RIVERSIDE CITY COLLEGE
SCHOOL OF NURSING

ADN (RN) Advanced Placement for LVNs/Transfer/30-Unit Option Information Sheet

General Information

Program Approval and Accreditation

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 Approving & Accreditation Agencies

Agency	Address	Phone Number
California BRN	P.O. Box 944210, Sacramento, CA 94244-2100	(916) 322-3350
ACEN	3390 Peachtree Road, NE Suite 1400 Atlanta, GA 30326	(404) 975-5000

Advanced Placement, Transfer, and 30-Unit Option

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 of the ADN (RN) program.
Applicants who qualify for this option include:

- LVNs and students with successful experience in an ADN (RN) or Vocational Nursing program
- Applicants with military health care experience may qualify for the Advanced Placement option after their experience and related course work is evaluated

LVN-to-ADN (RN) FLEXible (FLEX) Option

When offered, the LVN to ADN (RN) FLEXible (FLEX) option is an alternate advanced placement pathway in the School of Nursing (SON). This program is identical to the traditional Advanced Placement option but offers the lectures/seminars in an online synchronous format that may be accessed from any computer with internet capability. Applicants may apply to both the Advanced Placement and/or FLEXible option(s). Preference is given to LVNs who work in community partner facilities and/or meet grant specific requirements.

Advanced Placement and Transfer Requirements

All Advanced Placement/Transfer students are required to complete Nursing 18 (NRN-18) and Nursing 18B (NRN-18B) prior to being considered for admission into the ADN (RN) program. The LVN 30-unit option candidate is exempt from the NRN-18/18B requirement. However, enrollment in NRN-18/18B is highly recommended.

- Equivalent education/experience in nursing, military experience, and/or health-related programs will be evaluated.
- LVNs must submit a copy of their current *Active,* unrestricted LVN license to the Nursing Enrollment and Evaluation Specialist at the time of application.
- Students transferring from another nursing program must submit the following to the Nursing Enrollment and Evaluation Specialist:
    - Official up-to-date transcript(s) (within 90 days) from prior nursing program.
    - Course outlines and syllabi from completed nursing courses.
    - Completion of the *Recommendation Form*. The form can be obtained from the Nursing Enrollment and Evaluations Specialist.
    - Personal letter describing reasons for wanting to transfer to this program.
- Congruent with BRN policy, if all requirements for the associate degree have been completed, LVN applicants for advanced placement in the ADN (RN) program are ineligible for the 30-unit option. These individuals must be admitted as candidates for the ADN (RN) degree program and must therefore, progress through the program as such.

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

Application to the School of Nursing
Students applying to the SON 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 a 2.3. Completion of general education courses prior to program admission is encouraged.

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.

- Admission will be denied to an applicant who earned a grade of "C-" or less in a nursing program at another college.
- Foreign transcripts must have a *Detailed Evaluation* and must be submitted by the application deadline. Information can be obtained from the Counseling Office.
- Students with prerequisite courses in progress must turn in a grade verification form to the SON office as soon as the final grade is available.
- Students must have applied to RCC prior to applying to the ADN (RN) program.
- 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 RCC Nursing Program 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 (19.5 units):**
    a. Minimum GPA of 2.3 in the following science prerequisite courses:
        i. Biology 50A (4 units)
        ii. Biology 50B (4 units)
        iii. Biology 55 (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) and Nursing 18B (2 units) are required for all nursing advanced placement/transfer students except for 30-unit option students. All ADN (RN) nursing courses may be challenged in accordance with *ADN (RN) Nursing Course Challenge* policy.
5. Achievement of a passing score (75%) on the *RCC HESI Advanced Placement Exam*.

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 Advanced Placement 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
- Satisfied the Statistics (STAT C1000/C1000H, formerly MAT-12/12H, or PSYC/SOC-48)
- Satisfied the PSYC-9 requirements
- Taken courses in English Composition, Communication and Sociology/Cultural Anthropology.

RCC HESI Advanced Placement Exam Information

- Students must provide proof of licensure as an LVN to be eligible to take the exam.
- 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 SON for specific dates.
- The minimum passing score is 75%, which has been established by the SON. No rounding of scores will occur, per program policy.
- For study purposes, information will be available in NRN-18.
- If a passing score is earned on the *RCC HESI Advanced Placement Exam*, the LVN is eligible for acceptance to Nursing 12 or 21, pending space available and completion of minimum requirements for eligibility.
- The *RCC HESI Advanced Placement Exam* must be paid for 3 weeks prior to the exam via the Evolve website. You must show proof of payment to be eligible to take the exam.
- Students applying for Advanced Placement have 2 attempts to pass the *RCC HESI 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.

