



**RIVERSIDE CITY COLLEGE – SCHOOL OF NURSING  
ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM FOR REGISTERED NURSING  
4800 Magnolia Avenue, Riverside, CA 92506-1299**



**ADN (RN) 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.

The Associate in Science Degree in Nursing (ADN) requires four semesters and an intersession, excluding completion of prerequisite courses. Upon completion of the 74 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, 44-100 candidates are accepted into the program. Those applicants who are not accepted must reapply the following semester.

**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 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 documentation have been received by Riverside City College 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 ADN (RN) program.
5. 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](mailto: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 not accepted.
5. Prerequisite Courses (15 units):
  - a. Minimum GPA of 2.5 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 to Death) with a grade of “C” or better. Advanced Placement students must complete Psychology 9 prior to entrance into the program.
6. The Test for Essential Academic Skills (TEAS Version 5) 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.

**\*\*\* RCC School of Nursing ADN (RN) program will be changing its enrollment criteria effective Fall 2017. The new enrollment process will still follow the legislation–allowed multi criteria that has been used for several years, with some changes in the point distribution for some categories. Students will be given credit for baccalaureate degrees, only; 5 points additional for being a Veteran; up to 10 points for recent work or volunteer experience as an LVN, CNA, Paramedic, Respiratory Therapist, documented medical military , or clinical care extender experience and/or specified courses such as NXN-84, or NRN-93. The highest amount of points will continue to be awarded for GPA and score on the ATI TEAS. Students currently in process with pre-requisite coursework are encouraged to achieve the best grades possible in each class, as well as prepare to take the TEAS. Any questions about the upcoming process should be directed to Steve Purdy, the Nursing Enrollment and Evaluations Specialist or Jackie Urena, the Nursing Educational Advisor.**

**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 1<sup>st</sup> Semester ADN 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 Test for Essential Academic Skills Version 5 (TEAS) prior to program enrollment. Students who fail to achieve a passing score will be required to complete additional pre-nursing course work.

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.

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

\*\*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 (40 units)**

<u>First Semester</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Second Semester</u>	<u>Units</u>	Prerequisites:	15 units
Nursing 11	9.5	Nursing 12	8	General Education:	19 units
Nursing 11A	0.5	Nursing 12A	0.5	Nursing:	<u>40 units</u>
				Total:	
	74 units				

<u>Intersession</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Third Semester</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Fourth Semester</u>	<u>Units</u>
Nursing 13	2.5	Nursing 21	9	Nursing 22	9
		Nursing 21A	0.5	Nursing 22A	0.5

**NOTE: Nursing 18 (2.5 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 *ADN Nursing Course Challenge* policy.**

**Expenses (per year)**

1. Students pay Health Services Fees (\$25), parking (\$125), Student Services Fees (\$10) and tuition (\$46) per unit each semester. The cost is approximately \$6,000 for four semesters and an intersession.
2. Students furnish their own uniforms. The cost is approximately \$250.
3. The costs of nursing books and supplies are approximately \$1300 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. Students are required to purchase the ATI RN Comprehensive Assessment Review Program for use during the program. Estimated cost is \$450.

**When planning expenses, students should be aware they may have to limit their hours of employment due to extensive ADN 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](http://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**

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 (42USCA 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.

### Enrollment Criteria for 1<sup>st</sup> Semester ADN Students

	CRITERIA	MAXIMUM POINTS FOR THE CATEGORY	POINT DISTRIBUTION
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 Version 5:  90 to 100    =    35 points 78 to 89     =    30 points 71 to 77     =    25 points 62 to 70     =    20 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).