

26-27 Associate Degree Nursing (RN)



ABOUT THIS MAJOR

Registered Nurses use a scientific process to plan care for people in acute illnesses and teach them how to stay healthy or cope with their illness. They may give medicine, treatments, tests, injections, or draw blood as prescribed by the Physician. Associate Degree Nursing prepares students to become Registered Nurses. The program follows

the roles and responsibilities of the professional entry level registered nurse as defined in the State's nursing practice act. Graduates are prepared to take the National Council Licensure Exam for Registered Nurses. This exam is required by the California Board of Registered Nursing and the boards of nursing of other states and U.S. Territories for licensure as a registered nurse. For more information, visit the [Health and Safety Sciences](#) division.

TO EARN A DEGREE A STUDENT MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

- [1] Completion of a minimum of 60-semester units or 90 quarter units of degree applicable courses
- [2] A minimum of 18-semester units in a major
- [3] Completion of 21 units AVC General Education Requirements
- [4] Minimum overall grade point average of 2.0
- [5] A "C" or better in all courses required for the major

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[Total Units 72]

The following **program prerequisites** must be completed prior to applying to the program with a 2.5 GPA and grades posted on official transcript at the time of application

Biology Repeat Policy:

Max 1 repeat allowed in BIOL 201/202/204. More than one repeat in any of these course's results in ineligibility to apply. Grades of D, F, and W count as attempts.

Program Prerequisites: TOTAL 21 UNITS (2.5 GPA minimum)	
BIOL201 - General Human Anatomy	4
Prerequisite: Completion of BIOL 100 or C10001 or 102 or 110 or 120	
BIOL202 - General Human Physiology	4
Prerequisite: Completion of BIOL 201 and CHEM 101	
BIOL204 - General Microbiology	5
Prerequisite: Completion of BIOL C 1001 or 110 or 120, and CHEM 101 or CHEM 110 or CHEM 110H	
ENGLC1000/H - Academic Reading and Writing/Honors	4
STATC1000/H - Introduction to Statistics/Honors	4

Required Courses: (C or better) TOTAL 36 UNITS	
Formal admission to RN program to enroll in the following courses	
NS101A - Fundamentals of Nursing Science	8
NS102A - Maternal and Newborn Nursing	3.5
NS103A - Medical Surgical Nursing I	5.5
NS201A - Psychiatric-Mental Health Nrs	3
NS202A - Medical Surgical Nursing II	5.5
NS203A - Pediatric Nursing	4
NS204A - Medical Surgical Nursing III	5.5
NS205A - Transition to Prof Nursing	1

Required General Education Courses: 18 UNITS	
Courses may be taken prior to being admitted to the RN program	
COMMC1000/HONORS - Introduction to Public Speaking	3
PHIL201 - Critical Thinking	3
PSY236 - Developmental Psychology	3
Prerequisite: Completion of PSY 101	
SOCIC1000 OR SOCIC1000H - Intro to Sociology/Honors	3
AVC GE area 6 Ethnic Studies - see back	3
Required HIST course: choose ONE option below:	
HISTC1001 - United States History to 1877	3
HISTC1001H - United States History to 1877 - Honors	3
HISTC1002 - United States History since 1865	3
HISTC1002H - United States History since 1865 - Honors	3

RECOMMENDED PATHWAY

Registered Nursing

The Recommended Plan of Study is determined by the discipline faculty
Take classes in **Summer** or **Intersession** if needed to complete your degree in a timely manner!

Fall/Spring: Max 19 units | Summer: Max 9 units | Intersession: Max 6 units

Prerequisite for Program

Course	Units
BIOL 201 (AVC GE AREA 5)	4
BIOL 202	4
BIOL 204	5
ENGL C1000/H (AVC GE AREA 1A)	4
STAT C1000/H (AVC GE AREA 2)	4
Total Prerequisite Units	21

SEMESTER 1

Course	Units
PSY 236 (AVC GE AREA 4)	3
NS 101A	8
COMMC1000 OR COMMC1000H (AVC GE AREA 1C)	3
Total Units	14

SEMESTER 2

Course	Units
NS 102A	3.5
NS 103A	5.5
PHIL 201(AVC GE AREA 1B)	3
Total Units	12

SEMESTER 3

Course	Units
NS 201A	3
NS 202A	5.5
SOCIC1000 OR SOCIC1000 HONORS	3
AVC GE AREA 6: ETHNIC STUDIES	3
Total Units	14.5

