



**RIVERSIDE CITY COLLEGE – SCHOOL OF NURSING
ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM FOR REGISTERED NURSING
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ADN (RN) ADVANCED PLACEMENT/TRANSFER/30-UNIT OPTION 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 3343 Peachtree Road, NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326 or call (404) 975-5020.

Each Spring and Fall, Advanced Placement/Transfer/30-Unit Option students are accepted into the program based on a designated number of enrollment slots. Advanced Placement/Transfer is defined as entering the program at a level beyond the first semester. Applicants who may qualify for this option include LVNs and students with successful experience in an Associate Degree Nursing Program (RN) or Vocational Nursing Program. Please see the Nursing Enrollment & Evaluation Specialist for the most current designated Advanced Placement/Transfer/30-unit option spaces.

When offered, the LVN to ADN Flexible (FLEX) Program is an alternate pathway within the School of Nursing. This program is identical to the traditional program, but offers the lectures in video-streamed format that may be accessed from any computer with internet capability. Applicants may apply to both the traditional and/or flexible programs. Preference is given to LVNs who work in community partner facilities and/or meet grant specific requirements. For information on the next FLEX program cohort, please contact the School of Nursing office.

For more information and a listing of Pre-Nursing Workshops, contact us at (951) 222-8405 or on our [website](#). You may also contact RCC Counseling at (951) 222-8440.

Application to the School of Nursing

Students applying to the School of Nursing must have all eligibility and prerequisite requirements as listed on the RCC “ADN (RN) Information Sheet;” however, the minimum GPA in the science prerequisite courses is 2.3. 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 at the time of application.

1. **All advanced placement/transfer students are required to complete Nursing 18 prior to entry into the ADN (RN) Program.** The LVN 30-unit option candidate is exempt from the Nursing 18 requirement. However, enrollment in Nursing 18 is highly recommended.
2. In addition:
 - a. Equivalent education/experience in nursing and/or health related programs will be evaluated.
 - b. LVNs must attach a copy of current LVN license to the application.
 - c. Students transferring from another nursing program must submit the following with the application:
 - i. Official up-to-date (within 90 days) from prior nursing program.
 - ii. Course outlines and syllabi from completed nursing courses.
 - iii. Completion of Recommendation Form. Form can be obtained from the Nursing Enrollment and Evaluations Specialist.
 - iv. Personal letter describing reasons for wanting to transfer to this program.

3. Congruent with BRN Policy, if all requirements for the associate degree have been completed, LVN applicants for advanced placement in the ADN Program are ineligible for the 30-unit option. These individuals must be admitted as candidates for the Associate Degree in Nursing and must therefore, progress through the program as such.
4. Admission will be denied to an applicant who earned a grade of “C-” or less in a nursing program at another college. However, students who have earned a grade of “C-” or less in any nursing program more than 10 years ago, and have since demonstrated a satisfactory academic record, may submit an application to the School of Nursing to the Nursing Enrollment Committee for an exception to this policy.
5. Foreign transcripts must have a “Detailed Evaluation,” and be submitted by the application deadline. Information can be obtained from the Counseling Office.
6. 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.
7. Students must have applied to the college prior to making application to the ADN (RN) program.
8. 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 September to first business day of October.

FALL SEMESTER - Application filing period between first business day of January to first business day of February.

Applications may be obtained at the School of Nursing [website](#) during the application filing periods. Applications must be submitted electronically to nursing@rcc.edu. Please verify current application filing period dates with Counseling Department or School of Nursing Office at (951) 222-8405.

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

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. 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 1A or 2A fulfills this requirement.) **Students who have already completed Microbiology prior to Fall 2005 may waive the RCC Chemistry Diagnostic Exam requirement ONLY.** ADN (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 the VN and 30-Unit Option program. Diplomas are not accepted.**
5. **Prerequisite Courses (17.5 units):**
 - a. Minimum GPA of 2.3 in the following science prerequisite courses:
 - *Anatomy & Physiology 2A (4 units)
 - *Anatomy & Physiology 2B (4units)
 - *Microbiology 1 (4 units)
 - b. Completion of Psychology 9 (3 units, Birth to Death) with a grade of “C” or better. Advanced Placement students must complete Psychology 9 prior to entrance into the program.

