

Citrus College Registered Nursing

The Citrus College Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Program, leading to an Associate in Science Degree with a major in Nursing, is approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN). The purpose of the nursing program is to educate students for entry level registered nursing positions in a variety of multicultural health care settings within the community. The Program consists of course work in nursing, science, general education and clinical practice at local hospitals and health agencies. The graduate of this two year program is eligible to take the National Council for Licensure Examination (NCLEX), and upon successful completion, become licensed as a Registered Nurse (RN) in the State of California. There are fees for obtaining licensure by examination or endorsement, interim permit, and biennial renewal. California law allows for the denial of registered nursing licensure on the basis of any prior convictions substantially related to nursing practice. More information can be obtained by visiting the BRN website at <http://www.rn.ca.gov/applicants/lic-faqs.shtml>

The Citrus College ADN Program Philosophy is based upon the premise that students bring unique learning abilities, life experiences, goals, responsibilities and support systems to the educational experience. The philosophy of the Citrus College ADN Program supports and implements the Mission Statement of Citrus College. The program and faculty believe that a sound nursing education program is built on concepts relating to the individual, health and illness, the environment, and nursing, which includes nursing education and teaching and learning.

In-depth information about the program prerequisites, which are those requirements that must be completed prior to applying to the ADN Program, can be obtained by visiting the website, through Counseling, or by attending Nursing Information Workshops (posted on the website). To access the ADN Website, visit www.citruscollege.edu, use the A to Z index and select Registered Nursing.

REGARDING LICENSURE

The BRN protects the consumer by screening applicants for licensure in order to identify potentially unsafe practitioners. The BRN may deny applications for interim permits, temporary licenses, and permanent licensure, if the applicant has been found guilty of dishonesty, fraud or deceit, felony child abuse, sex offender crimes, acts involving narcotics, dangerous drugs or devices, assault and/or battery, and other crimes. Applicants who have questions regarding limitations related to licensure should contact the BRN at 916 322 3350 or access the BRN website at www.rn.ca.gov.

ENROLLMENT PROCESS

Separate application must be made into the nursing program. All ADN applicants selected will also be required to apply to Citrus College. Several admission and progression options are available including the Generic Option, the Advanced Placement Option, and the 30-Unit Option. Specific information is available in the application packet, on the website, and at scheduled information workshops held by nursing counselors. Visit the website for application dates.

PLACEMENT OPTIONS

1. Generic Option students are those who will complete the entire ADN Program at Citrus College. The application is submitted, and if qualified, cohort selection is made according to the current enrollment process. Students must also take the Testing of Essential Academic Skills, version five (TEAS V). Only TEAS V tests taken at Citrus College will be accepted. The TEAS V tests the prospective student's knowledge of basic math, English, reading and applicable science. Prospective students must score a minimum of 62% on the TEAS V.
2. Advanced Placement Option (LVN to RN) students are those documented as Licensed Vocational Nurses in California, with documentation proof of one year of full-time experience. Students choosing this option must apply to the program, complete all program prerequisites and general education, degree and graduation requirements, pass the TEAS V with a minimum of 62%, and complete Role Transition/RNRS 200 with a grade of 'C', or better. Placement will then be into the third semester of the ADN Program.
3. 30-Unit Option is available to California Licensed Vocational Nurses (LVN). BRN (Title 16) regulation 1435.5 provides the option of completing 30 semester units in nursing and related science courses in order to be eligible to take NCLEX. The Citrus College ADN Program may accept up to 2% of qualified 30-Unit Option applicants into a cohort. To qualify for this option, the applicant must: 1) have a current California LVN license; 2) have previously completed Human Physiology, 4 or 5 units with a lab, and Microbiology, 4 or 5 units with a lab; both with a grade of 'C' or better. The application and placement policy for Advanced Placement also applies to this option (see item 2 above). Candidates completing this option are not graduates of Citrus College, will not be awarded a degree, but are eligible to take the NCLEX. The prospective student should be aware that they may not change their status as a 30-unit option RN with the BRN at any time after

licensure. Individuals who become licensed as Registered Nurses using this option may not be eligible for licensure in states other than California and may have difficulty transferring to a BSN program even if degree requirements are completed. They are not eligible to wear the Citrus College ADN Nursing pin nor graduate from the Associate Degree Program. Prospective students must score a minimum of 62% on the TEAS V.

