

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREE PROGRAM FOR REGISTERED NURSING
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ADN INFORMATION SHEET

General Information

The Associate Degree Nursing Program is accredited by the California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) and the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC). Information concerning nursing education is available from the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) at 61 Broadway, New York, NY 10006 or call 1-800-699-1656, Ext. 153. Website: <http://www.nlnac.org>.

The Associate in Science Degree in Nursing (ADN) requires four semesters of study after the completion of prerequisite courses. Upon completion of the 71.5 unit program, the graduate earns an Associate in Science Degree in Nursing 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, 36-60 candidates are accepted into the program. Those applicants who are not accepted may reapply the following semester. A waiting list is maintained ONLY for those students who have met all prerequisite and general education requirements and are RCC and RCCD residents. Those students who have *completed* the minimum requirements for admission at the time of application are considered *first priority*. Students who have minimum requirements for eligibility *in progress* when they apply to the program will be considered *second priority* for selection, and will not be notified of acceptance until grades are received. For dates of pre-nursing workshops, please call (951) 222-8405.

Application to the Program

Students applying for the Nursing Program 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 information have been received by the Counseling Department 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 be submitted by the application deadline. Information can be obtained from the Counseling Office.
3. Students with prerequisite courses in progress must turn in a grade verification form to the Nursing Education office as soon as the final grade is available.
4. Students must have applied to the college prior to making application to the RN Program.
5. Meeting minimum requirements of the program does not guarantee admission into the program.

Application Filing Period

Applicants are requested to see changes at the beginning of each application filing period.

SPRING SEMESTER - Application filing period between September 1 - October 1.

FALL SEMESTER - Application filing period between January 2 - February 2.

Applications may be obtained from the Transfer & Career Center at Riverside City Campus during the application filing periods.

Please verify current application filing period dates with Counseling Department or Nursing Education Office at (951) 222-8405.

Requirements For Eligibility and Prerequisite Courses:

1. RCC application on file and eligibility to attend RCC.
2. Cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 in all work attempted at RCC and a cumulative GPA of not less than 2.0, which includes all accredited college units attempted.
3. **Chemistry or Physics:** Verification of one year of high school chemistry or physics with a lab, or one semester of college chemistry or physics with a grade of "C" or better. (RCC's Chemistry 2A or 3 or Physics 10 and 11 fulfills this requirement.) RN and Advanced Placement applicants must submit official up-to-date high school transcripts by the application deadline to verify completion of Chemistry or Physics. High School transcripts are not required if Chemistry or Physics has been completed at college level. **However, proof of high school graduation or equivalent (G.E.D., High School Proficiency Examination, Associate Degree or Bachelor's Degree) is required of all 30-Unit Option and LVN applicants. Diplomas not accepted.**
4. **Prerequisite Courses (15 units):**
 - a. Minimum GPA of 2.65 in the following science prerequisite courses:
 - Anatomy & Physiology 2A (4 units)
 - Anatomy & Physiology 2B (4 units)
 - Microbiology 1 (4 units)
 - b. Completion of Psychology 9 (3 units, Birth through Death) with a grade of "C" or better. Must be completed prior to continuing into Nursing 2. Advanced Placement students must complete Psychology 9 prior to entrance into Nursing 2 or 3.

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, and will lower priority status if the official transcript is not submitted by the deadline. 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 units)

The following general education courses are not required for admission to the RN Program; rather, they are required for the completion of the Associate in Science Degree in Nursing. Most students complete these requirements before entering the RN Program due to the rigorous nursing student course load. Students who intend to continue at CSU or UC for their BSN should clarify the general education/graduation requirements lists available in the Counseling Department to ensure full credit transfer.

