



SANTA ANA COLLEGE

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Registered Nursing

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ADMISSION INFORMATION

The Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program at Santa Ana College (SAC) is approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) and accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN). The Program Learning Outcome is that graduates will function knowledgeably, safely, and effectively in nursing practice within a variety of health care settings and will be qualified for the Registered Nursing (RN) licensing examination. The End-Of-Program Student Learning Outcome is that students will: Modify the nursing process to meet the patient's needs; Select theories for nursing practice to provide individualized care; Design health care teaching; Utilize effective verbal and non-verbal communication; Delegate appropriately; Practice accountability and responsibility; Grow in professional development, and Operate as a patient advocate. Additionally, completion of an ADN degree prepares a graduate to transfer to a four-year institution for completion of a baccalaureate degree. The curriculum follows the SAC Conceptual Framework for Nursing.

Completion of a Nursing Orientation (call Santa Ana College Counseling at 714/564-6103 for dates) is strongly advised. Advance-placement in the program may be granted to those students with certain prior experience, vocational nursing, registered nursing education or equivalent. Advance-Placed/Transfer/Challenge applicants require an individual appointment with the Program Director or designee. SAC reserves the right to designate a certain number of spaces for contract agreements and/or meet grant designated requirements. **Please refer to the Website at www.sac.edu/nursing for updated information.**

The RN program has three options:

Option I – Generic RN, academic program of two years.

Applicants interested in this option must:

- A. Complete the admission prerequisites.
- B. Be admitted into the Santa Ana College RN program at the first year of the program or be advanced- placed.

Option II – LVN to RN, academic program of one year.

Licensed Vocational Nurses (LVNs) are admitted at the beginning of the second year of the program. To apply for licensure as a Registered Nurse, one must be licensed in California as a Vocational Nurse and:

- A. Complete the admission prerequisites.
- B. Be admitted into the Santa Ana College RN program in the beginning of the second year of the program (third semester) with college credit granted for 21.5 units of LVN courses.
- C. Complete the Role Transition course with a “Pass” grade before entering the program.
- D. Be placed into the third semester which is dependent upon space availability in the program.

Option III – Thirty (30) Unit LVN Option (BRN regulation 1429), academic program of one year.

Information on the Thirty (30) Unit LVN Option is available in the Health Sciences/Nursing

Office. Applicants interested in this option are required to meet with the Program Director or designee regarding this option being a non-degree option and:

- A. Must be licensed in California as a Vocational Nurse.
- B. Complete the admission prerequisites required for the 30 Unit LVN Option.
- C. Be admitted into the Santa Ana College RN program in the beginning of the second year of the program (third semester).
- D. Complete the Role Transition course with a "Pass" grade before entering the program.
- E. Be placed into the third semester which is dependent upon space availability in the program.

ADMISSION PREREQUISITES:

1. Complete high school/equivalency or have a college degree, verified by submitting official transcripts of high school or college graduation, passing GED, or passing the California High School Proficiency Examination.
2. Complete the courses or equivalents (**units are semester units**):
 - A. English 101/101H, Freshman Composition (4 units).
 - B. Biology 239, General Human Anatomy (4 units).
 - C. Biology 249, Human Physiology (4 units).
 - D. Biology 139, Health Microbiology (4 units)
(Biology 229, General Microbiology, 5 units, is acceptable).

Please note: Science courses must have been completed within seven (7) years of applying to the Nursing Program.

3. Successful completion of the diagnostic assessment test of preparation, Assessment Technology Institute's Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS V or ATI TEAS), is required for all students. Remediation is required if the test is not passed. Please see www.sac.edu/nursing for TEAS information.

Admission Procedures –

► **For First Semester: A multi-criteria admission process is being used to select students to enter the first semester.** The multi-criteria applications are accepted February 1st through February 15th for Fall admissions and September 1st through September 15th for Spring admissions. Please refer to www.sac.edu/nursing for the multi-criteria information. All prerequisites require a grade of "C" or higher with an overall Science Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher. Unofficial or Official transcripts must be attached to and submitted with the application (do not submit them to the Admissions and Records office). Applications are made available online approximately one month prior to the application period. Applications need to be submitted via email to SACNursingFirstSemesterApplications@sac.edu

► **For Advance-Placed: There is an entry list for second, third, and fourth semesters.** All non-LVN's applying for advance-placement require an individual appointment with the Program Director or designee to determine placement. Apply to Santa Ana College, obtain an Student Identification Number, and submit all official transcripts to the Admissions and Records office. After verifying transcripts are on file, complete and submit a Prerequisite Verification Form (obtained in the Health Sciences/Nursing Office, R-213, 714/564-6825, or at www.sac.edu/nursing). After the prerequisite verification, students are placed on the entry list for the appropriate semester.

