

Registered Nursing

at American River College



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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.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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- 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.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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- There are two application periods per year; students are accepted for the spring and fall semesters.
- Application information can be found on the [Nursing Website](#)
- There are morning, afternoon, evening and weekend clinical experiences required which may change with limited notice.

Program Costs

- The student is responsible for uniforms, program supplies, 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.



Program Costs

Costs are approximate and subject to change. Below is a guide for students to anticipate costs when entering the Nursing Program.

Approximate Total Program Cost: \$7400.00

Description	Approximate Cost Two-Year Nursing Program
Enrollment Fees	\$1932
Parking	\$164
CPR Healthcare Provider/Professional Rescuer Provider	\$50 - \$100 (Renewal Additional \$\$)
Drug Screen, Background Check, Health Requirements & e-Learning (additional cost for second background check if needed)	\$150+
Physical, Immunizations	\$125 - \$250
Uniform/Shoes	\$300
Clinical Orientation & Hospital Health Requirement Tracking	\$115
Skills Kit	\$400
Malpractice Insurance	\$30
Textbooks/Learning Materials	\$3000
Graduation Cost	Varies, up to \$350
Board of Registered Nursing License Application/NCLEX	\$575

Information Sessions

- The ARC nursing faculty offer information sessions throughout the year.
- Students are encouraged to attend these sessions; ample time is provided for individual questions.
- To find dates for upcoming information sessions, [click here](#).



RN LICENSING CONSIDERATIONS



- 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 the time of licensure application, all convictions must be reported except for minor traffic violations. (Business and Professions Code §480 and Nurse Practice Act ARTICLE 3 §2761).

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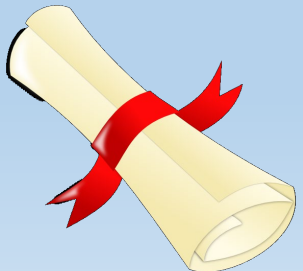


- Note: Providing a Social Security Number (SSN) OR Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN): Pursuant to Business and Professions Code §30(c), the BRN will not process any application for licensure unless the applicant provides a SSN or ITIN.
- The Nurse Practice Act provides for a unified examination 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

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.

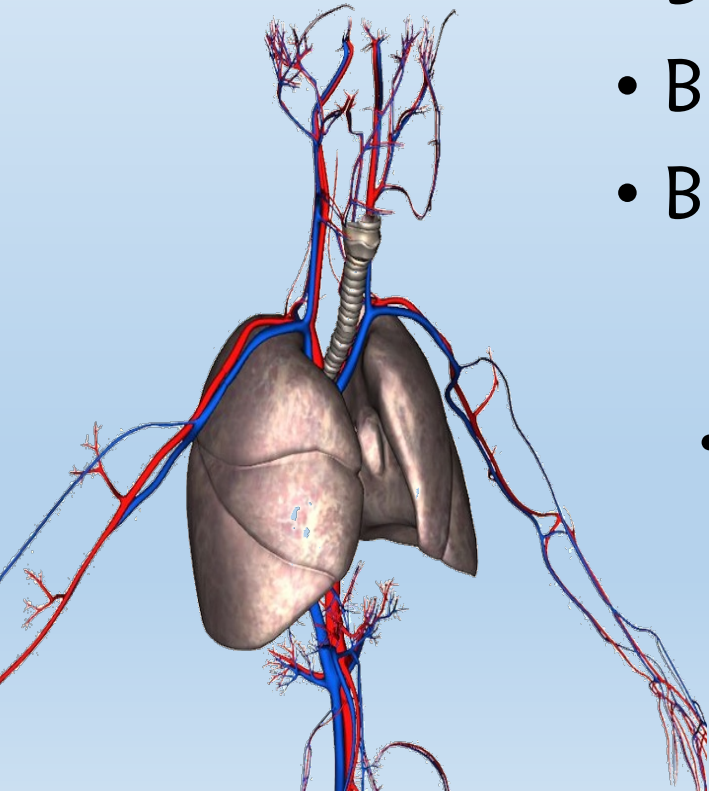
- a. Students with a high school diploma from a school outside the United States must have transcripts evaluated by a National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) or Association of International Credential Evaluators, Inc. (AICE) member company.
- b. Students who possess an associate degree or higher from a regionally accredited college in the U.S. do not have to submit proof of high school graduation.
- 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.



REQUIREMENTS FOR PRE-ENROLLMENT continued...

A cumulative G.P.A. of 3.0 in the following science prerequisites:

- BIOL 430: Anatomy & Physiology
- BIOL 431: Anatomy & Physiology
- BIOL 440: General Microbiology or
BIOL 442: General Microbiology and Public Health
- Please note: ARC accepts both combination Anatomy and Physiology courses as well as standalone Anatomy & Physiology courses. For a list of acceptable courses at other colleges in California, please see the [Articulation Grid](#) on our website.



REQUIREMENTS FOR PRE-ENROLLMENT continued...

A grade of "C" or better and a cumulative G.P.A. of 2.5 in the following courses:



ENGWR 300: College Composition



NUTRI 300: Nutrition



PSYCH 300: Psychology: General Principles

- There is no recency requirement for Nursing Program prerequisites, and they do not expire.
- ARC does not discount for repeated courses – the highest grade will be taken.
- Plus/minus (+/-) grades not considered when calculating prerequisite GPAs

Corequisites



The Nursing Program has two corequisites:

- COMM 301: Public Speaking (corequisite to first semester)
- SOC 300: Introductory Sociology

OR

ANTH 310: Cultural Anthropology (corequisite to second semester)

* These corequisites do not need to be completed for application to the Nursing Program. However, students waiting to be accepted to the program are encouraged to take these courses prior to enrollment.

