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Associate Degree Nursing Program -Students Entering August 2025

Basic Nursing Applicant Bulletin

Welcome to the Associate Degree Registered Nursing Program

Contra Costa College's Associate Degree Nursing Program (ADN) has been graduating nurses since 1960. The program is designed to meet the college requirements for graduation with eligibility for an A.S. degree, as well as the requirements of the California Board of Registered Nursing. Contra Costa College is proud of its excellent program, faculty, simulation and skills labs, and the quality of its graduates.

The nursing program is four semesters (2 yrs) in length. A graduate of the nursing program is eligible to take the State Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN). With passage of the exam, the title of Registered Nurse is earned, and the graduate is qualified for entry level positions in nursing.

You will hear more about our concurrent enrollment Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree opportunity once classes begin.

The Basic Nursing Applicant is for students seeking to enter into the first semester of the nursing program. The first semester begins in the fall semester only.

The information provided in this bulletin applies to the courses required for the Basic Nursing Applicant to be eligible to apply for the nursing program. The applicant must meet with a college counselor to discuss the general education courses necessary to satisfy the Associate Degree requirements for graduation.

Prerequisite Courses

The required Prerequisite Courses are divided into Group A and Group B.

There is **no recency requirement for prerequisite courses.**

Applicants must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher in Group A courses and 2.75 or higher in Group B courses. Each course must be completed with a grade of "C" or better. **(PLEASE NOTE-** The GPA for Group A courses changed in 2023). *Students who completed all Group A courses prior to June 2024 will be considered eligible for admission with a Group A GPA of 2.75 in fall 2024 only)*

- All Group A and Group B courses must be completed the **fall semester** prior to the deadline date.

Group A Courses: (Minimum cumulative **GPA of 3.0**)

Requirements	Course at CCC	Units
Human Anatomy	BIOSC 132	4
Human Physiology	BIOSC *134	4
Microbiology	BIOSC *119	4
English Comp & Reading **or**	ENGL *001A **or** *001AX	3-5
Critical Thinking & Adv Comp	ENGL *001C **or** *002B	
Drug Dosage Calculations	NURS 205	2
Pharmacology for Nurses	NURS 212	2

* Course has a prerequisite.

Please see a counselor to determine how these courses will be accepted for transfer into a BSN program.

Group B Courses: (Minimum cumulative **GPA of 2.75**)

Requirements	Course at CCC	Units
Sociology/Anthropology	SOCIO 220 **or** ANTHR 130	3
Psychology	PSYCH 130 **or** 220	3
Human Communication	SPCH 120 **or** 121 **or** SPCH *121-I **or** 128	3
Developmental Psych	PSYCH 126 **or** 128	3

* Course has a prerequisite.

Additional Courses Required for Graduation:
Additional courses are required for the Associate in Science Degree. If you have a baccalaureate or higher degree from a regionally accredited institution in the U.S., please consult the catalog for the current general education degree requirements or see a college counselor.

Applying to the Nursing Program

Step 1: Ensure that all group A and group B courses have been successfully completed by the deadline date.

Step 2: Submit a ***COMPLETED BASIC NURSING APPLICATION PACKET** to the Admissions & Records Office between **October 1st and February 1st (or postmarked by February 1st)** for consideration for the following fall semester. **No material will be accepted after the deadline date.**

*The COMPLETED APPLICATION PACKET contains:
1. The **Basic Nursing Application**

The **Basic Nursing Application** is available online at https://www.contracosta.edu/classes/academic-departments/nursing/application-info/ or from the Admissions & Records Office. Print a copy and complete the Basic Nursing Application. Students must possess a valid Social Security number or individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN).
2. A completed Contra Costa College application (if not an enrolled CCC student).
3. **All OFFICIAL** transcripts from other colleges and universities.

Step 3: The Admissions and Records Office will notify the student of their eligibility by April 1st. Please call Joanne Solano (510) 215-3926 for any questions.

Selection Process

A random selection process (lottery) will be held if there are more qualified applicants than space available. The lottery is usually held in mid-April. (**Due to Covid 19**, please check for updates regarding the lottery date that will be posted on the nursing website)

Conditional Admission Process

Applicants selected from the lottery will receive written notification **via their college email** of Conditional Acceptance to the nursing program. It is the student's responsibility to check their college email for lottery standing.

