



RIVERSIDE CITY COLLEGE  
SCHOOL OF NURSING



**Traditional ADN (RN) Information Sheet**

**General Information**

The Associate Degree Nursing Program (ADN) is approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) and is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN). Contact information for the [California BRN](#) is P.O. Box 944210, Sacramento, CA 94244-2100 or call (916) 322-3350. Contact information for the [ACEN](#) is 3390 Peachtree Road, NE, Suite 1400, Atlanta, GA 30326 or call (404) 975-5000.

The Associate of Science Degree (ADN) in Registered Nursing (RN) requires four semesters and an intersession, excluding the completion of prerequisite courses. Upon completion of the 73-74-unit program, the graduate earns an ADN (RN) and is eligible to apply for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) for licensure as a Registered Nurse in the State of California.

Each Spring and Fall semester, 44 - 90 traditional candidates are accepted into the ADN (RN) program. Those applicants who are not accepted must reapply the following semester. There is no wait list. For information on requirements for the RCC-CSU (ADN/BSN) CEP, please see the *Concurrent Enrollment Program Information Sheet*.

**For more information and a listing of Pre-Nursing Workshops, contact us at (951) 222-8407 or on the Health-Related Sciences Engagement Center [website](#). You may also contact RCC Counseling at (951) 222-8440.**

**Application to the School of Nursing**

Students applying to the School of Nursing (SON) must have all eligibility and prerequisite requirements completed or in progress at the time of application. General education courses are encouraged to be completed prior to program entrance. The applicant is responsible for ensuring that **ALL** official up-to-date transcripts and other necessary documentation have been received by Riverside City College (RCC) at the time of application.

1. Admission will be denied to an applicant who earned a grade of “C-” or less in a nursing program at another college.
2. Foreign transcripts must have a *Detailed Evaluation* and must be submitted by the application deadline. Information can be obtained from the Counseling Office.
3. Students must have applied to RCC prior to applying to the ADN (RN) program.
4. Meeting minimum requirements of the program does not guarantee admission into the program.

**Application Filing Period**

**SPRING SEMESTER** - Application filing period between first business day of June to first business day of July.

**FALL SEMESTER** - Application filing period between first business day of October to first business day of November.

**PETITIONING STUDENTS:** (Students applying for readmission or for transfer): Year-round.

Applications may be obtained at the Nursing [website](#) during the application filing periods. Applications are submitted electronically through the link provided. Please verify the current application filing period dates on the Nursing website or contact the School of Nursing at (951) 222-8407.

## **Requirements for Eligibility and Prerequisite Courses:**

1. Complete an RCC application on CCCApply and be eligible to attend RCC.
2. Cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 in all course work attempted at RCC and a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or greater, which includes all accredited college units attempted.
3. Minimum GPA of at least 2.5 in all general education courses is required for to earn an ADN (RN) degree.
4. Prerequisite Courses (15 units):
  - a. Minimum GPA of 2.5 in the following science prerequisite courses:
    - \*Biology 50A (4 units)
    - \*Biology 50B (4 units)
    - \*Biology 55 (4 units)
  - b. Completion of Psychology 9 (3 units, Birth to Death) with a grade of “C” or better.
5. The *Test for Essential Academic Skills (ATI TEAS – TEAS 7)* is required for all applicants applying for the ADN (RN) program. Please see the *RCC SON TEAS Test* policy in the *SON Enrollment Committee Policy and Procedure Manual* for detailed information.
6. Meeting minimum eligibility criteria for the program does not guarantee admission to the program.

## **Anatomy and Physiology Requirement**

RCC encourages students to complete the entire series of Anatomy and Physiology at one school. This is due to the concern of possible missing components in curriculum when completed at separate colleges. Nursing applicants that have taken Anatomy and Physiology at two separate colleges are required to receive approval for these courses by requesting a *Request for Equivalencies and Substitutions* form from the Counseling or Evaluations departments.

## **Selection Procedure**

Available enrollment spaces are selected by rank order (highest points) based on points earned on the multicriteria factors and through random selection (see *Enrollment Criteria for 1<sup>st</sup> Semester Traditional ADN (RN) Students* attached). RCC reserves the right to designate a certain number of enrollment spaces for contract agreements and/or to meet requirements grant-designated outcomes.

Applicants with a regionally accredited bachelor’s degree from the United States (US) will be waived from completing the 6 general education courses, but must have taken the science prerequisites, satisfy the Statistics (MAT-12/12H or PSY/SOC-48) and PSY-9 requirements, and have taken courses in English Composition, Communication and Sociology/Cultural Anthropology.

