



**TRI-COUNTY
NURSING
PATHWAY**

QUALITY, AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE EDUCATION

**Riverside City College (RCC)
California State University of Fullerton (CSUF)
California State University of San Bernardino (CSUSB)**

**ADN/BSN Concurrent Enrollment Program (CEP)
Student Information Packet**

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Introduction

The Tri-County Nursing Pathway was designed to offer Riverside City College (RCC) associate degree, registered nursing students an associate degree/baccalaureate degree concurrent enrollment program (CEP) option in collaboration with two of the California State University (CSU) campuses, California State University Fullerton (CSUF) and California State University, San Bernardino (CSUSB). The RCC-CSU CEP was created in response to the Institute of Medicine's goal to increase the number of Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree graduates to 80% by 2020 and the call by the National Education Progression in Nursing Collaborative for innovative, seamless education progression models in nursing.

The RCC-CSU CEP provides qualified RCC associate degree nursing (ADN) students a quality, affordable and accessible pathway for completing a BSN degree within six (6) months for full-time students after graduating with their ADN. Students enrolled in the RCC-CSU CEP follow the traditional course of study for all RCC ADN students while also being simultaneously enrolled in required CSU courses. The CEP curricular pathway is designed to be complementary in nature to the ADN coursework. CSU courses are offered to students through innovative online or hybrid formatting, however, when a course must be offered using the traditional face-to-face classroom methodology, it will typically be scheduled on the RCC campus. CEP applicants accepted into the RCC ADN program in the fall semester will be enrolled into the CSUF pathway; applicants accepted into the spring semester will be attending the CSUSB pathway (see Tables 2 and 3). Upon completion of the RCC ADN program, graduates are eligible and required to take the NCLEX-RN licensure examination to continue in the CSU program.

BSN-prepared graduates are highly valued by potential employers because advanced education has been shown to improve patient outcomes and reduce hospital costs. The RCC-CSU CEP graduates will be equipped with the knowledge and skills to begin their nursing career with a degree that will promote professional knowledge and advancement, while improving the health outcomes of the residents of the tri-county area.

RCC-CSU Concurrent Enrollment Program Information

The RCC-CSU CEP is a 2 ½ year (full-time) program for qualified participants who are selected from a pool of RCC ADN students who have met all CEP program eligibility requirements and have applied for admission to the CEP.

Eligibility

To be considered for participation in the CEP, the following is required:

- Complete the RCC nursing program application. Indicate on the application the Concurrent Enrollment ADN/BSN option.
- Complete all RCC and CSU prerequisite and lower division GE requirements (see Table 1: RCC-CSU CEP Pre Nursing Pathway).
- Apply in the RCC School of Nursing Office for validation that prior coursework meets CSU General Education requirements for fulfilling lower division categories A, B, C, and D.

- Meet the overall minimum GPA of 2.75 in all RCC nursing preadmission required courses and an overall GPA of 2.75.
- Maintain a 2.0 grade point average in all coursework while enrolled in the CEP program.
- Register for and attend a CEP Information Session.

Key Information

- Students must meet all prerequisite requirements for acceptance into the RCC ADN program (See Table 1).
- Additionally, students must complete all indicated RCC and CSU lower division GE requirements before applying to the program (See Table 1).
- Application and acceptance into CSU is determined after eligibility for the RCC-CSU CEP is approved and finalized by RCC.
- CSU courses are offered to students through innovative online or hybrid formatting, however, when a course must be offered using the traditional face-to-face classroom methodology, it will typically be scheduled on the RCC campus.
- CEP students admitted to the fall RCC ADN cohort become part of the designated CSU Fullerton ADN-to-BSN cohort, CEP students admitted to the spring RCC ADN cohort become part of the designated CSU San Bernardino ADN-to-BSN cohort.
- Students assigned to a CSU campus upon admission into the CEP are ineligible to switch CSU campuses.
- Students placed into the traditional RCC ADN cohort are not eligible to transfer into the CEP program at a later time.
- Once admitted, CEP students must maintain a 2.0 GPA in all coursework.
- After graduation from RCC, students will be required to take NCLEX-RN as soon as possible so that they can be awarded transfer unit credit at the respective CSU through successful passage of NCLEX-RN. Failure to do so may result in the student not completing their BSN degree in the designated timeframe.
- Students must sign an Acknowledgement of Understanding form that identifies necessary contingencies for continuation in the CEP from enrollment until ADN graduation and subsequent ADN-to-BSN coursework completion at their designated CSU campus.

