Please visit your counselor to apply for certificates or degrees and for academic planning assistance.

**A.S. Degree Requirements for Nursing Programs**

For application guidelines and materials, see the Nursing program website at 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 (GE) 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 a minimum 2.0 GPA (C average).

For the Nursing programs, completion of all major courses with a C grade or higher. Major 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 quarters in length. Nursing classes are not offered in the summer. The majority of courses are held in the daytime.

The Associate Degree Nursing program is approved 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 quarters in length (not including prerequisites).

**Program Learning Outcomes:** Upon completion, students will be able to:
- Pass 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 annually. 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 with 75% in all the required subject areas.
- U.S. Social Security Number (SSN) or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) allowing employment in the U.S.

**Prerequisite:**

The 10 prerequisites in this section will be used for screening and admission into the RN program.

These two prerequisites must be completed with a C grade or better:

- **NURS 50** Career Opportunities in Nursing (must be completed at De Anza) 2
- **MATH 109** Intermediate Algebra for Statistics or **MATH 114** College Math Preparation Level 3: Intermediate Algebra or **MATH 130** Intermediate Algebra for Precalculus 5

Complete MATH 109 or MATH 114 or MATH 130, its equivalent or higher level mathematics, or get a qualifying score for MATH 109 or MATH 114 or MATH 130 on De Anza's mathematics assessment test.

**These eight prerequisites or their equivalents must be completed with a “C” grade or better:**

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

**Complete one course:**

- **ESL 5** Advanced Composition and Reading (5)
- **EWRT 1A** Composition and Reading (5)
- **or EWRT 1AH** Composition and Reading - HONORS (5)
- **or EWRT 1AT** Intensive Composition and Reading Stretch: Second Quarter (5)
Complete one course:  
COMM 1  Public Speaking (5)  
or COMM 1H  Public Speaking - HONORS (5)  
COMM 10  Fundamentals of Oral Communication (5)  
or COMM 10H  Fundamentals of Oral Communication - HONORS (5)

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

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

Prerequisite/Corequisite:  
Complete one 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)  
or ANTH 2H  Cultural Anthropology - HONORS (4)  
SOC 1  Introduction to Sociology (4)  

Prerequisite Units Required ......................... 50

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 91A  Health Assessment  2  
NURS 91AL  Health Assessment Lab  2.5  
NURS 91B  Fundamentals of Nursing/Sub-Acute  2  
NURS 91BL  Fundamentals of Nursing/Sub-Acute Clinical  2.5  
NURS 91P  Pharmacology I  1.5  
NURS 92  Medical-Surgical Nursing  4  
NURS 92L  Medical-Surgical Nursing Clinical  4.5  
NURS 92P  Pharmacology II  1.5  
NURS 93  Reproductive Health Nursing  2  
NURS 93L  Reproductive Health Nursing Clinical  2  
NURS 93A  Pediatric Nursing  2  
NURS 93AL  Pediatric Nursing Clinical  2  
NURS 93PL  Pharmacology III Laboratory  0.5  
NURS 94  Gerontology Nursing  2  
NURS 94L  Gerontology Nursing Clinical  2  
NURS 94A  Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing  2  
NURS 94AL  Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing Clinical  2  
NURS 95  Complex Health Challenges  4  
NURS 95L  Complex Health Challenges Clinical  4.5  
NURS 96  Leadership and Management in Nursing  2  
NURS 96L  Leadership and Management in Nursing Clinical  4.5  
NURS 96A  Nursing Concept Integration  2  

Total Units Required, Incl. Prerequisites  ......................... 104

Nursing A.S. Degree General Education Requirements  
Complete with a minimum 2.0 GPA:  
- One course from GE Area C1 - Arts (4 units)  
- One course from GE Area C2 - Humanities (4 units)  
- One unit from GE Area E in PE or PEA activities  
- One 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.

See the Nursing Program web page at deanza.edu/nursing for application guidelines and materials.

Recommended:
NURS 201, 202, 203, 204