Please note:

When an entry list reaches 100 students, we will no longer accept applications to that particular

semester's entry list unless employed at St. Joseph Hospital of Orange, St. Joseph Home Health, or St. Joseph Heritage.

Students on the second, third, and fourth semester entry lists enter the appropriate semester when space is available after completing NRN 200, Role Transition, and successfully passing the TEAS V/ATI TEAS test. Students are notified as to when to take the Role Transition course and TEAS V/ATI TEAS test. Advance-Placed and re-entry students share entry based on space availability.

Students may turn down entry to the Role Transition course and/or the program once. A second refusal will result in the student's name being placed at the end of the entry list. A third refusal will result in removal from the entry list.

Upon acceptance to all semesters:

1. Evidence of a physical examination by a M.D., Physician Assistant, or Nurse Practitioner will be required prior to entry in the program and on an annual basis. Evidence of a physical exam and immunizations must be submitted on the Nursing Program's form verifying the applicant's health and physical ability to perform the academic and clinical requirements of an RN student. Examinations, including immunization status, must have been performed within 4 months prior to beginning the Nursing Program.
2. A cleared background check is required of all Nursing students after acceptance into the Nursing Program.
3. A cleared drug test is required of Nursing students after acceptance into the Nursing Program.
4. A current (within one year of issue date) CPR card for Healthcare Providers or Basic Life Support Providers from the American Heart Association is required upon entry to the Nursing Program and must be renewed every year.
5. Malpractice insurance must be maintained throughout the Nursing Program.

Students with incomplete physical information, CPR, malpractice insurance, background check, and/or drug testing, will not be allowed into the clinical setting because of mandatory hospital and program requirements. If a student re-enters the program after one or more semesters' absence, a new background check and drug testing, must be provided.

Program Information

The program is four semesters (Fall and Spring). **Students are required to have transportation to off-campus clinical sites.** There are 1-2 clinical days per week. They may be day, evening, or night shifts including weekends in eight or twelve-hour configurations. Theory courses meet 1 to 2 days per week. Please refer to www.sac.edu/nursing for further information.

Please note that this is considered a full-time program. Students are advised to limit outside employment to 12 hours/week. Excessive work schedules combined with family and school commitments may contribute to being unsuccessful in the program.

It is the student's responsibility to contact the Health Sciences/Nursing Office (714/564-6825) when a change of address or phone number has occurred. If mail is returned due to a wrong address, the student's name will be removed from the entry list.

Approximate cost for supplies/fees can be obtained at www.sac.edu/nursing.

Students who are a “NO SHOW” for the first day of class will be dropped and replaced by an alternate.

MAJOR NURSING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN NURSING for the Concept-Based Curriculum

MAJOR NURSING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN NURSING:

<u>Course</u>	<u>Units</u>
<i>First Year</i>	
First Semester	
Nursing -Registered 170: Pharmacological Concepts of Nursing	2.0
Nursing-Registered 171 Principles of Nursing Practice and Simple Concepts	4.5
Nursing-Registered 171L Principles of Nursing Practice and Simple Concepts Lab	4.5
Second Semester	
Nursing-Registered 172 Family Health and Illness Concepts	4.0
Nursing-Registered 172L Family Health and Illness Concepts Lab	4.5
<i>Second Year</i>	
Third Semester	
Nursing-Registered 271 Mental Health and Acute Concepts	4.0
Nursing-Registered 271L Mental Health and Acute Concepts Lab	4.5
Fourth Semester	
Nursing-Registered 272 Complex Concepts	3.5
Nursing-Registered 272L Complex Concepts Lab and Preceptorship	<u>4.5</u>
Total 36 Units	

**Nursing-Registered 200 Role Transition (2)

**NRN 200 must be taken by all advance placement students prior to entering the Nursing Program; not required for generic students unless assigned as part of remediation.