The applicant **must reply** to the Nursing Department indicating their acceptance or refusal by the date stated in the Conditional Acceptance letter.

➡️ **If a response is not received by the deadline date, admission will be forfeited, and an alternate applicant will be selected.**

Applicants who have accepted admission are Conditionally Admitted. These applicants will proceed with the following steps (Step 1 must be successfully completed before proceeding with Step 2):

Step 1:
* **Take the current Test of Essential Academic Skills** Version 7, (ATI TEAS) https://www.atitesting.com – The TEAS exam must be taken prior to the deadline and the result sent to the CCC nursing dept. If the student has taken ATI TEAS 6 or an earlier version, it will be accepted, per ATI TEAS.
  Note: It is the student's responsibility to contact ATI-Teas to have your score sent to Contra Costa College. Please be advised that the nursing program is required to recognize and accept only the first ATI TEAS exam score for admission into the nursing program. Any falsification or misrepresentation of information regarding the ATI TEAS exam is grounds for denial of admission to the program.
  Pass the ATI TEAS exam with the required cut score of 62. You MUST have your **TEAS exam score** sent to us by **Thursday May 29, 2025**. No exceptions.

Step 2:
* Proceed with the background check and drug screening by the deadline. Results must be clear for entry into the program. Information about background check and drug screening is provided in the acceptance letter. **You must complete the annual physical, required immunizations, drug, and background screen**.

Step 3: Admission to the nursing program!

Applicants who DO NOT achieve the ATI TEAS exam Cut Score

Applicants who have been Conditionally Admitted but **DO NOT achieve the ATI TEAS exam cut score of 62 on the first attempt** will be allowed to **remediate for 1 year** and will retake the TEAS the following spring. It is the student's responsibility to find suitable TEAS study resources for remediation.

Admission into the nursing program will be deferred for one year pending successful completion of a remediation plan and passing of the ATI-TEAS examination.

Remediation Plan Process:
- After completion of the one-year remediation plan, the student will retake the **ATI TEAS exam**.
  - If the student achieves the required composite cut score on the retake of the **ATI TEAS exam**, the student will be conditionally admitted to the nursing program.
  - If the student does not achieve the required composite cut score on the retake of the **ATI TEAS exam, the student will not be admitted to the nursing program and will need to reapply and start the process over as a Basic Nursing Applicant.**

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HELPFUL INFORMATION

- The applicant with a BA, BS, or higher degree from a regionally accredited USA institution (not a foreign degree) is eligible to receive an AS degree with completion of the nursing program courses and pre-requisite courses.
- Fees per semester are set by the state legislature and are subject to change. Residents, out-of-state, and foreign students should check with the Admissions & Records Office.
- Additional costs include: Uniforms, nursing shoes, bandage scissors, stethoscope, watch, textbooks, skills lab supply kits, CPR certification (AHA BLS for Health Care Provider), criminal background check, drug screening, respiratory mask fitting, hospital orientation fees (if required), Complio.
- Students must have documented evidence of an annual physical exam & current immunizations that demonstrate the ability to perform in the nursing program.
- TEAS Exam video tutorial resource and information from https://www.atitesting.com
- CPR certification (American Heart Association BLS instructor lead course for Healthcare Provider) must be current at the time of admission and currency must be maintained while a nursing student.

- The student is responsible for transportation to and from the campus and clinical facilities and any parking costs.
- Nursing courses comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you have special needs, please inform the instructor(s) and every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate you. Need for accommodations must be validated by Disabled Students Programs & Services.
- All candidates eligible for the NCLEX-RN examination are required under law to report misdemeanor and felony convictions to the Board of Registered Nursing unless they are only minor traffic violations. "Driving under the influence" convictions must be reported. Convictions must be reported even if they have been expunged or court ordered diversion program has been completed. Failure to report prior convictions or disciplinary action is considered falsification of application and is grounds for denial of licensure or revocation of license.

> **Requirements may be changed on an annual basis because of unforeseen circumstances or Board of Registered Nursing regulations. Please consult the Nursing Department for current information each semester.**