- c. Nursing 18 (2.5 units) is required for all advanced placement/transfer students with the exception of 30-unit option students. All ADN (RN) nursing courses may be challenged in accordance with *ADN (RN) Nursing Course Challenge* policy.
6. Achievement of a passing score on the RCC Advanced Placement Exam.
7. Students additionally must pass a Clinical Competency Assessment Exam prior to entering the ADN (RN) program. See the Nursing Enrollment & Evaluation Specialist for additional information.

Anatomy and Physiology Requirement - Riverside City College 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 "Course Equivalency" form from the Counseling or Evaluations Departments.

Selection Procedure

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

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 Psych 9 requirement, and have taken courses in English Composition, Communication and Sociology/Cultural Anthropology.

Students must pass the *HESI Advanced Placement Exam* and *Advanced Placement Skills Competency Test* prior to program enrollment (see below).

If a student is not offered a space in the program, a new application is necessary for the following semester. The School of Nursing has no wait list.

Advanced Placement Exam Information

1. The Advanced Placement Exam is provided to comply with BRN Rules and Regulations, Section 2786.6, Regulation Concerning Credit. It is offered twice a year. Please check with the School of Nursing for specific dates.
2. The minimum passing score is established by the School of Nursing. No rounding of scores will occur, per program policy.
3. For study purposes, information will be available in Nursing 18.
4. Should the LVN accept advanced placement in Nursing 21, the student is responsible for all knowledge and skills from previous semester(s) of the RCC ADN (RN) program.
5. If a passing score is earned on the Advanced Placement Exam, the LVN is eligible for acceptance to Nursing 21, pending space available and completion of minimum requirements for eligibility. Upon successful completion of Nursing 21, the grade earned on the Placement Exam will be recorded on the official transcript as the grade for Nursing 11, 12 and 13, per *RCC Credit by Examination Policy*. The student may select a grade of credit or a letter grade will be assigned according to criteria established by the School of Nursing.
6. The Advanced Placement Exam must be paid for at RCC Cashier's office 3 weeks prior to the exam. You must show proof of payment in order to be eligible to take the exam.
7. Students applying for Advanced Placement have 2 attempts to pass the Advanced Placement Exam. If the student does not pass after the second attempt, the student must apply for Nursing 11 in the ADN (RN) program.
8. Students must provide proof of licensure as a LVN in order to be eligible to take the exam.

Skills Competency Assessment Policy/Procedure

1. Applicants who achieve a passing score on the Advanced Placement Exam may be invited to participate in Skills Competency Assessment based on their prioritization status.
2. During the Skills Competency Assessment, applicants may be evaluated on skills covered in Nursing 11, 12, 13, and 18. For specific skill information, please see *Nursing Skills Across the Curriculum* document.
3. Applicants will have one opportunity to demonstrate skill competency per application period therefore, applicants who are unable to demonstrate skill competency must re-apply to ADN (RN) program and may be invited to re-test during the next application period. Students applying for Advanced Placement have 2 attempts to pass the Advanced Placement Skills Competency Assessment. If the student does not pass after the second attempt, the student must apply for Nursing 11 in the ADN (RN) program.
4. Advanced placement applicants are strongly encouraged to enroll in a Learning Lab course each semester in order to practice nursing skills prior to the Skills Competency Assessment.
5. Applicants who have earned a passing score on the Skills Competency Assessment and who are not admitted to the ADN (RN) program, have the following options:
 - a. Re-apply to the program and enroll in the Learning Lab each semester awaiting admission, based on space availability, and demonstrate completion of required Learning Lab course hours and maintenance of skill competency.
 - OR
 - b. Re-apply to the program and re-test during the next application period.
 - c. If the student does not pass after the second attempt, the student must apply for Nursing 11 in the ADN (RN) program.

