

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE 4106 NURSING PROGRAMS

Nursing students who have already earned a baccalaureate or higher degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher learning are not required to complete any general education requirements that may be required for an associate degree. Instead, these students only need to complete the coursework necessary for licensing as a registered nurse.

The district shall utilize criteria published on the Merritt College Nursing Department's web site – www.Merritt.edu/ADN, current catalog, and current nursing department brochure when screening students for admission to the nursing program. General information is as follows:

- I. The Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program is approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing. This program is designed to prepare students for beginning positions in Registered Nursing. Upon successful completion of the program, students are eligible to take the state licensing examination for registered nurses. The course of study includes instruction in applied nursing sciences, related natural and social/behavioral sciences, and clinical nursing experience in hospitals and healthcare facilities located in the San Francisco Bay Area.
 - A. The AS degree in Nursing will be awarded upon satisfactory completion of the Group A Prerequisite requirements, the Group B General Education/Graduation requirements, and the Group C Major course requirements.
 - B. Applications are generally accepted each year from January 2 – March 1 for the class admitted the following Fall semester. All applications with supporting data (all transcripts, etc.) must be received no later than March 1. Applications may be hand-delivered or mailed to the Merritt College Associate Degree Nursing Program. Nonresident foreign students must first be cleared for admission through the International Student Advisor's Office. It is highly recommended that all students interested in the Nursing program see a counselor for guidance in preparation for the program and evaluation of prerequisites prior to applying.
 - C. No materials will be accepted after the application deadline date. Late or incomplete applications will not be evaluated.
 - D. Students may apply for admission only once per year.
 - E. In order to apply for admission into the ADN Program, students must complete the admission prerequisites (Group A courses). After completion of the Group A courses, students may apply to the ADN Program. Applications are evaluated to determine if the student is eligible to continue in the application process based upon the Chancellor's Advisory Model Prerequisites.
- II. Eligibility Requirements:
 - A. The student must be a graduate of an accredited high school or have passed the GED test or equivalent.
 - B. All prerequisite courses in Group A must be completed before applying for admission into the program.
 - C. Foreign transcripts must be submitted to an international education service for evaluation and official sealed results submitted with the application. Forms may be obtained from the Counseling Office.
 - D. Nonresident foreign students must see the International Student Advisor before applying.

III. Admission Criteria Effective Fall 2008:

The process by which students are admitted to the Associate Degree Nursing Program (ADN) changed for students applying for admission into the Program in Fall 2008 and subsequent terms. The Program adopted the Chancellor's Advisory Model Prerequisites for Enrollment in Associate Degree Nursing Program admission criteria. Students are required to complete all Group A prerequisites prior to applying to the ADN Program for admission. However, it is also highly recommended that students complete the Group B courses prior to entry into the ADN Program.

Application and Admission Process:

- A. The application process consists of the following criteria:
 1. All English coursework: 2.0 GPA or above is required.
 2. Biology Core (anatomy, physiology, and microbiology): 2.5 GPA or above is required.
 3. A formula approved by the State Chancellor's Office computes each student's cut score. A cut score of 80% or higher is required to meet eligibility requirements. Biology core repetitions adversely affect the overall score. All repeats, regardless of the grade (including a withdrawal "W" grade), are counted as a repetition.
 4. Students who have met the minimum cut score of 80% must also pass a diagnostic assessment test, the TEAS Exam. Students who fail to achieve a passing score will be required to complete additional Pre-Nursing coursework prior to admission and enrollment in the Nursing program. Pre-Nursing coursework and clearance of diagnostic assessment deficiencies must be completed to become eligible for admission to the program.
 5. A lottery is conducted that includes all students who show academic readiness by having received a passing score on the TEAS Exam. This lottery is used for selecting the students who will be admitted to and enrolled in the Nursing Program.

