Path to RN (Registered Nurse)

**College of the Canyons**
**Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN-RN)**
*Also offered at many other community colleges*

- Complete General Education and Nursing Prerequisites
- Apply to the Nursing Program and be accepted for admission
- Complete ADN Program *(Approximately a 2 year program)*
- Graduate with an ASSOCIATE DEGREE
- Pass the NCLEX *(National Council Licensure Examination)*
- Licensed Registered Nurse (RN)
- Enroll in a RN-BSN Program *(Post-licensure Program)*

**Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)**
*Pre-license, Generic, Basic, Traditional BSN Programs*

- Complete General Education and Nursing Prerequisites
- Apply to a 4-Year University and be accepted for admission
- Complete BSN Program *(Approximately a 2-3 year program after transfer)*
- Graduate with a BACHELOR’S DEGREE
- Pass the NCLEX *(National Council Licensure Examination)*
- Licensed Registered Nurse (RN)

**ADVANCE PRACTICE PROGRAMS**
*Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)* with the following Specializations/Concentrations: Clinical Nursing Specialist (CNS), Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA), Nurse-Midwife (CNM), Nurse Practitioner (NP), Public Health Nursing

**Do you have a bachelor’s degree in a field other than nursing?**
Students with a bachelor’s degree in another field other than nursing may consider applying to an accelerated BSN program or Entry-Level Master’s (ELM) in Nursing program offered at 4-year universities and colleges. Please see a counselor to discuss your options.

**Plan to:**
- Research schools/programs
- Attend a nursing information session offered by each campus you plan to apply to
- Complete all nursing prerequisites and admission requirements
- Meet with a counselor and/or admissions representative from each school

**Helpful Tools:**

- CA Board of Registered Nursing
  [www.rn.ca.gov](http://www.rn.ca.gov)
- Find CA Community Colleges with a Nursing program
  *(Click on the ‘Students’ tab)*
  [californiacommunitycolleges.cccco.edu](http://californiacommunitycolleges.cccco.edu)
- CSU Nursing Programs
  [http://www.calstate.edu/nursing](http://www.calstate.edu/nursing)
- Discover Nursing
- [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org)

**IMPORTANT:**
Be advised that nursing programs vary in prerequisite courses, minimum GPA and assessment scores for admission plus other variables. Students intending to apply to more than one program should investigate thoroughly.