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## ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM IN NURSING GENERAL INFORMATION SHEET

### GOAL OF THE NURSING PROGRAM

The goal of the American River College Associate Degree Nursing program is to prepare a graduate who is eligible for licensure to practice as a registered nurse. In addition, graduates are prepared to utilize the nursing process effectively with patients of all ages and within a variety of healthcare settings. The graduate will have a solid foundation in providing competent nursing care at the entry level of registered nursing practice.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

The nursing program consists of a combination of general education and nursing courses with related laboratory experience in local health agencies. Successful completion of the program qualifies the student to take the National Licensing Examination to become registered as a nurse and eligible for employment. A grade of "C" or better is required in each nursing course for progression in the program and for an Associate Degree in Nursing. The nursing curriculum is a two-year program offered in four sequential semesters. There are two application periods per year and students are accepted for the spring and fall semesters. There are morning, afternoon, evening, and weekend clinical experiences required which may change with limited notice.

Startup program costs are approximately \$2,000. The student is responsible for providing uniforms, laboratory fees, malpractice insurance, necessary equipment, and transportation to off-campus laboratory locations. Upon completion of the nursing program, students should expect fees of approximately \$350.00 to take the R.N. licensure exam. All costs/fees are subject to change.

**NOTE:** In accordance with Regulation 480 of the State Board of Registered Nursing, a person convicted of any offense other than a minor traffic violation, may not qualify to be licensed as a registered nurse. If there are any questions regarding this matter, please contact the State Board of Registered Nursing, or visit their website at [www.rn.ca.gov](http://www.rn.ca.gov).

### REQUIREMENTS FOR PRE-ENROLLMENT TO THE PROGRAM

1. 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) as defined by the current 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) approved independent agency. Such cases will be evaluated on an individual basis.
  - b) Students who possess an Associate of Arts/Associate of Science degree or higher from a regionally accredited college are exempt from the educational requirement stated above.
  - c) Students who have attended college outside the United States must have transcripts evaluated by a NACES approved independent agency, demonstrating AA/AS degree or higher from a U.S. regionally accredited college. Such cases will be evaluated on an individual basis.
2. A cumulative G.P.A. of 3.0 in the following science prerequisites: BIOL 430, BIOL 431, and BIOL 440 or BIOL 442
3. A grade of "C" (**C- is not acceptable**) or better and a cumulative G.P.A. of 2.5 in the following support courses:  
ENGWR 300  
NUTRI 300  
PSYC 300  
SPEECH 301\* or SPEECH 331\*(COREQUISITE to NURSE 400)  
SOC 300\* or ANTH 310\* (COREQUISITE to NURSE 410)  

*\*These corequisites do not need to be completed for application to the Nursing program.*
4. Eligibility for ENGRD 310 or 312. Evidence of eligibility documented by one of the following:
  - a) Completion of ENGRD 116 with a grade of "C" or better
  - b) Recommendation of eligibility through the assessment process (Take the CTEP exam at ARC Assessment Center. Call [916] 484-8423 for more information.)
  - c) Possession of an Associate of Arts/Associate of Science degree or higher from a regionally accredited college in the U.S.

5. Current Curriculum Planning Summary Sheet from American River College – **First-time applicants only**

**NOTE:** For the initial evaluation of all transcripts and previous coursework and to determine if the above eligibility requirements have been met, an appointment must be scheduled with an ARC counselor at (916) 484-8572. For course equivalency of pre-nursing and degree major courses completed outside of the Los Rios Community College District, students must provide course descriptions.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR DEGREE MAJOR (71 UNITS)**

BIOL 430, BIOL 431, BIOL 440 or BIOL 442, ENGWR 300, NUTRI 300, PSYC 300, SOC 300 or ANTH 310, SPEECH 301 or SPEECH 331, NURSE 400, 410, 420, 430

**COURSES REQUIRED FOR THE ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN NURSING**

Prerequisites	Course Sequence for Degree Major	Additional Graduation Requirements <sup>5</sup>
BIOL 430 <sup>3</sup> BIOL 431 BIOL 440 <sup>3</sup> or BIOL 442 <sup>3</sup> ENGWR 300 NUTRI 300 PSYC 300  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> <i>In-progress grades will not be accepted for the above courses</i> </div>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Semester I</b></p> NURSE 400 SPEECH 301 <sup>1</sup> or SPEECH 331 <sup>1</sup>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Semester II</b></p> NURSE 410 SOC 300 <sup>2</sup> or ANTH 310 <sup>2</sup>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Semester III</b></p> NURSE 420 (See footnote 5 below)  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Semester IV</b></p> NURSE 430	Humanities Social Sciences Living Skills Ethnic/Multicultural Studies Competency in Reading and Math <sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> SPEECH 301 or SPEECH 331: Must be taken concurrently with NURSE 400, if not previously completed.

<sup>2</sup> SOC 300 or ANTH 310: Must be taken concurrently with NURSE 410, if not previously completed.

<sup>3</sup> BIOL 430, BIOL 440 or BIOL 442 have chemistry prerequisites. Refer to the ARC Catalog course descriptions.

<sup>4</sup> It is strongly recommended that math competency be met prior to entering Nursing program.

<sup>5</sup> Students must complete the general education graduation requirements for an A.S. degree. **Students in the nursing program must see a counselor to obtain an educational plan prior to Semester IV.**

**APPLICATION/ACCEPTANCE TO THE PROGRAM**

The nursing program admits students twice per year.

Applications for the fall semester are available the beginning of February.

Applications for the spring semester are available the beginning of September.

Please see the nursing website at <http://web.arc.losrios.edu/edhealth/nursing.html> for detailed application information.

Selection is based on a computerized random selection process from among the qualified applicants. Only students who meet the educational and pre-nursing requirements and follow the pre-enrollment procedures will be considered for the program. Meeting all these requirements does not guarantee acceptance into the program. Acceptance of pre-nursing courses taken outside the Los Rios Community College District will be determined by the Nursing department admissions committee. Students accepted for entry into the program will be required to attend a mandatory orientation. Date, time, and location will be provided in the acceptance packet.

ARC is utilizing the "Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)" developed by Assessment Technologies Institute (ATI) for enrollment purposes. The "TEAS" will be used to identify areas of academic weakness that require remediation for successful performance in the program. ARC will only administer the TEAS to students who are accepted into the program. A composite score of 67 will be required for program enrollment. Additional information is available on the ARC nursing website.

Once accepted to the Nursing program, students, **at their own expense**, must provide the following:

- a. Health History & Report of Medical Examination with required inoculations
- b. Current CPR certification (Professional Rescuer from American Red Cross or Healthcare Provider from American Heart Association)
- c. Proof of malpractice insurance (malpractice insurance is not refundable)
- d. Background check and drug screening (required by clinical facilities)