TEAS Test

(Test of Essential Academic Skills)

- A minimum passing composite score of 62% is required for entry into the ARC Nursing program.
- Starting spring 2023 application cycle only TEAS test Version 7 is acceptable.*
- The TEAS test is a product of Assessment Technologies Institute (ATI).
www.atitesting.com

*see next slide for TEAS remediation details



TEAS Remediation

- If a student has multiple test scores within one year (365 days), there must be 90 days between TEAS tests attempts. If less than 90 days then the first/earliest score will be accepted.
- Students who remediate/retest to improve their score must complete and submit a [Remediation/Retest Approval](#) form with their application packet.
- Students with multiple TEAS tests (within one year) must submit a copy of their test scores (first page only) with their application packet.

First-time applicants

First-time applicants are strongly encouraged to meet with an ARC Health and Well Being HomeBase counselor if the coursework is not listed on ARC Nursing Program [Articulation Grid](#) to obtain a Curriculum Planning Summary Sheet and document completion of all eligibility requirements.

For an appointment with [ARC Health & Well Being HomeBase Counselor](#):
Call (916) 484-8577 or email AskHb-HealthEd@arc.losrios.edu

General Counseling: <https://arc.losrios.edu/student-resources/counselin>



COURSES REQUIRED FOR THE ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN NURSING

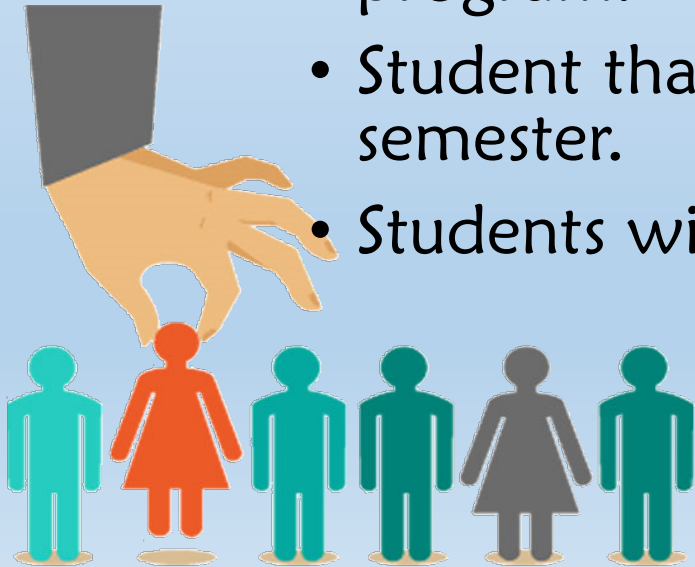
Prerequisites	Course Sequence for Degree Major	Additional Graduation Requirements ⁵
<p> BIOL 430³ BIOL 431 BIOL 440³ or BIOL 442³ ENGWR 300 NUTRI 300 PSYC 300 </p> <p>³ BIOL 430, and BIOL 440 or BIOL 442 have chemistry prerequisites. Refer to the ARC Catalog course descriptions.</p>	<p> Semester I NURSE 400 COMM 301¹ Semester II NURSE 410 SOC 300² or ANTH 310² Semester III NURSE 420 Semester IV NURSE 430 </p> <p> ¹ <u>COMM 301</u>: Must be taken concurrently with NURSE 400, if not previously completed. ² <u>SOC 300 or ANTH 310</u>: Must be taken concurrently with NURSE 410, if not previously completed. </p>	<p> Humanities American Institutions Physical Education Ethnic/Multicultural Studies Competency in Reading and Math⁴ </p> <p>⁴ It is strongly recommended that math and reading competencies be met prior to entering the nursing program.</p>

APPLICATION TO THE PROGRAM:

- The nursing application is available online in February and September through [eServices](#).
- Application information and instructions can be found on the [Nursing Website](#)
- I submitted my application – what's next?
 - Once your application is received, application status will change to 'Received'
 - Next you get notified that you were or were not selected via email

Program Selection

- 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; see the [Prescreening Criteria](#) form on our website for details.
- Only students who meet and complete the application criteria will be considered for admission.
- Meeting these requirements does not guarantee acceptance into the program.
- Student that are not selected for admission may reapply the next semester.
- Students will be notified of selection via email.



Notifications via preferred email address!!

- Students selected for the program will be notified via email address provided on the nursing program application
- Students that are selected but do not respond by the deadline will be removed from the class
- Be sure to check your preferred email listed on the application!
- Notifications will be sent approximately 8 weeks after nursing program application deadline

Mandatory Program Orientation

- Students accepted for entry into the program are required to attend a mandatory two-day program orientation.
- Topics will include:
 - Being a Nursing Student
 - Rules & Regulations
 - Clinical Compliance Requirements
 - Study Skills
 - Uniforms
 - Stress
 - Textbooks & Electronic Resources
 - Success Tips
- Date, time, and location will be provided in the acceptance packet.



Questions??

If you have reviewed all the documents on our website and you still have questions, please email us at

ARC NursingApplication@losrios.edu

Thank you for your interest in the ARC Nursing Program!

