

## Prerequisites for Generic ADN Program

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Enrollment in the Nursing Program is open to persons regardless of sex, age, marital status, disability\*, ethnic group, religion or national origin. Persons with previous nursing education and/or experience may be considered for advanced placement and will be evaluated on an individual basis.

Students seeking admission to the Nursing Program must meet all of the following criteria:

- An overall grade point average of 2.5 in the core sciences which include: Human Anatomy, Human Physiology, and Microbiology with no grade less than "C" for each course is required. Students may repeat only one of the core science courses one time in the last 5 years. Please note that a "C" in all coursework will not earn a GPA of 2.5. Also note that a 2.5 is NOT competitive.
- College level, transferable English, minimum of three (3) semester units with a grade no less than "C."
- A cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 for all college coursework taken.
- Good standing student status (academic and in-progress).
- Before beginning the ADN Program, the student must successfully pass an approved assessment readiness test. This does not have to be completed at the time of application.
- Meet the minimum physical and mental qualifications to perform essential nursing functions.\*
- Pass a background check including social security verification and criminal history.
- High school education or equivalent.
- Submit a copy of the applicant's valid Social Security card.

### REGISTERED NURSING PROGRAM PREREQUISITES

The following general education prerequisites must be completed with a minimum of "C" or better before application or entry into the Generic ADN Program:

COURSE	TITLE	UNITS
BIOLOGY 200**	HUMAN ANATOMY	4.0
BIOLOGY 201**	PHYSIOLOGY	4.0
BIOLOGY 220**	MICROBIOLOGY	5.0
ENGLISH 101	READING AND COMPOSITION	3.0

\*\*Biology 105 is a prerequisite for Biology 200

\*\*Chemistry 103 & Biology 200 are prerequisites for Biology 201

\*\*Biology 105 and Chemistry 105 are prerequisites for Biology 220

Applicants who transfer completed science graduation requirements including anatomy, physiology and microbiology from another school not requiring chemistry and general biology as prerequisites will be granted science credit for graduation-see the [nursing counselor](#) for additional information.

### GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION WITH AN ADN

Prior to graduation all courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better. General education requirements may be completed concurrently with nursing coursework. However, due to the intensity of the nursing program, students are encouraged to complete general education prior to admission to the program. Number of degree applicable courses completed may be considered in the admission process. Students who have completed all required degree applicable GE courses will be given preference in the admission process if the number of qualified candidates is greater than the positions available.

## NURSING GENERAL EDUCATION

COURSE	TITLE	UNITS
PSYCHOLOGY 205	DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY	3.0
SPEECH 100 <i>OR</i>	INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS	3.0
SPEECH 101	PUBLIC ADDRESS	
ANTHROPOLOGY 210 <i>OR</i>	CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY	3.0
SOCIOLOGY 201	INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY	

## ADDITIONAL GENERAL EDUCATION FOR THE ASSOCIATE DEGREE

(These requirements are waived for students who have a BA or BS from a regionally accredited institution in the United States)

HISTORY <i>OR</i>		3.0
POLITICAL SCIENCE		
ARTS	ONE COURSE FROM ARTS AREA	3.0
HUMANITIES	ONE COURSE FROM HUMANITIES AREA	3.0
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	(PE 170 or 171 or 173 or 3 units of activity)	3.0

**READING** - Completion of **Reading 099** with a grade of "C" or better or passing the reading competency examination.

**MATH** - Completion of **Intermediate Algebra (Math 150 or 149)** or any higher level Math or with a grade of "C" or better or two years of high schools algebra with a grade of "C" or better and placement at the level of college algebra or higher on the math assessment test. Catalog rights will be honored for continuing Citrus College students.

\* *Humanities includes:* Foreign Languages, Humanities, Literature and Philosophy.

## REQUESTS FOR EQUIVALENCY

Requests for equivalency for core science courses must meet or exceed the 4.0 unit minimum with a laboratory component required by the California Community College Chancellor's Office. If you are uncertain whether a course taken inside or outside the California Community College system is equivalent to the Citrus College course, please the [nursing counselor](#).

## FOREIGN COURSEWORK

Course work completed in another country may be accepted to satisfy requirements for graduation. Foreign transcripts must be evaluated by a recognized foreign evaluation service. Please submit the foreign evaluation with the application. Consult the [counseling](#) department for assistance with equivalency.

## HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION OR EQUIVALENT

Applicants must provide proof of graduation from:

- An accredited high school in the U.S.A. by transcript or diploma, **or**
- Official international evaluation, **or**

Associate degree, **or** Baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution of higher education in the U.S.A., **or**

Documentation of a passing score on the General Education Development (GED) exam.

### **CREDIT BY EXAMINATION**

The Health Science Department follows the policy of Citrus College in allowing students to challenge classes through an examination process for equivalent nursing course content in situations where equivalent credit cannot be granted course for course. The Citrus College Policy states that a student in satisfactory scholastic standing who has completed at least 12 units at Citrus College may petition to receive Credit by Examination for coursework offered by the College.

### **NURSING PROGRAM TRANSFER PROCEDURE:**

All transfer students who have taken coursework in nursing at another nursing program will be evaluated on an individual basis. Previous nursing coursework must be no older than three years. The student must present a letter from the director of the former nursing program, stating the circumstances necessitating the transfer, and an evaluation of clinical safety. Students who are deemed unsafe in the clinical area are not eligible for transfer to the Citrus College Associate Degree Nursing Program. Transfer students must demonstrate competence in clinical skills and pass a dosage competency examination with a score of 90%, before admission to the program. Skills to be evaluated will be based on the level the student is applying to enter. Students who have not progressed in two nursing courses at another nursing program will not be eligible for entry. Students who have previously earned one non-progression will be eligible for entry but will not be allowed reentry if they do not successfully complete all courses in the Citrus program.

**Note:** *These selection criteria have been justified by the prerequisite validation study conducted by the Center for Student Success in consultation with the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office. Community colleges were notified of the findings of the Associate Degree Nursing Model Prerequisites Validation Study and in June 2005, the stated requirements above were recommended for use by ADN programs.*