Students must pass the *ATI Test for Essential Academic Skills (ATI TEAS – TEAS 7)* prior to program enrollment. Please see the *RCC SON TEAS Test* policy in the *SON Enrollment Committee Policy and Procedure Manual* for the full policy.

- Applicants must earn a minimum score of 62 on the TEAS to be eligible for enrollment in the ADN (RN) program. A student may re-take the TEAS every 365 days to improve their score.
- Applicants will be required to attach their **unofficial** TEAS transcript from ATI when completing the application for the ADN (RN) program. In addition, **official** TEAS transcripts must be submitted electronically to RCC via ATI ([www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com)). ATI charges a transcript fee for the TEAS official transcript. Use the code RIVERSIDE CC ADN when sending the official TEAS transcript from ATI ([www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com)).
- Applicants who have not met the minimum passing score of 62 on the first attempt, will be referred to the Nursing Counselor to develop a remediation plan in the respective areas of English, Reading, Mathematics, and/or Science. The length of this remediation shall be approximately twelve (12) months, depending on each student’s identified area(s) of difficulty. Students must provide verification of completion of their remediation to the Nursing Counselor.

For specific information regarding the SON selection criteria, please see the *SON Enrollment Committee Policy and Procedure Manual*.

If a student is not offered a space in the program, a new application is necessary in the next application period. The SON has no wait list.

## Transcript Requirements

Transcripts are *Official* when they are sent directly to RCC from the sending institution or are hand-delivered by the student in a sealed envelope from the sending institution. Copies of transcripts/diplomas not accepted. Transcripts are *Up-to-Date* when they are received by RCC no more than 90 days after the sending institution issued them, as verified by the date that the institution stamps on the transcript. If you need to request an official copy of your transcripts from other colleges previously attended, please visit the [Parchment](#) website. Transcripts that are not official and not considered *Up-to-Date* will be returned to the student, and will result in a lower priority status. Please be aware that your transcripts will be purged after one year if you have never been enrolled at RCC, or if you have not been an RCC student for four years.

## Additional General Education Requirements (19-20 units)

The following general education courses are not required for admission to the ADN (RN) program; rather, they are required for the completion of the ADN (RN) degree. Most students complete these requirements before entering the ADN (RN) program due to the rigorous course load. Students who intend to continue at CSU or UC for their BSN should clarify the general education/graduation requirements with the Nursing Educational Advisor and/or Nursing Counselor (951) 222-8407.

___ English Composition: <b>English 1A/1AH</b>	4
___ American Institutions: ( <b>Ethnic Studies 2, 14, 15, 21, 23, 28, 29; History 6/6H, 7/7H, 14, 15, 26, 28, 29, 31, 34; OR Political Science 1/1H, 5, 21, 23</b> )	3
___ Social and Behavioral Sciences: ( <b>Sociology 1/1H or Anthropology 2/2H</b> )	3
___ Communication and Analytical Thinking: ( <b>Communication 1/1H or 9/9H plus Math 12/12H or Psy/Soc 48</b> )	6-7
___ Humanities: ( <b>see RCC College Catalog</b> )	3
___ Competency: <b>In order to graduate, students must demonstrate competence in mathematics, reading and English.</b>	<b>0-5</b>
	<b>(19-20)</b>

\*\*Please see the *RCC College Catalog* for the most current information.

**NOTE: A grade of “C” or better is required in all general education courses used to fulfill requirements for the Associate Degree in Nursing.**

## Required Nursing Courses (39 units)

<u>First Semester</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Second Semester</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Prerequisites:</u>	<u>Units</u>
Nursing 11	8.5	Nursing 12	8.5	General Education:	19-20 units
Nursing 11A	0.5	Nursing 12A	0.5	Nursing:	39 units
				Total:	73-74 units
<u>Intersession</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Third Semester</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Fourth Semester</u>	<u>Units</u>
Nursing 14	3	Nursing 21	8.5	Nursing 22	8.5
		Nursing 21A	0.5	Nursing 22A	0.5

## Recommended Electives During Program

It is highly recommended that all nursing students enroll in a Nursing Learning Lab (B and/or C course) each semester. These electives provide opportunities for additional self-paced practice and mastery of nursing skills. Instructional guidance and computer assisted materials which support semester student learning outcomes are also available.

