

RIVERSIDE CITY COLLEGE – SCHOOL OF NURSING
VOCATIONAL NURSING PROGRAM
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VOCATIONAL NURSING (VN) INFORMATION SHEET

General Information

The Vocational Nursing (VN) program is approved by the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians (BVNPT). Contact information for the [BVNPT](#) is 2535 Capitol Oaks Drive, Suite 205, Sacramento, CA 95833 (916) 263-7800.

The VN Program requires 12 months of full-time study. Upon completion of this 51-unit program, the graduate is eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-PN) for licensure as a Vocational Nurse in the state of California.

Each Fall semester up to 40-60 candidates are accepted into the program. Those applicants who are not accepted must reapply the following year. There is no waiting list.

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. 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 Vocational 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 VN Program.
5. Meeting minimum requirements of the program does not guarantee admission into the program.

Application Filing Period

The application filing period for the VN program is the first business day in February to the first business day of March. Check the RCC School of Nursing web site or e-mail nursing@rcc.edu for exact dates.

Applications may be obtained at RCC 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:

NOTE: Meeting minimum eligibility criteria for the program does not guarantee admission to the program.

1. RCC application on file and eligibility to attend RCC.
2. Graduation from an accredited high school or equivalent (G.E.D., High School Proficiency Examination, Associate degree or Bachelor's degree). Official up-to-date transcripts required.
3. A cumulative grade point average of at least a 2.0 ("C") in all college course work attempted.
4. Be at least 17 years of age (Section 2866a, VN Nursing Practice Act).
5. **Prerequisite Courses (11 units):**
 - a. Biology 45 or Biology 50A and 50B or equivalent.
 - b. Nursing 55A/B
 - c. Psychology 9
6. **CNA certificate**
 - a. An *Active* CNA certificate is required at the time of application for all VN Program applicants.
 - b. Students admitted to the VN Program must maintain and keep their CNA certificate *Active* and verifiable throughout the program.
 - c. Please see the *RCC Nursing Assistant Information Sheet* for 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

Selection for the VN program is decided by random selection of qualified applicants. RCC reserves the right to designate a certain number of spaces for contract agreements and/or to meet grant-designated outcomes.

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

For more information on the selection procedure, please see *Selection Procedure* in the Enrollment Manual.

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.

Required Nursing Courses (51 units)

<u>Spring</u>		<u>Fall</u>		<u>Winter</u>	
Anatomy & Physiology 10	3	Nursing 52	9.5	Nursing 61	<u>6</u>
Nursing 55A/B	5	Nursing 60	<u>1</u>		6 units
Psychology 9	<u>3</u>		10.5 units		
	11 units				
<u>Spring</u>		<u>Summer</u>			
Nursing 62	12	Nursing 70	1		
Nursing 63	<u>3</u>	Nursing 71	<u>7.5</u>		
	15 units		8.5 units		

A minimum grade of “C” in each course is required in order to progress in the VN Program.

The VN Program is a certificate program. Students wishing to complete an Associate in Science Degree may do so by completing the requirements for the certificate, plus completion of the graduation requirements as described in the catalog, totaling a minimum of 60 units of college work as required for the A. S. degree.

Expenses (per year)

1. Students pay Health Services (\$25), parking (\$150), Student Services Fees (\$30) and tuition (\$46) per unit each semester. The cost is approximately \$2,000.00 for 12 months.
2. Students furnish their own uniforms. The cost is approximately \$250.
3. The costs of nursing books and supplies are approximately \$1,700 for year.
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 Kaplan Test Prep review program for use during the program. Estimated cost is \$400.00.

When planning expenses, students should be aware they may have to limit their hours of employment due to extensive VN Program requirements. Scholarships and grants are available to those students who qualify.

Health Exam 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 and 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 Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians:

Legal Limitation of Licensure (BVNPT)

Students applying to take the vocational nursing licensure examination are required to submit fingerprints and report convictions of any offenses other than minor traffic violations; failure to report such convictions would be grounds for denial of license. Any student having questions regarding his/her eligibility for licensure should contact:

Enforcement Coordinator
Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians
2535 Capitol Oaks Drive, Suite 205
Sacramento, CA 95833 (916) 263-7800

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 may 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

If you fail to disclose your social security number or tax ID number, your application for initial or renewal license will not be processed.

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 F.B.I.

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