

Sutter County ROP Health Careers  
Vocational Nursing Program FAQ  
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Q: How long is the VN Program? Will the program be flexible around my work schedule?

A: Depends on what program. 11 ½ months full-time, 40 hours per week, through a special grant if received. 18 months part-time, 22 hours per week, through ROP. Schedule is made out in advance to plan activities around it.

Q: What are the pre-requisites for the VN Program? What is the cost of the entire program?

A: CNA, Medical Terminology, Anatomy & Physiology, among others. See application for more pre-requisites. Depends on whether buying new things or used ones (books) etc. Everything new including testing at end of course is approximately \$2,200.

Q: Do I need a high school diploma/GED for the VN Program?

A: Yes

Q: What financial funding is available for the VN Program?

A: If you are an employee of Fremont Rideout Health Group you can apply for a loan up to \$5,000, Yuba County Housing Authority, and WIA from Butte, Glenn, Colusa, Nevada, Yuba, and Sutter counties, among others.

Q: I have taken the pre-requisite classes several years ago, are they still valid and with they count?

A: They will count up to 5 years. See Director of VN Program for each individual case. (See application)

Q: Where can I take the state board examination?

A: Anywhere where testing is available in all 50 states. Closest exam is in Fair Oaks, California.

Q: How many slots are available for the VN Program and is it open entry/open exit? How often does it start?

A: 30 students for part-time and 3 alternatives (which leave before 1<sup>st</sup> clinical if they can't get in). Students are let in after course starts if there an opening, depending if they meet all pre-requisite requirements and is a former LVN-RN student and case is decided by Director of program. The VN Program starts every 2 years (July 2008, July 2010 etc.)

Q: I took some pre-requisites classes at the college; will they count towards the VN Program?

A: If they meet the course completion of pre-requisites and received a "B" (or a grade of "C" and higher, preferably). Director will determine this. This has to be within 5 years.

Q: What medical facilities hire LVN's and what is the average starting wage?

A: Hospitals, clinics, convalescent homes, doctor's offices, correctional facilities, etc. Starting wage depends on the location where you work. Generally, the lowest starting wage is \$16; the highest is \$28 approximately.

Q: Can I take the state board more than once? Is there a wait period in between?

A: Yes, you can take the state board as many times as necessary. There is no limit. You have to wait 90 days in between to take the test and the cost is \$200 per test.