4. Transfer students are those who desire a transfer of nursing units to Citrus College from another college. The education code allows students to transfer only lower division units to a community college. Requests for transfer are evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Transfer placement will be made on a space available basis and is determined by the course content and number of nursing degree units completed. If the prospective student has earned a single non-progression grade (D or F), in a registered nursing program at another school, that non-progression grade will be considered the only allowable failure for that student. A single further non-progression grade will result in dismissal from the program, without the ability to return. Prospective students must score a minimum of 62% on the TEAS V.
5. Challenge Students are those students admitted to the ADN program with previous documented experience who may be allowed to challenge certain, specified content areas (Education Code, Section 5557537), Title 5 of the California Administrative Code.

The TEAS V requirement applies to all entry options.

After all prerequisites have been verified as complete, and there are more applicants than spaces available, selection will be based on the enrollment criteria. The enrollment criteria is based on the recommended Best Practice for Enrollment prepared by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office. Please contact the nursing counselors for further clarification of the enrollment process.

DEGREE AWARDED

Associate in Science, Nursing (ADN) – Requires degree applicable coursework including ADN Nursing Program Pre-requisites, Nursing General Education, ADN General Education for Associate Degree, and Nursing Option-specific coursework. All requirements must be completed with a grade of C or better to progress in the program, graduate with an ADN, and qualify for licensure through NCLEX.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM (RN)- GENERIC OPTION

See option description above.

ADN NURSING PROGRAM PREREQUISITES/TAKEN PRIOR TO ENTRY

	Units
BIOL 200 *Human Anatomy	4
BIOL 201 *Physiology	4
BIOL 220 *Microbiology	5
ENGL 101 *Reading and Composition	3
	16 Units

Citrus College has required prerequisites in anatomy, physiology, and microbiology. Students who transfer completed science graduation requirements including anatomy, physiology and microbiology from another school not requiring chemistry and general biology as prerequisites, will be granted science credit for graduation-see nursing counselor for additional information.

ADN NURSING PROGRAM REQUIRED GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES/TAKEN PRIOR TO ENTRY:

PSY 205	* Developmental Psychology	3
SPCH 100	* Interpersonal Communications	3
	OR	
SPCH 101	Public Address	
	OR	
SPCH 101H	Public Address -Honors	
ANTH 210	* Cultural Anthropology	3
ANTH 210H	Cultural Anthropology – Honors	
	OR	
SOC 201	Introduction to Sociology	
	OR	
SOC 201H	Introduction to Sociology -Honors	
		9 Units

ADDITIONAL ASSOCIATE DEGREE REQUIRED COURSES/TAKEN PRIOR TO ENTRY:

(These requirements are waived for students who have a BA or BS from a regionally accredited institution in the United States.)

**History or Political Science	3
**Arts-One Course From Area	3
**Humanities-One Course From Area	3
Kinesiology (P.E.) or Dance Activity	3
**Math (If not satisfied through the mathematics assessment)	0-5
	12-17 Units

(Completion of Intermediate Algebra (Math 150 or 148

& 149) or any higher level math course with a grade of "C" or better and placement at the level of college algebra or higher on the math assessment test).

**See Counselor for applicable courses.

Reading: Satisfactory Score on the reading component of the placement test of ENGL 101 or

Completion of Reading 099 OR English 099 with a grade of "C" or better or passing the reading competency examination.