Table 1: RCC-CSU CEP Pre-Nursing Pathway

	<u>Course</u>	<u>Course Name</u>	<u>Units</u>
<u>Intersession</u>			
	BIO-1	General Biology (B.2)	4
		Total Units	4
<u>First Semester</u>			
	HUM-10 or PHI-10	World Religions or Introduction to Philosophy (C.2)	3
	ENG-1A	English Composition (A.2)	4
	BIO -50A	Anatomy and Physiology I (B.2)	4
		Total Units	11
<u>Second Semester</u>			
	BIO-50B	Anatomy and Physiology II (B.2)	4
	ENG-1B or PHI-11	Critical Thinking and Writing or Critical Thinking (A.3)	4
	MAT-12	Statistics (B.4)	4
		Total Units	12
<u>Intersession</u>			
	Psy-9	Developmental Psychology (D.1)	3
		Total Units	3
<u>Third Semester</u>			
	CHE-2A	Introduction to Chemistry (B.1)	4
	COM-1 or COM-9	Public Speaking or Interpersonal Communications (A.1)	3
	POL-1	American Politics (D.2)	3
	ART-6 or DAN-6	Art Appreciation or Dance Appreciation (C.1)	3
		Total Units	13
<u>Fourth Semester</u>			
	Apply for the RCC ADN Program During Designated Time Period		
	HIS-6 or HIS-7	Political and Social History of the United States (D.2)	3
	BIO-55	Microbiology (B.2)	4
	SOC-1 or ANT-2	Introduction to Sociology or Cultural Anthropology (D)	3
	MUS-19 or THE-3	Music Appreciation or Introduction to the Theater (C.1)	3
		Total Units	13

Advising

An RCC Nursing Counselor and Nursing Enrollment and Evaluation Specialist are available for information regarding the CEP and application advisement. Once admitted to the CEP, CSU advisors will be available on their respective campuses to meet in-person, via email or by phone.

RCC SON Students Interested in CEP	
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CSUF Academic Advisement Center http://www.fullerton.edu/aac/	
Students Who are Admitted to CSUSB	
Main Nursing Office: nursinginfo@csusb.edu CSUSB Advising: https://cns.csusb.edu/peer-advising-center Peer Advising Center: 909-537-7627	

Transfer Credits

CEP students may transfer up to 70 ADN semester units to their home CSU, which include general education units and a maximum of 36 ADN units. NCLEX-RN units can only be awarded after transcript evaluation through the CSU policy governing the process of credit by external exam. In addition, CEP students with additional credits or a degree from a four-year regionally-accredited college or university will be awarded transfer unit credit based on an individual review of their record. Awarding of unit credit for NCLEX-RN and baccalaureate coursework or degree is based on CSU Executive Order 1084 which outlines the CSU Systemwide Nursing Policy governing baccalaureate nursing degrees pursued in post-baccalaureate standing (<https://www.calstate.edu/eo/EO-1084.html>).

Tuition and Costs

The most current tuition, fees, and other student costs of attendance at RCC may be accessed at <https://www.rcc.edu/services/admissions/Pages/Tuition-and-Fees.aspx>. Additional costs associated with the ADN program may be found on the *RCC ADN (RN) Information Sheet* located on the RCC School of Nursing website:

<https://www.rcc.edu/departments/schoolofnursing/Documents/Enrollment/RN%20ADN%20Info%20Sheet%20update%203-5-19.pdf>

CSU Fullerton and CSU San Bernardino tuition, fees, and other related costs of attendance may be accessed via their respective websites:

CSUF <https://sfs.fullerton.edu/services/fees/tuitionandcampusfees.php>

CSUSB <https://www.csusb.edu/student-financial-services/tuition-and-fees>.

CEP students with a prior baccalaureate degree must pay post-graduate CSU tuition fees per CSU Board of Trustees policy.

Financial Aid

Because federal regulations require that financial aid can only be disbursed through one college or university, RCC-CSU CEP students must apply for financial aid and complete necessary documents through their designated CSU campus. This campus is responsible for distribution of aid to qualified individuals based on federal, state, and institutional guidelines. The RCC Promise financial aid program, formerly called the Board of Governors tuition waiver, remains in place and is not affected by the CSU campus and RCC agreements. This aid is reportable on your CSU financial aid application.

Although the financial aid between the two programs is designed to work seamlessly, this cannot be guaranteed, so there may be times when you will be asked to pay your RCC nursing program tuition before you receive your CSU financial aid disbursement. You will need to be prepared to pay your RCC nursing program or your CSU tuition out-of-pocket or by payment plan until the balance of your financial aid is awarded by CSU.

