



BSN Program Announcement

The Bakersfield Campus at Unitek College now offers a BSN-degree program.

Bakersfield, California – September 16, 2019 – In 2017, Unitek College added a seventh campus with the acquisition of Southern California Medical College in Bakersfield, California. The campus has grown immensely over the past two years. In September, Unitek received nursing-board approval to expand their BSN program to the Bakersfield community. The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) pre-licensure program will provide graduates with a coveted degree in the healthcare industry.

Doors open for nurses equipped with a BSN degree. Licensed Vocational Nurses (LVNs) and Registered Nurses (RNs) often pursue this degree to further their education and take the next step in their careers. While a bachelor's degree isn't a requirement for RNs, BSN-trained nurses generally receive higher salaries, management positions, and leadership roles. A BSN degree can make a significant difference in the life and career of a healthcare professional.

"Unitek chose Bakersfield because the city is located in San Joaquin Valley (SJV), and studies have [shown that SJV](#) is one of the fastest growing, poorest, and least healthy regions of California," said Dr. Abdel Yosef, Chief Academic Officer at Unitek Learning. "Furthermore, 31.3% of RNs in San Joaquin Valley are above the age of 55, which is a contributing factor to workforce shortage projections published by the [Healthforce Center at UC San Francisco](#)."

Now aspiring nurses in Bakersfield will have the opportunity to earn their BSN degree at Unitek. Not only will they gain invaluable skills, but they'll benefit from the convenience of completing some of their required courses online. Other benefits include experienced instructors, NCLEX-RN test preparation services, and employment support. Through the BSN program, students will train to work in a variety of healthcare settings, such as: complex and critical care, acute care, long-term care, community health nursing, and home health.

"We are thrilled to offer the BSN program at our Bakersfield Campus," said Janis Paulson, Chief Executive Officer at Unitek College. "This is a big step forward for Unitek as we continue to educate the next generation of nurses. In extending our reach, we hope to better the communities around us through the advancement of education and healthcare."

Unitek College is one of California's reputable healthcare and nursing colleges. Taught by experienced professionals, Unitek programs teach the clinical technique and theory used in the field today. Equipped with a multitude of sought-after skills, Unitek graduates are prepared to excel in many of the fastest-growing careers in healthcare and nursing.

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