

Registered Nursing

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Division of Health Science

The Registered Nursing program educates students for patient/client services in a variety of health care settings. Clinical experience in hospitals and other health care agencies is correlated with classroom instruction.

After satisfactory completion of all courses and the specified general education requirements of Cypress College, the individual will receive an Associate Degree in Nursing and will be eligible to take the Registered Nursing State Licensing Examination.

Graduates with the Associate Degree will find that nursing is a challenging, multi-faceted career choice. The many employment opportunities include working in hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, home health care agencies, clinics, physicians' offices, hospices and more.

The Department of Nursing articulates with most area universities, which means they accept lower division work from Cypress. Many of our graduates continue on to an upper division program of study specifically designed for registered nurses leading to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

The Nursing Program is approved by the California State Board of Registered Nursing and fully accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN, formerly NLNAC).

(If you have been convicted of any offense other than a minor traffic violation, it may prevent your attending clinical rotations where criminal background checks are required. You will be required to declare offenses on your state application to write the licensing exam, which may affect your eligibility to become licensed.)

Minimum Standards To Apply

1. Attend an information workshop. (Strongly recommended)
2. Eligible for admission to Cypress College.
3. High school graduation, or passing of the General Education Development tests (GED), or the High school Proficiency Test, or a graduate of an accredited college.
4. Minimum age of 17 years to apply. Must be 18 years old at the start of clinical training.
5. Good physical and mental health as determined by a medical examination upon admission to the program. See note.
6. Total college grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 "C" or better. Official transcripts of all colleges attended are required.
7. Completion of English 100C with "C" or better as determined by a counselor from transcript.
8. Completion of Biology 231C (General Human Anatomy), Biology 241C (General Human Physiology), Chemistry 101C is strongly recommended, and Biology 220C (Medical Microbiology) with "C" or better. All must have been completed within five years of application.

Note:

In compliance with the State Board of Registered Nursing Guidelines, no student with impaired health status (which includes use of legal or illegal drugs, alcohol, or other chemicals) shall be admitted or allowed to remain enrolled in the Nursing Program.

Students applying to the Nursing Program with a history of substance abuse, physical impairment, or mental/emotional impairment shall be required to provide proof of active participation in a recognized treatment program at the time of application.

Evidence of continuing rehabilitation may be required if admitted or re-admitted to the Nursing Program.

These standards are necessary for the Cypress College Registered Nursing Program to be in compliance with the Board of Registered Nursing Guidelines, and maintain full accreditation.

Application Procedure

1. Applications must be completed **online** beginning September. Please see the "How to Apply" link on the Health Science home page for more information.

<http://www.cypresscollege.edu/academics/divisions-special-programs/health-science/>

2. Applicants must submit the following **in person** by **October 1st**:

- Signature page of the application
- Copy of HS Diploma/GED, HS Proficiency Test or official HS transcript
- Official transcripts of all colleges attended (except Cypress and Fullerton Colleges)
- Be prepared to present photo ID.

Health Science Applications Office
Health Science Building/TE3
Cypress College
9200 Valley View St.
Cypress, CA 90630-5897

3. The Registered Nursing Program admits students twice each year: Fall and Spring. Applicants will be notified of status **via email**.

All applicants who wish to remain on the applicant list must file an updated application every year during the application period in September. Applicants again will be notified of updated status via email.

Notify the Health Science Applications Office
IN WRITING:
If you change your name, address, email address or telephone number **or** if you wish to withdraw your name as an applicant.

PLEASE NOTE:

F-1 visa students will not be accepted for admission into any program when applications by qualified U.S. citizens exceed space available.

Registered Nursing Program CURRICULUM

General Education Graduation Requirements

The following courses must be taken prior to the expected date of graduation with a grade of "C" or better:

	Units
PSY 101C Introduction to Psychology	3.0
SOC 101C Introduction to Sociology	3.0
Physical Activity and Health Requirement	1.0
Arts Requirement (Category C1)	3.0
COMM 100C Human Communication	3.0
Humanities Requirement (Category C2)	3.0
MATH 40 Intermediate Algebra or Higher.....	4.0
Reading Proficiency	

~ Proficiency test available - see counselor.

May be waived based on completion of a bachelor degree or higher at an accredited institution in the U.S.

* See Counselor/catalog

Nursing courses must be taken in specific sequence. For further information, see a Health Science Counselor. The student must attain a minimum grade of "C" in each required course to continue in the program.

PROGRAM PRE-REQUISITE COURSES	UNITS
ENGL 100C College Writing.	4.0
BIOL 231C General Human Anatomy.	4.0
BIOL 241C General Human Physiology.	4.0
BIOL 220C Medical Microbiology.	4.0

SEMESTER I	UNITS
NURS 191C Pharmacology in Nursing I	1.0
NURS 192C Fundamentals of Nursing	4.5
NURS 193C Intro to Med-Surg/Geriatric Nursing.. .	3.5

SEMESTER II	UNITS
NURS 195C Pharmacology in Nursing II	1.0
NURS 196C Med-Surg Nursing I.	5.0
NURS 197C Maternal/Newborn Nursing.	3.5

SEMESTER III	UNITS
NURS 291C Pharmacology in Nursing III.	1.0
NURS 292C Med-Surg Nursing II.	5.0
NURS 293C Mental Health Nursing.	3.5
NURS 294C Geriatric Nursing.	3.0

SEMESTER IV	UNITS
NURS 295C Pharmacology in Nursing IV.	0.5
NURS 296C Child/Family Nursing.	3.5
NURS 297C Med-Surg Nursing III.	5.0

PLEASE REFER TO BACK PAGE FOR MOST CURRENT INFORMATION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Incoming Registered Nursing Students:

Recent changes in health care have caused clinical facilities to mandate that all nursing students carry health insurance. **All nursing students must have documentation of health insurance** to be allowed to provide patient care in the clinical areas. This required health insurance differs from the mandatory health fee collected from each enrolled Cypress College student.

For students who do not have health insurance, this process needs to be started through Covered California as soon as possible since the process may take several months.
<https://www.coveredca.com>

Nursing Entrance Exam Information:

The State of California is now requiring all community college nursing applicants to pass a national standardized, validated nursing entrance exam. Applicants selected to enter the Nursing Program will be required to pass this exam.

The **Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)** will be used by the Cypress' nursing program. The TEAS is a multiple-choice assessment that will cover English and Language Usage, reading, mathematics and science. For more information on the TEAS, applicants may go to: <http://www.atitesting.com/global/students/teas-faq.aspx>

Applicants who fail to meet the required scores will be given one year to remediate. Admission to the Nursing Program will be deferred for one year until remediation is completed. Students who need to remediate will meet with a nursing counselor to develop their plan. Students are required to communicate with the nursing counselor as they progress with the plan.

Please note this is not part of the selection criteria but a condition of acceptance.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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