, you hone your nursing skills so you are ready for your first day of employment as an RN. But studying doesn’t stop there.

For the rest of your career, you will need to continually keep up-to-date by learning new and important information as medical research and technologies are always evolving.

The Program

You must take and pass a specific set of courses, known as prerequisites, before entering the Cabrillo College Nursing Program. To get the most current information on the prerequisites, visit: www.cabrillo.edu/academics/nursing. You must be ready, willing and able to commit to two years of study in the nursing program, in addition to the time you will spend completing your prerequisites.

You will graduate with an associate in science degree in nursing and will be eligible to transfer to a bachelor’s or master’s degree program. Your education will include classroom experiences as well as learning technical skills. Practice using the advanced simulation technology will help you further refine your knowledge and hands-on skills. At the completion of the program you will be eligible for and well-prepared to take the national licensing exam that will permit you to practice as a registered nurse (RN) anywhere in the U.S. **Our faculty prepare students so well that 90% of Cabrillo nursing graduates pass the licensing exam on their first try.**



The Faculty



Cabrillo’s nursing faculty members are some of the best in the U.S. They all have advanced degrees, years of “in the trenches” experience and are outstanding instructors. They provide you with the knowledge you need to succeed, share their nursing experiences so you get an inside

view of what it’s like to be a nurse, and challenge you to be the best. Year after year, our students tell us how important and supportive their instructors have been and the positive, significant difference they’ve made.

Requirements

For a complete list of current prerequisites, other requirements, fees and frequently asked questions, visit: www.cabrillo.edu/academics/nursing

For more information:

cabrillo.edu/academics/nursing