For further information about financial aid related to the CEP, please contact RCC Student Financial Services at 951-222-8710 or online www.rcc.edu/services/studentfinancialservices; CSUF Office of Financial Aid at 657-278-3125 or online financialaid@fullerton.edu; CSUSB Office of Financial Aid at 909-537-7024 or online www.csusb.edu/financial-aid.

Health and Safety Requirements

RCC and CSU nursing programs have health and safety requirements that must be met prior to enrolling and participating in any clinical experiences. Healthcare agencies throughout the state require vaccinations, titers, and other healthcare related requirements such as background checks, CPR certification, drug testing, etc. These requirements are subject to change per healthcare agency contracts with the educational institutions and students must be compliant with agency requirements prior to and throughout the programs. Students must complete specified background checks, drug screening, immunization coverage and or titers, and any other health document requirements **for both RCC and CSUF/CSUSB** campuses. Documentation of health and safety compliance requirements must be provided to your RCC and CSU campus.

Requests for Accommodations

Students may request accommodations for disabilities through the Disability Resource Center (DRC) at RCC. RCC provides reasonable accommodations in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 504 and 508 of the Rehabilitation Act, and California's Title V Regulations. RCC DRC will assist students during the concurrent part of the program and will work in conjunction with the CSUs to assist students in getting necessary accommodations during their transition into a full-time CSU student. The DRC office is located in the Kane building, room 130. For further information regarding services, call (951) 222-8060 (voice); (951)

801-5675 (VR). Students can also get information on the DRC website https://www.rcc.edu/services/disablestudents/Pages/dsps_home.aspx.

Student Health and Psychological Services

Maintaining an optimal level of wellness is absolutely crucial for reaching your highest potential. Students in the CEP have access to a variety of services and resources in the RCC Student Health and Psychological Services (<https://www.rcc.edu/services/health/Pages/Health-Services-Home.aspx>), as well as through their respective CSU campus: CSUF (<http://www.fullerton.edu/sa/assessment/retention/studenthealth.php>), CSUSB (<https://www.csusb.edu/student-health-center>).

NCLEX-RN

All CEP students should plan on taking NCLEX^{RN} as soon as possible after graduation from the RCC program. NCLEX–RN units cannot be awarded and noted on the CSU transcript until the student has successfully passed this examination. Additionally, if NCLEX-RN units are not awarded by the CSU campus Office of Admission and Enrollment Services during or prior to the semester of BSN graduation and the graduate check comes up deficient, the ADN-to-BSN student will need to enroll in additional CSU semester coursework to meet graduation requirements.

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Participation in the CEP Program

- **Who can apply to the Concurrent Enrollment Program (CEP)?**
All students who have completed the eligibility requirements for the CEP are encouraged to apply.
- **Is the traditional ADN option being eliminated?**
No. Starting in Fall 2019, RCC SON will offer students two cohort options for completing a nursing degree. The traditional ADN option, as described in the ADN Information Sheet, will continue to be offered. Additionally, a second cohort option, the CEP pathway, will be available for students who meet the eligibility requirements. The number in each cohort may vary depending on the applicant pool. Students in each cohort will complete the same ADN courses and participate in equivalent clinical experiences; however, the CEP students will also complete complementary BSN courses at the same time as their ADN courses.
- **Can I apply for admission to both the CEP and the traditional ADN nursing cohorts?**
Yes, students may select the CEP pathway option (if eligible) and the traditional ADN program option. Students in either option will be ranked and selected based on the RCC ADN enrollment criteria points described in the ADN (RN) Information Sheet <https://www.rcc.edu/departments/schoolofnursing/Documents/Enrollment/RN%20ADN%20Info%20Sheet%20update%207-24-18.pdf>
- **Where does the program take place?**
The RCC nursing courses will be offered in the RCC School of Nursing and at partnering healthcare agencies in the Inland Empire. The CSU courses will be offered in an online or hybrid format. If it is necessary for a CSU course to be offered in a face-to-face format, the course will typically be held in the RCC School of Nursing building.
- **How does the RCC-CSU CEP differ from other ADN-BSN partnerships?**
The RCC-CSU CEP is an innovative partnership that has been established to allow students to receive financial aid from a participating university, while still being able to benefit from community college grants such as the Promise or Board of Governor's (BOG) waiver.

