

Information Brochure
Registered Nursing Program
Pasadena City College

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Pasadena City College
Health Sciences Division
1570 East Colorado
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The Registered Nursing (RN) program at Pasadena City College is an associate degree program that is accredited by the California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN). It is one of the nursing program options in the Health Sciences division. The associate degree physical education and diversity requirements are waived for students in the RN program.

Applying to the Program

In order to be considered for acceptance into the Nursing Program, applicant must submit a COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKET to the Health Science Division Office U202, which includes the following:

- A. One official U.S. high school transcript or GED certificate or Equivalency Report from one of the college's acceptable companies; **not** required if an Associate or higher degree is posted on U.S. college transcripts.
- B. One official transcript of **ALL** U. S. college and universities attended except Pasadena City College.

UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS AND PHOTOCOPIES OF DIPLOMAS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.

Please note that upon acceptance to the Nursing Program the college's Records Office will also require transcripts. Incomplete applications will not be considered in the selection process.

Application forms are available during the following periods only:

- *August 1st – September 20th:** for Spring admissions
- *January 8th – February 20th:** for Fall admissions

Applications can be downloaded from the following website:
www.pasadena.edu/divisions/health-sciences/rn/ or from the Division Office U202.

*If the 20th falls on a weekend or holiday, then the deadline is the following business day. All materials must be received in the Division office U 202 by September 20th or February 20th by 3:00 pm.

Selection Criteria for Admission

Students are chosen based on the results of a statewide retention study done by the California Community College Chancellor's Office. In this process, students will be admitted to the program based on scholastic eligibility. Scholastic eligibility is determined by calculating a student's probability of successfully completing the Associate Degree Nursing (A.D.N.) Program using the following criteria:

- ❖ Prerequisite Grade Point Average in English 1A, Microbiology 2, Physiology and Anatomy.
- ❖ Number of repetitions (including "W"s) in science prerequisite courses.

Note: The math requirement of prealgebra must be met in order to qualify for selection.

The Health Sciences Division will inform applicants of the status of their application by mail 8 – 10 weeks after the close of the application period.

Note to applicant:

1. Transcripts and applications are kept 4 semesters from the date of the last application.
2. "In Progress" work for the prerequisites will not be considered during the selection process.
3. It is highly recommended that basic science courses (microbiology, anatomy and physiology) be completed within the past five years.
4. All courses offered in the registered nursing program may be challenged for credit. Contact the department for information.

Prerequisites

Prerequisites to the Registered Nursing Program:

- ❖ Microbiology 2
- ❖ English 1A
- ❖ Physiology 2A & 2B **or** Anatomy 25 & Physiology 1
- ❖ The math prerequisite **course** (prealgebra or higher) for N137 Pharmacology course must be met in order to be eligible for selection. N137 is a corequisite course for the first semester of the Nursing program.

Additional Classes Required for the RN Program and Associate Degree:

- ❖ Speech 1 or 10
- ❖ Psychology 24 – Lifespan (birth to death)
- ❖ Nutrition 11
- ❖ Political Science and History (See A.S. degree requirements) **or** American Institutions 125
- ❖ Humanities (See catalog or Counselor for list of options)
- ❖ Math 125 (elementary algebra or a **course** which fulfills the Math requirement) – math is a required prerequisite to the nursing program.

Contact a counselor in Building L Room 104 for further information on prerequisite requirements.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the student complete non-nursing courses prior to beginning the RN program. The program is very rigorous and students will generally not be able to manage additional classes during the semesters they are in the program.

During the Program

Required Nursing Curriculum for the Certificate (37.5 units):

These required courses must be completed prior to taking the NCLEX-RN (licensing exam) as required by the State of California Board of Registered Nursing to be eligible to seek a license as a registered Nurse in the State of California.

NOTE: The following sequence must be followed:

<u>Semester I</u>	<u>Semester II</u>	<u>Semester III</u>	<u>Semester IV</u>
Nursing 50	Nursing 51	Nursing 52	Nursing 53
Nursing 50L	Nursing 51L	Nursing 52L	Nursing 53L
Nursing 137/138	*Nursing 200	*Nursing 200	*Nursing 200
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*Nursing 200 may be taken each semester as a supplemental course, but is not required

During the Program

Upon completion of the RN curriculum, the student will receive an Associate of Science Degree with a Certificate of Achievement in Registered Nursing. They will be eligible to take the National Council Licensing Examination-Registered Nurse (NCLEX-RN) and should file to do so as soon as possible as the sooner the student takes the exam the more likely they will be successful. When the graduate passes the NCLEX-RN, they will qualify to receive a license from the Board of Registered Nursing to practice nursing in the State of California.

Agency contact information:

California Board of Registered Nursing
P.O. Box 944210
Sacramento, CA 94244-2100
(916) 322-3350
www.rn.ca.gov

Note: a Social Security number is required to be eligible to take the licensing exam.

Completing and Licensure

General Admission Requirements for the Nursing Programs:

1. Students requesting a transfer from another nursing programs or advanced placement, will need to obtain a petition from Student and Learning Services in L112.
2. Upon selection to the RN program students are required to complete:
 - ❖ A health clearance
 - ❖ Criminal background check in order to be able to attend clinical experiences. Details regarding these clearances will be provided with the acceptance packet upon selection. Students who have questions or concerns about the background check are encouraged to make an appointment to discuss these concerns with the nursing program director.
3. Nursing students must have the ability to communicate safely, accurately, and effectively in both written and spoken English. To enhance success, students who have English as a second language are encouraged to enroll in Speech 3, 10, 121 and/or 125 and Medical Assisting 115.

Completion of the program does not guarantee licensure or employment

Students with Foreign Transcripts:

Students with foreign transcripts must have their transcripts evaluated by one of the following three companies prior to applying:

International Education
Research Foundation
(IERF)
(310) 258 – 9451
www.ierf.org

Academic Credentials
Evaluation Institute
(ACEI)
(310) 275 – 3530
www.acei1.com

American Education Research
Center
(AERC)
(626) 339 – 4404

Official transcripts, application and work in progress must be mailed or delivered in person to:

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Attn: Registered Nursing Program
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