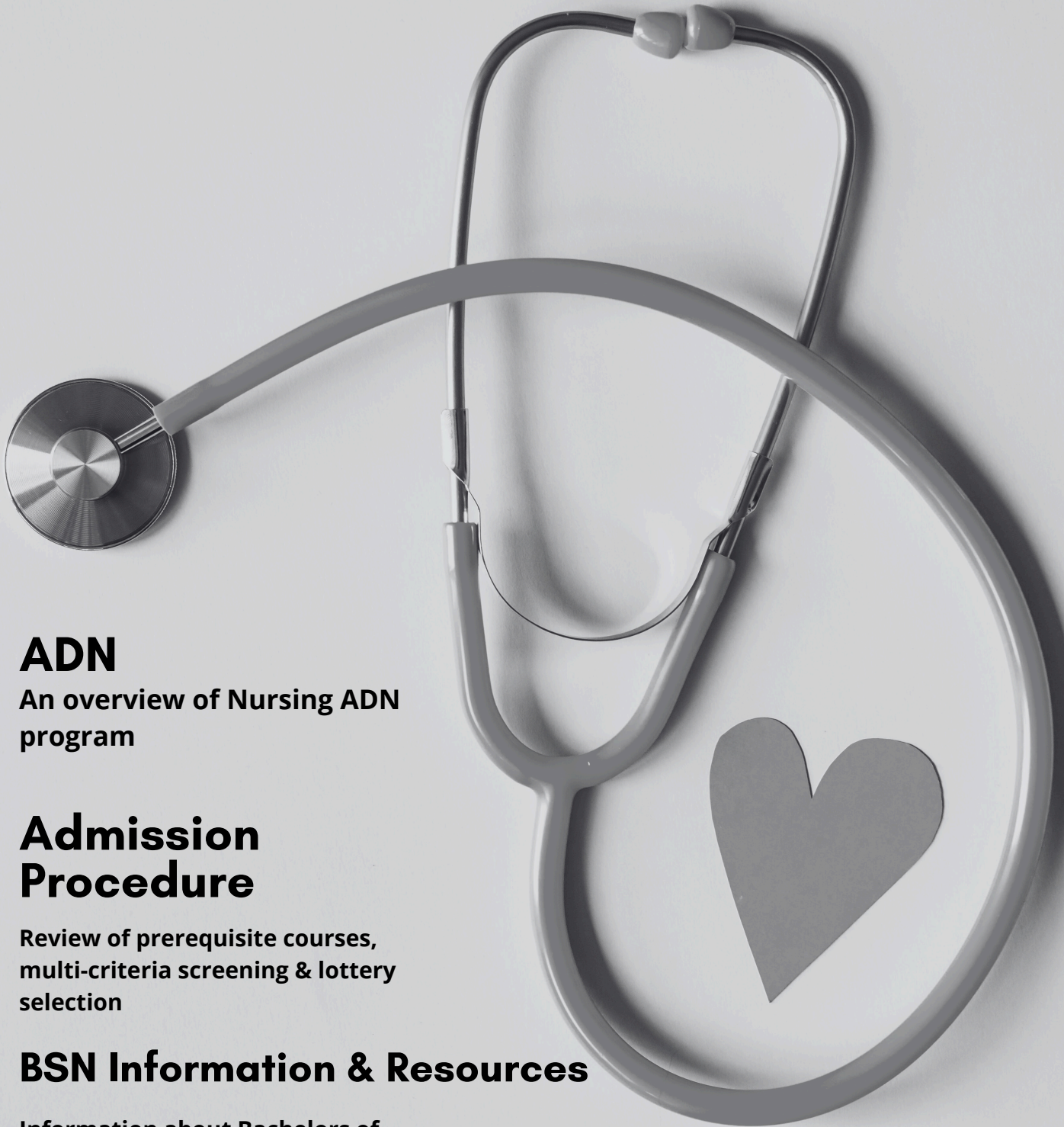


Mt. San Antonio College Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) Application Information Guide



ADN

An overview of Nursing ADN program

Admission Procedure

Review of prerequisite courses, multi-criteria screening & lottery selection

BSN Information & Resources

Information about Bachelors of Science, Nursing (BSN) collaborations with various universities and other nursing resources



The nursing profession is one of the largest in the healthcare industry.



