

**RIVERSIDE CITY COLLEGE
VOCATIONAL NURSING PROGRAM**



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General Information

The Vocational Nursing (VN) Program requires 12 months of full-time or 24 months part-time study. Upon completion of this 51 unit program, the graduate is eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-PN) for licensure as a Vocational Nurse in the state of California.

Each Fall semester, 40-60 candidates are accepted into the full-time program and 30 into the part-time program. Those applicants who are not accepted may reapply the following year. There is no waiting list. For dates of pre-nursing workshops, please call (951) 222-8405.

Minimum Requirements for Eligibility

NOTE: Meeting minimum criteria for the program does not guarantee admission to the program.

1. The following must be met prior to the application deadlines. Please check with the Counseling Department to verify official high school and college transcripts are on file.
 - a. Admission to Riverside City College.
 - b. Graduation from an accredited high school or equivalent (G.E.D., High School Proficiency Examination, Associate degree or Bachelor's degree). Official up-to-date transcripts required.
 - c. A cumulative grade point average of at least a 2.0 ("C") in all college course work attempted.
 - d. Applications may be obtained at www.rcc.edu/academicprograms/nursing during the application filing periods. Applications must be submitted electronically to nursing@rcc.edu.
2. The following must be met in order to be considered for acceptance to the program.
 - a. Anatomy and Physiology 10 or Anatomy 2A & 2B or equivalent.
 - b. Nursing 50
 - c. Be at least 17 years of age (Section 2866a, VN Practice Act).

Riverside City College strongly 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. Therefore, nursing applicants that have taken Anatomy and Physiology 2A and 2B at two separate colleges are required to receive approval for these courses by requesting a "Prerequisite Validation" form from the Counseling or Evaluations departments.

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, a Transcript Request form is available in the Transfer Career Center.

Transcripts that are not official and not up-to-date will be returned to the student. 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.

Admission will be denied to an applicant who earned a grade of "C-" or less in a Vocational Nursing Program at another college.

Application Period:

The application period is in February. Check the Web site or e-mail nursing@rcc.edu for exact dates.

PETITIONING STUDENTS: (Students applying to repeat a course or for transfer): year round

Please verify current application period dates with the School of Nursing Office at (951) 222-8405.

Health Exam and CPR Certification

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

Background Check and Drug Screen

All new and readmitting students are required to demonstrate a clear background check and drug screen prior to enrollment in clinical courses. See background check policy for further details. The background check requires that students be able to provide a valid social security number. The process for obtaining the background check is available in the School of Nursing office.

California Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians: Legal Limitation of Licensure (BVNPTE, 24 November 1984)

Students applying to take the vocational nursing licensure examination are required to submit fingerprints and report convictions of any offenses other than minor traffic violations; failure to report such convictions would be grounds for denial of license. Any student having questions regarding his/her eligibility for licensure should contact:

Enforcement Coordinator
Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians
2535 Capitol Oaks Drive, Suite 205
Sacramento, CA 95833 (916) 263-7800

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 United States. "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 United States. A license may not be issued until legal status in the United States has been confirmed by the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Disclosure of Social Security Number

If you fail to disclose your social security number, your application for initial or renewal license will not be processed.

The Riverside Community College District Board of Trustees has adopted policies and procedures and has endorsed practices which provide for the District and its employees and students to be in compliance with all the applicable laws relating to prohibition of discrimination on the basis of gender, age, race, color, national origin, religion, disability or sexual orientation.

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 F.B.I.

Selection Procedure

Available enrollment spaces are selected by rank order (highest points) of the multicriteria factors and random selection. Riverside City College reserves the right to designate a certain number of spaces for contract agreements and/or meet requirements of grant-designated outcomes.

If a student is not offered a space in the program, a new application is necessary in the next application period.

Prerequisite Courses: A&P 10 (or equivalent), Nursing 50 (60 POINTS POSSIBLE)

*Minimum 2.1 GPA in the pre-requisites is REQUIRED.