SEMESTER 4

Course	Units
NS 203A	4
HIST COURSE: choose one from list (AVC GE AREA 3)	3
NS 204A	5.5
NS 205A	1
Total Units	13.5

COUNSELING NOTE SECTION

RN Application: All pre-requisite courses must be completed. All substitutions/equivalencies must be approved. Any courses noted as in progress or pending approval will disqualify your application. For more up to date information visit the RN website: <https://www.avc.edu/program/registered-nursing>

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

- **Fall Admission:** - March 1, 2027 - March 31, 2027 to be considered for fall '27 admission.
- **Spring Admission:** Sept. 1, 2026 - Sept. 30, 2026 to be considered for spring '27 admission.
- **Online Application:** <https://www.avc.edu/program/registered-nursing>

Please note, we will not accept any documents (forms, transcripts, educational plans etc.) before the application period begins or after it has closed. Any items received outside the application period will not be considered or saved.

Effective Fall 2026 - CCN
BIOL C1001 (formerly BIOL 101) HIST C1001/H (formerly HIST 107/H) SOCIC1000/H (formerly SOC 101/H)
BIOL C1001L (formerly BIOL 101L) HIST C1002/H (formerly HIST 108/H)

Honors Courses: HISTC1001H/ HISTC1002H/ COMMC1000H/ SOCIC1000H/STATC1000H/ ENGLC1000H.

Students may enroll in either the honors or the non-honors version of these courses. If you complete both versions, you will receive credit for only one. This honors course is intended for students in the Honors Transfer Program. For more information about Honors Transfer Alliance Program visit: <https://www.avc.edu/academics/programs-and-pathways/honors>

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SELECTION PROCEDURES FOR GENERIC APPLICANTS:

1. Enrollment packets are no longer accepted year-round. Students wanting to apply for spring admission, applications will be available in September and students wanting to apply for fall admission, applications will be available in March. Exact dates are subject to change and will be posted to the Registered Nursing Academic web page. Submission of applications during the application period does not guarantee admission for the next semester. During the application period, students must submit complete application packets with all requirements and completion of the TEAS in order to be considered.

2. The student is responsible for informing the Nursing Department office of any change of address, telephone number, name and/or email contact information.

3. Students can apply to the program without their TEAS however admission will not be offered until this requirement has been met. During the application period, students can request a one time use first come first serve code to take the test at no cost to the student. After prerequisites are verified, the division office will issue the code. This is not guaranteed to take place before the deadline. If a student failed the TEAS® twice while applying to the LVN-RN program, the student will not be allowed to take the TEAS® to enter the generic ADN program. Students who attain a satisfactory score on the test (currently 62% or higher) will be considered for the next step in the enrollment process. If a student is unsuccessful on the first attempt, they will have to pay to retake. Should a student be unsuccessful on both attempts, they will be disqualified from the program. Students who attain a satisfactory score on the second test will be considered for the next step of the selection process. The results of the ATI TEAS® must be on file with the Nursing Department office at AVC for consideration. Exceptions to this procedure will not be granted.

4. Each March (for fall enrollment) and September (for spring enrollment) students will be ranked based on their scholastic eligibility. Scholastic eligibility is determined by multi-screening criteria, which consider previous academic degrees, GPA in relevant science courses, GPA in remaining prerequisite courses, work, life experiences and special circumstances, proficiency or advanced coursework in languages other than English, and results on the assessment test. Students who are not accepted do not need to reapply; they will remain on the waiting list for the next available enrollment period. Applications will be kept for 2 years and then the student must reapply.

5. A physical examination will be required after conditional acceptance into the program. The purpose of the examination is to ensure the absence of communicable disease and to ensure that the student is not adversely affected by physical and/or mental illness that may endanger the health and safety of a patient.

6. A drug and alcohol screening will be required. Information will be provided with the physical examination form.

7. Students are required to have background screening for felonies, misdemeanors, fraud and abuse, sexual crimes, and social security number verification. Information on how to obtain a background screening will be given to students with enrollment letters.

8. Students must have personal liability insurance and American Heart Association CPR training for health care providers. Information about these requirements will be sent to students with the enrollment letters.

