

REGISTERED NURSING ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREE

Division: Health Science

PROGRAM CODE: 1S03785

Financial Aide Eligible

The **Registered Nursing Associate in Science Degree** educates nursing 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. At the satisfactory completion of all courses and the specified general education requirements, the individual will receive an Associate in Science degree and will be eligible for the National Licensing Exam (NCLEX). This degree requires a total of 65 units in addition to other general education requirements.

Code	Title	Units
Prerequisites (16 units):		
BIOL 231 C	General Human Anatomy ¹	4
BIOL 241 C	General Human Physiology ¹	4
BIOL 220 C	Medical Microbiology ¹	4
ENGL 100 C	College Writing ²	4
Total Units		16

¹ Must be taken within five years of application.

² A score of 3 or higher on the Advanced Placement (AP) English Lang. and Comp. or English Lit. and Comp. exam meets this requirement upon petition through Admissions and Records. See a counselor for more information.

Code	Title	Units
SEMESTER I		
NURS 191 C	Pharmacology in Nursing I	1
PSY 101 C	Introduction to Psychology ^{2,4}	3
NURS 192 C	Fundamentals of Nursing	4.5
NURS 193 C	Intro to Med-Surg Gero Nursing	3.5
Physical Education Requirement		1
SEMESTER II		
NURS 195 C	Pharmacology in Nursing II	1
SOC 101 C	Introduction to Sociology ⁴	3
NURS 196 C	Med-Surg Nursing I	5
NURS 197 C	Maternal and Newborn Nursing	3.5
Summer Session		
ART (Category C1) Requirement		3
SEMESTER III		
COMM 100 C	Human Communication ⁴	3
NURS 291 C	Pharmacology in Nursing III	1
NURS 292 C	Medical-Surgical Nursing II	5
NURS 293 C	Mental Health Nursing	3.5
NURS 294 C	Geriatric Nursing	3
SEMESTER IV		
NURS 295 C	Pharmacology in Nursing IV	0.5

NURS 296 C	Child and Family Nursing	3.5
NURS 297 C	Med-Surg Nursing III	5
Humanities (Category C2)		3-5
Total Units		56-58

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² **A score of 3 or higher on the Advanced Placement (AP) Psychology exam meets this requirement upon petition through Admissions and Records. See a counselor for more information

³ ***A score of 3 or higher on the Advanced Placement (AP) Math (Calculus AB) or Math (Calculus BC) exam meets this requirement upon petition through Admissions and Records. See a counselor for more information.

⁴ #May be taken prior to program for selection purposes, but must be completed at least by semester indicated.

⁵ ##Proficiency Examination available - see Health Science Counselor.

⁶ ###Must be taken within five years of application.

All nursing courses are challengeable. See Nursing Program Director.

Graduation requirements: Social Justice, Equity and Sustainability (beginning Fall 2000 catalog, the nursing program meets the requirement) and Reading Proficiency. See Counselor/Catalog.

Program Student Learning Outcomes:

A student who completes this program (degree/certificate) will

1. acquire the skills, knowledge and competencies, including pharmacology, fundamentals, medical-surgical and specialty nursing necessary for licensure and employment as a Registered Nurse.

https://www.curricunet.com/Cypress/reports/program_report.cfm?programs_id=1495

Minimum Standards for Applicants

1. Eligibility for admission to Cypress College.
2. High school graduation, or passing of the General Education Development Test (GED), or the High School Proficiency Test, or a graduate of an accredited college.
3. Good physical and mental health as determined by a medical examination upon admission to the program. 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.
4. Total college grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 with a grade of C or better.

5. Completion of ENGL 100 C with a grade of C or as determined by a counselor from transcript.
6. Completion of BIOL 231 C General Human Anatomy, BIOL 241 C General Human Physiology, (CHEM 101 C Chem for Health Sci Majors I strongly recommended), and BIOL 220 C Medical Microbiology with a grade of C or better. All must have been completed within five years of application.

repeated or the student may receive credit by challenge examination, or be evaluated on an individual basis.

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BIOL 231 C	General Human Anatomy	4
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BIOL 220 C	Medical Microbiology	4

Application Procedures

Applications must be completed **online** during the first week of September. Please see the Health Science Application on the Registered Nursing home page.

Applicants must submit official transcripts to Cypress College Admissions and Records (except Cypress and Fullerton Colleges), by the official transcripts due date, posted on the Health Science Application page.

The Nursing Program admits students twice each year, fall and spring.

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 Curriculum

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 or better in each required course to continue in the program.

All students will have to meet the prerequisites of English 100C, Anatomy, Physiology, and Microbiology. The nursing program also requires completion of Introduction to Psychology, Introduction to Sociology, and Human Communication.

Per SB 139, section 66055.8 of the Education Code, California Community Colleges that operate a registered nursing program shall waive the general education requirements for the associate of science degree, in Nursing, for any student who has been admitted to the program and who has already earned a baccalaureate or higher degree. Cypress College will only accept degrees granted from a regionally accredited institution of higher education.

Transfer of Credit

Transfer credit for nursing courses taken from another accredited institution may be granted provided the applicant meets the Cypress College Department of Nursing entrance requirements and space is available in the program. Contact the Health Science Application Office for written policy and procedure.

Credit will be granted on an individual basis after evaluation by the Department of Nursing. Transfer credit for equivalent general education courses required by the Department of Nursing will be granted if the course has been completed at an accredited college.

Any required course in the biological listed below, completed over five years previous to the time the student applied to the program, must be