RIVERSIDE CITY COLLEGE – SCHOOL OF NURSING
VOCATIONAL NURSING PROGRAM
4800 Magnolia Avenue, Riverside, CA 92506-1299

VOCATIONAL NURSING (VN) INFORMATION SHEET

General Information

1. The Vocational Nursing (VN) program is approved by the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians (BVNPT) and is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), Inc. Contact information for the BVNPT is 2535 Capitol Oaks Drive, Suite 205, Sacramento, CA 95833 (916) 263-7800. Contact information for ACEN http://www.acenursing.org/ is 3390 Peachtree Road, NE, Suite 1400, Atlanta, GA 30326 or call (404) 975-5000.

2. Applicants who have met all RCC general education requirements are eligible to earn an *Associate in Science Degree in Vocational Nursing (VN)* upon completion of the VN program and general education courses.

3. Applicants who have not met all RCC general education requirements are eligible to earn a *Certificate of Achievement* upon completion of the VN program.

4. The VN program graduate is eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-PN) for licensure as a Vocational Nurse in the State of California.

5. The VN Program requires 12 months of full-time study.

6 . Each Fall semester up to 70 candidates are accepted into the program. Those applicants who are not accepted must reapply the following year. There is no wait list.

For more information and a listing of Pre-Nursing Workshops, contact us at (951) 222-8407 or on our website. You may also contact RCC Counseling at (951) 222-8407.

Application to the School of Nursing:

Students applying to the School of Nursing must have all eligibility and prerequisite requirements completed or in progress at the time of application. The applicant is responsible for ensuring that **ALL** official up-to-date transcripts and other necessary documentation have been received by Riverside City College at the time of application.

1. Admission will be denied to an applicant who earned a grade of "C-" or less in a Vocational Nursing Program at another college.

2. Foreign transcripts must have a "Detailed Evaluation," and be submitted by the application deadline. Information can be obtained from the Counseling Office.

3. Students must have applied to RCC prior to submitting an application to the VN Program.

4. Meeting the minimum requirements of the program does not guarantee admission into the program.

Application Filing Period

The application filing period for the VN program is from the first business day of February to the first business day of March. Check the RCC School of Nursing web site or e-mail **nursing@rcc.edu** for exact dates.

PETITIONING STUDENTS: (Students applying to repeat a course or for transfer): Year round

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Applications may be obtained at RCC School of Nursing [website](#) during the application filing periods. Applications must be submitted electronically using the link located on the website. Please verify the current application filing period dates with the Counseling Department or School of Nursing Office at (951) 222-8407.

Requirements for Eligibility and Prerequisite Courses:

NOTE: Meeting the minimum eligibility criteria for the program does not guarantee admission to the program.

1. Complete an RCC application on CCCApply and be eligible to attend RCC.

2. Graduation from an accredited high school or equivalent (G.E.D., High School Proficiency Examination, Associate degree or Bachelor's degree). Official up-to-date transcripts required.

3. A cumulative grade point average of at least a 2.0 ("C") in all college course work attempted.

4. Be at least 17 years of age (Section 2866a, VN Nursing Practice Act).

5. **Prerequisite Courses (11 units):**

   a. BIO 45 or BIO 50 A and BIO 50 B
   b. Nursing 55 A and Nursing 55 B
   c. Psychology 9

6. A valid and current **California C.N.A Certificate.**
   a. An Active CNA certificate is required at the time of application for all VN program applicants.
   b. Students admitted to the VN program must maintain and keep their CNA certificate Active and verifiable throughout the program.
   c. Please see the RCC Nursing Assistant Training Program Information Sheet for information.
   d. The following link has a list with all of the C.N.A. programs in the state:
      http://www.cdph.ca.gov/services/training/Documents/CNATrainingPrograms.pdf

Anatomy and Physiology Requirement

Riverside City College encourages students to complete the entire series of Anatomy and Physiology at one school. This is due to the concern of possible missing components in curriculum when completed at separate colleges. Nursing applicants that have taken Anatomy and Physiology at two separate colleges are required to receive approval for these courses by requesting a "Course Equivalency" form from the Counseling or Evaluations Departments.

