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ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM IN NURSING GENERAL INFORMATION SHEET

GOAL OF THE NURSING PROGRAM

The goal of the American River College Associate Degree Nursing Program is to prepare an entry-level registered nurse who can function safely and effectively in the rapidly changing healthcare environment.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The nursing program consists of a combination of general education and nursing courses with related laboratory experience in local health agencies. The nursing curriculum is a two-year program offered in four sequential semesters. Each semester of education builds upon previous learning and provides opportunity for students to experience intentional learning, develop critical thinking and problem solving skills, to understand connections among concepts, and to make sound decisions. Laboratory and clinical experiences are structured to allow application of concepts and principles learned from classroom experience and include both simulated and actual patient centered learning experiences. Upon completion of the program, the student meets the educational requirements necessary to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN) to become licensed as a Registered Nurse and eligible for employment.

There are two application periods per year; students are accepted for the fall and spring semester classes. There are morning, afternoon, evening and weekend clinical experiences required which may change with limited notice. The student is responsible for uniforms, necessary equipment, malpractice insurance, background checks, drug testing, and health requirements, as well as transportation to off-campus laboratory locations. Nursing program students should expect fees of approximately \$575 to take the RN licensure exam. All costs/fees are subject to change.

The ARC nursing faculty offer information sessions throughout the year. Please see the ARC Nursing Program website for details. Students are encouraged to attend these sessions; ample time is provided for individual questions.

RN LICENSING CONSIDERATIONS

Note: The California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) protects the public by screening applicants for licensure to identify potentially unsafe practitioners. The law provides for denial of licensure for crimes or acts, which are substantially related to nursing qualifications, functions or duties. At time of licensure application, all convictions must be reported except for minor traffic violation. (Business and Professions Code §480 and Nurse Practice Act ARTICLE 3 §2761).

Note: Providing a Social Security Number (SSN) OR Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN): Pursuant to Business and Professions Code §30(c) the BRN will not process any application for licensure unless the applicant provides a SSN or ITIN. The Nursing Practice Act provides for a unified examination and licensing application. Once an applicant passes the examination, a license is automatically issued. Under these circumstances the BRN cannot accept applications for the examination and licensure without a SSN/ITIN.

REQUIREMENTS FOR PRE-ENROLLMENT TO THE PROGRAM

1. Graduation from an accredited high school in the United States or successful completion of the General Education Development (GED) or California High School Proficiency Exam (CHSPE) per requirements of the Nurse Practice Act, Title 16, California Code of Regulations, Section 1412, prior to time of application.
 - a. Students with a high school diploma from a school outside the United States must have transcripts evaluated by a National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) or Association of International Credential Evaluators, Inc. (AICE) member company.
 - b. Students who possess an associate degree or higher from a regionally accredited college in the U.S. are exempt from the educational requirement stated above.
 - c. Students who have attended college outside the United States must have transcripts evaluated by a NACES or AICE member company, demonstrating equivalency to an associate degree or higher from a U.S. regionally accredited college.
2. A cumulative G.P.A. of 3.0 in the following science prerequisites: BIOL 430, BIOL 431, and BIOL 440 or BIOL 442.
3. A grade of "C" or better and a cumulative G.P.A. of 2.5 in the following support courses:
 - ENGWR 300
 - NUTRI 300
 - PSYC 300
 - COMM 301* (COREQUISITE to NURSE 400)
 - SOC 300* or ANTH 310* (COREQUISITE to NURSE 410)

**These corequisites do not need to be completed for application to the Nursing Program.*

Note: Plus/minus (+/-) grades not considered when calculating prerequisite GPAs

4. Starting spring 2023 application cycle all students must take ATI TEAS Test Version 7. A minimum passing composite score of 62% on the TEAS test is required for entry into the ARC Nursing program. If a student has multiple TEAS test scores within one year, refer to the ATI TEAS guidelines for specific details related to retesting. Students who remediate to improve their score for any reason must complete and submit an "ARC Remediation/Retest Approval Request" form with their application. Further information can be found on the ARC nursing website regarding TEAS preparation, registration, remediation, and testing.
5. **First-time applicants** are encouraged to meet with an ARC counselor to obtain a Curriculum Planning Summary Sheet and document completion of all eligibility requirements. Call (916) 484-8577 for an appointment.

REQUIREMENTS FOR DEGREE MAJOR (71-72 UNITS)

BIOL 430, BIOL 431, BIOL 440 or BIOL 442, ENGWR 300, NUTRI 300, PSYC 300, SOC 300 or ANTH 310, COMM 301, NURSE 400, 410, 420, 430

COURSES REQUIRED FOR THE ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN NURSING

Prerequisites	Course Sequence for Degree Major	Additional Graduation Requirements⁵
BIOL 430 ³ BIOL 431 BIOL 440 ³ or BIOL 442 ³ ENGWR 300 NUTRI 300 PSYC 300 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;"> <i>In-progress grades will not be accepted for the above courses</i> </div>	<p style="text-align: center;">Semester I</p> NURSE 400 (See footnote 5 below) COMM 301 ¹ <p style="text-align: center;">Semester II</p> NURSE 410 SOC 300 ² or ANTH 310 ² <p style="text-align: center;">Semester III</p> NURSE 420 <p style="text-align: center;">Semester IV</p> NURSE 430	Humanities American Institutions Physical Education Ethnic/Multicultural Studies Competency in Reading and Math ⁴

¹ COMM 301: Must be taken concurrently with NURSE 400, if not previously completed.

² SOC 300 or ANTH 310: Must be taken concurrently with NURSE 410, if not previously completed.

³ BIOL 430, and BIOL 440 or BIOL 442 have chemistry prerequisites. Refer to the ARC Catalog course descriptions.

⁴ It is strongly recommended that math and reading competencies be met prior to entering nursing program.

⁵ Students must complete the general education graduation requirements for an A.S. degree. Students enrolled in the nursing program will be required to see a counselor for review of all coursework and determine remaining graduation requirements.

APPLICATION/ACCEPTANCE TO THE PROGRAM

The nursing application is available in February and September. Check the ARC nursing website for specific deadlines.

The nursing program at American River College is impacted; there are more students who apply than can be accepted into the program. Selection is based on multiple criteria. Refer to the [ARC ADN Program Enrollment Prescreening Criteria](#) form on the ARC nursing program website for further details. Only students who meet and complete the application criteria will be considered for the admission. Meeting these requirements does not guarantee acceptance into the program. If an applicant is not chosen, he/she may reapply the next semester.

Once accepted to the nursing program, students, **at their own expense**, must provide the following:

- a. Health History & Report of Medical Examination with required immunizations
- b. Background check and drug screening
- c. Current CPR certification (Healthcare Provider from American Heart Association)
- d. Proof of Professional Liability Insurance (malpractice insurance) purchased at the college business office (malpractice insurance is non-refundable)
- e. Compliance with specific healthcare partner requirements
- f. Purchase required course materials

Students accepted for entry into the program are required to attend a mandatory orientation. Date, time, and location will be provided in the acceptance packet.

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