

## **ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM (RN)**

### **PROGRAM DISCRIPTION**

The Mt. San Antonio College Nursing Program, approved and accredited by the California Board of Registered Nursing, is a two-year program designed to prepare men and women to give direct nursing care to clients in various practice settings. The program consists of course work in nursing, science, general education and clinical nursing practice at local hospitals and health agencies. Graduates of the program receive an Associate in Science Degree in Nursing and are eligible to take the NCLEX-RN examination leading to licensure as a Registered Nurse.

### **PREREQUISITE COURSES**

1. Human Anatomy, including a laboratory component, a minimum of four (4) semester units.
2. Human Physiology, including a laboratory component, a minimum of four (4) semester units.
3. Microbiology, including a laboratory component, a minimum of four (4) semester units.
4. English 1A (Writing Composition) minimum of three (3) semester units with a minimum grade of C.

### **Non-course requirements:**

1. An overall grade point average of 2.5 for the Human Anatomy, Human Physiology, and Microbiology prerequisite courses with no grade less than a "C" for each course and no more than one repetition of any one of these courses.
2. A cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 for all college coursework completed.
3. Eligibility for Math 51
4. High school graduation or GED or academic degree from an accredited college/university in the United States.
5. Criminal background check and drug screening must be completed prior to any patient contact.
6. A physical examination, including specific immunizations is required of all candidates prior to the beginning of nursing classes.
7. Current Level C-Provider CPR certification

## REGARDING LICENSURE

The California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) protects the consumer by screening applicants for licensure in order to identify potentially unsafe practitioners. The BRN may deny applications for interim permits, temporary licenses, and permanent licensure, if the applicant has been found guilty of dishonesty, fraud or deceit, felony child abuse, sex offender crimes, acts involving narcotics, dangerous drugs or devices, assault and/or battery, and other crimes. Applicants who have questions regarding limitations related to licensure should contact the California Board of Registered Nursing at (916) 322-3350 or access its website at [www.rn.ca.gov](http://www.rn.ca.gov).

## REQUIREMENTS FOR NURSING

### Semester 1

Nursing 1 A The Nursing Process I	4.75 units CSU
Nursing 1 B The Nursing Process II	4.75 units CSU
Nursing 2 Pharmacology	2.0 units CSU

### Semester 2

Nursing 3 Medical-Surgical Nursing: Locomotion/Sensation/Integument/ Oncology/Immunology	3.5 units CSU
Nursing 4 Maternity Nursing	3.0 units CSU
Nursing 5 Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing	3.0 units CSU

### Semester 3

Nursing 6 Pediatric Nursing	3.0 units CSU
Nursing 7 Medical-Surgical Nursing: Nutrition/Elimination/Surgical Asepsis	7.0 units CSU

### Semester 4

Nursing 8 Medical-Surgical Nursing: Circulation and Oxygenation	5.0 units CSU
Nursing 9 Leadership	1.0 unit CSU
Nursing 10 Medical-Surgical Nursing: Integration/Regulation	4.0 units CSU
Nursing 11 Preceptorship In Nursing	2.0 units CSU

**Total Units                    43.0**

## REQUIREMENT FOR THE MAJOR

*ANAT 35 Human Anatomy, and	5.0 CSU, UC
*ANAT 36 Human Physiology, or	5.0 CSU, UC
ANAT 10A Introductory Human Anatomy, and	4.0 CSU, UC
ANAT 10B Introductory Human Physiology	4.0 CSU, UC
*MICR 1 Principles of Microbiology, or	5.0 CSU, UC
MICR 22 Microbiology,	4.0 CSU, UC

ENGL 1A Freshman Composition	3.0 CSU, UC
CHLD 10 Child Growth and Development or	3.0 CSU, UC
PSYC 14 Developmental Psychology	3.0 CSU, UC
PSYC 1A Introduction to Psychology	3.0 CSU, UC
SPCH 1A Public Speaking, or	3.0 CSU, UC

**Total Units            24.0-27.0**

PSYC 1A must be completed prior to entrance into NURS 5: Psychiatric Nursing. CHLD 10, or PSYC 14 must be completed prior to entrance into NURS 6: Pediatric Nursing.