Welcome

The Nursing Department at Mt. San Antonio College is a two-year program designed to prepare individuals at the Associate Degree level for entry into registered nursing practice. The California Board of Registered Nursing approved the program. Most recently, the program has received accreditation from The Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN). Licensed Vocational Nurses and Psychiatric Technicians are eligible to pursue advanced placement into the degree track earning an Associate of Science Degree in Nursing.

To promote diversity, equity, and inclusion of the student population, the selection method to accept candidates combines random and multi-criteria screening processes.


Program Overview

Video



ADN Admission Requirements

Carefully review each section to prepare for the application process for the ADN program.



Application

Nursing Program website:

www.mtsac.edu/nursing/

Prerequisites

2.5 or better GPA required:

- ANAT 10A **or** ANAT 35
- ANAT 10B **or** ANAT 36
- MICR 1 **or** MICR 22*
- ENGL 1A **or** equivalent
- Eligibility for college-level math

*CHEM 10 or 40 is a prerequisite for MICR 1 or 22

Multi-Criteria Screening

The multi-criteria screening will be used to measure each applicant's merit points. The screening measures six categories adding up to a 100-point scale.

Applicant Pool

Two methods are available to determine the lottery:**

- A cut score from the multiple-criteria screening **or**
- Select the top 200-250 applicants

**A portion of the top-scoring applicants will bypass the Lottery pool

Final Selection

- Random selection of 150 students from the lottery pool.
- Starting November 1, 2024, a composite score of 70% or greater on the ATI TEAS exam will be considered passing.

Up to sixty (60) students are admitted for fall and spring cohorts.

Prerequisites Courses*

- ANAT 10A**-Introductory Human Anatomy *or*
ANAT 35-Human Anatomy or equivalent*

- ANAT 10B**-Introductory Human Physiology *or*
ANAT 36- Human Physiology or equivalent*

- MICR 1**-Principles of Microbiology *or*
MICR 22-Microbiology or equivalent*/**

- ENGL 1A**-Freshman Composition or (**AMLA 1A**-College Composition for Non-Native English Speakers equivalent)

- Eligibility college-level math
+Note: BSN programs may only accept Math 110 or PSYC 10 for program admission.



*An overall grade point average of 2.5 with no grade less than a "C" for each course; Only one D/F grade repeat of any of the three science prerequisites, Anatomy, Physiology, and Microbiology, is allowed. Science courses cannot be older than seven years upon entrance of the program. Grades of "Ws" or "EWs" do not count toward the repeat policy.

Additionally, no grades of C minus (C-) are allowed for major required coursework.

**CHEM 10 or 40 is a prerequisite for MICR 1 or 22

Additional Degree Requirements

Graduation Requirements:

- Physical Well-Being:** Complete at least one of the physical education activity courses with the following prefixes: DNCE, KINA, KINF, KINI, KINL, KINS, KINX with a grade of "C" or better or "P" (Pass)
- Reading Competency:** This requirement is met by completing one of the following with a grade of "C" or better.
 - READ 90 Reading College Texts **or**
 - AMLA 33R American Language Advance Reading **or**
 - Obtaining placement into READ 100 on the Reading placement exam.
- Mathematics Competency:** This requirement is met by completing one of the following with a grade of "C" or better:
 - Recommendation is to complete an advanced transferrable level math course: MATH 110 or PSYC 10 for BSN program **or**
 - Obtaining a satisfactory score on the Intermediate Algebra Competency Examination **or**
 - Math 71 Intermediate Algebra or Math 71B Intermediate Algebra-Second half **or** Math 71X Practical Intermediate Algebra. (Beginning Fall 2022, Math 71, 71B, and Math 71X will no longer be offered)

General Education. The following must be completed with a "C" or better:

- AMLA 1A **or** ENGL 1A/1AH **or** ENGL 1AM
- SPCH 1A/1AH **or** SPCH 2 **or** SPCH 8
- SCIENCE (Prerequisites)
- ARTS
- HUMANITIES
- US HISTORY & AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS
- SOCIAL SCIENCE ELECTIVE
(**PSYC 1A**-Introduction to Psychology **or** equivalent)
- LIFELONG UNDERSTANDING & SELF DEVELOPMENT
(**CHLD 10**-Human Growth & Life Span Development) **or**
(**PSYC 14**-Developmental Psychology or equivalent)

Multi-Criteria Screening

Multicriteria Screening points and information are subject to change.

