

1. How do I get general information on the RN Program?

- Check out the Nursing Program web site: <http://www.deanza.edu/nursing/> and read the documents accessible via the link named Nursing Program Information
- Attend a Nursing Information Session – Dates can be found in an ad in the schedule of classes and on the Nursing Program web site via the link named Information Meetings
- Meet with a counselor or advisor: 408/864-5400

2. When are applications accepted?

Applications are accepted three times per year.

Applications must be postmarked by the following deadline dates:

For entry into:

Fall Quarter	April 15
Winter Quarter	September 15
Spring Quarter **	January 15

**** Spring quarter applications are limited to only those applicants that have previously applied or who have already been invited to the lottery. No new applications are accepted for the January 15 deadline.**

No late applications are accepted. All Applications must be mailed. No exceptions.

Application workshops are available to learn about how to prepare an application and to give you an opportunity to have us review an application that you bring - see the Nursing Program web site for times and locations.

3. What is the average amount of time it takes to complete the prerequisites?

Approximately 1 1/2 - 3 years. The time varies depending on how much you might have already completed in previous schooling, the Math, English, and Biology Placement test scores, classes completed, and competition for classes.

Note: For international students, it usually takes more time due to additional ESL courses.

4. Can prerequisite courses be in-progress when applying?

No. All prerequisite courses must be complete when applying to the nursing program. If you are taking a class, and the official end date for the semester or quarter of this class is later than the application deadline, then the class is considered to be in progress. This change is because of the large number of applicants currently participating in the Random Selection process (also known as “the lottery”) that have already completed all of their prerequisites.

5. Can prerequisite courses from other schools be used?

Yes, if the school is accredited and if the course is equivalent to our corresponding prerequisite. See the College Course Equivalency Spreadsheet available on the same nursing web page as this document. Applicants should submit official, unopened transcripts to De Anza College for any courses not taken at De Anza or Foothill Colleges that are going to be used for Nursing Program prerequisites or to meet general education requirements.

Meet with a counselor or advisor in the De Anza College Counseling Office (408-864-5400) to submit your official transcripts. Have the counselor help you fill out a Request for Transcript Evaluation form. Provide a self-addressed stamped envelope with your transcript(s) so that Admissions and Records can mail you a printout of your evaluation. You can then meet with counseling again to go over the results of your evaluation to determine what to do next

You need to allow plenty of time prior to the deadline to submit transcripts and have them evaluated.

6. If I took a class like Nursing 50 at another college do I need to take it at De Anza?

Yes. All candidates must successfully complete Nursing 50 at De Anza. Students who have completed a similar course have the option of receiving credit by examination (see the De Anza College catalog for details/guidelines) instead of taking the full course. If the student fails the examination, a grade of NP (no pass) will be awarded. The candidate would then have the option to retake the course in a subsequent quarter. Any student who attempts and fails Nursing 50 or the test twice will no longer be eligible to take the course or apply to the De Anza College Registered Nursing Program.

7. Is there a wait list for the program?

There is no waiting list or any form of prioritization. We admit applicants to the full 2-year RN Program based on a random selection process. Only students who have qualified (completed all the prerequisites with the required GPA before applying, and have met all application requirements) are invited to the Random Selection. Random Selections occur for the fall, winter and Spring Quarters. A starting class of 30 students is selected each time. Applicants or their designated representatives have to be present to win. Qualified applicants may have to participate in multiple random selections before being selected. There is no guarantee of admission. Applicants receive a ticket for every previous Random Selection they have attended. Alternates are picked in a separate drawing from the applicants that have participated in the most Random Selections. Alternates that are not used to fill vacancies are guaranteed a seat in the next quarter. The Nursing Program reserves the right to adjust the mechanisms used in the Random Selection process at any time. *International students should check with their International Student counselors regarding maintenance of their legal status and student status.*

8. How do I apply to the nursing program?

Applications and other documentation can be downloaded from the Nursing homepage:
<http://www.deanza.edu/nursing/programs.html>

Download all of the documents and review the information. If you have further questions, talk to a counselor or advisor in the De Anza College Counseling Department (408-864-5400).

You will also find information meetings and application workshops held monthly by the Nursing Program that you can attend for more information. Details are at:
<http://www.deanza.edu/nursing/infodates.html>

9. What happens after I turn in my application?

Review of applications for course completion and GPA requirements begins the day after the application deadline date. This process takes approximately 4-6 weeks to complete. During this time, the Screening and Selection Coordinator does not see applicants for appointments or speak with applicants over the phone or email. Acceptance/Rejection letters are sent via US mail as soon as the selection process is completed. Candidates should also not contact the nursing department or the division office asking for updates on the status of student selection.

10. Do I need to be in continuous enrollment to apply to the program?

It is recommended that students remain in continuous enrollment (see college catalog for guidelines or a counselor/advisor to determine if it would be advised in your situation) but it is not required for application to the Nursing Program.

11. What do I do if I receive a rejection letter?

In your letter, you will receive the dates, times, and location that the Screening and Selection Coordinator will be available to discuss why your application received a rejection. It is strongly advised that you make an appointment to go over your application and discuss ways to improve your chances of getting into the program. If an error has occurred, it will be reviewed. For a problem to be resolved, you have to sign up as early as. If you come in on the last day, and you don't have the proper supporting material for your case, don't expect to get an extension. Problems have to be resolved during the meeting times set up. If not, you will have to reapply during the next application period.

12. Do I have to keep reapplying to the program if I have been previously invited to the Random Selection?

If you were previously invited to participate in the Random Selection Process, but were not selected, you do not need to complete the entire application again. If you participated in the last Random Selection, You do not need to send in anything. You are automatically entitled to show up at the next Random Selection. If you did not attend the last Random Selection, you are required to complete and send in the one page **Random Selection Reactivation Form** before the following application deadline. Check the Nursing website for changes to this requirement.

13. When does the program start?

The Nursing School starts a new class of students three times per year in the fall, winter, and Spring Quarters. The Nursing School is closed during the summer.

14. How many students are accepted each quarter?

Currently, 30 students are accepted each quarter. This is a highly impacted program with many more applicants than spaces available.

15. How long is the RN Program? How long can I expect to be in classes once I'm accepted into the program?

Once admitted, the RN program takes six quarters (2 years) to complete. Classes are generally scheduled from 6:30am to 2:30pm Monday – Friday. This schedule may vary by quarter. Generally, students will have one or two days of theory classes and two consecutive days of clinical each week.

16. Approximately how much time must one devote to the RN Program upon admittance?

Total hours, including study time, is approximately 50-60 hours per week.

17. What clinical sites are used in the RN Program?

Currently, our students are on rotation at Valley Med, El Camino, O'Connor, Palo Alto Veterans Administration, and Good Samaritan Hospitals. Q1 students go to local nursing homes/rehabilitation centers in the area. Transportation to the clinical site is the responsibility of the students and we encourage carpooling by students due to parking limitations at some sites.

18. How do I find out information about Financial Aid or Scholarships?

Contact the Financial Aid office at 408/864-8718.

Note: This does not apply to international students since international students are not qualified for Financial Aid.

19. Is it possible to work while going through the Nursing Program?

Yes, but you need to have a job with flexible hours because your schedule will change every quarter. The program is much more intensive than normal college life and if you can get by with reduced work hours, it is recommended.

Note: Employment for F-1 international students is governed by immigration rules. Check with the International Student Advisor for details.

20. Do Registered Nurses with an AS degree make less money than those with a BS degree?

Generally, all new nurses make the same starting salaries.