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HEALTH OCCUPATIONS

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Mission College offers several areas of study resulting in certificates, degrees, or licensure in the field of Health Occupations. These include Nursing Assistant (NA), Home Health Aide (HHA), Community Health Worker, Psychiatric Technician (PT), Vocational Nursing (VN), and Registered Nursing (RN) programs. Each program is unique with its own required prerequisites, course work, labs, and clinical studies.

Health Occupations programs include both theoretical instruction on campus and clinical experience in local hospitals and clinics. Students enrolled in clinical programs are subject to special guidelines developed to protect patient safety. A student may be asked to withdraw from a Health Occupations program for academic reasons or for other reasons such as drug/alcohol abuse, inappropriate social or emotional behavior, or documented acts of dishonesty. The faculty reserves the right to remove from the clinical area any student who, in the faculty member's professional judgment, places the patient in physical or emotional jeopardy. Should this occur, the student will have a conference with the member of the faculty and the Program Director or Department Chair.

Clinical Facility Requirements:

Affiliation agreements with clinical facilities regulated by The Joint Commission require that Mission College Health Occupations students meet specific requirements prior to being placed at a facility for a clinical rotation. These requirements include a recent physical examination, disease specific immunity, negative TB status, negative urine screening, and a negative criminal background clearance or fingerprinting clearance. Requirements are subject to change as specified by the clinical facility.

All students enrolled in Health Occupations courses requiring patient care contact in a facility must provide evidence of meeting these requirements prior to the first clinical experience. Students will be excluded from the clinical site until all required materials have been received in the department.

Policies and procedures for the physical examination, disease specific immunity, negative TB status, urine screening, and criminal background check and/or fingerprinting will be provided at the orientation. The student shall be responsible for paying any associated costs of program requirements, with the exception of fingerprinting for the Nursing Assistant student. California regulations the Nursing Assistant student from paying for required fingerprinting.

Performance Standards:

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, students must be, with reasonable accommodation, physically and mentally capable of performing the essential functions of the program. The Performance Standards adopted by the Health Occupations Department include the following:

Must be able to:

- be on your feet 6-12 hours at a time and perform activities that include reaching, balancing, carrying, pushing, pulling, stooping, bending and crouching;
- lift 50 pounds;
- lift and transfer adults and children from a stooped to an upright position to accomplish bed to bed, bed-to-chair and chair-to-bed transfers;
- lift and adjust positions of bedridden patients, including pulling patients toward the head of the bed;
- physically apply up to ten pounds pressure to bleeding sites or to chest in the performance of CPR using hands, wrists and arms;
- maneuver in small spaces quickly and with ease;
- perform fine motor skills that require hand-eye coordination in the use of small instruments, equipment, and syringes;
- feel and compress tissues to assess for size, shape, texture, and temperature;
- visually read calibrated scales,
- perform close and distinct visual activities involving persons and paper work;
- visually discriminate depth and color perception;
- identify and distinguish odors;
- respond and react immediately to auditory instruction, requests, signals, and monitoring equipment;
- perform auditory assessments requiring the distinguishing of variances in sounds;
- learn to perform mathematical calculation with 100% accuracy for medication preparation and administration in a timely manner;
- learn to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, using appropriate grammar, vocabulary, and word usage as well as medical terminology;
- comprehend verbal and written directions, making correct notations and responding as directed;
- make proper and timely decisions under stressful and emergency situations.

Student Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of programs in the Health Occupations Department students will:

1. Demonstrate skills required for entry level practice.
2. Demonstrate the use of theoretical and clinical skills during the performance of patient care to prepare for employment.
3. Successfully pass the courses required to meet eligibility requirements for licensure and/or certification examination.

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS PROGRAM ACCEPTANCE POLICY

Due to requirements mandated by the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technician, the Board of Registered Nursing, and the California Department of Public Health, acceptance into the Vocational Nursing, Psychiatric Technician, Registered Nursing, and Nursing Assistance programs will be dependent on the following:

Nursing Assistant Program:

- Attendance at an information session (Dates will be posted in Online)
- Completion of the College Placement examination (Assesses English, reading, and math)
- Submission of an application for the CNA program by the specified deadline (Applications are available online at www.missioncollege.org/depts/health/index.html/nursing)
- It is recommended that students have completed AH 003 prior to applying for this program.

Psychiatric Technician:

- Attendance at an information session (Dates will be posted in Online)
- Completion of the College Placement examination (Assesses for eligibility in English 1A, Math 903 and Reading proficiency).
- Submission of an application for the PT program by the specified deadline (Applications are available online at www.missioncollege.org/depts/health/index.html/nursing)

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- Satisfactory completion of the prerequisite: BIOSC 022
- It is recommended that students have completed AH 003, NS 015, PSYCH 012, PT 011 or PSYCH 001 prior to applying for this program.

Vocational Nursing:

- Attendance at an information session (Dates will be posted in Online)
- Satisfactory score on the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS).
- Submission of an application for the VN program by the specified deadline (Applications are available online at www.missioncollege.org/depts/health/index.html/nursing)
- Satisfactory completion of prerequisites: BIOSC 022, ENGL 001A
- It is recommended that students have completed AH 003, NS 040, PSYCH 012, VN 057 prior to applying for this program.

Licensed Vocational Nursing to Registered Nursing Program:

- Proof of active LVN license (copy)
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 for all college coursework.
- Satisfactory score on the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)
- Completion of the LVN to RN course prerequisites.

For any questions regarding non-acceptance into a program, please contact a counselor for an educational plan.

For further information on individual programs please refer to the area of study.

Areas Of Study:

- Allied Health
- Community Health Worker
- Health Education
- Psychiatric Technician
- Registered Nursing
- Vocational Nurse

HISTORY (HIST)

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The study of history contributes to cultural literacy and develops critical thinking and other useful skills while helping students understand today and plan for tomorrow.

Student Learning Outcomes:

Students in the History Program will acquire the necessary analytical skills and tools to understand the historical past of many different cultures and societies. Students will learn to study and think critically about different races, ethnic groups, political systems, religions, cultural assumptions, and experiences of the past. Students can also meet the general education and lower division course requirements in History for associate degree and/or transfer to four-year institutions. Upon completion of the program, students will:

- Demonstrate the ability to identify major historical issues;
- Identify the main participants in historical events of the culture under study;
- Analyze major historical events either verbally or in writing;
- Define and be able to compare and contrast key historical issues and cultural assumptions; and,
- Become familiar with values of different cultures and societies and learn to appreciate them.

Students will demonstrate their knowledge of history through quizzes, research projects, group discussions, and written tests.

Career Options:

- Administrator
- Museum Curator
- Archivist
- Pre-Law/Lawyer
- Business Consultant
- Research Analyst
- Foreign Service
- State Park Historian
- Government Service
- Teacher
- Historian
- Writer
- Journalist
- Librarian

Some career options may require more than two years of college study.

Highlights:

- Overview of Western Civilization and American History, Asian, Latin-American History, Women in American History.
- Faculty includes widely traveled scholars, authors and active historians.
- Courses also fulfill general education and global education requirements.