**\*NOTE:** Applicants planning to continue their education and enter a baccalaureate program in nursing will need to complete ANAT 35 and ANAT 36 instead of ANAT 10A and ANAT 10B and MICR 1 instead of MICR 22.

### **REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ASSOCIATE DEGREE**

Students must develop an education plan with a counselor or educational advisor to complete college academic requirements for the AS degree. Contact the Counseling Department or Advising Center to schedule an appointment.

### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Beginning Fall 2006, students applying for admission to the Nursing Program will be required to see either a counselor or educational advisor to verify their eligibility to enter into the nursing admission lottery.

Procedure:

1. Students must complete all course prerequisites prior to requesting an appointment for certifying readiness to enter into the Nursing lottery process:

#### **Course Prerequisites:**

- a. ANAT 10A or 35, Human Anatomy;
  - b. ANAT 10B or 36, Human Physiology
  - c. MICRO 1 or 22, Microbiology
  - d. ENGL 1A, Freshman Composition
2. Eligibility for entering the Nursing admission lottery will be based on the following performance criteria:

#### **Performance Criteria:**

- a. A grade point average of 2.5 in Human Anatomy, Human Physiology and Microbiology. Each course must be completed with

- a minimum grade of “C”, and no more than one repetition of one course.
  - b. English composition must be completed with a grade of “C”, or higher;
  - c. A minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5, in all college coursework completed at the time of certification;
  - d. Students must have eligibility to enroll in MATH 51, Elementary Algebra.
3. The eligibility appointment:
- a. Once a student has completed all course prerequisites, they may request an appointment with a counselor or educational advisor.
  - b. Students who have completed coursework at other colleges must bring the following information to their eligibility appointment:
    - Official transcripts of all college work completed at all colleges;
    - If the prerequisite courses were completed at another college, a course description and a copy of the course syllabus;
    - Students completing college coursework outside of the United States will need to have their transcripts evaluated by an approved international transcript evaluation agency and must bring the final evaluation to their appointment (students may be able to obtain a list of agencies from the Admissions & Records Office).
  - c. All students will need to bring official proof of high school graduation, GED, or college graduation from an accredited institution in the United States.

APPOINTMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION WILL ONLY BE MADE DURING THE FOLLOWING MONTHS:

- SEPTEMBER 1 – NOVEMBER 30
- MARCH 1 – MAY 30

Students should also be aware that once they have been admitted to the Nursing program and before beginning the clinical portion of the program, they will need to be able to pass both a criminal background check, including a screening by the Office of Inspector General for welfare or Social Security fraud, as well as testing negative for drug use.

***FINAL SELECTION OF STUDENTS FOR EACH NURSING CLASS WILL BE DETERMINED BY LOTTERY.***

**ALL APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO MEET THE ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS FOR SUCCESS IN THE NURSING PROGRAM.**

**Physical Demands:**

- Perform prolonged, extensive, or considerable standing/walking, lifting positioning, pushing, and/or transferring patients
- Possess the ability to perform fine motor movements with hands and fingers
- Possess the ability for extremely heavy effort (lift/carry 50 lbs. or more)
- Perform considerable reaching, stooping, bending, kneeling, and crouching.

**Sensory Demands:**

- Color vision: ability to distinguish and identify colors (may be corrected with adaptive devices).
- Distance vision: ability to see clearly 20 feet or more
- Depth perception: ability to judge distance and space relationships
- Near vision: ability to see clearly 20 inches or less
- Hearing: able to recognize a full range of tones

**Working Environment:**

- May be exposed to infectious and contagious disease, without prior notification
- Regularly exposed to the risk of blood borne diseases
- Exposed to hazardous agents, body fluids and wastes
- Exposed to odorous chemicals and specimens
- Subject to hazards of flammable, explosive gases
- Subject to burns and cuts
- Contact with patients having different religious, culture, ethnicity, race, sexual orientation, psychological and physical disabilities, and under a wide variety of circumstances
- Handle emergency or crisis situations
- Subject to many interruptions
- Requires judgment/action which could result in death of a patient
- Exposed to products containing latex

**English Language Skills:**

Although proficiency in English is not a criteria for admission into the nursing program, students are encouraged to be able to speak, write and read English to complete classes successfully and to ensure safety for themselves and for others.