RCC-CSU Concurrent Enrollment Program (CEP)

General Information

The CEP program is a 2 ½ - 3 year (full-time) program for qualified applicants who choose to partipate and have met all CSU general education requirements prior to applying to the ADN (RN) program. A CEP applicant agrees to be dually enrolled in the RCC ADN (RN) program and CSU to complete simultaneous coursework for each higher education institution. CEP students are required to complete the RCC ADN (RN) nursing coursework in the manner as a student on the traditional ADN (RN) pathway. The RCC School of Nursing (SON) has no additional requirements for students who elect to participate in the CEP pathway. The RCC ADN (RN) graduate earns an Associate of Science Degree in Nursing and is eligible to apply for the the NCLEX-RN licensing exam as a Registered Nurse in the State of California.

Application to the School of Nursing

Students applying to the SON must have all eligibility, general education, and prerequisite requirements completed at the time of application. General education courses must be CSU certified prior to be considered for the program. The applicant is responsible for ensuring that **ALL** official up-to-date transcripts and other necessary documentation have been received by RCC at the time of application.

1. Admission will be denied to an applicant who earned a grade of "C-" or less in a nursing program at another college.
2. Foreign transcripts must have a *Detailed Evaluation*, and must 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 ADN (RN) program.
4. Meeting minimum requirements of the program does not guarantee admission into the program.

Application Filing Period

   SPRING SEMESTER - Application filing period between first business day of July to first business day of August.

   FALL SEMESTER - Application filing period between first business day of October to first business day of November

   PETITIONING STUDENTS: (Students applying for readmission or for transfer): Year-round.

Applications may be obtained at the Nursing website during the application filing periods. Applications are submitted electronically through the link provided. Please verify the current application filing period dates on the Nursing website or contact the School of Nursing at (951) 222-8407.

Requirements for Eligibility and Prerequisite Courses

To be considered for participation in the CEP, the following is required:

1. Complete a RCC ADN (RN) application and indicate on the application your interest in participating in the *RCC-CSU Concurrent Enrollment Program.*

2. Complete all RCC and CSU prerequisite and lower division GE requirements (see *CEP Program Map*).

3. Verify with the RCC SON Office for validation that prior coursework meets CSU general education requirements for fulfilling lower division categories A, B, C, and D.

4. Meet the overall minimum GPA of 2.75 in all RCC nursing preadmission required courses and an overall cumulative GPA of 2.75.

5. Maintain a 2.0 grade point average in all coursework while enrolled in the CEP program.

6. Register for and attend a *CEP Information Session*.

7. Complete the *Test for Essential Academic Skills (ATI TEAS-TEAS 6)* which is required for all applicants to the ADN (RN) program. Please see the *RCC SON TEAS Test* policy in the *SON Enrollment Committee Policy and Procedure Manual* for detailed information.

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

Advising

An RCC Nursing Counselor, Nursing Educational Advisor, and Nursing Enrollment and Evaluation Specialist are available for information regarding CEP and application advisement. Once admitted to the the RCC ADN (RN) program, CSU advisors are available on their respective campuses to meet in-person, virtually, or by email and phone.

RCC SON Students Interested in CEP	
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Students Who are Admitted to CSUF	
CSUF Academic Advisement Center http://www.fullerton.edu/aac/	
Students Who are Admitted to CSUSB	
Main Nursing Office: nursinginfo@csusb.edu CSUSB Advising: https://cns.csusb.edu/peer-advising-center Peer Advising Center: 909-537-7627	

Anatomy and Physiology Requirement

RCC 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 *Request for Equivalencies and Substitutions* form from the Counseling or Evaluations departments.

Selection Procedure

Available enrollment spaces are selected by rank order (highest points) based on points earned on the multicriteria factors and through random selection (see *Enrollment Criteria for RCC-CSU Concurrent Enrollment Program* - attached). RCC reserves the right to designate a certain number of enrollment spaces for contract agreements and/or to meet requirements grant-designated outcomes.

Applicants with a regionally accredited bachelor's degree from the United States (US) will be waived from completing the 6 general education courses, but must have taken the science prerequisites, satisfy the Statistics (MAT-12/12H or PSY/SOC-48) and PSY-9 requirements, and have taken courses in English Composition, Communication and Sociology/Cultural Anthropology.

Students must pass the *ATI Test for Essential Academic Skills (ATI TEAS – TEAS 6)* prior to program enrollment. Please see the *RCC SON TEAS Test* policy in the *SON Enrollment Committee Policy and Procedure Manual* for detailed information.

For specific information regarding the SON selection criteria, please see the *SON Enrollment Committee Policy and Procedure Manual.*

If a student is not offered a space in the program, a new application is necessary in the next application period. The SON has no wait list.

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 Transfer Student website. Transcripts that are not official and not considered *Up-to-Date* will be returned to the student, and will result in a lower priority status. 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.

Recommended Electives During Program

It is highly recommended that all nursing students enroll in a Nursing Learning Lab (B and/or C course) each semester. These electives provide opportunities for additional self-paced practice and mastery of nursing skills. Instructional guidance and computer assisted materials which support semester student learning outcomes are also available.