**ADN FIRST YEAR-MAJOR REQUIREMENTS
FIRST SEMESTER**

	Units
RNRS 190 * Foundations of Nursing	4
RNRS 191 * Introduction to Medical/Surgical Nursing I	5
RNRS 192 * Pharmacology for Nurses	2

SECOND SEMESTER

RNRS 193 * Pediatric Nursing	3.5
RNRS 194 * Obstetrics/Maternity Nursing	3.5
RNRS 195 * Beginning Medical/Surgical Nursing II 5.0	

**ADN SECOND YEAR - MAJOR REQUIREMENTS:
THIRD SEMESTER**

RNRS 201 * Medical-Surgical Nursing III	5
RNRS 203 * Mental Health-Psychiatric Nursing	3

Winter Intersession

*RNRS 290 * Gerontological Nursing	2
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FOURTH SEMESTER

RNRS 251 * Medical-Surgical Nursing IV	6
RNRS 252 * Leadership for Professional Nursing Practice	2
	41 Units

*The BRN requires these courses be completed to be eligible to take the NCLEX. All of these courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better.

ADN PROGRAM PRE-REQUIREMENTS:	16
NURSING UNITS FOR LICENSURE:	41
ADDITIONAL LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS:	9
ADDITIONAL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:	12-17
GENERIC OPTION TOTAL UNITS:	78-83

LVN-ADN: ADVANCED-PLACEMENT(A/P) OPTION:

See option description above.

NURSING PROGRAM PREREQUISITES/TAKEN PRIOR TO ENTRY:

BIOL 200 * Human Anatomy	4
BIOL 201 * Human Physiology	4
BIOL 220 Microbiology	5
ENGL 101 * Reading and Composition	3

16 Units

Citrus College has required prerequisites on anatomy, physiology, and microbiology. Students who transfer completed science graduation requirements including anatomy, physiology and microbiology from another school not requiring chemistry and general biology as prerequisites will be granted science credit for graduation-see nursing counselor for additional information.

ADN NURSING GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES/TAKEN PRIOR TO ENTRY:

PSY 205 * Developmental Psychology	3
SPCH 100 * Interpersonal Communications	3

OR

SPCH 101 Public Address

OR

SPCH 101H Public Address - Honors

ANTH 210 * Cultural Anthropology 3

ANTH 210H Cultural Anthropology – Honors

OR

SOC 201 Introduction to Sociology

OR

SOC 201H Introduction to Sociology - Honors

9 Units

ADDITIONAL GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIRED FOR ASSOCIATE DEGREE/TAKEN PRIOR TO ENTRY:

**History or Political Science	3
**Arts-One Course From Area	3
Humanities-One Course From Area	3
**Kinesiology (P.E.) or Dance Activity	3
**Math (If not satisfied through the mathematics assessment)	<u>0-5</u>

12-17 units

(Completion of Intermediate Algebra (Math 150 or 148 & 149) or any higher level math course with a grade of "C" or better and placement at the level of college algebra or higher on the math assessment test).

**See Counselor for applicable courses.

Reading: Satisfactory Score on the reading component of the placement test of ENGL 101 or

Completion of Reading 099 OR English 099

with a grade of "C" or better or passing the reading competency examination.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS LVN TO ADN: Units

Summer Intersession	
RNRS 200 * Role Transition	3
*Must be completed with a grade of C or better to enter into the third semester	

THIRD SEMESTER

RNRS 201 * Medical-Surgical Nursing III	5
RNRS 203 * Mental Health-Psychiatric Nursing	3

Winter Intersession

RNRS 290 * Gerontological Nursing	2
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FOURTH SEMESTER

RNRS 251 * Medical-Surgical Nursing IV	6
RNRS 252 * Leadership for Professional Nursing Practice	2
	21 Units

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ADN PROGRAM PRE-REQUIREMENTS:	16
NURSING UNITS FOR LICENSURE:	21
ADDITIONAL LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS:	9
ADDITIONAL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:	<u>12-17</u>
A /P OPTION TOTAL UNITS:	58-63

LVN TO RN: 30 UNIT OPTION REQUIREMENTS

See option description above.

NURSING PROGRAM PREREQUISITES/TAKEN PRIOR TO ENTRY

BIOL 201 * Human Physiology	4
BIOL 220 * Human Microbiology	5
	9 Units

Physiology and Microbiology must be complete at the time of application. No additional science classes will be required for any student applying for the 30 unit option. Students planning to take BIOL 201 and BIOL 220 at Citrus College need to meet prerequisite requirements for those classes. See counselor for details.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS LVN TO RN Units

RNRS 200 *Role Transition	3
*Must be completed with a grade of C or better to enter into the third semester.	

