COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS

Associate Degree in Nursing (RN) 2026-2027 Checklist

For detailed information, visit the Nursing Program website at www.canyons.edu/academics/nursing.

NURSING PROGRAM PREREQUISITE COURSES (Effective with Aug 2026 application cycle & beyond)

NOTE: Courses must be completed with a grade of C or better *before* applying to the Nursing Program.

***When averaged together, English, Anatomy, Physiology, Microbiology, Communication and Psychology prerequisites must meet a minimum 2.5 GPA to be eligible to apply to the program.**

There is no recency policy for prerequisites. Completing the prerequisites does not ensure admission into the program.

PREREQUISITE REQUIREMENTS	COC COURSE	COC Units	"C" or BETTER?	+Meets local COC GE
*English Composition	**ENGL C1000 or ENGL C1000H** (*formerly ENGL 101/101H*) **NOTE:** At least 3 semester units or 4 quarter units. If using a 4-quarter unit class, take ENGL C1001 or equivalent English Critical Thinking course.	4		Area 1A
*Anatomy and *Physiology Required BEFORE Anatomy or Physiology: BIOSCI 100, 101, or 107 or a score of 3 or higher on the AP Bio	BIOSCI 201 (Anatomy) & BIOSCI 202 (Physiology) **OR** BIOSCI 204 (A&P1) & BIOSCI 205 (A&P2) **NOTE:** Each course must be at least 4 semester units or 6 quarter units. **Effective Feb 2026 app cycle-LABS must be taken In Person.**	8		Area 5
*Microbiology Required BEFORE Microbiology: BIOSCI 100, 101 or 107 **AND** Chem 151 (or higher placement)	BIOSCI 221 **NOTE:** Must be at least 4 semester units or 6 quarter units; Microbiology at COC is 5 semester units. **Effective Feb 2026 app cycle-LAB must be taken In Person.**	5		Area 5
*Communication	COMM C1000 or COMM C1000H (*formerly COMS 105*) **OR** COMM 120 **NOTE:** If using an equivalent 4 quarter unit course, will need either an ENGL C1001 or Critical Thinking course completed for unit shortfall in English/Comm area for CA Board of Registered Nursing.	3		Area 1B
*Psychology	PSYC C1000 or PSYC C1000H (*Formerly PSYCH 101/101H*) **NOTE:** If using an equivalent 4 quarter unit course, will need either Lifespan Psychology or Abnormal Psychology completed for unit shortfall for CA BRN.	3		Area 4
Mathematics	Complete one of the following math courses: Economics 291, Mathematics 100, 102, 102X, 103, 103X, 104, 104X, 130, 211, 211X, 212, 213, 214, 215, 240, or 240X; Psychology 104, Sociology 137, STAT C1000, C1000H, or C1000E **NOTE: STAT C1000 or STAT C1000E-Stats with Support is recommended for transfer to most BSN programs.**	3-5		Area 2

+COC LOCAL GE REQUIREMENTS: Refer to the current local COC Associate Degree General Education sheet for remaining GE requirements for this degree (www.canyons.edu/counseling/degrees-certificates)

AREA 1A - ENGLISH COMPOSITION; AND AREA 1B: ORAL COMMUNICATION, & CRITICAL THINKING (2 courses (1A) & (1B) 6 semester or 8 quarter units)
AREA 2 - MATHEMATICAL CONCEPTS AND QUANTITATIVE REASONING (1 course; 3 semester or 4 quarter units)
AREA 3 - ARTS AND HUMANITIES (1 course; 3 semester or 4 quarter units)
AREA 4 - SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES (1 course; 3 semester or 4 quarter units)
AREA 5 - NATURAL SCIENCES (1 course; 3 semester or 4 quarter units)
AREA 6 - ETHNIC STUDIES (1 course; 3 semester or 4 quarter units)
NOTE: *Students with a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution are considered as meeting all other GE requirements.*

COC has many RN-BSN Concurrent Enrollment Options occurring with various Universities (CSUN, CSUDH, CSUCI, National University, Ohio University, & Grand Canyon Univ)-- see COC Nursing website for details. Students interested in these programs should consider completing a Critical Thinking course, Statistics, and Chemistry 151 prior to beginning the first semester of the COC nursing program, ideally. It is also in the best interest of the student to have the Cal-GETC (or relevant) transfer general education requirements complete or near completion. **Additional major prerequisites vary per university & application details vary; it's advised that you make a COC Counseling appointment for additional guidance** (https://www.canyons.edu/counseling/connect/appointments.php).

