



Medical Program FAQs

What is the difference between CNA, MA and VN?

The Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) program is an entry-level patient care training program that is one trimester (9-10 weeks) in length. The Medical Assistant (MA) program is a front and back medical office training program that lasts one semester. The Vocational Nursing (VN) program is a training program approximately 19 months in length that prepares students to test for state licensure as a vocational nurse. Please see this website for help in researching different occupations in the medical field: <http://www.onetonline.org/>

When do the MA, CNA, Medical Math, Customer Service, and Medical Terminology classes begin?

The MA program is offered every fall and spring. CNA, Medical Math, Customer Service, and Medical Terminology are offered three times per year, with start dates in August, November and March generally. Please see our web page or schedule of classes for current registration and orientation dates.

What do I need before I can register for the CNA or Medical Math/Medical Terminology classes?

All of these courses require attendance at a mandatory orientation and passing a basic reading and basic math assessment in order to register.

How do I register for the MA program?

The MA program requires an official copy of high school diploma transcript or GED test results, a valid, government-issued photo identification, and a Social Security card. Applicants must attend a mandatory orientation and assessment, from which the 20 applicants with the highest passing test scores will be invited to enroll.

What can I do to prepare for the CNA/MA/Med Math/Med Terminology/Customer Service assessment testing?

The assessment test used for these programs is a CASAS basic reading comprehension and/or math evaluation, there is generally no preparation needed.

When do the LVN classes begin? When is the next orientation? How often do you accept applications?

We run two separate VN programs concurrently, and as soon as one class graduates, we begin a new class. The application period for a new class opens and closes *several* months earlier than

the graduation of a current class; please see our web page for detailed application information and dates. In some school years, we have one application period, and in others we have two periods, depending on VN graduation dates.

What do I need to do to apply for the VN classes? What are the prerequisites?

To apply to the VN program, you must be a current CNA/MA/EMT, you must have completed Medical Math, Customer Service, and Medical Terminology, and you must have a high school diploma or GED (official transcripts/test results required). Unofficial college coursework transcripts can also be submitted with your application. The application packet also requires three letters of recommendation, a current resume and a non-refundable \$65 TEAS testing fee. If you have taken a TEAS test in the past five years and scored 60% or higher in math and English, those scores can be accepted and included in your application.

What is the process to be accepted to the VN program?

To be invited to interview for acceptance to the VN program, the top scores in Reading, Math, and English on the TEAS test are considered first, then candidates must attend a mandatory orientation and pass a pre-entrance interview. Candidates who successfully meet all of these requirements will be ranked according to their *total* scores on the application, TEAS test and pre-entrance interview and admitted to the program on a space-available basis from the highest scores down. We generally designate two or more candidates as alternates for each class who will be admitted in the event that accepted students are not able to attend.

After I'm accepted to the VN program, what else do I need to do before starting classes?

Once accepted to the VN program, students will need to obtain and provide proof of the following *prior* to the start of the class: a two-step TB / PPD test or chest x-ray, two MMR vaccinations or positive titer, two Varicella vaccinations or positive titer, one HepB vaccination, one Tdap vaccination, a current Influenza (flu) vaccination, and a physical exam form provided by us and completed by a physician. A background check and secured 10-panel drug screening test will also be required, and these will be scheduled at the school on Induction Day.

Do you have challenge testing?

We no longer offer challenge testing at ICEC.

What can I do to prepare for the VN entrance testing (TEAS)?

Your TEAS scores are very important in determining your readiness to be successful in nursing school. The ATI TEAS Prep website <http://www.atitesting.com/2/teas-prep.aspx?gclid=COzoPXHxLECFUXc4Aodo3wALA> is a great resource. Please note, some colleges enforce a *lifetime* limit of three TEAS tests, so please give your best effort on *every* subject for each TEAS test you take!

What days are the VN program?

The VN program is held three days per week (M, T, W or W, R, F) from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm.

I obtained my CNA from my native country or another state, can I use that to apply to the VN program?

No, your CNA certification must be issued by the state of California. You can apply for equivalency or reciprocity from the California Department of Public Health:

<https://goo.gl/3P2Vve> <https://goo.gl/4wOFOS>

I completed a CNA program at a different school and it included Medical Math and Medical Terminology, does that count for your VN program?

Possibly, we do accept course completions from other programs if they meet all requirements. You will need to submit an official transcript and course description for evaluation.

If I let my CNA certification expire, do I have to take the whole class again?

Yes. CNA certification must be current in order to meet this admission requirement.

If I have a DUI on my record, but I took care of it and paid it off, will that prevent me from getting into the VN classes?

While certain convictions might not prevent you from being admitted to the VN program, they might prevent you from obtaining your vocational nursing license from the state of California after completing the program and passing the NCLEX. See their website for more information

<http://www.bvnpt.ca.gov/pdf/brochure3.pdf>

How much do your Medical Education programs cost?

Our Medical programs are some of the most affordable in the region, but since our fees may change, please see the Medical Programs web page or schedule of classes for the current costs.

Do you offer night classes for your medical program? Are there Saturday classes for your medical program? What time do the classes start and end?

Our CNA and MA programs are only offered as full-time, day classes. Our VN program is held three full days per week, with an expected 10-40 hour time commitment outside of the classroom for homework, studying and class preparation. We do not offer evening or Saturday classes. Start and end times vary by program, please see the schedule of classes or web page for more information. Clinic rotation times may vary.

Do you offer financial aid or payment plans? Scholarships?

We do not offer Title IV financial aid, but we do offer a three-installment payment plan option prior to the start of the program. Please schedule an appointment with the Vice Principal to discuss. We also accept agency vouchers and encourage potential students to visit their local Workforce Development Department to check on the availability of training funds and to see if they are eligible for training assistance: <https://goo.gl/1oZvns>

Do you offer CEU's?

No, we do not currently offer CEU's.

Do you offer job placement assistance?

Yes, we have a Career Placement Office to assist our medical program graduates with all aspects of finding employment. Employment readiness workshops are presented, and resume/job application/interview assistance is also available. Job leads are sent out regularly to our graduates, and career counseling is available by appointment.

What are the passing rates for your Medical programs?

CNA: The California Department of Public Health issues CNA certifications, but they do not list pass rates by school on their website. Our pass rate is greater than 95% and most recently, the last four sessions were 100%.

Our NCLEX pass rate for 2014-15 and 2015-16 was 100%. State VN licensure pass rates are available on the following site: http://www.bvnpt.ca.gov/education/vn_stats.shtml. We are currently ranked third in the state by PracticalNursing.org.

Medical Assistant certification is available, but optional, and there is currently no site with passing rates by school for this program.

Do you offer CPR classes alone?

No, we do not currently offer CPR as a stand-alone course.

Is child care available for my child while I attend Medical programs?

Child care is available to students attending the *theory* (not externship) portion of the MA program, but is not available to CNA and VN students due to the hours of those programs and the requirement to be off site for clinical training.