This document is available online. Go to: www.fresnocitycollege.edu/counseling and select "Major Requirements". Refer to the FCC current catalog and addendum for the most up-to-date information.

The profession of registered nursing involves the provision of health care services, both direct and indirect, that focus on the maintenance, promotion and restoration of health. The practice of registered nursing requires a substantial amount of scientific knowledge and technical skills as well as leadership and managerial abilities. The program is accredited by the California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN).

**THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE SUBMITTING A PROGRAM APPLICATION (ACADEMIC SUMMARY FORM):**

There are no restrictions as to age, marital status, race, or sex.

1. Graduated from high school with a minimum GPA of C+ (2.5), or completed the General Educational Development (GED) test with an average standard score of 45.
2. Have completed all application course prerequisites below, with a “C” or better grade.
3. Have a minimum cumulative college grade point average (GPA) 2.50 or higher.

Program applications (ASF) will be accepted during the following periods:

- (June – September) for the spring & summer program
- (September – February) for the fall program

(Check with the Health Science Division Office & FCC website for specific dates and possible changes at https://www.fresnocitycollege.edu/HealthSciencesDivision/HealthCareersApplicationDeadlines)

**Application Course Prerequisites** (see note #2 above)

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<td>* BIOL 20, Human Anatomy AND BIOL 22, Human Physiology (BIOL 1 OR 5 are prerequisites for BIOL 20)</td>
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<td>BIOL 24 will <strong>no longer</strong> be accepted as application requirement.</td>
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<td>* MATH 103, Intermediate Algebra OR higher math course</td>
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<td>* CHEM 3A, Introductory General Chemistry OR equivalent</td>
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<td>BIOL 31, Microbiology</td>
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<td>* ENGL 1A, Reading &amp; Composition</td>
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<td>* PSY 2, General Psychology</td>
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<td>* SOC 1A, Introduction to Sociology OR ANTHRO 2, Cultural Anthropology</td>
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After completing all the prerequisites above, complete and submit the Program Application (ASF) for the Registered Nursing Program, together with all necessary official transcripts, by the deadline.

**NURSING PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

Students must earn a “C” or better grade in all courses required for the major and for licensure. It is strongly recommended that this course and any remaining GE requirements be taken BEFORE beginning the program. Students find that, because of the heavy nursing work load, they do not have time for additional course work or outside work.

1. **Non-Nursing Courses**

   * COMM 1 OR 2 OR 8 (previously SPEECH) 3

2. **Nursing Courses**

   All nursing courses in the program are taken as a block, that is, all students take the same courses each semester. The program requires four full-time semesters for completion. See the FCC catalog for a listing of nursing courses.

**General Education Requirements**

In addition to all courses required for the RN major and licensure, students must also complete the following general education courses to obtain an “AS” in nursing:

1. Two Physical Education activity courses
2. Political Science-2 or equivalent (California State Local Government)
3. Humanities Elective- 3 units (Refer to the attached General Education pattern)

* Courses will count towards major requirement and GE requirement.

Beginning with the fall 2011 nursing application period BIOL 24 or its equivalent will no longer be accepted as an application requirement. Students must now complete Anatomy & Physiology as separate courses.
NOTES:

Program Applications (ASF Form) will be accepted during the following periods:

SPRING / SUMMER PROGRAM
Registered Nursing, Traditional/Paradigm
LVN/RN Articulation
June through September

FALL PROGRAM
Registered Nursing, Traditional/Paradigm
LVN/RN Articulation
September through February

Application Deadlines are posted at www.fresnocitycollege.edu / Health Sciences Division / Health Careers Application Deadlines

1. The Traditional Registered Nursing program begins in the Fall & Spring semester each year. FCC currently uses a computerized statistical lottery selection process for admission into the Registered Nursing Program. The lottery process is used in response to more eligible applicants than enrollment space. All ASF and program requirements, deadlines, and selection criteria are subject to change. It is the student’s responsibility to stay in contact with the Nursing Program Office and be aware of any changes. **Applicants will enter the lottery pool based on the current application requirements within the application period in which the student is applying for, not on the catalog of initial or subsequent FCC registration.**

   It is the applicants’ responsibility to turn in all necessary documents, all college transcripts, and the Program Application (ASF) as a packet to the Health Sciences Division Office by the deadline.

2. To finalize their admission requirements before they attend the Nursing Program Orientation and nursing classes, all admitted students must:
   a. Complete the required immunizations and diagnostic tests: official proof of immunizations, or titers which show immunity to the following diseases: measles, mumps, rubella, rubeola, varicella, hepatitis B.
   b. Submit physical evidence of freedom from TB by having had a negative PPD within the last 30 days or a chest x-ray that shows evidence that you are free from the disease.
   c. