**CTE Program Narrative**

1. **Statement of Program Goals and Objectives**

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| The Porterville College Licensed Vocational Nursing to Registered Nurse (LVN-RN) 30 Unit Option Certificate of Achievement endorses the mission of Porterville college which is: "With students as our focus, Porterville College provides our local and diverse communities quality education that promotes intellectual curiosity, personal growth, and lifelong learning, while preparing student for vocational and academic success."  The Porterville College nursing program adheres to this mission when offering the LVN-RN 30 Unit Option Certificate of Achievement. The mission of the nursing program is to provide an innovative, student-centered educational program that prepares diverse students as candidates to become Registered Nurses to provide safe, quality, evidence-based nursing care in the current healthcare environment. The program is market-conscious as it prepares students to practice nursing in a variety of healthcare environments with input from the community represented through the program's Advisory Committee. The 30-unit option provides the Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) the opportunity to prepare and sit for the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN) after completing 30 college semester units.  This option is available to all LVN’s entering the PC Nursing Program. This is a two-semester Program. Students do not need to complete all the Porterville College General Education Requirements for the LVN-RN 30-Unit Certificate of Achievement. This option does not lead to an Associate Degree in Nursing.  Employment in the field for registered nurses is excellent locally and nationally. The registered nurse enjoys a well-compensated, rewarding, highly flexible career, which should continue in the future. The State of California provides the LVN with an option to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN) after completing 30 college semester units.  *Pertinent Statutes & Regulations*  Porterville College has an established Associate Degree Nursing program. The Nursing Practice Act mandates schools of nursing to provide LVN to RN education that shall not require more than 30 units.  Business &Professions Code 2736.6 The board shall determine by regulation the additional preparation in nursing, in a school approved by the board, which is required for a vocational nurse, licensed under Chapter 6.5 (commencing with section 2840) of this division to be eligible to take the examination for licensure under this chapter as a registered nurse. The board shall not require more than 30 units in nursing and related science subjects to satisfy such preparation.  B&P Code 2786.6 The board shall deny the application for approval made by, and shall revoke the approval given to, any school of nursing which:  (b) Is operated by a community college and discriminates against an applicant for admission to a school solely on the grounds that the applicant is seeking to fulfill the units of nursing required by B&P Code section 2736.6.  CCR 1429. These courses shall be taken in a board approved prelicensure program and shall not include courses required for vocational nurse licensure. This option shall:   1. Offer objective counseling regarding the potential consequences of obtaining a registered nursing license as a non-graduate. 2. Require successful completion or challenge of physiology and microbiology courses that are comparable to such courses required for licensure as a registered nurse. 3. Determine completion of courses equivalent to the required registered nursing content, including advanced medical-surgical, mental health, psychiatric nursing and geriatric nursing, as prescribed in CCR sections 1426(d) and 1426 (e). 4. Design the courses in such a manner that the LVN who completes the program will have the knowledge and skills necessary to function in accordance with the minimum standards for competency set forth in CCR section 1443.5.   *Entry Criteria and Selection Process*  Refer to enrollment eligibility and enrollment process unit Item 2 Catalog Description section.  *Program Learning Outcome*   * Provide safe, quality, evidence-based, patient-centered nursing care to diverse patients across the lifespan in a variety of healthcare settings. * Exercise clinical judgment to make increasingly complex patient-centered care decisions. * Participate in quality improvement processes to improve patient care outcomes. * Participate in teamwork and collaboration with members of the interprofessional team, the patient, and the patient’s support persons. * Use information management systems and patient care technology to communicate, manage knowledge, mitigate error, and support decision-making. * Incorporate leadership, management, legal, and ethical principles to guide practice as a Registered Nurse. * Promote a culture of caring in all healthcare environments. |

ESTIMATED EXPENSES other than ordinary course fees

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| **3rd SEMESTER** |  |
| Fees $46/unit X 10 Units | $460.00 |
| Health fee $12 and Student Center Fee $5 | $17.00 |
| Parking Permit | $20.00 |
| Books (includes tax) | $1300.00 |
| Assessment & Integrated Testing | $600.00 |
| Pharm Made Easy | $170.00 |
| Background & Drug Screening | $100.00 |
| Physical and Immunizations | $360.00 |
| BLS Certification | $85.00 |
| Scrubs Uniform | $130.00 |
| Shoes | $60.00 |
| I.D. Badge | $8.00 |
| Lab Coat | $40.00 |
| Lab Supplies (Tote) (includes tax) | $120.00 |
| Supplies | $50.00 |
| **Total Estimated 3rd Semester** | **$3,520.00** |
| **4th SEMESTER** |  |
| Fees $46/unit X 7 units | $322.00 |
| Health fee $12 and Student Center Fee $5 | $17.00 |
| Parking Permit | $25.00 |
| Books | $100.00 |
| Lab Supplies (Tote) (includes tax) | $100.00 |
| Supplies | $50.00 |
| License Application | $300.00 |
| IP License | $100.00 |
| NCLEX Exam | $200.00 |
| Nursing Pin | $60.00 |
| Graduation Cap & Gown | $70.00 |
| **Total Estimated 4th Semester** | **$1,344.00** |
| **Estimated Program Total** | **$4,864.00** |

1. **Catalog Description**

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The law provides for denial of licensure for crimes or acts, which are substantially related to nursing qualifications, functions or duties. Conviction of any offenses other than minor traffic violations must be reported to the Board of Registered Nursing at the time of application for licensure. Business and Professions Code 480 and Nursing Practice Act article 3 section 2761. For clarification contact the ADN Program Director or the Board of Registered Nursing, P.O Box 944210, Sacramento, California, 94244-2100, (916) 322-3350.  NOTE: Social Security Number (SSN) or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number Requirement: Pursuant to Section 30(c) of the Business and Professions code the California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) will not process any application for licensure unless the applicant provides a United State SSN or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number. The Nursing Practice Act provides for a unified examination and licensing application. Once an applicant passes the examination, a license is automatically issued. Under these circumstances the BRN cannot accept applications for the examination and licensure without a SSN or Tax Payer Identification Number.  Career Opportunities  Employment in the field for registered nurses is excellent locally and nationally. The registered nurse enjoys a well-compensated, rewarding, highly flexible career, which should continue in the future. The State of California provides the LVN with an option to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN) after completing 30 college semester units. The LVN seeking this path to RN licensure may not receive reciprocal RN licensure in other states. LVN’s considering moving out of state are encouraged to consult with that state’s board of nursing for RN licensure requirements before committing to the 30-unit option.  PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES   1. Provide safe, quality, evidence-based, patient-centered nursing care to diverse patients across the lifespan in a variety of healthcare settings. 2. Exercise clinical judgment to make increasingly complex patient-centered care decisions. 3. Participate in quality improvement processes to improve patient care outcomes. 4. Participate in teamwork and collaboration with members of the interprofessional team, the patient, and the patient’s support persons. 5. Use information management systems and patient care technology to communicate, manage knowledge, mitigate error, and support decision-making. 6. Incorporate leadership, management, legal, and ethical principles to guide practice as a Registered Nurse. 7. Promote a culture of caring in all healthcare environments.   ENROLLMENT ELIGIBILITY  *To be eligible for enrollment in the program, the student must meet the following criteria:*   * Possession of a current clear and active California Vocational Nurse (LVN) license at the time of application and throughout program completion. * A grade of “C” or better in the following science prerequisites   + PHYL P101 Introductory Physiology with Lab 5, units at Porterville College or equivalent 4-5 semester unit physiology course at another accredited college.   + MICR P106 Microbiology with Lab, 5 units at Porterville College or equivalent 4-5 semester unit microbiology course at another accredited college. * Completion of NURS P171 LVN Transition to RN Program, 3 units at Porterville College or equivalent course at another accredited college.   ENROLLMENT PROCESS  *Eligible students are selected for the program according to the following steps:*   * Contact the Health Careers Division at 559-791-2321 for an appointment to see the Program Director. * At the time of this appointment, the student will be provided objective counseling. The counseling will include the admission process, course requirements, the advantages/disadvantages of this route to licensure, and that high school graduation or equivalent is required in order to take the RN national licensing examination. * An individual evaluation of the applicant’s academic deficiencies irrespective of time such courses were completed will occur at the appointment. * If physiology, microbiology, and previous LVN program were taken at another accredited college, provide official transcripts and course descriptions of courses at the time of the appointment. * After appointment with Program Director, submit completed application packet during the appropriate application period. * Pre-enrollment applications and deadlines are available in the Health Careers office and on the program website. * Only students who meet the educational and pre-nursing requirements and follow the pre-enrollment procedures will be considered for the program. Meeting all these requirements does not guarantee acceptance into the program. * Selection is based on a random selection process from among the qualified applicants and is subject to space availability. Students must reapply each semester. There is no waiting list.   NOTE: As a condition of enrollment into the Nursing program, the student is required to have a physical examination, inoculations, tuberculosis clearance, drug screen, background check, and current BLS card (at the student’s expense).  NOTE: The student is responsible for providing uniforms, laboratory fees, necessary equipment and transportation to off-campus laboratory locations. There are morning, afternoon, evening, and weekend clinical experiences that may change with limited notice.  PROGRAM APPROVAL  The Board of Registered Nursing approves the Porterville College LVN to RN 30 Unit Option Certificate.  **LVN to RN 30 UNIT OPTION NURSING CURRICULUM**  Third Semester   * NURS P135 Concepts of Mental Health Nursing * NURS P136 Concepts of Nursing Care of the Adult and Older Adult III   Fourth Semester   * NURS P138 Concepts of Nursing Care of the Adult and Older Adult IV * NURS P139 Transition to Registered Nurse   **Challenge/Advanced Placement into the Nursing Program for Military Personnel**  In compliance with Senate Bill 466, Military Personnel and Veterans may be eligible for advanced placement into the Porterville College LVN-ADN Program. Three pathways have been established to assist with obtaining nursing credit for previous education and experience for the Basic Medical Technician Corpsman, the Basic Medical Technician Corpsman with an active California LVN license, and the Independent Duty Corpsman/Advanced Army Medic/Advanced Airforce Medic.  All applicants must meet all general entrance requirements of the Associate Degree Nursing Program, including completion of designated prerequisites. Students must pass the first and/or second semester written challenge exams with 75% or higher and obtain a satisfactory level of achievement on skills competency. Military Challenge students will not be admitted if they have previously failed a nursing course at another nursing school. |

1. **Program Requirements**

Display of Program Requirements

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| **Prerequisite Core Courses** | **Title** | **Units** |
| PHYL P101 | Introductory Physiology | 5 |
| MICR P106 | Microbiology | 5 |
| NURS P171 | LVN Transition to RN Program | 3 |
| Total Required Prerequisite Units | | 13 |
| **Nursing Core Courses** | **Title** | **Units** |
| NURS P135 | Concepts of Mental Health Nursing | 4 |
| NURS P136 | Concepts of Nursing Practice of the Adult and Older Adult III | 6 |
| NURS P138 | Concepts of Nursing Practice of the Adult and Older Adult IV | 6 |
| NURS P139 | Transition to Registered Nursing Practice | 1 |
|  | Total Nursing Core Courses | 17 |
| **Total Core Units Required for Degree** | | **30** |

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| **First Semester** | **Units** | **Second Semester** | **Units** |
| PHYL P101 | 5 | NURS P135 | 4 |
| MIRC P106 | 5 | NURS P136 | 6 |
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| **Total** | **13** | **Total** | **10** |
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| **Third Semester** | **Units** |
| NURS P138 | 6 |
| NURS P139 | 1 |
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| **Total** | **7** |

**TOTAL UNITS: 30**

1. **Master Planning** (Background and Rationale)

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| The college community has been in support of the new Associate Degree Nursing program since 2007. The current College Master Plan includes plans for the newly implemented Associate Degree Nursing program and currently plans for a new Health Careers building. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, health career jobs are among the fastest growing in the country ([www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov)). The LVN-RN 30 Unit Option will continue to provide an educational pathway for the Licensed Vocational Nurse to complete Registered Nursing requirements for licensure.  The acute care facility of Sierra View District Hospital and other smaller healthcare institutions are currently able to handle the existing nursing student clinical rotations. The College is committed to supporting safe patient care and will not increase enrollment above its current capacity with local healthcare facilities. Continuing the LVN-30 Unit Option will not negatively impact clinical capacity. |