## Expenses

1. Students pay Health Services Fees (\$25), parking (\$150), Student Services Fees (\$30) and tuition (\$46) per unit each semester.
2. Students furnish their own uniforms. The cost is approximately \$250.
3. The costs of nursing books, supply bag, iPad, testing platform and other required learning resources are approximately \$2,500 for two years.
4. Physical examination/lab work costs are approximately \$98 - \$600.
5. Background checks/CPR costs approximately \$220.
6. It is recommended that students carry personal health and accident insurance including hospitalization. Policies are available to college students at reasonable rates. The college provides liability insurance at no cost to the student.
7. Students are required to purchase standardized testing package for use during the program. Estimated cost is \$2,075.

8. The cost is approximately \$7,500 for four semesters and an intersession.

*When planning expenses, students should be aware they may have to limit their hours of employment due to the rigor required for the ADN (RN) program. Scholarships and grants are available to those students who qualify.*

### **Health Examination and CPR Certification**

Students will be admitted to the program pending submission of a CPR card (American Heart Association BLS Healthcare Provider Course) that is valid for 2 years, required immunizations, and a completed health examination form with clearance permitting unrestricted functional abilities essential to nursing practice in accordance with the American with Disabilities Act (1990). A completed immunization record, health examination, and CPR certification are not required at the time of application.

### **Background Check/Drug Screen**

All new and readmitting students are required to demonstrate a clear background check and drug screen prior to enrollment in the ADN (RN) program. See the *Background Check/Drug Screen* policy in the *SON Enrollment Committee Policy and Procedure Manual* for further details. The background check requires that students be able to provide a valid social security number Individual Taxpayer Identification (ITIN) number. The process for obtaining the background check is available in the School of Nursing office.

### **California Board of Registered Nursing Legal Limitation of Licensure: Misdemeanors/Felony Notification**

Graduates of the ADN (RN) program are eligible to apply for the NCLEX-RN licensure exam. This requires that applicants submit fingerprints and report any prior conviction or any offense other than minor traffic violations. Failure to report such convictions can be grounds for denial of licensure. The BRN investigates convictions by obtaining information on the underlying facts of the case, dates and disposition of the case, and subsequent rehabilitation.

Questions pertaining to the legal limitations of licensure for such convictions should be addressed by the student to the BRN **prior** to beginning the ADN (RN) program: California Board of Registered Nursing, P.O. Box 944210, Sacramento, CA 94244-2100 or call (916) 322-3350; website [www.rn.ca.gov](http://www.rn.ca.gov).

### **Citizenship and Immigration Status Verification Required for VN/RN Licensure**

The *Federal Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act* requires government agencies to eliminate *public benefits* to individuals who cannot provide proof of their legal status in the US. *Public benefit* has been interpreted to include a license issued by a state. This means that all applicants for licensure as vocational/registered nurses will be required to submit verification of citizenship or legal residence status in the US. A license will not be issued until legal status in the US has been confirmed by the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

### **Disclosure of Social Security Number/ Individual Taxpayer Identification (ITIN) number**

Disclosure of one's social security number or ITIN is mandatory for licensure by the BRN in accordance with Section 30 of the Business and Professions Code and Public Law 94-455 (42USCA 405 (c)(2)(C)).

### **Fingerprint Requirement**

One requirement to qualify for the licensing examination is the submission of Live Scan fingerprints. These are evaluated by the California Department of Justice and the FBI.

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**Enrollment Criteria for Traditional ADN (RN) Students**

**(Applies to the June 2024 applicants)**

	<b>CRITERIA</b>	<b>MAXIMUM POINTS FOR THE</b>	<b>POINT DISTRIBUTION</b>
1	Academic degrees from regionally accredited program.	5 points	BS/BA 5 points
2	Grade point average in relevant course work.	49 points	a. Minimum 2.5 GPA in anatomy, physiology, and microbiology. GPA = 4.0 35 points GPA = 3.5 30 points GPA = 3.0 25 points GPA = 2.5 20 points b. Minimum 2.5 GPA in all remaining general education courses required for graduation. GPA = 4.0 14 points GPA = 3.5 12 points GPA = 3.0 10 points GPA = 2.5 8 points c. For applicants with a bachelor's degree, the GPA points will be calculated from the grades in English, Statistics, Psychology 9, Speech and Sociology/Cultural Anthropology. *
3	Life experiences or special circumstances of an applicant, including by not necessarily limited to, the following: a. Disabilities b. Low family income c. First generation of family to attend college d. Need to work e. Disadvantages social or educational environment f. Difficult personal and family situations or circumstances g. Refugee	2 points	Two points total for life experiences
4	Veteran	5 points	Five points for veterans who are active or discharged in good standing. Proof will be verified through Veterans Services.
5	Proficiency or advanced level coursework in languages other than English. Credit for languages other than English shall be received for languages that are identified by the Chancellor's Office.	2 points	Two points total for language proficiency.
6	Assessment/readiness test results.	30 points	The points assigned are dependent upon the test cut score. For <i>ATI TEAS – TEAS 7</i> : 90 to 100 = 30 points 78 to 89 = 25points 71 to 77 = 20 points 62 to 70 = 15 points