Expenses (per year)

1. Students pay Health Services Fees ($25), parking ($150), Student Services Fees ($30) and tuition ($46) per unit each semester. The cost is approximately $6,000 for four semesters and an intersession.

2. Students furnish their own uniforms. The cost is approximately $250.

3. The costs of nursing books, supply bag, iPad, testing platform and other required learning resources are approximately $2,500 for two years.

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 for use during the program. Estimated cost is $580.

   -CSUF https://sfs.fullerton.edu/services/fees/tuitionandcampusfees.php
   -CSUSB https://www.csusb.edu/student-financial-services/tuition-and-fees

When planning expenses, students should be aware they may have to limit their hours of employment due to the rigor required for the ADN (RN) program. Scholarships and grants are available to those students who qualify.

Health Examination and CPR Certification

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

Background Check/Drug Screen

All new and readmitting students are required to demonstrate a clear background check and drug screen prior to enrollment in the ADN (RN) program. See the *Background Check/Drug Screen* policy in the *SON Enrollment Committee Policy and Procedure Manual* 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 Registered Nursing Legal Limitation of Licensure: Misdemeanors/Felony Notification

Graduates of the ADN (RN) program are eligible to apply for the NCLEX-RN licensure exam. This requires that applicants submit fingerprints and report any prior conviction or any offense other than minor traffic violations. Failure to report such convictions can be grounds for denial of licensure. The BRN investigates convictions by obtaining information on the underlying facts of the case, dates and disposition of the case, and subsequent rehabilitation.

Questions pertaining to the legal limitations of licensure for such convictions should be addressed by the student to the BRN **prior** to beginning the ADN (RN) program: California Board of Registered Nursing, P.O. Box 944210, Sacramento, CA 94244-2100 or call (916) 322-3350; website www.rn.ca.gov.

Citizenship and Immigration Status Verification Required for VN/RN Licensure

The *Federal Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act* requires government agencies to eliminate *public benefits* to individuals who cannot provide proof of their legal status in the US. *Public benefit* has been interpreted to include a license issued by a state. This means that all applicants for licensure as vocational/registered nurses will be required to submit verification of citizenship or legal residence status in the US. A license will not be issued until legal status in the US has been confirmed by the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Disclosure of Social Security Number/Tax ID Number

Disclosure of one's social security number or tax ID number is mandatory for licensure by the BRN in accordance with Section 30 of the Business and Professions Code and Public Law 94-455 (42USCA 405 (c)(2)(C)).

Fingerprint Requirement

One requirement to qualify for the licensing examination is the submission of Live Scan fingerprints. These are evaluated by the California Department of Justice and the FBI.

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Enrollment Criteria for RCC-CSU Concurrent Enrollment Program

	CRITERIA	MAXIMUM POINTS FOR THE	POINT DISTRIBUTION
1	Academic degrees from regionally accredited program.	5 points	BS/BA 5 points
2	Grade point average in relevant course work.	49 points	a. Minimum 2.5 GPA in anatomy, physiology, and microbiology. GPA = 4.0 35 points GPA = 3.5 30 points GPA = 3.0 25 points GPA = 2.5 20 points b. Minimum 2.5 GPA in all remaining general education courses required for graduation. GPA = 4.0 14 points GPA = 3.5 12 points GPA = 3.0 10 points GPA = 2.5 8 points c. For applicants with a Bachelor's degree, the GPA points will be calculated from the grades in English, Psychology 9, Speech and Sociology/Cultural Anthropology.*
3	Life experiences or special circumstances of an applicant, including by not necessarily limited to, the following: a. Disabilities b. Low family income c. First generation of family to attend college d. Need to work e. Disadvantages social or educational environment f. Difficult personal and family situations or circumstances g. Refugee	2 points	Two points total for life experiences
4	Veteran	5 points	Five points for veterans who are active or discharged in good standing. Proof will be verified through Veterans Services.
5	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.
6	Assessment/readiness test results.	30 points	The points assigned are dependent upon the test cut score. For *ATI TEAS – TEAS 6*: 90 to 100 = 30 points 78 to 89 = 25points 71 to 77 = 20 points 62 to 70 = 15 points

| 7 | Recent work or volunteer experience with direct human patient care within the past 5 years. Must have verification from human resources or employer verifying the number of hours worked and job title. All must be submitted by the student by the application deadline. | 7 points | Licensed VN, Paramedic, Respiratory Therapists; documented medical military experience, (all with work experience ≥ 1000 hours) = 5 points.

OR

CNA or EMT (all with work experience ≥ 1000 hours) = 3 points.

OR

Clinical Care Extender or other program of volunteer activity ≥ 200 hours with direct human patient care contact = 1 point

AND

NXN-84 Prepare for Success in Nursing School with a "Pass" or better = 2 points.

OR

NRN-93 Dosage Calculations for Medical Professionals with a "B" or better = 2 points. |

*   Bachelor's degree students must have minimum of 6 semester or 9 quarter units in principles of verbal, written, and group communication (English and Communication) and 16 semester or 24 quarter units in related natural (anatomy, physiology, microbiology, chemistry) and behavioral and social (sociology, cultural anthropology, human development) sciences (California Nursing Practice Act, 2008).