<u>English Composition: English 1A</u>	<u>Units</u>
<u>American Institutions: (History 6, 7, 8, 9, 15, 26, 28, 29, 30, 31, 34, 53; Political Science 1 or 5)</u>	4
<u>Social and Behavioral Sciences: (Sociology 1 or Anthropology 2)</u>	3
<u>Communication and Analytical Thinking: (Speech 1 or 9 plus one of the following: CIS 1A-30; English 1B; Math 1-49; Philosophy 11, Philosophy/Math 32)</u>	3
<u>Humanities: (see RCC catalog)</u>	6
<u>Competency: In order to graduate, students must demonstrate competence in mathematics, reading and English.</u>	3
MATH: Obtain a satisfactory first-time score on an appropriate examination, or successful completion of a RCC Math course selected from Math 1-49, 52 or 53 equivalent.	<u>0-5</u>
READING: Obtain a satisfactory score on RCC’s placement test equivalent to placement in college level reading, OR completion of Reading 83 with a “C” or higher, OR satisfactory reading score on a standardized reading test approved by the English Department, OR a minimum grade of “C” in each general education course OR satisfactory reading score on a standardized reading test approved by the English Department. Students who have completed an Associates or higher degree at an accredited institution are exempt from the reading competency requirement. Waivers may also be granted on a case by-case basis.	(19)
ENGLISH: Demonstrate basic competency in writing by successfully completing English 50A or English 1A with a “C” grade or better.	

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

Required Nursing Courses (37.5 units)

<u>First Semester</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Second Semester</u>	<u>Units</u>	Prerequisites:	15 units
Nursing 1	8	Nursing 2	8	General Education:	19 units
Nursing 15	2	*Nursing 7		Nursing:	<u>37.5 units</u>
*Nursing 7		*Nursing 78		Total	71.5 units
<u>Third Semester</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Fourth Semester</u>	<u>Units</u>		
Nursing 3	9	Nursing 4	9		
*Nursing 7		Nursing 16	1.5		
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NOTE: ***Nursing 17 (2 units) is required for all advanced placement/transfer students with the exception of 30-unit option students. All ADN nursing courses may be challenged in accordance with RCC Challenge Policy. See Policy: ADN Course Change Policy in the Nursing Admissions Policy and Procedure Manual.***

*Recommended

Recommended Electives During Program

It is highly recommended that all nursing students take Nursing 7 – Nursing Learning Laboratory (3 hours per week) one unit each semester. This elective provides opportunity for self-paced practice and mastery of nursing skills. Instructional guidance and computer assisted materials which support semester learning objectives are also available. Nursing 78 (Pharmacology) is also recommended.

Selection Procedure

1. First priority will be given to those students having eligibility and prerequisite requirements met by the application deadline. Second priority will be given to those students who will meet eligibility and prerequisite requirements by the end of the semester of application.
2. Preference will be given to those students meeting RCCD and RCC residency requirements (those applicants residing within the RCC District, and having previously attended RCC for one full semester within the two years preceding the semester in which they apply).
3. Students who meet eligibility and prerequisite requirements will be ranked according to the number of units completed toward the Associate Degree in Nursing.
4. Students that are first priority that have met all prerequisites, eligibility, and residency requirements, and who have passed all courses required for an Associate in Science in Nursing that are not admitted will be placed on a waiting list and admitted the following semester to the program.
5. Admission to the program is conditional on the student possessing a clear background check.
6. If a student is not offered a space in the program, a new application is necessary for the following semester.
7. Riverside Community College reserves the right to designate a certain number of spaces for contract education.

Expenses

1. Students pay Health Services Fees (\$10). Parking (\$40) and Student Services Fees (\$10) and tuition (\$26) per unit each semester. The cost is approximately \$1200 for four semesters.
2. Students furnish their own uniforms. The cost is approximately \$250.
3. The costs of nursing books and supplies are approximately \$1500 for two years.
4. Physical examination/lab work costs are approximately \$250.
5. 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.

Health Examination and CPR Certification

Students will be admitted to the program pending submission of a CPR card (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

Effective Spring 2005, all new and readmitting students will be required to demonstrate a clear background check prior to enrollment in clinical courses. The process for obtaining the background check is available in the Nursing Education office.

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

Graduates of the Associate Degree Program are eligible to apply for the NCLEX-RN for licensure. This requires that applicants submit fingerprints and report any prior conviction of any offense other than minor traffic violations. Failure to report such convictions can be grounds for denial of licensure. The Board of Registered Nursing 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 Board of Registered Nursing **prior** to beginning the Associate Degree Program: Board of Registered Nursing, P.O. Box 944210, Sacramento, CA 94244-2100, (916) 322-3350.

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 will not be issued until legal status in the United States has been confirmed by the Immigration and Naturalization Service. This will be implemented no later than January 1999.

Disclosure of Social Security Number

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

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 two fingerprint cards. These are evaluated by the California Department of Justice and the FBI.

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