Visit the [Nursing website](#) for any changes prior to applying.

Selection is based on the top-scoring applicants during each application period

Scoring out of 100 points

1. Previous Academic Degrees, diplomas, or relevant certificates

Maximum Points = 20

Please note that points in this section cannot be combined.

BA/BS Degree	20	Unofficial transcript from regionally accredited U.S. colleges or universities with degree posted.
AA/AS Degree – OR – Licensed healthcare worker e.g. LVN, Psychiatric Technician, Radiologic Technician, Paramedic	15	AA/AS - Unofficial transcript with degree posted. Licensed healthcare worker requires a copy of your current license with your license number and date of expiration. All licenses/certificates must be current to receive points
Certificated healthcare worker e.g. CNA, HHA, EMT	10	Certificated healthcare worker requires a copy of your current California certificate including your certificate number and date of expiration. All licenses/certificates must be current to receive points.

Multi-Criteria Screening

2. Work or volunteer experience in healthcare

Maximum Points = 20

The term healthcare setting represents a broad array of services and places where healthcare occurs, including but not limited to acute care hospitals, urgent care centers, rehabilitation centers, nursing homes, and other long-term care facilities, specialized outpatient services (e.g., hemodialysis, dentistry, podiatry, chemotherapy, endoscopy, and pain management clinics), community health center, and outpatient surgery centers. Work letters with less than 1,000 but more than 300 hours completed may be submitted under the volunteer box for review on a case-by-case basis.

<p>Recent work experience with direct human patient care within the past five years. Must have verification from human resources or employer verifying the number of hours worked and job title and job duties.</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>Current Licensure as LVN, Respiratory Therapist, Physical Therapist Assistant, Occupational Therapy Aide: All with work experience greater than 1000 hours. Phlebotomist, Psychiatric Technician, Current Allied Health Certification such as Paramedic, EMT, CNA, IHSS, Caregiver, Corpsman: All with work experience greater than 1000 hours.</p> <p>Work: Letter from current/former employer verifying employment. The letter must be on organization letterhead with an original signature. It must include the applicant's name (must match the name on the application), start date and end date (if applicable), employment status (full-time/part-time), the total number of hours worked, and examples of job duties related to the patient care (i.e., taking vital signs, assisting with ADLs) (* see note below), job title, and department (if applicable). For IHSS workers, in addition to the letter from the employer, please provide the contract from the CDSS.</p> <p>*Documents can consist of multiple pages. i.e., the employment letter, job description from the manager, and/or job description from the employer's website for the specified job.</p> <p>(Occupations listed are examples only and are not an exhaustive list of certifications/licenses that may be accepted. The admissions committee will determine the acceptance of work experience.)</p>
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Multi-Criteria Screening

<p>Recent volunteer experience in a healthcare setting within the past 5 years. Must have verification from organization verifying the number of hours volunteered and volunteer duties.</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>Relevant healthcare volunteer experience in a healthcare setting (300 hours within the past five years).</p> <p>Volunteer: Letter from current/former organization verifying volunteer service. The letter must be on organization letterhead with an original signature. It must include the applicant's name (must match the name on the application), start date and end date (if applicable), the total number of hours volunteered, and examples of duties related to patient care (* see note below). This can include, but not limited to taking vital signs, assisting with ADL's</p> <p>*Documents can consist of multiple pages. i.e., a letter from a current/former organization verifying volunteer service, a job description from the manager, and a job description from the organization's website for the specified job.</p> <p>(Healthcare settings listed are examples only and are not an exhaustive list that may be accepted. The admissions committee will make the final determination of acceptance of volunteer experience.)</p>
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Multi-Criteria Screening

3. Life experiences or special circumstances

Maximum Points = 4

An applicant may have one or more in this category, but the maximum number of points awarded is four. Documentation will only be required for areas that may apply.