- B. The admission process requires all students selected for admission to the program to meet the following additional requirements:
 1. Attend an ADN Orientation as scheduled.
 2. A recent physical examination (within 6 months) certifying good physical health must be satisfactorily completed, at the student's own expense. Details of this requirement are outlined at the ADN orientation.
 3. CPR (Basic Life Support) certification must be current within one year at the time of admission and must remain current throughout the length of the program.
 4. Complete criminal background check and drug screening as detailed during ADN orientation.

- C. Upon admission to the college, students should obtain an Initial Evaluation Request Form from the college's Admissions and Records Office for courses completed at other colleges or universities.

IV. Course Requirements:**Group A – Prerequisite Requirements:**

<u>Dept/No.</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Units</u>
BIOL 20A	Human Anatomy and Physiology (5) and	
BIOL 20B	Human Anatomy and Physiology (5) OR	
BIOL 2	Human Anatomy (5) and	
BIOL 4	Human Physiology (5)	10
BIOL 3	Microbiology	5
ENGL 1A	Composition and Reading	<u>4</u>
Total Required Prerequisite Units:		19

Group B – General Education/Graduation Requirements:

Although Group B courses meet General Education (GE)/Graduation Requirements and can be completed prior to or after admission into the ADN Program, it is highly recommended that these courses be completed prior to admission into the program. With the exception of Ethnic Studies and Computer Literacy, each Group B course must be completed with a letter grade of grade of “C” or better. “C-” is not acceptable.

<u>Dept/No.</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Units</u>
MATH 203	Intermediate Algebra	4
ENGL 1B	Composition and Reading (4) or	
ENGL 5*	Critical Thinking in Reading and Writing (3)	3-4
PSYCH 1A	Introduction to General Psychology	3
SOC 1	Introduction to Sociology (3) or	
ANTHR 3	Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology (3)	3
COMM 20	Interpersonal Communication Skills	3
Plus:	Computer Literacy requirement	1
And:	Ethnic Studies requirement	<u>3</u>
Total Required GE/Graduation Units:		20-21

*If ENGL 5 is selected instead of ENGL 1B, an additional Humanities area 3 course is required to satisfy GE requirements. The minimum GE-unit requirement for the Associate degree is 19 units; some of these requirements can be met by the Group A prerequisite courses. Computer Literacy and Ethnic Studies are degree requirements that are not required by the BRN for licensure.

Group C – Degree Major Requirements:

The following courses are to be completed after admission into the ADN program. These courses must be completed with a grade of 75% or better in lecture (“74.99” is not acceptable), and satisfactory clinical performance in each section of a course:

<u>Dept/No.</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Units</u>
NURS 1	Fundamentals in Nursing: Beginning Principles of Health Care	9
NURS 3A	Perinatal Nursing	4
NURS 3B	Pediatric Nursing	4
NURS 4A	Intermediate Medical-Surgical Nursing	4
NURS 4B	Psychiatric Nursing	4
NURS 5	Advanced Medical-Surgical Nursing: Disruption in Homeostasis	9
NURS 10	Leadership and Management	1
NURS 11	Ethics and Law	1
NURS 12	Calculation of Drug Dosages for Health Professionals	1
NURS 13	Pharmacology in Nursing	3
NURS 14	Nutrition and Diet Therapy in Nursing	<u>2</u>
	Total Required Major Units:	42

Total Required Program Units: 81-82

Once admitted into the ADN Program, students with prior experience in the healthcare field, such as Licensed Vocational Nursing (LVN), may apply to challenge courses within the Nursing curriculum and seek advanced placement in the program. For information regarding advanced placement, challenge by examination, transfer, or the 30-unit option (BRN Regulation, Section 2736.6), refer to the website at www.Merritt.edu/ADN or contact the Nursing Program located in Building D, Room 102.

Note: Transfer-in or advanced-placement students will be admitted only on a space-available basis.

References:

Education Code Sections 66055.8, 66055.9, 70101-70106, 70120, 70124, 70125, 70128.5, 78260, 78261, 78261.3, 78261.5, 87482, 89267, 89267.3, and 92645;
Title 5 Sections 55060 et seq. and 55521;
Health and Safety Code Section 128050

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