Transcript Requirements

Transcripts are "Official" when they are sent directly to RCC from the sending institution, or are hand-delivered by the student in a sealed envelope from the sending institution. Copies of transcripts/diplomas not accepted. Transcripts are "Up-to-date" when they are received by RCC no more than 90 days after the sending institution issued them, as verified by the date that the institution stamps on the transcript. If you need to request an official copy of your transcripts from other colleges previously attended, please visit the [Parchment](#) website. A transcript Request form is available in the Transfer Career Center. Transcripts that are not official and not up-to-date will be returned to the student, and will lower priority status if the official transcript is not submitted by the deadline. Please be aware that your transcripts will be purged after one year if you have never been enrolled at RCC, or if you have not been an RCC student for four years.

Selection Procedure

Selection for the VN program is competitive, with a varying percentage of spaces going to fully qualified applicants with the highest points *(See Vocational Nursing Program Point System)* and a varying percentage filled by random selection of qualified applicants. RCC reserves the right to designate a certain number of spaces for contract agreements and/or to meet grant-designated outcomes.
If a student is not offered a space in the program, a new application is necessary in the next application period. The School of Nursing has no wait list.

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Additional General Education Requirements (for Associate Degree in Vocational Nursing only)

The following general education courses are not required for admission to the VN program; rather, they are required for the completion of the ADN (VN) degree. Most students complete these requirements before entering the VN program due to the rigorous course load. The courses listed below are not required to earn a Certificate of Achievement

___ English Composition, Oral Communication, and Critical Thinking: (**English 1A/1AH; AND Academic Literacy and Reading 4 or Communication Studies 1/1H,2,3,6,9/9H or English 1B/1BH or Philosophy 11**   *7-8*

___ Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning: (**Computer Information Systems 5,7,14A, 17A, 18A, 30A, 70A, or Computer Science 5,7,8,14A, 17A, 18A, or Mathematics 1A/1AH, 1B, 1C, 2, 3, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12/12H, 23, 25, 26, 32, 36, 70A, 70 B, or Philosophy 32 or Psychology 48, 50 or Sociology 48, 50**)   *3- 4*

___ Arts and Humanities: (**see RCC College Catalog**)   *3-5*

___ Social and Behavioral Sciences: (**Psychology 9**)   *3*

___ Natural Sciences: (**Biology 45, or Biology 50 A and Biology 50 B**)   *3-8*   ___ Ethnic Studies: (**Ethnic Studies 1, 3, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 21, 23, 44; History 14, 15, 44; OR Philosophy 14; OR Political Science 21, 23**)   **3**

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NOTE: A grade of "C" or better is required in all general education courses used to fulfill requirements for the Associate Degree in Nursing

Required Nursing Courses (49.5 units)

Spring		Fall		Winter	
BIO 45	3	Nursing 42	13	Nursing 43	5.5
Nursing 55A & B	5	Nursing 42A	.05		5.5 units
Psychology 9	3		13.5 units		
	11 units				

Spring		Summer	
Nursing 44	13	Nursing 45	6
Nursing 44 A	.05		
	13.5 units		6 units

A minimum grade of "C" (75%) in each course is required in order to progress in the VN Program.

Expenses (per year)

1. Students pay Health Services ($50), parking ($150), Student Services Fees ($10) and tuition ($46) per unit each semester. The cost is approximately $2,550 for 12 months.
2. Students furnish their own uniforms. The cost is approximately $250.
3. The costs of nursing books and supplies are approximately $2,000.
4. Physical examination/lab work costs are approximately $98 - $600.
5. Background checks/CPR costs approximately $220.
6. It is recommended that students carry personal health and accident insurance including hospitalization. Policies are available to college students at reasonable rates. The college provides liability insurance at no cost to the student.
7. Students are required to purchase standardized testing package with a live NCLEX Review for use during the program. Estimated cost is $1200.00.

When planning expenses, students should be aware they may have to limit their hours of employment due to extensive VN Program requirements. Scholarships and grants are available to those students who qualify.

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Health Exam and CPR Certification

Students will be admitted to the program pending submission of a CPR card (American Heart Association BLS Healthcare Provider Course) valid for 2 years, and a completed health examination form with clearance permitting unrestricted functional activities essential to nursing practice in accordance with the American with Disabilities Act (1990). Health Exam and CPR Certification are not required at the time of application.

Background Check and Drug Screen

All new and readmitting students are required to demonstrate a clear background check and drug screen prior to enrollment in clinical courses. See the "Background Check/Drug Screen" policy for further details. The background check requires that students be able to provide a valid social security number. The process for obtaining the background check is available in the School of Nursing office.

California Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians: Substantial Relationship Criteria: (BVNPT 16 CCR 2521)

An applicant with a criminal conviction is permitted to apply for licensure, and to take the licensure examination if they meet all of the education and experience requirements. The final determination on the application with a criminal conviction is made only after the applicant takes and passes the licensure examination. By permitting an applicant to take the licensing examination, the Board does not waive its right to deny licensure based on convictions once an applicant passes the exam. The board will not tell people if they will be approved or not, as each decision is based on the specific facts and circumstances of the case. Any student having questions regarding his/her eligibility for licensure should contact:

> Enforcement Coordinator
> Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians
> 2535 Capitol Oaks Drive, Suite 205
> Sacramento, CA 95833   (916) 263-7800

Disclosure of Social Security Number/Tax ID Number

If you fail to disclose your social security number or ITIN number, your application for initial or renewal license will not be processed.

Fingerprint Requirement

Applicants for licensure are required to be fingerprinted for purposes of conducting a criminal history record check. The fingerprints remain on file with the California Department of Justice, and that agency provides reports to the Board of any future convictions on an ongoing basis. (Authority: Section 144, Business and Professions Code)

The Riverside Community College District Board of Trustees has adopted policies and procedures and has endorsed practices, which provide for the District and its employees and students to comply with all the applicable laws relating to prohibition of discrimination based on gender, age, race, color, national origin, religion, disability or sexual orientation.

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RCC School of Nursing
Vocational Nursing (VN) Program Point System

Applications are available during the filing period online at the School of Nursing website.
All college and High School Transcripts must be on file in the Counseling Department at the time of application

Selection for the VN program is competitive, with a varying percentage of spaces going to fully qualified applicants with the highest points and a varying percentage filled by random selection of qualified applicants. A total of 100 points are possible.

According to article 78263.1, under chapter 2 of part 48 of Division 7 of Title 3 of the Education Code, a community college allied health program that elects to use a multicriteria screening process to evaluate applicants shall apply those measures in accordance with all the following:

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Psychology 9, BIO 45, NVN 55A, NVN 55B

OR

Psychology 9, BIO 50A, BIO 50B, NVN 55A, NVN 55B

Note: Prerequisite for NVN 55B are BIO-45 or BIO 50A and BIO 50B.</td><td></td><td>GPA

(Minimum 2.1 GPA in prerequisites)</td><td>POINTS

(Up to 40 points possible)</td></tr>
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Criteria	Maximum Points Possible for the Category	Point Distribution
• Arts and Humanities (See College Catalog) • Communications 1 or 9 • English 1A • Ethnic Studies (See College Catalog) • Math 12 or PSY/SOC 48 • Sociology 1 or Anthropology 2	30 Points	Support Courses are not required to get into the program, but are used to earn extra points (maximum of 30 points for Supportive Courses. Points will be awarded for only one course/general education requirement *5 points for A * 3 points for B * 1 point for C * 0 points for D/F*
Academic degrees or diplomas, or relevant certificates and experience held by applicant from U.S. regionally accredited program(s).	16 Points	Associate or Bachelor's or Master's degree = 5 points State certification (EMT, Pharmacy Technician, Radiology Technician, Surgical Technician, etc.) = 7 points Other Allied Health Professions that have completed a course of study or individuals with documented medical military experience = 4 points
Veteran	4 Points	Four points for veterans who are active or discharged in good standing. Proof will be verified through the Veterans Services
Life experiences or special circumstances	8 Points	One point for each applicable life experience or special circumstance.

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of an applicant, including but not limited to the following: a. Disability* b. Low family income (eligibility for financial aid, Promise, EOPS, CalWorks) * c. First generation of family to attend college d. Need to work e. Disadvantaged social or educational environment f. Difficult personal and family situations or circumstances g. Refugee or veteran status h. Living in a medically underserved area or population, as designated by the federal Health Resources and Services Administration*		***Requires documentation upon application (see application).**
Proficiency or advanced level course-work in languages other than English. Credit for languages other than English shall be received for languages that are identified by the Chancellor's Office.	2 Points	Two points total for language proficiency. Languages include, but are not limited to, any of the following languages: American Sign Language Arabic Chinese, including its various dialects Farsi Russian Spanish Tagalog The various languages of the Indian subcontinent and Southeast Asia The various languages of the African continent
Total		**/100 points**