<u>GPA</u>	<u>POINTS</u>	<u>GPA</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
2.0 - 2.09	0	3.1 - 3.19	33
2.1 - 2.19	3	3.2 - 3.29	36
2.2 - 2.29	6	3.3 - 3.39	39
2.3 - 2.39	9	3.4 - 3.49	42
2.4 - 2.49	12	3.5 - 3.59	45
2.5 - 2.59	15	3.6 - 3.69	48
2.6 - 2.69	18	3.7 - 3.79	51
2.7 - 2.79	21	3.8 - 3.89	54
2.8 - 2.89	24	3.9 - 3.99	57
2.9 - 2.99	27	4.0	60
3.0 - 3.09	30		

Support Courses: 60 POINTS POSSIBLE

Applicants who have completed courses listed below by the end of the spring semester will earn for each course, 5 points for an "A," 3 points for a "B," and 1 point for a "C."

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| Speech 1 or 9 | English 1A |
| Microbiology 1 | Psychology 9 (birth through old age)-Recommended prior to entrance into the VN Program |
| * Chemistry 1A or 2A | Math 52 or higher |
| Medical Terminology 1A, 1B | Sociology 1 or Anthropology 2 |
| Humanities (See College Catalog) | American Institutions (See College Catalog) |
| Analytical Thinking (see College Catalog) | |

* Chemistry 1A or 2A or verification of one year of high school chemistry with a "C" or better the last semester AND satisfactory score on RCC Chemistry Placement Exam OR score of 3, 4, or 5 on AP Chemistry Exam. **Students who have already completed Microbiology may waive the RCC Chemistry Placement Exam requirement only.**

Qualified Application 5 POINTS POSSIBLE

Five points ONCE ONLY will be given to applicants who met all of the admission criteria by the end of the winter intersession.

CNA Certificate 5 POINTS POSSIBLE

Five points will be given to applicants with a current CNA certificate.

<u>Spring</u>		<u>Fall</u>		<u>Winter</u>	
Anatomy & Physiology 10	3	Nursing 51	3	Nursing 61	6
Nursing 50	<u>2</u>	Nursing 52	9.5		6
	5	Nursing 60	<u>1</u>		
			13.5		

Summer

Psychology 9 (birth through old age)	<u>3</u>
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<u>Spring</u>		<u>Summer</u>		<u>Program</u>
Nursing 62	12	Nursing 70	1	
Nursing 63	<u>3</u>	Nursing 71	<u>7.5</u>	
	15		8.5	<u>Total = 51 units</u>

A minimum grade of "C" in each course is required in order to continue in the VN Program.

The VN Program is a certificate program. Students wishing to complete an Associate in Science Degree may do so by completing the requirements for the certificate, plus completion of the graduation requirements as described in the catalog, totaling a minimum of 60 units of college work as required for the A. S. degree.

1. Students pay Health Services (\$14), Parking (\$40), Student Services Fees (\$10) and tuition (\$26) per unit each semester. The cost is approximately \$1600.00.
2. Students furnish their own uniforms. The cost is approximately \$250.
3. The costs of nursing books and supplies are approximately \$1600 for year.
4. Physical examination/lab work costs are approximately \$250.
5. Background checks/CPR costs approximately \$250.
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.

Expenses

RCC enrollment	
Fees	\$1020
Parking fee	\$100-\$200
Health fee	\$30-\$60
Student Services fee	\$30-\$60
Uniform	\$250
Books and Supplies	\$800
Health examination and immunizations	\$250
Background check/Drug screen	\$200

Total Approximate Cost \$3,000

When planning expenses, students should be aware they may have to limit their hours of employment due to extensive VN Program requirements. Scholarships and grants are available to those students who qualify.

Students are encouraged to carry health and accident insurance, including hospitalization, beyond the coverage provided by the student health fee. Such policies are available to college students at reasonable rates. The college provides liability insurance at no cost to nursing students.

Students will be responsible for their own transportation to and from RCC and hospital facilities.

For additional information please contact: School of Nursing at (951) 222-8405

Riverside City Campus
4800 Magnolia Avenue
Riverside, CA 92506

Web site: <http://www.rcc.edu/academicprograms/nursing>

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