9. Enrollment to the program can only be deferred one time.

What to know before you apply:

* Beginning January 2026, applications for admission will be **online only**. *

- Beginning January 1, 2026, the Health and Safety Sciences Office will no longer accept physical applications. This process will be online only.
- You must sit with an AVC counselor and receive a completed educational plan. (All prerequisite courses must be completed. All substitutions/equivalencies must be approved. Any courses noted as in progress or pending approval will disqualify your application). This form is required to apply. You will be prompted to upload a copy when submitting your application. You must ensure you have sent your transcripts to the AVC transcripts office in order to receive an educational plan.
- Counseling **WILL NOT** schedule students for an educational planning and evaluation of transcripts two weeks from the application deadline. Please do not wait until the last minute to schedule this appointment if you are trying to apply by the deadline. **If you are requesting an equivalency or a substitution, allow at least six weeks for the process to be completed.**
- If you are trying to receive additional points for work experience, volunteer hours, language proficiency, or personal experiences, please download and correctly complete the appropriate forms to upload with your application. You will not get credit for these items if you do not upload the appropriate forms.
- High School Graduation or GED Completion is a requirement for this program unless you have a college degree (Associates or higher) which can be used in lieu of. However, it must be posted on your official college transcripts. If this does not apply to you, you will have to send your official transcripts showing graduation of high school or GED completion. We do not accept certificates of completion or diplomas.
- We no longer will accept physical transcripts and will only accept official electronic ones. This means you will have to request them through your institution or parchment. We will only accept transcripts during the application period. We will not accept ANY electronic transcripts directly from the student. They must come from the official institution. All required courses must be completed, we will not accept any noted as "in progress". If you are trying to receive credit for a degree, it must be posted on your transcript. We do not accept diplomas.
- Transcripts must be sent to healthsciences@avc.edu during the application period. Any received outside the window will not be accepted.
- You will have to send transcripts from ALL colleges you have attended INCLUDING AVC. The link to purchase your electronic transcript from AVC only is noted below. Transcripts sent directly from the student will not be accepted. They must come from the institution.
- If you attended high school or college outside of the United States and would like to use those courses for credit, you will have to have your transcripts evaluated by a NACES approved agency.
- You can apply to the program without your TEAS however you will not be offered admission until you have completed this requirement. If you are applying and choose to request a one time first come first serve code to test at no cost to you, if available, one will be provided. You must have an application on file in order to request a code. You must receive at least a 62% on the TEAS. If you are unsuccessful on the first attempt, you will have to pay to retake. If you are unsuccessful on both attempts, you will be disqualified from our program. Please note, if you are requesting a code, you are not guaranteed to receive it before the deadline to be considered for admission.
- Only submit ONE application. Submitting multiple does not make the chances of acceptance higher but will make the screening process take longer.
- You must have an AVC email address in order to complete the online application. If you are having issues with your email, please contact ITS at help@avc.edu.
- Once you submit, keep a copy of the response email informing you it has been submitted. Technical difficulties can occur. This is your proof that you submitted within the application window.

Please note, we will not accept any documents (forms, transcripts, educational plans etc.) before the application period begins or after it has closed. Any items received outside the application period will not be considered or saved.

Link to purchase AVC Electronic Transcript: <https://www.parchment.com/u/registration/34993/institution>

Forms for Application: [Language Proficiency Verification.pdf](#), [Experience Verification Form All Programs.pdf](#)

COUNSELING NOTE SECTION

The chart below shows the combination of grades that will **NOT** meet minimum G.P.A. requirements

ENGLC1000/H (4 units)	C			
STATC1000/H (4 units)	C			
Total GPA	2.0			
BIOL 201 (4 units)	C	B	C	C
BIOL 202 (4 units)	C	C	B	C
BIOL 204 (5units)	B	C	C	C
Total GPA	2.38	2.31	2.31	2.0

Prerequisite: If a course is listed as a prerequisite for another course, that prerequisite course must be completed with a satisfactory grade to enroll in the next course. A satisfactory grade is a grade of "A," "B," "C" or "P". Students who enroll in classes for which they do not meet the prerequisites will be involuntarily dropped. Students will be notified of this involuntary drop. Title 5, Section 55200(d)

INFORMATION and RESOURCES

Tutoring Assistance
Transfer Center
Basic Needs

Career Center
Office of Students with Disabilities
Financial Aid

AVC Student Health Services
Palmdale Center
Counseling Division

AVC GE AREA 6: ETHNIC STUDIES Effective Fall 2026

ETHN 101, 102, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114; ENGL 257 OR ETHN 257EN,