Graduation requirements for the Associate Degree in Nursing (See Counseling regarding catalog rights for graduation requirements):

<u>Course</u>	<u>Units</u>
<i>Total nursing units required</i>	36
Biology 239, General Human Anatomy	4.0
***Biology 249, Human Physiology	4.0
***Biology 139 Health Microbiology (Biology 229 General Microbiology [5 units] accepted)	4.0
English 101/101H	4.0
Communication Studies 102 or 145 (at SAC) OR Communication 101 or 110 (at SCC)	3.0
Sociology 100/100H	3.0
Psychology 100/100H	3.0
Select one course from the Associate Degree Plan A, Social and Behavioral Science category, American Institutions	3.0

Select one course from the Associate Degree Plan A, Humanities category

3.0
Total 67 Units

*** These courses are required for Option III - 30 Unit Option LVN students.

Cultural Breadth and Lifelong Understanding/Self-Development graduation requirements are met for nursing students with completion of the Nursing major.

Math and reading proficiencies are required for graduation (See Associate Degree Requirements in the catalog). A TEAS reading score of at least 71.2% meets the reading proficiency.

The California BRN stipulates that RN students must complete sixteen (16) units of natural, behavioral, and social sciences as well as six (6) units of communications skills in addition to the approved nursing units to qualify for examination and licensure.

TRANSFER CREDIT

Applicants who have had previous courses at an accredited institution may transfer the equivalent general education and/or nursing courses to SAC. Applicants must have completed these courses passed at the institution and with a grade of "C" or better. Official transcripts must be submitted to the Admissions and Records Office. Counseling will evaluate general education courses for equivalency at any time during the year. The Program Director or designee will evaluate previous nursing courses for equivalency by appointment.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

General education requirements that are not prerequisite coursework may be completed before entering in the program, while on the entry list (for advance-placed students), or during the program. These requirements must be completed before taking the licensing exam. Contact SAC Counseling (714/564-6103) regarding general education requirements, equivalencies, and catalog rights.

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER REQUIREMENT

Some of the clinical/hospital sites require a student to have a social security number for computer access. A social security number is required to apply to take the licensing exam.

CHALLENGE CREDIT

The student with previous nursing education or experience may challenge any Nursing course per the BRN. Application for "Credit by Examination" may be obtained in the Admissions Office. The application must be completed by the student, processed by the Admissions Office, and submitted to the Health Sciences/Nursing Office. The application to challenge must be submitted within the first two weeks of the course. The student will be directed to the appropriate faculty and will be given objectives for the course. An appointment will be made to take the examination(s). **The student must be currently enrolled in the course.** The theory course must be successfully passed before challenging the concurrent clinical course. The student must meet all clinical requirements. Challenge courses require registration fees. Students may attempt "Credit by Examination" only once in a particular course. If a course has been failed, credit by examination will not be allowed. Grading for the "Credit by Examination," is on a pass/no pass basis.

RE-ADMISSION TO PROGRAM AFTER FAILURE/WITHDRAWAL

A student may re-enter the Nursing Program once after a withdrawal or failure. No student shall be re-admitted after two (2) withdrawals or failures of SAC Nursing Program courses. In cases of grave, extenuating circumstances, a consideration for re-admittance after two withdrawals or failures may be made by the Program Director.

SCHOLARSHIP/FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Contact the Financial Aid Office for information at 714/564-6242. The Scholarship Office (714/564-6478) and Health Sciences/Nursing Office can provide information about scholarships specific to nursing.

RECORD OF CONVICTION(S)

Please note: The California Board of Registered Nursing requires California Department of Justice and Federal Bureau of Investigation review prior to licensure (upon completion of the program). Section 480 (a) (1) of the Business and Professions Code, authorizes the BRN to deny licensure to applicants convicted of crimes substantially related to nursing. Anyone who wishes clarification may contact:

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EDUCATIONAL CONCERNS:

Students or concerned parties have the right to contact the Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) and/or the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) regarding concerns about the educational program. It is recommended that this be done after all college means for resolving problems/issues have been exhausted.

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