

**RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
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, 33<sup>rd</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10006 or call 1-800-669-1656. Website: <http://nlnc.org>.

The Associate in Science Degree in Nursing (ADN) requires four semesters of study after the completion of prerequisite courses. Upon completion of the 72 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, 44-90 candidates are accepted into the program. Those applicants who are not accepted may reapply the following semester. 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 School of Nursing 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 at [www.rcc.edu/academicprograms/nursing](http://www.rcc.edu/academicprograms/nursing) during the application filing periods. Please verify current application filing period dates with Counseling Department or School of Nursing Office at (951) 222-8405.**

### **Requirements For Eligibility and Prerequisite Courses for Spring 2009 ONLY:**

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. Minimum GPA of at least 2.5 in all general education courses required for completion of an Associate Degree in Nursing.
4. **Chemistry:** Verification of one year of high school chemistry with a lab, AND satisfactory score on RCC Chemistry Diagnostic Exam OR score of 3, 4 or 5 on AP Chemistry Exam OR one semester of college chemistry with a grade of "C" or better. (RCC's Chemistry 2A or 3 fulfills this requirement.) **Students who have already completed Microbiology prior to Fall 2005 may waive the RCC Chemistry Diagnostic Exam requirement ONLY.** RN and Advanced Placement applicants must submit official up-to-date high school transcripts by the application deadline to verify completion of Chemistry. High School transcripts are not required if Chemistry 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 applicants to VN and 30-Unit Option program. Diplomas not accepted.

5. **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.
6. A Test for Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) in basic math, English, reading, science is required for all applicants prior to enrollment in the nursing program. Students who fail to achieve a passing score will be required to complete additional pre-nursing course work.
7. **Effective Fall 2009 and due to changes in legislation, enrollment criteria will be changed to include use of multicriteria such as overall GPA, pre-requisite course GPA, TEAS test scores, degrees/work experience, life experiences, and second language proficiency. See attached grid for new criteria.**

**\*Anatomy and Physiology Requirement** - Riverside Community College District 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. Nursing applicants that have taken Anatomy and Physiology 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, 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>Units</u>
___ <i>English Composition: English 1A</i>	4
___ <i>American Institutions: (History 6, 7, 8, 9, 15, 26, 28, 29, 30, 31, 34, 53; Political Science 1 or 5)</i>	3
___ <i>Social and Behavioral Sciences: (Sociology 1 or Anthropology 2)</i>	3
___ <i>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)</i>	6
___ <i>Humanities: (see RCC catalog)</i>	3
___ <i>Competency: In order to graduate, students must demonstrate competence in mathematics, reading and English.</i>	0-5 (19)
<p>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.</p> <p>READING: Obtain a satisfactory score on RCC’s placement test equivalent to placement in college level reading, <b>OR</b> completion of Reading 83 with a “C” or higher, <b>OR</b> satisfactory reading score on a standardized reading test approved by the English Department, <b>OR</b> a minimum grade of “C” in each general education course <b>OR</b> 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.</p> <p>ENGLISH: Demonstrate basic competency in writing by successfully completing English 50A or English 1A with a “C” grade or better.</p>	

**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 (38 units)

<u>First Semester</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Second Semester</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Prerequisites:</u>	<u>15 units</u>
Nursing 1	8	Nursing 2	8.5	General Education:	19 units
Nursing 15	2	*Nursing 7		Nursing:	<u>38 units</u>
*Nursing 7		*Nursing 78		Total	72 units
<u>Third Semester</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Intersession</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Fourth Semester</u>	<u>Units</u>
Nursing 3	9	Nursing 16	1.5	Nursing 4	9
*Nursing 7				*Nursing 7	

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 Enrollment 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 - Spring 2009 ONLY

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. Students who meet eligibility and prerequisite requirements will be prioritized for enrollment according to the number of units completed toward the Associate Degree in Nursing.
3. Students that are first priority that have met all prerequisites and eligibility requirements and who have passed all general education courses required for an Associate in Science in Nursing will be admitted **PENDING SPACE AVAILABLE**. Should there be more fully qualified applicants than spaces, computerized random selection will be used to determine the final applicants.
4. Students must pass a Test for Essential Academic Skills (basic math, English, reading, science) prior to program enrollment. Students who fail to achieve a passing score will be required to complete additional pre-nursing course work.
5. If a student is not offered a space in the program, a new application is necessary for the following semester.
6. Riverside Community College District reserves the right to designate a certain number of spaces for contract agreements and/or meet requirements of grant-designated outcomes.

### New Selection Procedure Beginning Fall 2009

Ninety-five percent of available enrollment spaces will be selected by rank order (highest points). The remaining 5% of enrollment spaces will be selected by random selection.

Applicants with a regionally accredited Bachelor's degree from the U.S.A. will be waived from completing the 6 general education courses, but must have taken the science prerequisites, satisfy the Chemistry and Psych 9 requirement and have taken courses in English, Speech and Sociology/Cultural Anthropology.

Note attached "Enrollment Criteria for 1st Semester ADN Students."

### Expenses

1. Students pay Health Services Fees (\$14). Parking (\$40) and Student Services Fees (\$10) and tuition (\$20) 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. Background checks/CPR costs approximately \$200.
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. **Beginning Spring 2009, students will be required to purchase the ATI RN Comprehensive Assessment Review Program for use during the program. Estimated cost is \$400.**

### 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/Drug Screen**

All new and readmitting students are required to demonstrate a clear background check and drug screen prior to enrollment in clinical courses. 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 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, 400 R Street, Suite 4030, Sacramento, CA 95814, (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.

### **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 Live Scan fingerprints. These are evaluated by the California Department of Justice and the FBI.

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4/02; 3/03; 11/03; 1/05; 3/05; 5/05; 12/05; 11/06; 9/07; 4/08;  
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**Enrollment Criteria for 1st Semester ADN Students  
Effective Fall 2009**

	<b>CRITERIA</b>	<b>MAXIMUM POINTS FOR THE CATEGORY</b>	<b>POINT DISTRIBUTION</b>
1	Academic degrees or diplomas, or relevant certificates held by an applicant.	5 points	BS/BA 5 points LVN 5 points CNA 5 points
2	Grade point average in relevant course work.	50 points	a. Minimum 2.5 GPA in anatomy, physiology, and microbiology. GPA = 4.0 25 points GPA = 3.5 20 points GPA = 3.0 15 points GPA = 2.5 10 points b. Minimum 2.5 GPA in all remaining general education courses required for graduation. GPA = 4.0 25 points GPA = 3.5 20 points GPA = 3.0 15 points GPA = 2.5 10 points c. For applicants with a Bachelor's degree, the GPA points will be calculated from the grades in English, 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 or veteran status	5 points	Five points total for life experiences
4	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.	5 points	Five points total for language proficiency.
5	Assessment/readiness test results.	35 points	The points assigned are dependent upon the test cut score. For ATI TEAS: 90 to 100 = 35 points 82 to 89 = 30 points 74 to 81 = 25 points 67 to 73 = 20 points