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 with the Nursing Educational Advisor (951) 222-8366.

_____	English Composition: English 1A	4
_____	American Institutions: (History 6, 7, 8, 9, 15, 26, 28, 29, 30, 31, 34, 53; Political Science 1 or 5)	3
_____	Social and Behavioral Sciences: (Sociology 1 or Anthropology 2)	3
_____	Communication and Analytical Thinking: (Communication 1 or 9 <i>plus</i> one of the following: CIS 1A-30; English 1B; Math 1-49; Philosophy 11, Philosophy/Math 32)	6
_____	Humanities: (see RCC catalog)	3
_____	Competency: In order to graduate, students must demonstrate competence in mathematics, reading and English.	0-5

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*Additional General Education Requirements does not apply to 30-unit option students.

**Please see college catalog for most current information.

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

<u>Prerequisite</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>First Semester</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Second Semester</u>	<u>Units</u>
Nursing 18	2.5	Nursing 21 Nursing 21A	9 0.5	Nursing 22 Nursing 22A	9 0.5

REGISTERED NURSING NON-DEGREE 30-UNIT OPTION PROGRAM FOR LVNs

1. This option complies with the California Board of Registered Nursing Policy (Section 1429 of BRN Rules and Regulations).
2. Candidates interested in the LVN 30-Unit Option must complete the minimum requirements for eligibility as listed below:
 - a. Minimum GPA of 2.3 in the following science prerequisite courses:

Anatomy and Physiology 2A	4 units
Anatomy and Physiology 2B	4 units
Microbiology 1	<u>4 units</u> 12 units
 - b. Provide copy of California LVN license.
 - c. Submit Nursing application online during the application period (January and September).
 - d. Submit official transcripts (high school or equivalent and college) to the Admissions and Records or Counseling Departments by the application deadline.
 - e. Have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher in all college work attempted.
 - f. Earn a passing score on the Skill Competency Assessment.
3. Candidates meeting the above criteria will be accepted into the second year of the Registered Nursing Program, pending space availability. The Nursing Enrollment Committee has designated up to 10% of available spaces in Nursing 21 for the LVN 30-Unit Option students each semester.
4. 30- unit Option Program:

Prerequisite Courses	12.0 units
Nursing 21- Acute and Chronic Illness II/ Mental Health Specialty	9.0 units
Nursing 22- Integrated Care Across the Life Span	<u>9.0 units</u> 30.0 units
5. Not Required
 - a. Advanced Placement Exam
 - b. Chemistry
 - c. Psychology 9
 - d. General Education/Graduation Requirements
 - e. Nursing 21A, 22A
 - f. Nursing 18
6. The LVN 30-Unit Option non-degree RN Program does not lead to an Associate Degree in Nursing. This non-graduate status entitles the candidate to take the NCLEX-RN for licensure as a registered nurse only in the State of California. This permanent non-graduate status may hinder employment and further educational opportunities and may prohibit endorsement as a registered nurse in other states.

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 (per year)

1. Students pay Health Services Fees (\$25), parking (\$100), Student Services Fees (\$10) and tuition (\$46) per unit each semester. The cost is approximately \$3,600 for two semesters.
2. Students furnish their own uniforms. The cost is approximately \$250.
3. The costs of nursing books, supplies, and other required resources are approximately \$1,500.
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 \$300.

When planning expenses, students should be aware they may have to limit their hours of employment due to extensive ADN (RN) program requirements. 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) 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. See *Background Check/Drug Screen* 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 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, California is P.O. Box 944210, Sacramento, CA 94244-2100 or call (916) 322-3350; website 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 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/Tax ID Number

Disclosure of one's social security number or tax ID number 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.

