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Nursing  
**Registered Nurse (RN)**

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**A.S. Degree Requirements for Nursing Programs**

For application guidelines and materials, see the Nursing program website at [deanza.edu/nursing](http://deanza.edu/nursing).

1. Completion of a minimum of 90 quarter units of college credit, of which:
  - A minimum of 24 quarter units must be earned at De Anza College.
  - A maximum of 22 quarter units from another institution may be applied toward the major.
2. Completion of General Education requirements for Nursing A.S. degree students with a minimum 2.0 GPA (C average).
3. Completion of all De Anza courses must be with a minimum 2.0 GPA (C average) and all De Anza courses combined with courses transferred from other colleges or universities must be with a minimum 2.0 GPA (C average).

For the Nursing programs, completion of all major courses with a C grade or higher. Major courses can also be used to satisfy GE requirements.

**Registered Nurse (RN)**

**A.S. Degree**

Admission to the program is limited. The RN Program starts every quarter except summer quarter and it is six quarters in length. Nursing classes are not offered in the summer. The majority of courses are held in the daytime.

The Associate Degree Nursing program is approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing. The RN graduate is eligible to take the California State Board Examination for licensing (NCLEX-RN). Students are admitted to this program during the fall, winter and spring quarters. Once admitted, the program is six quarters in length (not including prerequisites).

*Program Learning Outcomes: Upon completion, students will be able to*

- Pass the professional licensure exam for Registered Nurse (NCLEX)
- Provide competent nursing care as a novice RN in multiple health care settings

**Admission Criteria**

Admission to the program is limited and based on the following:

- Completion of all prerequisites with the minimum grade requirements specified below.
- Completion of a nursing program application.
- Evidence of good health.
- Background check and drug test annually. Clinical sites may limit student participation depending on findings, which may prevent the student from completing the graduation requirements.
- A minimum 75% academic record calculation using the Chancellor's Formula (see the Nursing Program web site).
- Passing result on the Admission Assessment Exam with 75% in all the required subject areas.
- U.S. Social Security Number (SSN) or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) allowing employment in the U.S.

**Prerequisite:**

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The 10 prerequisites in this section will be used for screening and admission into the RN program.

These two prerequisites must be completed with a C grade or better:

NURS 50	Career Opportunities in Nursing (must be completed at De Anza)	2
MATH 109	Intermediate Algebra for Statistics	5
or MATH 114	College Math Preparation Level 3: Intermediate Algebra	
or MATH 130	Intermediate Algebra for Precalculus	

Complete MATH 109 or MATH 114 or MATH 130, its equivalent or higher level mathematics, or get a qualifying score for MATH 109 or MATH 114 or MATH 130 on De Anza's mathematics assessment test.

**These eight prerequisites or their equivalents must be completed with a "C" grade or better:**

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BIOL 26*	Introductory Microbiology	6
BIOL 40A*	Human Anatomy and Physiology	5
BIOL 40B*	Human Anatomy and Physiology	5
BIOL 40C*	Human Anatomy and Physiology	5
BIOL 45*	Introduction to Human Nutrition	4
PSYC 1	General Psychology	4

**Complete one course:**

**5**

ESL 5^	Advanced Composition and Reading (5)	
EWRT 1A	Composition and Reading (5)	
or EWRT 1AH	Composition and Reading - HONORS (5)	
or EWRT 1AT	Intensive Composition and Reading Stretch: Second Quarter (5)	

<b>Complete one course:</b>	<b>5</b>
COMM 1 Public Speaking (5)	
or COMM 1H Public Speaking - HONORS (5)	
COMM 10 Fundamentals of Oral Communication (5)	
or COMM 10H Fundamentals of Oral Communication - HONORS (5)	

\*Course must be completed within seven years of nursing program admission screening.

^ESL 5 restricted to students whose native language is not English.

<b>Prerequisite/Corequisite:</b>	<b>4</b>
Complete one of the following or its equivalent with a C grade or better and before or during the first quarter of the RN Program.	
ANTH 2 Cultural Anthropology (4)	
or ANTH 2H Cultural Anthropology - HONORS (4)	
SOC 1 Introduction to Sociology (4)	
<b>Prerequisite Units Required.....</b>	<b>50</b>

**Requirements:**

Admitted students complete the major courses and the Nursing General Education requirements to earn the degree.

<b>Major Requirements:</b>	<b>53.5</b>
Complete with a "C" grade or better:	

NURS 91A Health Assessment	2
NURS 91AL Health Assessment Lab	2.5
NURS 91B Fundamentals of Nursing/Sub-Acute	2
NURS 91BL Fundamentals of Nursing/Sub-Acute Clinical	2
NURS 91P Pharmacology I	1.5
NURS 92 Medical-Surgical Nursing	4
NURS 92L Medical-Surgical Nursing Clinical	4.5
NURS 92P Pharmacology II	1.5
NURS 93 Reproductive Health Nursing	2
NURS 93L Reproductive Health Nursing Clinical	2
NURS 93A Pediatric Nursing	2
NURS 93AL Pediatric Nursing Clinical	2
NURS 93PL Pharmacology III Laboratory	0.5
NURS 94 Gerontology Nursing	2
NURS 94L Gerontology Nursing Clinical	2
NURS 94A Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing	2
NURS 94AL Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing Clinical	2
NURS 95 Complex Health Challenges	4
NURS 95L Complex Health Challenges Clinical	4.5
NURS 96 Leadership and Management in Nursing	2
NURS 96L Leadership and Management in Nursing Clinical	4.5
NURS 96A Nursing Concept Integration	2
<b>Total Units Required, Incl. Prerequisites .....</b>	<b>103.5</b>

*Recommended*

NURS 201, 202, 203, 204

**Nursing A.S. Degree General Education Requirements**  
**Complete with a minimum 2.0 GPA:**

- One course from GE Area C1 - Arts (4 units)
- One course from GE Area C2 - Humanities (4 units)
- One unit from GE Area E in PE or PEA activities
- One Intercultural Studies course taken in Area C or D

Note: A.S. Degree General Education Areas A, B and D are satisfied through completion of the prerequisites and major courses.

**Advanced placement due to prior nursing education.**

The student must first complete the screening requirements for entrance into the Registered Nursing Program and be admitted to the program. Placement is done on a space-available basis only after equivalency of previous nursing education has been evaluated by the Director of Nursing.

For LVN students transitioning to the RN Program, see the LVN Transition to RN curriculum.

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