The RN Refresher program at Santa Ana College is an independent study program offered through the Health Science Skills Lab Course. In order to participate, students must:

- Be licensed as an RN to practice nursing in the United States (license may be active or inactive)
- Apply to become a student at Santa Ana College – applications may be completed online or in-person. The website is www.sac.edu
- Participate in a one-hour information session about the RN Refresher program and tour of the Health Science Skills Lab before you register for the course. Information sessions will take place is R-203-A in the Russell Hall Building on the Santa Ana College Campus. Please RSVP at steckler_mary@sac.edu. (Santa Ana College is located at 1530 West 17th Street, Santa Ana, CA.)
- Information sessions for Fall 2017 will occur on Wednesdays at 1400 beginning September 13 thru October 18. You only need to attend one information session. The session lasts one hour. Once attended, the student will receive a registration add code and can then register for the Health Science Skills Lab course (RN Refresher Program).
- Registration for the Health Science Skills Lab (0.5 Units) may be completed the same day as the information session to the course. Once registered, RN Refresher students may then access all of the instructional media in the Skills Lab which includes over 300 DVD’s, a 32 station computer lab, mid-fidelity manikins to practice skills/case scenarios, and hi-fidelity manikins for instructor-guided simulation. Learning Modules are available to guide students through the instructional media. Students may review instructional media of choice in areas of self-identified interest/weakness. Students may participate in basic psychomotor skills practice sessions (foley catheter, NG tube, IV insertion, suctioning, trach care, injections, etc.). Simulation scenarios utilizing hi-fidelity manikins are also available. There are no organized lectures or clinical preceptorships/internships offered.
- NOTE: This is a self-guided program of study. The lab staff is available to assist with guiding the student thru his/her plan of study. Students must complete 24 hours of directed learning activities to receive a passing grade for the Health Science Skills Lab course. However, students will complete at least a 100 hours for the RN Refresher Program. The number of hours will be dependent on the student’s program plan, the experience level of the student as a nurse, the length of time out of clinical practice, and the length of time in clinical practice. The number of hours completed (for the RN Refresher Program) is left up to the discretion of the student; however, in order to receive a letter stating that you completed the RN refresher Program, you must complete at least 100 monitored hours.
- Cost of the Health Science Skills Lab course (0.5 units) includes registration fee ($23.00), health fee (~$19.00), parking fee (~$30.00 for semester or $2.00 per day). These fees are subject to change.
- The Skills Lab is open approximately 35 hours per week and RN refresher students may access the lab anytime during the open hours. Registration for this course may occur anytime during the weeks 3 thru 8 of the semester. A registration add code will be provided at time of the information session.
- A letter will be generated on school letterhead at the end of the student’s program of study, detailing instructional media reviewed, hours spent in the lab, and participation in the skills review session/seminars. This letter may then be presented to a potential employer. No CEU’s are awarded for this course per BRN regulation.

The information session will discuss the program in more detail and answer any unresolved questions. Please RSVP Mary via email @ steckler_mary@sac.edu.