Disabilities: (Same meaning used in Section 2626 of the Unemployment Insurance Code)	1	Documented disability from college ACCESS formerly DSPS
Low family income: (Eligibility for, or receipt of, financial aid under a program that may include, but not limited to, a fee waiver from the Board of Governors, the Cal Grant Program, the federal Pell Grant program or CalWORKs)	1	Proof of eligibility or proof of receipt of financial aid e.g. BOG fee waiver, Cal Grant, Pell Grant or other federal grant, CalWORKs
First generation to attend college	1	Letter from school authority (EOPS, Upward Bound/Trios. HS counselor, teacher) or clergy verifying 1st generation status
Need to work (Need to work means student is working at least part-time while completing academic work that is prerequisite for the Nursing Program)	1	Paycheck stub during period of time enrolled in prerequisite courses or letter from employer (must be on organization letterhead) verifying employment was at least part-time while completing prerequisite courses
Disadvantaged social or educational environment	1	Participation or eligibility for Extended Opportunity Programs & Services (EOPS)
Difficult personal and family situation/circumstances	1	Personal statement with supporting documents
Refugee status	1	Documentation or letter from USCIS
*(Beginning Spring 2025 the following category will be available) Living in a Medically Underserved area or population	1	TBD

Multi-Criteria Screening

4. Veteran Status Maximum Points = 8

Veteran status	8	Copy of DD-214
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5. Proficiency or advanced-level coursework in languages other than English Maximum Points= 2

Credit for high-frequency languages as identified by the Chancellor's Office but not limited to:

American Sign Language, Arabic, Chinese (including various dialects), Farsi, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog, Languages of Indian subcontinent, and Southeast Asia	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter from professor, clergy, or supervisor, if it is a native language (must speak, read and write in the language) <i>or</i> Transcripts showing completion of 3 years of high school in the same language with a "C" or better, <i>or</i> 2 semesters of college-level foreign language or AP (score of 3, 4, or 5), <i>or</i> SAT II subject test score in language
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6A. GPA in science prerequisites – Maximum Points = 26

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Note: The Nursing Department does <u>not</u> accept online labs. An exception is made for labs taken between 03/2020-12/2022.										

6B. GPA in all course work– Maximum Points = 20

6B. Minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA for all completed college/ university academic transcripts:	<table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr><td style="padding: 0 10px;">4.0</td><td style="padding: 0 10px;">20</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 0 10px;">3.5 – 3.99</td><td style="padding: 0 10px;">19</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 0 10px;">3.0 – 3.49</td><td style="padding: 0 10px;">14</td></tr> <tr><td style="padding: 0 10px;">2.5 – 2.99</td><td style="padding: 0 10px;">7</td></tr> </table>	4.0	20	3.5 – 3.99	19	3.0 – 3.49	14	2.5 – 2.99	7	6B. Current Unofficial transcripts for all courses completed at any and all regionally accredited U.S. colleges and universities, regardless of applicability to nursing requirements need to be uploaded for the application. Including Mt. SAC transcript. Official transcripts will be required for your Counseling Appointment. If you have received transfer credit from foreign transcript evaluation, you must include this transcript as part of your application.
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3.0 – 3.49	14									
2.5 – 2.99	7									

Total Points: _____ **out of 100 possible points**



Ways to Earn Points



15 points

Earn an Associate Degree

Kinesiology & Wellness, AA is a good choice because it meets the pre-nursing prerequisite & general education requirements.



20 or 12 points

Work/Volunteer Experience: CNA, EMT, Medical Assistant



School of Continuing Education provides short-term health vocational programs such as CNA, EMT, and Medical Assistant for FREE. The work experience must have active direct patient care experience (such as ADL's) to qualify for points. Volunteer experience must be completed in a "healthcare setting" to qualify for points.

Maximize Points

Get good grades in ANAT 10A/35, 10B/36, and MICR 1/22

- Try to get a combination of two "A" grades and one "B" grade in these classes, at the lowest
- Only **one** repeat of the three science classes
- Withdrawals ("Ws") or ("EWs") do not count as a repeat for Mt. SAC's nursing program

Maximize Points

GPA matters.

Take advantage of Mt. SAC tutoring, STEM Center, and AIME academic support services science, English, and math courses



STEM Services



Tutoring



AIME



APPLICATION

Application Periods-2 Per Year

Nov 1st-Dec 1st

June 1st-July 1st

Start Term: Fall

Start Term: Spring

A portion of the top scoring applicants will bypass the lottery.
All other candidates will be placed in a lottery determined by one
of two methods:

Lottery

Determine a cut score from the multi-criteria screening process out of 100 points.
For example, if 70% is the cut score, all applicants who meet 70% of the cut score will be placed in the Lottery Pool.

or

Select the top 200-250 applicants, and place them in the Lottery Pool

TEAS-Nursing Readiness Exam

A random selection of 150 applicants will be invited to take the TEAS exam.*

*Starting Nov 1, 2024, passing score will be 70%.

