



**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) 222-8407 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. Please verify current application filing period dates with Counseling Department or School of Nursing Office at (951) 222-8407.

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

Requirements for Eligibility and Prerequisite Courses:

Effective Fall 2019, the ADN program will be changing its Chemistry pre-enrollment criteria to no longer allow use of the Chemistry Diagnostic Exam and to only accept either an approved college-level Chemistry with a lab course (Chem 2A or 3 or equivalent) or an AP Chemistry test score of 3, 4, or 5. The current minimum requirement of Math 35 will also be changed to Math 12 (Statistics) for completion of the Associate in Science Degree in Nursing. The number of Nursing units required to complete the ADN program will decrease from 40 to 39 units.

Additionally, in Fall 2019 a limited number of first semester enrollment placements (up to 40) will be available to qualified applicants for a Concurrent Enrollment Pathway (CEP) program. This program will allow students to pursue their ADN degree at RCC (9 units/semester and a 3-unit intersession course) while concurrently enrolled in a 3-unit BSN course each semester (either online or held at RCC). Financial Aid will be available through the partnering university to cover all tuition and fee costs for students who qualify. This option will enable students to complete their BSN degrees in one semester and an intersession after their RCC graduation. Criteria for eligibility for this option is available in the School of Nursing office.

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:
 - *Biology 50A (formerly Anatomy Physiology 2A) (4 units)
 - *Biology 50B (formerly Anatomy & Physiology 2B) (4 units)
 - *Biology 55 (formerly 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 (ATI TEAS) is required for all applicants to the ADN (RN) program. Please see RCC SON *TEAS Test* policy in the Enrollment Handbook for detailed 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 1st 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 ATI Test for Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) prior to program enrollment. Please see RCC SON *TEAS Test* policy in the Enrollment Handbook for detailed information.

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 an Academic Counselor (951) 222-8440.

___ English Composition: English 1A or 1AH	4
___ American Institutions: History 6,6H,7,7H,8*,9*,11,12,14,15,26*,28,29,31,34 or Political Science 1,1H,5	3
___ Social and Behavioral Sciences: Sociology 1 or Anthropology 2	3
___ Communication and Analytical Thinking: Communication 1, 1H or 9,9H plus one of the following English 1B, 1BH; Math 12; Philosophy 11, 32; Reading 4	6
___ Humanities: ASL 1,2,3,4,5;Architecture 36*; Art 1,2,2H,3*,4,5,6,6H,7,8,9,10,11*,12,13,14,15*,16*,17*,18*,19*,20*,21*,22*,23*,24*,25AB*,26*,27*,28AB*,30AB*,34*,35AB*,36AB*,38*,39*,40AB*,41AB*,42AB*,43AB*,44ABC*,45*,46*,47*,48AB*,49AB*,50AB*,51AB*,200*;Communication Studies 7*,11 Dance 6 or 6H,7*,8*,9*; English 1B or 1BH, 6,7,8,9,11,12,14,15,16,17ABC,*18,20,23,25,30,34,35,38*,39*,40,41,44,45,47*, 48; Film Studies 1,1H, 2,3,4,5,7,8; Film Television and Video 11*,12,38ABC*,41*,42*,43*,44ABC*,46*,48*,51ABC*, 52*,53*, 64A*,65,66*,67*,68*,70*,71A*,72*,73*,74*,75*,76*,79*; Foreign Language: ARA 1,2,3,8,11; CHI 1,2,11; FRE 1,2,3,4,8,11; GER 1,2,3,11; ITA 1,2,3,11; JPN 1,2,3,4,11; KOR 1,2,11; LAT 1,2; POR 1,2; RUS 1,2,3,11; SPA 1 or 1H,1A,1B,2,3,3N,4,8,11,12; History 1,2,4*,5*; Humanities 4 or 4H, 5 or 5H,8,9,10 or 10H,11,16,18,20ABC*,23,35; Music 1*,2*,3*,4*,5*,6*,8AB*,9*,10*,12*,19,20,21,22,23,25,26,27*,28*,29*,30*,31*,32ABCD*,33*,34*,35*,36*,37*,38*,39*,40*,41*,42*,43ABC*,44*,45*,46*,47*,48*,49*,50*,51*,52*,53*,54*,55*,56*,57*,58*,59*,60*,61*,62*,63*,64*,65*,66*,67*,68*,69*,70*,71*,72*,73*,74*,75*,76*,77*,78*,79*,80*,81*,82*, 83*,84*,85*,86*,87*,88*,89 or 89H,92*,93*,94*,95*,96*,97*,P12*,P27*,P28*,P36*,P44*,P70*,P77*,P84*;Philosophy 10 or 10H,12,13,14,15*,19,22,33,35;Photography 8*;Theater Arts 2*,3,4*,5*,6*,9,25*,26*,29,30*,32*,33*,34*,35*,36*,37*,38*,39*,41*,44*,46*,48*, 49*,54*, 200*	3

Competency: **In order to graduate, students must demonstrate competence in mathematics, reading and English.** **0-5**

***Does not meet CSU GE Certification Requirement. Please see college catalog for more 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 \$2,700 for two years.
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 \$540.

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.

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 1st Semester ADN (RN) 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	a. Minimum 2.5 GPA in anatomy, physiology, and microbiology. GPA = 4.0 35 points GPA = 3.5 30 points GPA = 3.0 25 points GPA = 2.5 20 points b. 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 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: <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	Assessment/readiness test results.	30 points	The points assigned are dependent upon the test cut score. For ATI TEAS: 90 to 100 = 30 points 78 to 89 = 25points 71 to 77 = 20 points 62 to 70 = 15 points
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	Licensed VN, Paramedic, Respiratory Therapists; documented medical military experience, (all with work experience \geq 1000 hours) = 5 points. OR CNA or EMT (all with work experience \geq 1000 hours) = 3 points. OR Clinical Care Extender or other program of volunteer activity \geq 200 hours with direct human patient care contact = 1 point 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.
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).