

Registered Nurse Two-Year Program

RN

At
College
of the
Canyons



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The two-year registered nursing program at College of the Canyons is designed to prepare the student with the knowledge required to assume the responsibilities of an entry level registered nurse. Upon graduation the student receives an Associate Degree in Nursing and is eligible to take the national licensure examination to become a registered nurse.

The College of the Canyons Registered Nurse Program is approved by the California State Board of Registered Nursing and accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission.

PREREQUISITES:

- English 101 (3 semester units or 5 quarter units)
- Anatomy (4 semester units or 6 quarter units)
- Physiology (4 semester units or 6 quarter units)
- Microbiology (4 semester units or 6 quarter units)
- Eligibility for Intermediate Algebra

OTHER BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING (BRN) REQUIREMENTS:

Communication 105 or 223 and Psychology 101 or equivalents (calculated for GPA)

SELECTION CRITERIA INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:

To be considered for entrance, all prerequisites and previous nursing courses must be completed with a 2.5 GPA or higher. Completing the prerequisites, however, does not assure admission into the program.

Students will be admitted to the program based on their scholastic eligibility and placement on a nursing assessment test as per SB 1309.

SCHOLASTIC ELIGIBILITY: Scholastic eligibility is determined through a statewide approved formula which calculates the student's probability of successfully completing the ADN program. The formula uses the following criteria:

- Core Biology GPA – all Anatomy, Physiology, and Microbiology courses taken at the college level.
- Core Biology repetitions – the number of times a student has repeated a Core Biology course including withdrawals.
- English GPA – all credit English course grades regardless of the level of the course.
- Overall GPA – the college GPA as it appears on college transcripts excluding non-credit and not-for-credit courses.
- Students must have a minimum required score of 70 to be eligible for admission.

To be more competitive for admission, students are encouraged to:

- Complete all courses without repeating or withdrawing
- Minimum of a 3.0 GPA in all Biology courses
- Minimum of a 3.0 GPA in all English courses
- Minimum of a 2.5 cumulative GPA

ASSESSMENT TEST: Qualified applicants will be required to take a state approved nursing assessment test. Students must rank at the required level to be eligible for admission into the program. Currently, this is a 62% composite score based on the California Community College Chancellor's Office recommendation. Valid photo ID must be presented at time of test.

Final selections are made using both multi-criteria screening and random selection. Qualified applicants not selected must reapply in order to be considered. The Allied Health and Public Safety Division Office does not retain applications.

Students not meeting eligibility criteria are offered a remediation plan. After successful completion, students are eligible to reapply for random selection. If the remediation plan is not complete by the deadline, the student is no longer eligible to apply to the program.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Follow *Application Procedures – Step by Step* at www.canyons.edu/nursing

- Submit College of the Canyons application and obtain a student identification number.
- Submit the following documents to Admissions and Records: 1) official sealed transcripts from all colleges attended, except COC (must include all coursework regardless if nursing prerequisite or not); 2) for transcripts from other countries, an official sealed foreign transcript evaluation from a **NACES approved agency**; 3) Math placement test results if needed for eligibility; 4) Official College Board AP English, AP Math, and AP Psychology scores; 5) Official College Board CLEP Math score; and 6) a copy of high school transcript, copy of diploma, **OR** copy of GED certificate (if no college degree is posted on transcript).
- Submit the online Request for Nursing Prerequisite Evaluation, available at www.canyons.edu/nursing. Evaluation results and eligibility status will be sent directly to the Allied Health and Public Safety Division Office. The student will receive the results by email.
- If eligible, submit Nursing Program Application to the Allied Health and Public Safety Division Office (**accepted twice a year for spring and fall**)

semesters; check website for exact dates). A second set of documents are no longer required. The only documents that must be submitted with the application, if applicable, are noted under the *Check all that apply* section on the application. Applications will also be evaluated based on documents submitted to Admissions and Records by the deadline. Valid email address is required

- **Incomplete applications will not be eligible.**

NURSING COURSES: Upon acceptance into the program the following courses will be completed. Students must be prepared for day, evening, and weekend clinical assignments.