Also, if a student follows the RCC-CSU CEP pathway as described, the units required to complete the program (120 units) are equal to those of a student completing a traditional BSN program. This allows the students to concurrently complete coursework for both the ADN and BSN programs and complete the BSN requirements within 6-months to 1-year after graduating from RCC ADN program. This benefit decreases both time and money requirements for participants.

- **Are the RCC ADN nursing courses the same for CEP and traditional ADN students?**
Yes, the RCC ADN nursing courses are the same for all enrolled students. The difference is that the CEP students will be taking concurrent and complementary CSU coursework each semester.
- **Will I be able to register for any cohort or course in the program?**
No, students will choose prior to admission which program of study they want to pursue. Once students are admitted to the traditional ADN pathway, they may not enter the CEP pathway but may be eligible for other BSN partnership options.
- **If I accept a place in the CEP cohort and decide that I would rather be (or need to be) in the traditional cohort, can I switch my spot?**
No. You will have to decline your spot and be placed back into the applicant pool the following semester. Your readmission into the program the next semester is not guaranteed; your application points will be ranked within that cohort of students.
- **What if I graduate from RCC and I am unable to transition with my cohort to the designated CSU due to medical or serious extenuating reasons?**
If you are unable to transition with your cohort to the CSU after graduation from RCC for medical or educational reasons you must be sure to fill out the medical or educational leave paperwork with the CSU you are attending, Failure to complete the appropriate paperwork will result in a loss of good standing with the university. Further, if a student exceeds the timeframe for retuning after a leave, he/she will have forfeited their right to remain enrolled under the CEP agreement in which they entered the program. If a student later decides to return to the university, the CEP student will need to reapply for admission to the traditional ADN-BSN program offered at CSUF or CSUSB and meet all university's admission requirements including GPA.
- **What grade point average do I have to maintain while completing the CEP coursework?**
You must maintain a 2.0 grade point average in all RCC and CSU CEP coursework to remain in the program.
- **What if I fail or withdraw from the RCC ADN coursework while enrolled in the CEP?**
A student who fails or withdraws from the RCC ADN coursework will forfeit their position in the CEP program and will be required to reapply to RCC for admission to the ADN program as outlined in the *RCC School of Nursing Eligibility for Readmission/Transfer/Advanced Placement and Prioritization of Readmission/Transfer/Advanced Placement Candidate policies*. Additionally, students would be required to withdraw from the CSU coursework at that time but would not lose the credits they have completed. After successful completion of the ADN program, students would need to apply for the traditional ADN-to-BSN option offered at the CSU campuses. Students would need to meet all university admission requirements at the time of readmission to the CSU.

- **What if I fail or withdraw from the CSU coursework while enrolled in the CEP?**
A student who fails or withdraws from the CSU coursework while enrolled in the CEP program are eligible to complete the RCC ADN program but would forfeit their CEP position at the CSU. Students would need to reapply to the university's traditional ADN-to-BSN option after completion of the ADN program. Students who apply for readmission to the CSU would be required to meet all university admission requirements.
- **Can I pick the partnering university I want to attend?**
At this time, students who enter the RCC CSU CEP pathway in the fall semester will be admitted to and enrolled in CSUF courses. Students who are admitted in the spring, will be admitted to and enrolled in CSUSB courses.
- **If I am not accepted into the CEP pathway, am I still eligible for the traditional ADN pathway?**
Yes, students may choose, at the time of application, to select one or both program pathways.
- **So, will I be a community college or a university student?**
As a RCC-CSU CEP student, you will enjoy the benefits and services of both institutions in which you are enrolled. You will also proudly display a patch on your uniform indicating you a student enrolled in the RCC-CSU CEP program.
- **What is the course pattern that I will complete in the CEP program pathway?**
The course pattern will differ slightly depending on the designated university. See tables 2 and 3 below that describe the concurrent pathways for each university.