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.

Enrollment Criteria for Advanced Placement Students

	CRITERIA	MAXIMUM POINTS FOR THE CATEGORY	POINT DISTRIBUTION
1	Academic degrees from regionally accredited program.	5 points	BS/BA 5 points
2	Grade point average in relevant course work.	45 points	<p>a. Minimum 2.3 GPA in anatomy, physiology, and microbiology.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">GPA = 4.0 35 points</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">GPA = 3.5 30 points</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">GPA = 3.0 25 points</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">GPA = 2.5 20 points</p> <p>b. Minimum 2.5 GPA in all remaining general education courses required for graduation.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">GPA = 4.0 10 points</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">GPA = 3.5 8 points</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">GPA = 3.0 6 points</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">GPA = 2.5 4 points</p> <p>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.*</p>
3	Life experiences or special circumstances of an applicant, including by not necessarily limited to, the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	Advanced Placement Exam.	30 points	<p>The points assigned are dependent upon the test cut score. For HESI Advanced Placement Exam:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">89.5 to 100% = 30 points</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">79.5 to 89.4% = 25 points</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">74.5 to 79.4% = 15 points</p>

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	Community Partner Licensed VN (with work experience \geq 1000 hours) = 5 points. AND NXN-84 Prepare for Success in Nursing School with a "Pass" or better = 2 points. OR NRN-93 Dosage Calculations for Medical Professionals with a "B" or better = 2 points. OR NXN-78 Pharmacology in Nursing Practice with a "B" or better = 2 points.
8	Math 12 - Statistics	4 points	Math 12 – Statistics with a "C" or better = 4 points.

* 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).

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COUNSELING: LVN 30-Unit Option

1. Counseling is provided to students interested in the 30-unit option. The counseling includes the admission process, course requirements, the advantages/disadvantages of this route to licensure, and that high school graduation or equivalent is required in order to take the NCLEX-RN.
2. Written information about this option is included in the “Advanced Placement/ Transfer/30-Unit-Option Information Sheet.”

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. The applicant for this option is not required to meet university or college admission requirements.
2. The applicant for this option must be licensed, either active or inactive, as a Vocational Nurse in California; or a program, at its discretion, may admit a VN program graduate waiting to take the first NCLEX-PN. Continuation in the RN program is contingent upon passing the NCLEX-PN.
3. Thirty-unit option students must adhere to all additional non-academic program requirements (i.e. CPR, health checks, background checks, drug screen).
4. LVN 30-unit option applicants are exempt from the requirement to submit a letter of recommendation from the director of the prior nursing program.

CURRICULUM

1. The required courses include microbiology, anatomy and physiology, and nursing, and do not exceed 30 semester units.
2. Credit is given for any previously completed required course, regardless of date the course was taken.
3. Prerequisites to microbiology or anatomy and physiology are not required.
4. Nursing theory content includes nursing intervention in acute, preventive, remedial, supportive, rehabilitative and teaching aspects of nursing, as well as leadership and management.
5. Clinical practice, with concurrent theory, is required in and is limited to advanced med/surg, geriatrics, and psych/mental health. A minimum of 30 clinical hours is required in each of these areas.
6. Students are not required to provide care to OB and pediatric patients.
7. Nursing 18, 21A & 22A are not required of 30-unit option students.
8. High School diploma, GED or equivalent as specified by the BRN is required.
9. Students admitted to Nursing 21 as LVN 30-unit option cannot be required to have a high school diploma or equivalent for admission. However, in order to be eligible for NCLEX-RN, this requirement must have been met.
10. Thirty-unit option students are not required to take the Advanced Placement Exam and are placed in Nursing 21 of the ADN Program, pending space available.

Pertinent Statutes and Regulations

1. *Business and Professions Code, Chapter 6. Nursing: 2736.6 & 2786.6*
2. *California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Division 14, Board of Registered Nursing: 1429*