FIRST SEMESTER

- Nursing 112 – Foundations of Nursing
- Nursing 114 – Fundamentals of Nursing

SECOND SEMESTER

- Nursing 124 – Beginning Medical/Surgical Nursing
- Nursing 126 – Psychiatric Nursing (Psych 101 prerequisite)

THIRD SEMESTER

- Nursing 234 – Intermediate Medical/Surgical Nursing
- Nursing 236 – Maternal Child Nursing

FOURTH SEMESTER

- Nursing 240 – Advanced Medical/Surgical Nursing and Leadership

Students are responsible to meet all degree requirements for COC.

COST OF PROGRAM:

In addition to the purchase of textbooks, supplies and uniforms, students will pay a college enrollment fee, health fee and student body fee. Students accepted into the program are required to have a physical examination, drug screening, required immunizations, current CPR card, current Fire Card, malpractice insurance, and background check. Students must provide their own living expenses and have transportation to off-campus sites. Limited educational grants and loans are available.

TRANSFER PROCESS:

Students may apply to the RN program by transfer or challenge. Students are not allowed to transfer into the first semester; students must enter first semester as a generic student. Students are only eligible to be considered for transfer if they have been in a nursing program within 12 months of the day their application is accepted and are eligible to re-enter their previous program. Students who have been out of a nursing program for more than 12 months must apply as beginning students.

To apply for transfer:

- Submit College of the Canyons application and obtain a student identification number.
- Submit the following documents to Admissions and Records: 1) official sealed transcripts from **all** colleges attended, except COC (must include all coursework regardless if nursing prerequisite or not); 2) for transcripts from other countries, an official sealed foreign transcript evaluation from a **NACES approved agency**; 3) Math placement test results if needed for eligibility; 4) Official College Board AP English, AP Math, and AP Psychology scores; 5) Official College Board CLEP Math score; and 6) a copy of high school transcript, copy of diploma, **OR** copy of GED certificate (if no college degree is posted on transcript).
- Submit Nursing Program Application to the Allied Health and Public Safety Division Office. Attach a letter from Director of previous nursing program stating student is clinically safe and eligible to return to the program.
- **Incomplete applications will not be eligible.**
- Upon submission of above items, the transcripts will be evaluated to see if the student meets current COC Nursing Program selection criteria as stated in this brochure. Students will not be admitted if they fail to meet the admission requirements.
- The Director of Nursing determines how the applicant's previous courses correlate with the COC Nursing Program curriculum and determines what portion of the program must be taken in order to complete the nursing program at COC. The Director of Nursing has the right to accept or deny any transfer.
- Applicants will be notified in writing of acceptance/decline for program. Accepted applicants will be notified as to which portions of the curriculum need to be taken to complete the program. Note: Check with college counselor for associate degree requirements.
- Approved applicants must attend a mandatory orientation and complete Transitions into Nursing, Nursing 109. Upon completing Nursing 109, approved applicants will be placed on a waiting list until an opening in the appropriate course becomes available.
- Transfer students who have previously failed another RN program will only be allowed one entry into the COC RN program.

FOREIGN RN APPLICANTS: Students advised by the BRN to take specific courses to obtain licensure will find information regarding the process at www.canyons.edu/nursing.

LEGAL LIMITATIONS:

Record of any felony is subject to review by the Board of Registered Nursing before an RN license may be granted. This is in accordance with legal requirements. Anyone wishing clarification or further information may contact the Board of Registered Nursing, 1030 13th St., Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95814 (916) 322-3350.

INFORMATION:

Students are advised to make an appointment with a COC counselor each semester for advisement of Nursing/Associate of Science requirements. For further information contact Counseling at (661) 362-3287. Students may also contact the Allied Health and Public Safety Division Office at (661) 362-3550.



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