

YOU WANT TO BECOME A NURSE?

PATHWAYS TO A NURSING CAREER at MT. SAC



- Nursing assistants are important healthcare professionals who handle the day-to-day care of patients
- There is currently a high demand for Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs), Acute Care Nursing Assistants, and Certified home health Aides in Southern California and throughout the state
- The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics lists nursing assistants as one of the fastest-growing occupations in the United States

- Approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing
- A two-year program designed to prepare individuals to give direct nursing care to clients in various practice settings
- The program consists of course work in nursing, science, general education, and clinical nursing practice at local hospitals and health agencies
- Graduates of the program receive an Associate in Science Degree in Nursing and are eligible to take the NCLEX-RN examination leading to licensure as a Registered Nurse (RN)

- You can also take major preparation courses for transfer to four-year pre-licensure BSN programs.
- Mt. SAC has a partnership with Mount St. Mary's RN to BSN program

EDUCATIONAL PREPARATION

Vocational health Care Programs

Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN)

Bachelor Degree in Nursing (BSN)

SCE Health Programs	Mandatory Program Orientation
CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT (CNA)	YES
CARE COORDINATOR	NO
EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN (EMT)	YES
IN-HOME SUPPORT SERVICES/PERSONAL CARE AID/CAREGIVER	NO
MEDICAL ASSISTANT	YES
PHYSICAL THERAPIST AIDE	NO
SPORTS MEDICINE	NO
CONTACT TRACER	NO

- Review the [Pre-Nursing Checklist](#)
- Consider earning an Associate Degree (e.g. Kinesiology & Wellness, AA) to gain multi-criteria screening points
- View the [Guided Pathways \(GPS\) recommended pre-Nursing course sequence map](#)
- Visit the [Nursing program website](#) to become familiar with the multiple screening criteria and lottery selection process, and program information

- Research the [CSU](#) and/or [UC](#) pre-licensure BSN programs (e.g. CSULA, CSULB, CSUSB, UCI, UCLA, etc.)
- Review [assist.org](#) to search for major preparation requirements for CSU/UC
- Consider earning an Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) before transferring to a university
- Review [Mount St. Mary's RN- BSN program](#) for Mt. SAC ADN graduates

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

CAREER RESOURCE



For more information about vocational healthcare or CNA orientation and enrollment, visit:

www.mtsac.edu/vocational/health/index.html

[News article from LA Studios: CNA-jobs-in-demand, March 2021](#)



Schedule a counseling appointment after you have completed the enrollment process. Apply. Assessment Questionnaire. Orientation. MAP workshop (optional).

www.mtsac.edu/counseling/schedule-counseling.html



Explore resources--including books, articles and videos-- for nursing and career preparation.

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