Skill Competency

- Should the LVN accept advanced placement in Nursing 12 or 21, the student is responsible for all knowledge and skills from previous semesters of the RCC ADN (RN) program. Please see *Nursing Skills Across the Curriculum*.
- Any skills related to the registered nursing scope of practice will be taught in NRN-18, including:
    - Venipuncture
    - Intravenous insertion
    - Administration of intravenous medications (IV push, IVPB, and primary IV fluids)
    - Blood product administration
    - Management of PCA infusion
    - Central line dressing changes
- Skill competency will be assessed during NRN-18B and must be passed with a *Satisfactory* to be considered for Advanced Placement admission.

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 (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 Educational Resource Advisor, Nursing and/or Nursing/Health-Related Sciences Counselor (951) 222-8407.

Completed	General Education Coursework	Units
	English Composition, Oral Communication, and Critical Thinking: • English: ENGL C1000/C1000H (formerly ENG-1A) **AND** • Communication: COMM C1000/C1000H **OR** COMM-9/9H	7
	Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning: • Statistics: STAT C1000/C1000H **OR** PSYC/SOC-48	4
	Arts and Humanities: • See *RCC College Catalog**	3
	Social and Behavioral Sciences: • Sociology: SOC-1/1H **OR** • Anthropology: ANT-2/2H	3
	**Natural Sciences: (fulfilled by required program prerequisites)	***
	Ethnic Studies: • Ethnic Studies: ETS-1 **OR** • Political Science: POLS-23	3
	TOTAL	20

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

** If BIO-50A or BIO-55 are completed at RCC/Riverside Community College District (RCCD), students must also complete the associated course prerequisites (BIO-1/1H & CHE-2A)

***Counted in required program prerequisite units.

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

Nursing Coursework Requirements (18 units)

Semester	Nursing Coursework	Units
1st	Nursing 21: Acute Adult Medical-Surgical & Mental Health Nursing Nursing 21A: Nursing Learning Laboratory	8.5 0.5
2nd	Nursing 22: Advanced Medical-Surgical Nursing Across the Lifespan & Acute Pediatrics Nursing 22A: Nursing Learning Laboratory	8.5 0.5
	TOTAL	18
	Prerequisites	19.5
	General Education	20
	Nursing	18
	PROGRAM TOTAL	57.5

Technology Requirements

Students must have access to an Apple iPad that supports iOS 24 or above. Students do have the option to participate in the SON iPad Loaner program if they are unable to purchase an iPad, as funding is available. A desktop or laptop computer (Windows or macOS) is optional. Students must have Wi-Fi capability and reliable broadband internet. Upon admission, students will be provided with program-specific digital platforms that will need to be either accessed or purchased. Please see the *Technology Requirement* policy in the *SON Enrollment Committee Policy and Procedure Manual* or *ADN (RN) Student Handbook* for detailed information.

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)

- Students pay Health Services fees ($50), parking ($150), Student Services fees ($30) and tuition ($46) per unit each semester.
- Students furnish their own uniforms. The cost is approximately $250.
- The costs of nursing books, supply bag, iPad, testing platform and other required resources are approximately $2,500.
- Physical examination/lab work costs are approximately $98 - $600.
- Background checks/CPR costs approximately $220.
- Students are required to purchase standardized testing package for use during the program. Estimated cost is $1,200.

- 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.
- Total cost is approximately $6,000 for two semesters.

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.

Other Requirements

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 or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN). 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
(916) 322-3350; www.rn.ca.gov.

Disclosure of Social Security Number/Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)
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
Applicants for licensure are required to be fingerprinted for purposes of conducting a criminal history record check. The fingerprints remain on file with the California Department of Justice, and that agency provides reports to the Board of any future convictions on an ongoing basis. (Authority: Section 144, Business and Professions Code).

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 comply with all the applicable laws relating to prohibition of discrimination based on gender, age, race, color, national origin, religion, disability or sexual orientation.

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Enrollment Criteria for LVN Advanced Placement/Transfer Students

Criteria	Maximum Points Possible for the Category	Point Distribution
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) Professional Certification (see *Approved Professional Certification List*) (10 points) Other Allied Health Professions (see *Approved Other Allied Health Professions List)* (5 points)
Grade point average in relevant course work.	50 points	Minimum 2.3 GPA in anatomy, physiology, and microbiology (may repeat only one course, one time). GPA = 4.0 (40 points) GPA = 3.5 (35 points) GPA = 3.0 (30 points) GPA = 2.3 (25 points) 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) 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.
Life experiences or special circumstances of an applicant, including but not limited to, the following: • Disability* • Low family income (eligibility for financial aid, Promise, EOPS, CalWorks)* • First generation of family to attend college • Need to work during prerequisite Courses • Disadvantages - social or educational environment • Difficult personal and family situations or circumstances • Active Affinity Engagement Center participant* • Guardian Scholar* • Spouse of active-duty military or veteran* • Refugee*	10 points	One point for each applicable life experience or special circumstance. *Requires documentation upon application (see application).

