

## 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.

## 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

**NOTE:** *There is no recency policy for prerequisites.*

## OTHER BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING (BRN) REQUIREMENTS:

Communication 105 or 120 and Psychology 101 or equivalents (calculated for GPA)

## SELECTION CRITERIA INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:

To be considered for entrance, all prerequisites 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 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:

- 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 3.5 GPA in all Biology courses
- Minimum of a 3.5 GPA in all English courses

**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 for ranking and random selection. Qualified applicants not selected must reapply in order to be considered. The School of Mathematics, Sciences, and Health Professions 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.

Students who have been previously enrolled in the COC or another RN program will only be allowed one entry into the COC RN program.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE:** Follow *Application Procedures – Step by Step* at <http://www.canyons.edu/Departments/NURSNG>

- Submit College of the Canyons application and obtain a student identification number.

Submit the following documents to Admissions and Records: 1) current official transcripts from **all** colleges attended, except COC (must include all coursework regardless if nursing prerequisite or not, including accredited, non-accredited technical schools–ALL COLLEGES; 2) for transcripts from other countries, an official sealed foreign transcript evaluation from a **NACES approved agency**; 3) official military transcripts; 4) Math placement test results if needed for eligibility; 5) Official College Board AP Transcripts - ALL SUBJECTS (only if received a 3 or higher). **Since Advanced Placement is given college credit, it is considered a college transcript.** 6) Official College Board CLEP Math score. 7) Make sure all submitted transcripts are current and have grades posted with no "IN PROGRESS" noted (this may require ordering updated copy of official transcript). 8) If you have LACCD transcripts, make sure your official transcripts are not electronic copies -must have overall GPA on transcripts submitted.

- Submit the **online** Nursing Program Application available at <http://www.canyons.edu/Departments/NURSNG> and all required documents (**accepted twice a year for spring and fall semesters; check website for timelines**). Applications will also be evaluated based on documents submitted to Admissions and Records by the deadline.
- Applicants who submit incomplete applications or who are missing any required documents will automatically be ineligible.

**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 clinically safe 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.

The Director of Nursing has the right to accept or deny any transfer.

The Director of Nursing determines how the applicant's previous courses correlate with the COC Nursing Program curriculum and accepted applicants are notified as to which portions of the curriculum must be taken in order to complete the nursing program at COC. Note: Check with college counselor for associate degree requirements.

Selected applicants must attend a mandatory orientation and complete Transitions into Nursing, Nursing 109. Upon completing Nursing 109, the student will be placed on a waiting list until an opening in the appropriate course becomes available.

To apply for transfer, follow application procedures outlined previously.

**FOREIGN RN APPLICANTS:** Students advised by the BRN to take specific courses to obtain licensure must apply to the two year ADN program at this time.

**VETERAN OPTION:**

**Veterans applying to the Nursing Program may qualify for advanced placement.**

Credit for Prior Education and Experience for Veteran Applicants (Required by the CA BRN)

SB466 (Hill, 2015) required the Board of Registered Nursing to adopt regulations requiring schools seeking approval to have a process to evaluate and grant credit, as defined, for military education and experience.

Reference nursing website Veteran admission Policy  
<https://www.canyons.edu/academics/nursing/index.php>

**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) 362-3288. Students may also contact the School of Mathematics, Sciences, and Health Professions at (661) 362-3557.



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**Accreditation Information**

The College of College of the Canyons, Associate Degree Nursing program is accredited by the National League for Nursing Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation (NLN CNEA) located at 2600 Virginia Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20037

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## At College of the Canyons

