

Registered Nursing AS Major - Active

Department: Registered Nursing

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General Information

1. Individual Nursing Courses are not open for individual enrollment.
2. Prerequisites must be completed prior to filing of enrollment application.
3. At present, qualified applicants are admitted per lottery.
4. Students will be conditionally admitted to the R.N. Nursing program. These students will be required to submit to a background screening check, health+immunization report, and current CPR for healthcare providers
5. Students will be required to take ATI TEAS or submit previous ATI TEAS scores (or equivalent)

Degree Curriculum

The Associate in Science curriculum in Nursing is accredited by the California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN). Students who complete the course of study in accordance with City College requirements are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination of Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). Those who pass the NCLEX-RN are qualified for entry-level positions of R.N. in health facilities and agencies.

NOTE: The licensing process for becoming a registered nurse in California is under the jurisdiction of the BRN (Board of Registered Nursing). The BRN requires disclosure of all misdemeanor and felony convictions for all license applicants and disclosure of all disciplinary actions taken against a license applicant who already has a practical nurse, vocational nurse or other professional license. Fingerprinting is also required.

Course of Study. The Nursing course of study includes instruction in applied nursing science and related life sciences, and clinical experience in San Francisco Bay Area cooperating clinical settings. The required course of study for Nursing includes courses that may also satisfy certain general education requirements.

Associate in Science Degree. The Nursing curriculum, supplemented by general education courses, is designed so that students may satisfy the requirements for graduation from City College with the degree of Associate in Science. It is required that all students who wish to enroll in the Nursing Program take the CCSF placement test in Mathematics.

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Pass the NCLEX-RN exam.
- Qualify for entry level positions of R.N. in health facilities and agencies
- Identify as a member of the health team in rendering holistic care to patients, and provide support to patients' families
- Utilize the Nursing process to formulate a plan of care and provide problem oriented individualized patient care
- Demonstrate the ability to prioritize nursing care by application of Maslow's hierarchy of needs theory
- Apply the principles of effective communication in the delivery of health care to the patient and with other health care professionals

- Apply physical or technical skills that promote patients' health or welfare;
- Provide health education to individual patients, families, and the community at large
- Demonstrate competencies in basic health care informatics necessary to deliver safe and effective nursing care
- Exercise critical thinking skills when applying the nursing process to patient care
- Deliver effective nursing care to the patient by utilizing their acquired skills in problem solving and leadership
- Apply principles of health care ethics to guide professional conduct in the provision of care to patients, families, and community;
- Identify the cultural or ethnic influences on patients and formulate nursing care according to the patients' values
- Identify as a health advocate and participate in activities to benefit patients, families and the community at large
- Demonstrate the ability to supervise and delegate patient care based on the skill level of the care provider
- Assume the responsibility and accountability for one's nursing actions, self-evaluation, continuing education, and personal growth
- Utilize the principles of leadership in the health care setting, community, professional organizations, and legislative & regulatory areas

Enrollment. Enrollment in the Nursing Program follows the City College policy of equal educational opportunity. Because of facility and staffing limitations, as well as health and safety requirements, not all students who wish to enroll in the Nursing Program can be accommodated. Selection of students who are eligible to enroll is made twice a year for Fall and Spring semester. Requests for information regarding enrollment:

- Can be found online: www.ccsf.edu/rn OR
- Enrollment Committee
Nursing Department, C340
City College of San Francisco
50 Phelan Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94112

Dates for Filing Required Enrollment Forms. See website or contact Nursing Department at C340 for current filing dates.

Expenses. Students should expect to incur expenses of approximately \$2500 covering the two years of nursing curriculum. This does not include expenses that may relate to non-nursing classes. The expenses related to nursing classes include the cost of required books, uniforms, and individual equipment.

Enrollment to the Program. Because of facilities and staff limitations, 50 new students may be enrolled in the Nursing Program each semester. Nursing enrollment form available online. Please check Filing Date. To be considered for enrollment, students must satisfy certain academic prerequisites. The following is a summary of the academic requirements for enrollment in the Nursing Program/ courses. Please see website: www.ccsf.edu/rn

1. Prerequisite courses:
 - a. Complete the following prerequisite courses: No in progress courses will be considered
Biology 108 (formerly Anatomy 25)
Biology 111 or 112 (formerly Physiology 1 or 12)
Biology 120 (formerly Microbiology 12)
English 1A

Math 40 or higher level Algebra or Statistics course

Science courses must have been completed within the last 7 years at the time of enrollment to the Nursing program.

- b. Must have an overall GPA of 2.5 in science and English 1A.
2. An applicant can repeat only one of the science courses. More than one (1) repetition of any of the science courses will disqualify the applicant. Repetition of a science course is defined as repeating a course due to a previous grade of "D", "F" or "W". Students may satisfy the above course prerequisites at other institutions, but the courses and grades must be verified prior to consideration for enrollment.
3. File with the Office of Admissions and Records a completed application for admission to City College. No person may attend nursing classes unless he/she is properly admitted to the College.
4. English 1A and Math 40.
 - a. If you have taken English 1A and Math 40 or higher at CCSF, you must submit official transcript with your application which includes your final grade in English 1A and Math 40 or higher.
 - b. If you have never taken any college math at any college, you must take the CCSF Mathematics Placement test and score at Math 60 or higher. Submit test result with nursing application.
 - c. Test waivers for English and Mathematics are only for nursing applicants who have satisfied CCSF placement test requirements through external sources such as other colleges attended or (SAT, AP) scores. Bring proof (test score or transcripts) to the Matriculation office, Conlan Hall, Rm. 204 to obtain the waiver. This waiver must accompany your Nursing application.
5. File a completed enrollment form for the Nursing Program. Contact Nursing Department for filing dates.
6. Official transcript in a sealed envelope must be submitted with the enrollment form.
7. ATI TEAS (or equivalent). ATI TEAS will also be administered to those selected for conditional enrollment.