THIRD SEMESTER

RNRS 201 * Medical-Surgical Nursing III	5
RNRS 203 * Mental Health Psychiatric Nursing	3

Winter Intersession	
RNRS 290 * Gerontological Nursing	2

FOURTH SEMESTER

RNRS 251 * Medical-Surgical Nursing IV	6
RNRS 252 * Leadership for Professional Nursing Practice	2
	21 Units

NURSING UNITS FOR LICENSURE: 21

OTHER LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS: 9
30-UNIT OPTION TOTAL UNITS: 30

*The BRN requires these courses be completed to be eligible to take the NCLEX. All of these courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The Citrus College ADN Program offers once-a-year entry, in each fall semester. The application period for each fall cohort occurs in the previous winter-spring. During the application period, students applying for admission to the ADN Program will be required to see a nursing counselor to complete the application process. Students must complete all prerequisites prior to requesting an appointment for application.

- Students who have completed coursework at other colleges must bring the following information to the application appointment
 - o Official transcripts of all college work completed at all colleges;
 - o If the prerequisites courses were completed at another college, a course description and a copy of the course syllabus;
 - o Students completing college coursework outside of the United States will need to have their transcripts evaluated by an approved international transcript evaluation agency and must bring the final evaluation to their appointment (students may be able to obtain a list of agencies from the Admissions and Records Office).
 - o Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope
 - o Social Security Verification
 - o In progress General Education coursework
 - o Current LVN License (Required for Advanced Placement Option and 30-Unit Option)
 - o Documentation of LVN employment for at least 12 consecutive months (Required for Advanced Placement Option only)
- All students will need to bring official proof of high school graduation, GED, or college graduation/degree from an accredited institution in the United States.

Students should also be aware that admission to the ADN Program is contingent upon the student passing a criminal background check, including a screening by the Office of Inspector General for Welfare or Social Security fraud, as well as testing negative for drug use.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

All applicants are required, throughout the program, to meet the following essential functions for entry and continuation in the ADN Program:

Note:

- Prior to admission to the ADN Program, students demonstrate physical health as determined by a health history and physical examination;
- Entry and continuation in the program requires the student to submit a history and physical and meet required immunizations, titers, PPD/Chest Xray, and any other testing required by college, program and clinical partner contractual requirements, including drug testing;
- A current Healthcare Provider CPR card, renewed annually while enrolled;
- Current liability insurance;
- The college does not provide transportation to and from required clinical facility rotations.
- Entry and continuation in the ADN Program requires that students must earn a minimum grade of C in all nursing and other required courses.

Physical Demands:

- Perform prolonged, extensive, or considerable standing/walking, lifting, positioning, pushing, and/or transferring patients;
- Possess the ability to perform fine motor movements with hands and fingers;
- Possess the ability for extremely heavy effort (lift/carry 50 lbs. or more);
- Perform considerable reaching, stooping, bending, kneeling and crouching.

Sensory Demands:

- Color vision: ability to distinguish and identify colors (may be corrected with adaptive devices);
- Distance vision: ability to see clearly 20 feet or more
- Depth perception: ability to judge distance and space relationships
- Near vision: ability to see clearly 20 inches or less;
- Hearing: able to recognize a full range of tones.

Working Environment:

- Exposed to infectious and contagious disease, without prior notification;
- Exposed to the risk of blood borne

- diseases;
- Exposed to hazardous agents, body fluids and wastes;
- Exposed to odorous chemicals and specimens;
- Subject to hazards of flammable, explosive gases;
- Subject to burns/cuts;
- Contact with patients having different religious, culture, ethnicity, race, sexual orientation, psychological and physical disabilities, and under a wide variety of circumstances;
- Handle emergency or crisis;
- Subject to many interruptions;
- Requires judgment/action in life/death situations;
- Exposed to products containing latex.

English Language Skills:

Although proficiency in English is not a criterion for admission into the ADN Program, students are encouraged to be able to speak, write, and read English to complete classes successfully and to ensure safety for themselves and for others.