RN/ADN General Education and Prerequisite Courses 2024-2025

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). The ADN program requires four semesters and an intersession, excluding the completion of prerequisite courses. Upon completion of the 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.

View our website for more information https://rcc.edu/programs/nursing.html
or call our office at 951-222-8407.
For academic advice, submit ALL official transcripts, then make an appointment with an Academic Counselor at 951-222-8440 .

GENERAL EDUCATION

(one 3 or more unit course from each category)
The General Education GPA must be at least 2.5 for first-semester applicants. The General Education GPA for 1st-semester applicants will be calculated using one course from each of these 6 areas plus Psychology 9.

English Composition
English 1A or 1AH

Ethnic Studies
Ethnic Studies 1, 3, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 21, 23, 44; History 14, 15, 44; Philosophy 14; Political Science 21, 23

Social and Behavioral Science
Sociology 1, 1H or Anthropology 2, 2H

Communication
Communication 1, 1H or 9, 9H

Analytical /Critical Thinking
Math 12 or 12H or PSY/SOC 48

Humanities
Applied Digital Media 1*, 62*, 77A*
ASL 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 22
Architecture 36*
Art 6, 6H, 11*, 15*, 16*, 17*, 18*, 19*, 20*, 21*, 22*, 23*, 24*, 25A*, 25B*, 26*, 27*, 28A*, 28B*, 30A*, 30B*, 34*, 35A*, 35B*, 36A*, 36B*, 38*, 39*, 40A*, 40B*, 41A*, 41B*, 42A*, 42B*, 43A*, 43B*, 44A*, 44B*, 44C*, 45*, 46*, 47*, 48A*, 48B*, 49A*, 49B*, 50A*, 50B*, 51A*, 51B*
Art History 1/1H, 2/2H, 3, 4,5,6,6H,7, 8, 9,10,11*,12,13,14,15,16,17,20
Communication Studies 7, 11,12*
Computer Information Systems 59*
Dance 6/6H,7*,8*,9*
English 1B/1BH,6,7,8,9,10*,11,12,14,15,16,17ABC*,18,20,23,24,25,30,34,35*,38ABC*,39*, 40,41,44,45,48,66; English as a Second Language 49*, 50
Ethnic Studies 13
Film Studies 1/1H, 2, 3, 4, 5; Film, Television and Video (FTV) 12,38AB*,41*,42*,44A*, 45A*,48*,51AB*, 52*,53*,64A*,65*,67*, 68*, 71A, 72*,74*,77*,79*
Foreign Language ARA 1,2,3,8,11/11H; CHI 1,2,11; FRE 1,2, 3,8,11; ITA 1,2,3,11; JPN 1,2,3,4,11; POR 1,2: RUS 1,2,3,11; SPA 1/1H,2/2H,3,4,8,11,12
Game Development 2*
History 1,2/2H,6/6H,7/7H,11,12
Humanities 4/4H,5/5H,8,9,10/10H,11,16,18, 20ABC*, 23,35
Music 1*, 3*, 4*, 5*, 6*, 8A*, 8B*, 9*, 10*, 11*, P11*, 12*, P12*, 19/19H, 22, 23, 25, 26, P27*, 28*, P28*, 29*, 30*, 31*, 32A*, 32B*, 32C*, 32D*, P32A*, 33*, 35*, 36*, P36*, 37*, 38*, 39*, 40*, 41*, 42*, 43A*, 43B*, 43C*, 44*, P44*, 48*, 49*, 50*, 51*, 52*, 53*, 54*, 55*, 56*, 57*, 58*, 59*, 60*, 61*, 65*, 66*, 67*, 68*, 69*, 70*, P70*, 71*, 72*, 73*, 74*, 75*, 76*, P76*, 77*, P77*, 78*, 79*, 80*, 81*, 82*, 83*, 84*, P84*, 85*, 86*, 87*, 88*, 89/89H, 92*, 93*, 94*, 95*, 97*, 98*, 101*
Philosophy 10/10H,12,13,14,15,18,19,22*,33,34,35,36
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*, 55*,56,57*,58*

PREREQUISITES

Biology 50A (formerly Anatomy & Physiology 2A)	Biology 50B (formerly Anatomy & Physiology 2B)
Biology 55 (formerly Microbiology 1)	**Psychology 9**

Chemistry-2A or 3
(Prerequisite for BIO 55)
CHE-2A or 3 is NOT a prerequisite for the RN/ADN program.

Biology-1
(Prerequisite for BIO 50A)
BIO-1 is NOT a prerequisite for the RN/ADN program.

Prerequisite GPA

The combined GPA for BIO 50A & BIO 50B, and BIO 55 must be at least 2.5 for 1st semester RN applicants.

AAA= 4.0	ABC= 3.0	BCC= 2.33
AAB= 3.66	BBB= 3.0	CCC= 2.0
BBA= 3.33	BBC= 2.66	
AAC= 3.33	ACC= 2.66	

The above GPA values may only apply if the 3 courses are all the same unit value. If the A&P courses and Microbiology have differing unit values, the GPA must be calculated accordingly.

Applicants who have completed ALL prerequisites AND general education courses BEFORE applying have a much greater chance of being admitted.

Getting into the RN program is competitive. Please refer to the Enrollment Criteria for detailed admission information. Applicants who are invited to the RN program must have a valid U.S. Social Security number (SSN) or individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), pass the background check, drug screening and health clearances before enrolling.

Application Period:

-First business day in June - first business day in July to apply for **SPRING** semester.

-First business day of October - first business day in November to apply for **FALL** semester.

*Does not meet CSU GE Certification Requirement. Please see the college catalog for more information.

Enrollment Criteria for 1st Semester ADN Students

	CRITERIA	MAXIMUM POINTS FOR THE CATEGORY	POINT DISTRIBUTION
1	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 National licensure (VN, Paramedic, Respiratory Therapy, Psychiatric Technician) = 15 points State certification (CNA, EMT, Pharmacy Technician, Anesthesia Technician, Radiology Technician, Surgical Technician, etc.) = 10 points Other Allied Health Professions that have completed a course of study or individuals with documented medical military experience = 5 points
2	Grade point average in relevant course work. ADN/BSN Concurrent Enrollment Program applicants must meet the overall minimum GPA of 2.75 in all RCC nursing preadmission required courses and an overall GPA of 2.75.	50 points	a. Minimum 2.5 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 = 2.5 25 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, Sociology/Cultural Anthropology and Statistics. *
3	Life experiences or special circumstances of an applicant, including but not limited to the following: • a. Disability* • b. Low family income (eligibility for financial aid, Promise, EOPS, CalWorks)* • c. First generation of family to attend college • d. Need to work during prerequisite courses • e. Disadvantages - social or educational environment • f. Difficult personal and family situations or circumstances • g. Active Affinity Engagement Center participant* • h. Guardian Scholar* • i. Spouse of active duty military or veteran* • j. Refugee*	10 points	One point for each applicable life experience or special circumstance. *Requires documentation upon application (see application).
4	Veteran	5 points	Five points for veterans who are active or discharged in good standing. Proof will be verified through the Veterans Services
5	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.
6	Assessment/readiness test results. You must score 62% or higher to be eligible to apply to the RN program. May re-take every 365 days to either earn or increase the passing score.	13 points	The points assigned are dependent upon the test cut score. For ATI TEAS – TEAS 7: 85 to 100 = 13 points 70 to 84 = 10 points 62 to 69 = 5 points
	TOTAL	/ 100 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).

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