THE APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

It is important to refer to the nursing website for all deadlines and application instructions!

A background check will be completed after an invitation for admission into the nursing program is received.

1. SUBMIT DOCUMENTS TO ADMISSIONS	If any or all of the following apply, please submit documents to Admissions and Records: 1) Current official transcripts from all colleges attended, except COC (must include **ALL** coursework regardless if courses are nursing prerequisites or not. *If coursework is from the LACCD, please make sure your official transcripts are not electronic copies, but are printed official transcripts from LACCD –must have overall GPA on transcripts submitted*.) 2) For transcripts from other countries, an official sealed foreign transcript evaluation from a **NACES approved agency** 3) Official LVN Program transcripts 4) Official military transcripts 5) Official College Board report of **ALL** AP scores (passed with scores of 3 or above) –not accepted from High School transcript 6) Official College Board CLEP Math score (if applicable and counting for Math credit) 7) Make sure all submitted transcripts are current, have all grades posted with nothing "IN PROGRESS", and include overall college GPA. Please note this may require ordering an updated copy of official transcripts to be submitted prior to the deadline.
2. APPLICATION SUBMISSION	Once all the above has been completed, submit the online Nursing Program Application available on the nursing website and all required supporting documents during the application period. Applicants who submit incomplete applications or who are missing any required documents will automatically be ineligible.
3. SCHOLASTIC ELIGIBILITY **Students not meeting eligibility criteria are offered a remediation plan.	Upon receipt of application, a scholastic eligibility will be determined through the California Community College Chancellor's Office approved formula which calculates the student's probability of successfully completing the ADN program. The formula uses the following criteria: 1) Core Biology GPA – all Anatomy, Physiology, and Microbiology courses taken at the college level. 2) Core Biology Repetitions – the number of times a student has repeated a Core Biology course (for previous grades of D, F, FW, or W). 3) English GPA – all transferrable English course grades 4) Overall GPA – For all courses from *every* college attended as it appears on college transcripts (includes non-degree applicable courses)
4. ASSESSMENT ATI TEAS (7) TEST (1st score only)	If notified of eligibility, 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. Visit www.atitesting.com for practice tests and materials. If already taken, the 1st score of this exam will be required and used in the selection process.
5. SELECTION & ADMISSION	Final selections are made using both multi-criteria screening for ranking (that includes GPA and 1st score on TEAS) and random selection. Students will be notified for admission to the Nursing Program.

NURSING COURSES

Once accepted into the Nursing Program, all courses for the major must be completed with a grade of "C" or better for a **minimum 2.0 GPA**. Please refer to the grading policy in the Nursing Student Handbook (available online).

RN PROGRAM (#1650) — Total Units: 39

SEMESTER	COURSE TITLE	COURSE NO.	Semester Units
1st	Foundations of Nursing	NURSNG 112	4.25
	Fundamentals of Nursing	NURSNG 114	6.5
2nd	Beginning Medical-Surgical Nursing	NURSNG 124	5.75
	Psychiatric Nursing (Psych 101 is a prerequisite to Nursing 126 and must be completed prior to second semester)	NURSNG 126	3.75
3rd	Intermediate Medical-Surgical Nursing	NURSNG 234	4.75
	Maternal-Child Nursing	NURSNG 236	5.5
4th	Advanced Medical-Surgical Nursing and Leadership	NURSNG 240	8.5

LVN Advanced Placement Program for CURRENT LVNs (#1652) — Total Units: 21

*Requires at least 1 year of LVN work experience within the last 3 years, or graduation from LVN program within 1 year of applying ***Refer to Nursing website for application dates/timeframe: www.canyons.edu/academics/nursing/admissions/lvn-rn***

COURSES	COURSE TITLE	COURSE NO.	Semester Units
1st Course	Transition into Nursing	NURSNG 109	4.0
2nd Course	Psychiatric Nursing (Psych 101 is a prerequisite to Nursing 126)	NURSNG 126	3.75
3rd Course	Intermediate Medical-Surgical Nursing	NURSNG 234	4.75
4th Course	Advanced Medical-Surgical Nursing and Leadership	NURSNG 240	8.5

REQUIREMENTS FOR AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE INCLUDE: COMPLETION OF A MINIMUM 60 DEGREE APPLICABLE SEMESTER UNITS, REQUIRED COURSES FOR THE MAJOR, A CUMULATIVE GPA OF 2.0 OR BETTER IN ASSOCIATE DEGREE APPLICABLE UNITS, GOOD STANDING AT COC AND A MINIMUM OF 12 UNITS COMPLETED AT COC.