Criteria	Maximum Points Possible for the Category	Point Distribution
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.
Proficiency or advanced level course- work 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.
RCC HESI Advanced Placement Exam	30 points	The points assigned are dependent upon the test cut score. For *RCC HESI Advanced Placement Exam*: 89.5 to 100% = (30 points) 79.5 to 89.4% = (25 points) 75 to 79.4% = (15 points)
TOTAL	**/117**	

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).

Approved Professional Certifications/Other Allied Health Professions List

Professional Certifications (10 Points)

- Certified Nursing Assistant
- Emergency Medical Technician
- Pharmacy Technician
- Radiology Technician
- Surgical Technician
- Certified Surgical Technologist (CST)
- Certified Hemodialysis Technician
- Acupuncturist
- Registered Dental Assistant

Other Allied Health Professions (5 Points)

- Patient Care Assistant
- CMA Courses/Medical Assistant Program
- Home Health Aide
- Acute Care Course
- Telemetry Technician
- Electrocardiogram Technician
- Cardiac Monitor Technician
- Phlebotomy Technician
- Massage Therapist
- Documented Medical Military Experience

Conditions for Using Certifications/Licenses

- All certifications/licenses must be current and in good standing to receive points
- All other Licenses/Certifications/Allied Health Professions not listed above will be reviewed by the Enrollment Committee.

Registered Nursing Non-Degree 30-Unit Options Program for LVNs

This option complies with the California Board or Registered Nursing Policy (*Section 1429 of BRN Rules and Regulations*).

Eligibility Requirements
Candidates interested in the LVN 30-Unit Option must complete the minimum requirements for eligibility as listed below:

- Minimum GPA of 2.3 in the following science prerequisite courses:

Course	Units
Biology 50A	4 units
Biology 50B	4 units
Biology 55	4 units
Total	12 units

- Provide copy of an *Active* California LVN license.
- Submit Nursing application online during the application period (June and October).
- Submit official transcripts (high school or equivalent and college) to the Admissions and Records or Counseling Departments by the application deadline.
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher in all college work attempted.
- Earn a passing score on the *Skill Competency Assessment*.

Candidates meeting the above criteria will be accepted into the second year of the ADN (RN) program, pending space availability.

30-Unit Option Program Courses

Course	Units
Prerequisite Courses	12.0 units
Nursing 21 – Acute and Chronic Illness II/Mental Health Specialty	8.5 units
Nursing 21A – Nursing Learning Lab	0.5 units
Nursing 22 – Integrated Care Across the Life Span	8.5 units
Nursing 22A – Nursing Learning Lab	0.5 units
Total	30.0 units

*If BIO-50A or BIO-55 are completed at RCC/RCCD, students must also complete the associated course prerequisites (BIO-1/1H & CHE-2A)

Not Required for This Program Option
The following are not required for the 30-Unit Option Program:

- *RCC HESI Advanced Placement Exam*
- Psychology 9
- General Education/Graduation Requirements
- Nursing 18/18B

Important Notice
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.

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Counseling: LVN 30-Unit Option

- 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 to take the NCLEX-RN.
- Written information about this option is included in the *Advanced Placement/ Transfer/30-Unit-Option Information Sheet.*

Admission Requirements

- The applicant for this option is not required to meet university or college admission requirements.
- 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.
- Thirty-unit option students must adhere to all additional non-academic program requirements (i.e. CPR, health checks, background checks, drug screen).
- 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

- The required courses include microbiology, anatomy and physiology, and nursing, and do not exceed 30 semester units.
- Credit is given for any previously completed required course, regardless of date the course was taken.
- Prerequisites to microbiology or anatomy and physiology are not required.
- Nursing theory content includes nursing intervention in acute, preventive, remedial, supportive, rehabilitative and teaching aspects of nursing, as well as leadership and management.
- 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.
- Students are not required to provide care to OB and pediatric patients.
- Nursing 18/18B is not required of 30-unit option students.
- High School diploma, GED or equivalent as specified by the BRN is required.
- Students admitted to Nursing 21 as LVN 30-unit option cannot be required to have a high school diploma or equivalent for admission. However, to be eligible for NCLEX-RN, this requirement must have been met.
- Thirty-unit option students are not required to take the *Advanced Placement Exam* and are placed in Nursing 21 of the ADN (RN) program, pending space available.

Pertinent Statutes and Regulations

Source	Section
Business and Professions Code, Chapter 6. Nursing	2736.6 & 2786.6
California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Division 14, Board of Registered Nursing	1429