Health and safety requirements. Nursing courses require students to practice nursing skills in the classroom and in cooperating clinical settings. For health and safety reasons, those accepted into the program must demonstrate through a recent, complete medical examination that they are able to participate in the program, have been tested for tuberculosis, and that they have received the following: rubeola, rubella, varicella, mumps, hepatitis B vaccinations and antibody titers which demonstrates immunity to those diseases, current Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis, Seasonal Influenza vaccine.

Enrollees must also provide verification of cardiopulmonary resuscitation basic life support, Health Care Provider certification. Verification of these requirements must be received by the Nursing Department prior to the first day of class. Some hospitals may require students assigned to their hospital to submit to background check and drug screen.

Admission of LVNs, transfer nursing students and RN requirements for BRN of California:

1. LVNs with current, valid California licenses who have been accepted into the Nursing Program through the usual enrollment process may be given advance placement based on space availability and passing grade of Fundamental Challenge exam or completion of Nursing 50T (LVN to RN Transition course) when available. Please contact the Department Chairperson for further information and counseling.
2. LVN nurses who wish to take the program must have a current, valid California LVN license and must have completed Microbiology 12 and Physiology 1 or 12 with a grade of C or higher. Students who qualify for this option should make an appointment with the Nursing Department Chairperson for additional information. 30 unit option placement is on a space available basis.
3. Transfer students from other accredited RN nursing programs are considered for enrollment in the Nursing Program.
 - a. Acceptance is based on equivalent professional nursing education, general education courses and space availability. Transfer students must meet the same enrollment requirements and nursing policies as all students entering the program.

- b. All transfer applicants must have a letter from their previous school of nursing director that states that student was in good standing at the time of withdrawal.
4. RNs who need specific courses required by the BRN for the NCLEX-RN examination should contact the Department Chairperson for additional information. Enrollment is on a space available basis only.

Credit by Examination. All nursing courses are challengeable. Consideration for challenge will be based on previous education and/or experience on an individual basis.

Academic Probation and Dismissal. The failure of a nursing student to satisfactorily demonstrate mastery of required knowledge, skills, or abilities that may jeopardize the safety and welfare of others. Depending on the nature of the performance that demonstrates the lack of necessary knowledge, skills, or abilities, students may be placed on clinical probation or may be subject to academic dismissal prior to the end of the semester.

All City College students, including Nursing students, are subject to the Rules of Student Conduct, and must conform their behavior to appropriate standards, both during theory classes and during clinical experiences at cooperating clinical settings.

Assuming students start this AS with transfer-level math and English eligibility, the minimum time for completion is 4 semesters. Completion time will vary based on student preparation and number of units completed per semester.

Courses Required for the Major in Registered Nursing AS

Course	Units
First Semester:	
NURS 50 - Fundamentals of Nursing	6.00
NURS 50A - Pharmacology in Nursing Part I	2.00
NURS 50L - Nursing Skills Lab	1.00
Total:	9.00
Second Semester:	
NURS 50B - Pharmacology in Nursing Part II	2.00
NURS 51 - Basic Medical-Surgical Nursing	6.00
NURS 51L - Intermediate Nursing Skills	1.00
Total:	9.00
Third Semester:	
NURS 53 - Maternal Newborn Nursing	6.00
NURS 55 - Psychosocial Nursing	6.00
Total:	12.00
Fourth Semester:	
NURS 54 - Nursing of Children	6.00
NURS 56 - Advanced Medical-Surgical Nursing	6.00
NURS 58 - Trends and Issues in Nursing	1.00
Total:	13.00
Course required by the Board Of Registered Nursing:	
PSYC 1 - General Psychology	3.00

These courses meet the California Board of Registered Nursing Requirement for Licensure and must be completed prior to taking the R.N. Licensure Examination (NCLEX).	
Total:	3.00
Choose one of the following additional courses required by the Board Of Registered Nursing:	
SOC 1 - Introduction to Sociology	3.00
ANTH 3 - Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology	3.00
ANTH 3C - Introduction to Cultural Anthropology: Focus on American Cultures	3.00
These courses meet the California Board of Registered Nursing Requirement for Licensure and must be completed prior to taking the R.N. Licensure Examination (NCLEX).	
Total:	3.00
Choose one of the following additional courses required by the Board Of Registered Nursing:	
CMST 1A - Elements of Public Speaking	3.00
CMST 4 - Group Communication	3.00
CMST 11 - Basic Public Speaking	3.00
CMST 12 - Fundamentals of Oral Communication	3.00
CMST 20 - Interpersonal Communication	3.00
ESL 79 - Advanced Speaking and Pronunciation	3.00
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Total:	3.00
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