There is a point system for the results of this exam and the points will be added to your overall score.

Up to

60

Applicants are selected after prerequisite verification counseling appointment and will start as a cohort for the term applied.



Nursing

Education & Career Pathway
Information



Bachelor's of Science, Nursing (BSN) Collaboration with 4-year Colleges

After completing Mt. SAC's 1st year nursing program, students may enroll in the following BSN programs:



LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY
School of Nursing

Mount 
Saint Mary's
University
LOS ANGELES

UNIVERSITY OF THE
PACIFIC





Transferring for a BSN (Bachelor of Science in Nursing) without an ADN?



UCIRVINE

What to Consider...

- Competitive admission
- 3.5 GPA or higher to CSU/UC cumulative and prerequisites
- Two applications are required: one to the university (CSU/UC) and the second one to the nursing program
- Work/volunteer experience
- Letter of recommendation

Visit the school's website to learn more and view additional requirements not noted above.

CSU & UC*

Nursing major preparation

Use assist.org to find major preparation and admission information



Articulation Agreement by Major
Effective during the 2019-2020 Academic Year

To: California State University, Northridge
2019-2020 General Catalog, Semester

From: Mount San Antonio College
2019-2020 General Catalog, Semester

NURSING, B.S.N. - R.N. to B.S.N.

TRANSFER IMPACTION

CSU Northridge is an impacted campus. Refer to impaction information at: [Transfer Impaction](#)

GENERAL INFORMATION

This agreement displays all lower-division courses required in the major. CSU Northridge courses on the left, approved (articulated) transfer courses to the right. General education (CSU-GE Breadth or IGETC or CSU Northridge GE) and upper-division courses are also required to complete the bachelor's degree.

Completion of all coursework listed in this agreement is not mandatory prior to admission. For CSU Northridge Undergraduate **Admission Requirements** refer to [Upper Division Transfer](#).

Some coursework may be satisfied by Advanced Placement exams completed in high school. Visit [AP Credit](#) for information. Additional information about the major is available in the [CSUN University Catalog](#). Questions regarding this agreement may be directed to the CSUN Articulation Officer at 818-677-7068 or e-mail at: patty.fairman@csun.edu

R.N. TO B.S.N GENERAL INFORMATION

Registered Nurse (RN) to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program is limited to Registered Nurses. Separate application is required. Associate degree in Nursing, or its equivalent, from a regionally accredited program and current licensure as a Registered Nurse in California are required.

Minimum grade of "C" or better is required in the lower division courses (and labs) in anatomy, physiology, chemistry, microbiology, and introductory statistics.

plus

General Education for CSU or IGETC (UC/CSU)



Mt. San Antonio College
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY GENERAL EDUCATION 2019-2020
The courses listed below will fulfill the lower division general education requirements for all CSU campuses.

California State University (CSU) Upper Division Transfer Requirements:
Students are eligible for upper division admission with completion of 60 CSU transferable units that include:

- A minimum of 30 lower division units of general education courses with grades of C- or better
- Courses from general education areas A1, A2, A3 and B4 with a grade of C- or better
- 2.0 CSU transferable GPA (This is the *minimum* GPA for consideration; many campuses/majors are competitive and may require a higher GPA for admission.)

Students must be in good standing at the last college or university attended.

CSU General Education Notes

- Courses on this list have been approved by the CSU Office of the Chancellor for Fall 2019 and beyond. If a course was completed prior to approval, it cannot be certified for CSU General Education Breadth requirements.
- Some majors require specific general education courses. Students planning to transfer are advised to plan their schedules carefully in order to maintain progress.

*Courses may not be double counted to satisfy more than one general education area.

A. English Language Communication and Critical Thinking (3 units minimum): Select at least one course from each group (A-1, A-2, A-3).	C	IP	N
A-1: Oral Communication			

Mt. San Antonio College
INTERSEGMENTAL GENERAL EDUCATION TRANSFER CURRICULUM (IGETC) 2019 - 2020
The courses listed below will fulfill the lower division general education requirements for all UC campuses.