1. **Need for Program**
   1. Enrollment and Completer Projections

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| Porterville College will continue to admit 20 nursing students each fall semester into first semester of the ADN Degree program. LVN-RN 30 Unit Options students are admitted 3rd semester based on space availability. Projected Average Annual LVN-RN Completers - 3 |

* 1. Labor Market Information (LMI)

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| Centers of Excellence LMI indicates a 17% increased demand for Registered Nurses from 2016-2020. Economic Modeling Specialists International data indicates a 16.3% increase in Registered Nursing jobs from 2018-2028 within the region. The Porterville College Associate Degree Nursing program has had 100% job placement each year since its first graduating class of 2012. Sierra View Medical Center, Kaweah Delta HealthCare District, Delano Regional Medical Center, and Porterville Developmental Center have all recently reported an increased vacancy rate for registered nurses. See attached LMI documentation. |

* 1. Employer Survey (if applicable)

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| Not Applicable |

1. **Place of Program in Curriculum/Similar Programs**

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| The Porterville College Health Careers Division currently offers an Associate Degree Nursing program, Psychiatric Technician program, and Emergency Medical Technician Basic program. The ADN Nursing program began in fall semester 2010. Registered Nursing education meets the mission and philosophy of the College by being responsive to the needs of our community. The College works closely with the local health care industry to provide RN education to meet the needs of the community in providing health care and filling job vacancies. The LVN to RN 30 Unit Option Certificate provides an additional pathway for students to become eligible for Registered Nursing Licensure. |

1. **Similar Programs at Other Colleges in Service Area**

In addition to the existing Associate Degree Nursing program at Porterville College the residents of the city of Porterville and the surrounding communities are served by 4 other Schools of Nursing –Bakersfield College, California State University, Bakersfield, College of the Sequoias and San Joaquin Valley College; the closest nursing school is approximately 40 minutes away. All 5 schools are currently at capacity, and they have more applicants than they have available seats. The following colleges all offer Registered Nursing programs. No adverse impact is anticipated with the continuation of the nursing program.

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| **College** | **Program** |
| Bakersfield College | Registered Nursing |
| College of the Sequoias | Registered Nursing |
| CSU, Fresno | Registered Nursing |
| CSU, Bakersfield | Registered Nursing |
| Fresno City College | Registered Nursing |
| Merced College | Registered Nursing |
| Modesto Junior College | Registered Nursing |
| San Joaquin Valley College | Registered Nursing |
| San Joaquin Valley College | Registered Nursing |
| West Hills College Lemoore | Registered Nursing |

**Supporting documentation required**

**Labor Market Information:** See attached

**List of Members of Advisory Committee**

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| **Name** | **Title** | **Affiliation** |
| Brynn Shock | RN to BSN Advisor | CSU Bakersfield |
| Amy Scroggs | Chief Nursing Officer | Delano Regional Medical Center |
| Fernando Carrera | Director | Porterville Adult School |
| Valerie Fisher | Deputy Sector Navigator | Health Workforce Initiative |
| Sean Roberts | Paramedic | Imperial Ambulance |
| Crystal Mendoza | Administrator | Lindsay Gardens |
| Michelle Lawrence | Administrator | Porterville Convalescent Hospital |
| Lynette Christianson | Training Officer | Porterville Developmental Center |
| Jeff Hudson | VP Patient Care Services | Sierra View District Hospital |
| Traci Follet | Director of Education | Sierra View District Hospital |
| Pam Avila | Health Careers Pathway Instructor | Porterville Unified School District |
| Carlene Estes | Workforce Analyst | WIB Tulare County |

**Recommendation of Advisory Committee** (Meeting Minutes)

Registered Nursing education meets the mission and philosophy of the College by being responsive to the needs of our community. Based on the recommendations of the Porterville College Health Careers Advisory committee the Associate Degree Nursing program was approved and implemented fall 2010. The advisory committee continues to express the need for registered nurses. Committee members support the change to the concept based curriculum with an emphasis on critical thinking in both theory and clinical. See attached 2017 advisory meeting minutes.