7	Recent work or volunteer experience with direct human patient care within the past 5 years. Must have verification from human resources or employer verifying the number of hours worked and job title. All must be submitted by the student by the application deadline.	7 points	<p>Licensed VN, Paramedic, Respiratory Therapists; documented medical military experience, (all with work experience <math>\geq</math> 1000 hours) = 5 points.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>CNA or EMT (all with work experience <math>\geq</math> 1000 hours) = 3 points.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Clinical Care Extender or other program of volunteer activity <math>\geq</math> 200 hours with direct human patient care contact = 1 point</p> <p>AND</p> <p>NXN-84 Prepare for Success in Nursing School with a "Pass" or better = 2 points.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>NRN-93 Dosage Calculations for Medical Professionals with a "B" or better = 2 points.</p>
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\* Bachelor's degree students must have minimum of 6 semester or 9 quarter units in principles of verbal, written, and group communication (English and Communication) and 16 semester or 24 quarter units in related natural (anatomy, physiology, microbiology, chemistry) and behavioral and social (sociology, cultural anthropology, human development) sciences (California Nursing Practice Act, 2008).

**Enrollment Criteria for Traditional ADN (RN) Students**  
 (\*Will be implement in Fall 2025 [applies to the October 2024 applicants])

	CRITERIA	MAXIMUM POINTS FOR THE CATEGORY	POINT DISTRIBUTION
1	Academic degrees or diplomas, or relevant certificates and experience held by applicant from U.S. regionally accredited program(s).	20 points	Associate or Bachelor's or Master's degree = 5 points  National licensure (VN, Paramedic, Respiratory Therapy, Psychiatric Technician) = 15 points  State certification (CNA, EMT, Pharmacy Technician, Anesthesia Technician, Radiology Technician, Surgical Technician, etc.) = 10 points  Other Allied Health Professions that have completed a course of study or individuals with documented medical military experience = 5 points
2	Grade point average in relevant course work.	50 points	a. Minimum 2.5 GPA in anatomy, physiology, and microbiology (may repeat only <u>one</u> course, one time). GPA = 4.0   40 points GPA = 3.5   35 points GPA = 3.0   30 points GPA = 2.5   25 points b. Minimum 2.5 GPA in all remaining general education courses required for graduation. GPA = 4.0   10 points GPA = 3.5   8 points GPA = 3.0   6 points GPA = 2.5   4 points c. For applicants with a Bachelor's degree, the GPA points will be calculated from the grades in English, Psychology 9, Speech, Sociology/Cultural Anthropology and Statistics. *
3	Life experiences or special circumstances of an applicant, including but not limited to, the following: a. Disability* b. Low family income (eligibility for financial aid, Promise, EOPS, CalWorks)* c. First generation of family to attend college d. Need to work during prerequisite courses e. Disadvantages - social or educational environment f. Difficult personal and family situations or circumstances g. Active Affinity Engagement Center participant* h. Guardian Scholar* i. Spouse of active duty military or veteran* j. Refugee*	10 points	One point for each applicable life experience or special circumstance.  *Requires documentation upon application (see application).
4	Veteran or active duty	5 points	Five points for veterans who are active or discharged in good standing. Proof will be verified through Veterans Services.
5	Proficiency or advanced level coursework in languages other than English. Credit for languages other than English shall be received for languages that are identified by the Chancellor's Office.	2 points	Two points total for language proficiency.

6	Assessment/readiness test results.  May re-take every 365 days to either earn or increase passing score.	13 points	The points assigned are dependent upon the test cut score. For <i>ATI TEAS – TEAS 7</i> :  85 to 100 = 13 points 70 to 84 = 10 points 62 to 69 = 5 points
TOTAL		/ 100 points	

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