Completion of the IGETC will permit a student to transfer from Mt. SAC to a campus in either the University of California (UC) system or California State University (CSU) without the need, after transfer, to take additional lower-division general education courses to satisfy university general education requirements. It should be noted that completion of the IGETC is not an admission requirement for transfer to UC or CSU, nor is it the only way to fulfill the lower-division general education requirements of UC or CSU prior to transfer. Students pursuing majors that require extensive lower-division preparation may not find the IGETC option to be advantageous (i.e. Engineering, Sciences).

A minimum grade of "C" is required in each course. (A grade of "C-" is not acceptable.)

NOTE:
UC limits transfer credit for some courses. Students may review the UC Transfer Course Agreement (TCA) with a counselor or educational advisor.

AREA 1. ENGLISH COMMUNICATION: Choose one course from each group.	C	IP	N
Group A: English Communication: One of the following must be satisfied. English must be completed with a grade of C or better.			
ENGL 1A Freshman Composition			
ENGL 1AH Freshman Composition - Honors			
Group B: Critical Thinking Composition			
ENGL 1C Critical Thinking and Writing	ENGR 1C Engineering Critical Thinking	PHIL 9H Critical Thinking and Writing - Honors	
ENGL 1CH Critical Thinking and Writing - Honors	PHIL 9 Critical Thinking and Writing		
Group C: Oral Communication (CSU Requirement only)			
SPCH 1A Public Speaking	SPCH 1AH Public Speaking - Honors	SPCH 2 Fundamentals of Communication	
AREA 2. MATHEMATICAL CONCEPTS AND QUANTITATIVE REASONING: Choose one course.	C	IP	N
MATH 110 Elementary Statistics	MATH 100 Precalculus Mathematics	MATH 255 Linear Algebra & Differential Equations	
MATH 110H Elementary Statistics - Honors	MATH 180 Calculus and Analytic Geometry	MATH 200 Differential Equations	
MATH 110S Integrated Statistics	MATH 181 Calculus and Analytic Geometry	PSYC 10 Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences	
MATH 120 Finite Mathematics	MATH 200 Linear Algebra	SOC 23 Introduction to Statistics in Sociology and Social Sciences	
MATH 130 College Algebra	MATH 280 Calculus and Analytic Geometry		
MATH 140 Calculus for Business			
AREA 3. ARTS AND HUMANITIES: Choose three courses minimum, at least one course from Arts group and one course from the Humanities group.	C	IP	N
Arts Courses:			

*Private Colleges-visit the school's website for admission & prerequisite requirements



Different Levels and Titles

CNA: Certified Nursing Assistant

LVN/LPN: Licensed Vocational Nurse

RN: Registered Nurse

BSN: Bachelor of Science in Nursing

MSN: Master of Science in Nursing

DNP: Doctor of Nursing Practice

PH.D: Nursing Doctor of Philosophy



What is the difference between CNA and LVN?

CNA: Certified Nursing Assistant

Duties:

Front line of providing basic care to patients in health care facilities under supervision of licensed nurses

Education:

Complete state-approved education program
CNA Program offered at Mt. SAC through the **Short Term Vocational Program!**



State-Exam:

- National Nurse Aide Assessment Program (NNAAP)
- Knowledge and skills test-written or oral
- \$90-\$105

LVN: Licensed Vocational Nurse

Duties:

Monitor vital stats, administer basic care, and report concerns to RN and Physicians

Education:

- Diploma, Certificate, or Degree
- **Citrus College offers AS in Vocational Nursing and/or Certificate**
- Complete state-approved program

State-Exam:

- 85-205 questions/5 hours
- \$200



Useful Links



**California Board of Registered
Nursing (RN Information)**

www.rn.ca.gov/



**Board of Vocational Nursing and
Psychiatric Technicians (LVN
Information)**

www.bvnpt.ca.gov/



**California Department of Public
Health (CNA Information)**

**[www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP
/Pages/HealthCareProfessionals.aspx](http://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/HealthCareProfessionals.aspx)**

MT. SAC COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

Counseling Services



Not sure how to chart your path to your academic and career goals? Need help in creating your educational plan? Do you just need someone to talk to? The Counseling Department is here to provide Personal, Academic, and Career Counseling. 909-274-4380 or www.mtsac.edu/counseling/

