



A.S. Degree Requirements for Nursing Programs

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See the Nursing Program Web site for application guidelines and materials at www.deanza.edu/nursing.

1. Completion of a minimum of 90 quarter units of college credit, of which:
 - A minimum of 24 quarter units must be earned at De Anza College.
 - A maximum of 22 quarter units from another institution may be applied toward the MAJOR.
2. Completion of General Education requirements for Nursing A.S. degree students with a minimum 2.0 GPA ("C" average).
3. Completion of all De Anza courses must be with a minimum 2.0 GPA ("C" average), and all De Anza courses combined with courses transferred from other colleges or universities must be with minimum 2.0 GPA ("C" average).

For the Nursing programs, completion of all major requirements with a letter grade of "C" grade or better is required. Major requirement courses can also be used to satisfy GE requirements.

Registered Nurse (RN)

A.S. Degree

Admission to the program is limited. The RN Program starts every quarter except summer quarter and it is six (6) quarters in length. Nursing classes are generally not offered in the summer. The majority of courses are held in the daytime.

The Associate Degree Nursing program is accredited by the California Board of Registered Nursing. The RN graduate is eligible to take the California State Board Examination for licensing (NCLEX-RN). Students are admitted to this program during the fall, winter and spring quarters. Once admitted, the program is six (6) quarters in length (not including prerequisites).

Student Learning Outcomes - upon completion, students will be able to:

- take the professional licensure exam for Registered Nurse (NCLEX).
- provide competent nursing care as a novice RN in multiple health care settings.

Admission Criteria

Admission to the program is limited and based on the following:

- Completion of all prerequisites with the minimum grade requirements specified below.
- Completion of a nursing program application.
- Evidence of good health.
- Background check and drug test (two times each): once each prior to entry into the program and once each prior to beginning Quarter 4 of the program. Clinical sites may limit student participation depending on findings, which may prevent the student from completing the graduation requirements.

- A minimum 75% academic record calculation using the Chancellor's Formula (see the Nursing Program web site).
- Passing result on the Admission Assessment Exam.
- Social Security card allowing employment in the U.S.

Prerequisites

The eleven (11) prerequisites in this section will be used for screening and admission into the RN program.

The following two (2) prerequisites must be completed with a passing grade of "C" or better/ "P"(Pass):

NURS 50	Career Opportunities in Nursing (must be completed at De Anza)	2
MATH 114	Intermediate Algebra	5
Complete MATH 114, its equivalent or higher level mathematics, or get a qualifying score for MATH 114 on De Anza's mathematics assessment test.		

The following nine (9) prerequisites or their equivalents must be completed with a "C" grade or better.

BIOL 40A*	Human Anatomy and Physiology	5
BIOL 40B*	Human Anatomy and Physiology	5
BIOL 40C*	Human Anatomy and Physiology	5
BIOL 26*	Introductory Microbiology	6
BIOL 45*	Introduction to Human Nutrition	4
PSYC 1	General Psychology	4
PSYC 14	Developmental Aspects of Psychology	4

Either EWRT 1A or ESL 5^:

EWRT 1A	Composition and Reading (5)	
ESL 5	ESL: Advanced Composition & Reading (5)	5

Either SPCH 1 or SPCH 10:

SPCH 1	Public Speaking (4)	
SPCH 10	Fundamentals of Oral Communication (4)	4

*Course must be completed within seven (7) years of nursing program admission screening.

^ ESL 5 restricted to students whose native language is not English.

Prerequisite/Corequisite

Complete one (1) of the following or its equivalent with a "C" grade or better and before or during the first quarter of the RN Program:

ANTH 2	Cultural Anthropology (4)	
SOC 1	Introduction to Sociology (4)	4
Prerequisite Units Required.		53

Requirements

Admitted students complete the major courses and the Nursing General Education requirements to earn the degree.

Major Requirements

Complete with a "C" grade or better:

NURS 81	Fundamental Nursing (Non Acute/ Sub Acute Care)	4
NURS 81L	Fundamental Nursing (Non Acute/ Sub Acute Care Clinical)	5
NURS 81P	Pharmacology I	1.5
NURS 82	Acute Fundamentals/Medical Surgical I	4
NURS 82L	Acute Fundamentals/Medical Surgical I (Clinical)	5
NURS 82P	Pharmacology II	1.5
NURS 83	Perinatal Nursing	2
NURS 83L	Perinatal Nursing (Clinical)	2.5
NURS 83A	Pediatric Nursing	2
NURS 83AL	Pediatric Nursing (Clinical)	2.5
NURS 83P	Pharmacology III	1.5
NURS 83PL	Pharmacology III Lab	0.5
NURS 84	Medical/Surgical II (Care of the Older Adult)	4
NURS 84L	Medical/Surgical II (Care of the Older Adult Clinical)	5
NURS 84C	Critical Thinking in Nursing	2
NURS 85	Advanced Medical/Surgical Concepts	2
NURS 85L	Advanced Medical/Surgical Concepts (Clinical)	2.5
NURS 85A	Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing	2
NURS 85AL	Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing (Clinical)	2.5
NURS 86	Leadership/Management in Nursing	2
NURS 86L	Leadership/Management in Nursing (Clinical)	5
	Total Units Required,	
	Including Prerequisites	111

Recommended: NURS 151, 152, 153, 154, Nursing Laboratory Skills (0.5 - 3.5)

Nursing A.S. Degree General Education Requirements

Complete with a minimum 2.0 GPA:

- One (1) course from GE Area C1 - Arts (4 units)
- One (1) course from GE Area C2 - Humanities (4 units)
- One (1) unit from GE Area E in PE or PEA activities
- One (1) Intercultural Studies course taken in Area C or D

Note: A.S. Degree General Education Areas A, B, and D are satisfied through completion of the prerequisites and major courses.

Advanced placement due to prior nursing education

The student must first complete the screening requirements for entrance into the Registered Nursing Program and be admitted to the program. Placement is done on a space-available basis only after equivalency of previous nursing education has been evaluated by the Director of Nursing.

For LVN students transitioning to the RN Program, see the LVN Transition to RN curriculum.

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