Table 2: RCC-CSUF CEP Course of Study: Fall Entry

	<u>Course</u>	<u>Course Name</u>	<u>Units</u>
First Semester-FALL			
RCC	NRN 11/11A	Foundations of Nursing Practice	9
CSUF	NURS 340/340L	Health Assessment	3
		Total Units	12
Interession			
RCC	NRN 14	Health Promotion and Wellness Across the Lifespan	3
		Total Units	3
Second Semester-SPRING			
RCC	NRN 12/12A	Acute/Chronic Medical-Surgical and Maternity Nursing	9
CSUF	NURS 310	Research	3
		Total Units	12
Third Semester-FALL			
RCC	NRN 21/21A	Acute Medical-Surgical and Mental Health	9
CSUF	NURS 345	Pathophysiology	3
		Total Units	12
Fourth Semester-SPRING			
RCC	NRN 22/22A	Acute Medical-Surgical and Acute Pediatric Nursing	9
CSUF	UDGE C-Z	UDGE that meets C that also meets Z	3
		Total Units	12
Graduate from RCC and pass NCLEX-RN			
Summer			
CSUF	NURS 305	Professional Nursing	3
CSUF	NURS 470	Art & Science	3
		Total Units	6
Fifth Semester-FALL			
CSUF	NURS 402/402L	Population Health	3/2
CSUF	NURS 410/410L	Leadership	3/1
CSUF	BIO 305	Genetics	3
		Total Units	12
Graduate from CSUF with BSN			

Total RCC Units: 70
 Total CSUF Units: 30 (24 NURSING UNITS + 6 GE = 30)
 Total NCLEX Credit Units: 20
TOTAL: 120 Semester Units

Table 3: RCC-CSUSB CEP Course of Study: Spring Entry

	<u>Course</u>	<u>Course Name</u>	<u>Units</u>
First Semester-SPRING			
RCC	NRN 11/11A	Foundations of Nursing Practice	9
CSUSB	NURS 3026	Health Assessment	3
		Total Units	12
Interession			
RCC	NRN 14	Health Promotion and Wellness Across the Lifespan	3
		Total Units	3
Second Semester-FALL			
RCC	NRN 12/12A	Acute/Chronic Medical-Surgical and Maternity Nursing	9
CSUSB	NURS 3610	Strategies for Patient Ed, Health Promotion, Care Coordination	3
		Total Units	12
Third Semester-SPRING			
RCC	NRN 21/21A	Acute Medical-Surgical and Mental Health	9
CSUSB	NURS 3100	Pathophysiology/Pharmacology	4
		Total Units	12
Fourth Semester-FALL			
RCC	NRN 22/22A	Acute Medical-Surgical and Acute Pediatric Nursing	9
CSUSB	NURS 4222	Nursing Research and EBP (UD Scientific Inquiry/B)	3
		Total Units	12
Graduate from RCC and pass NCLEX-RN			
Fifth Semester-SPRING			
CSUSB	NURS 4510	Community/Public Health Promotion UDGE D: Social Science	3
CSUSB	NURS 4512	Community/Public Health Promotion Lab UDGE D: Social Science	3
CSUSB	UDGE C-Z	UDGE that meets C that also meets Z	3
		Total Units	9
Summer			
CSUSB	NURS 3010	Role Transition to Professional Nursing Practice (UD WI)	3
CSUSB	NURS 4610	Nursing Leadership	3
CSUSB	NURS 4612	Nursing Leadership Lab	2
		Total Units	8
Graduate from CSUSB with BSN			

Total RCC Units: 70
Total CSUSB Units: 27 (Nursing + 3 UD GE =30)
Total NCLEX Credit Units: 20
Total: 120 Semester Units

RCC-CSU Concurrent Enrollment Pathway towards Success

Step 1	Student consults with RCC Nursing Counselor about the course requirements for RCC and CSU nursing programs.
Step 2	Student attends CEP Information Session.
Step 3	Student applies for the RCC-CSU CEP application pool.
Step 4	Applicants take TEAS test. The top ranking applicants will be invited to take the TEAS test for free at RCC. All other students can take the TEAS test at any authorized testing site.
Step 5	Applicant eligibility is verified by the RCC Nursing Enrollment and Evaluation Specialist and RCC Admissions and Records. Modified GE verification is completed.
Step 6	Applicants are ranked according to the RCC enrollment criteria.
Step 7	Applicants selected for placement are notified of status from RCC and CSU. Applicants will accept or refuse placement.
Step 8	Financial aid paperwork is completed, if needed.
Step 9	Enrollees attend an Intake Day and Welcome Session at RCC. Also during this time, applicants will complete any CSU requirements such as background checks, immunizations, etc.
Step 10	Enrollees attend a 2-day RCC Boot Camp.
Step 11	Students begin RCC and CSU coursework.
Step 12	Students graduate from RCC and take NCLEX-RN.
Step 13	Students graduate from CSU and earn BSN degree.

Acknowledgement of Understanding

I, the undersigned, have read and understand the rigorous expectations of the CEP program as outlined in the *RCC-CSU CEP Student Information Packet* and through my attendance at a *CEP Information Session*. I understand that I will be required to abide by and conform to the policies and procedures of both institutions into which I am accepted as a student.

Student Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____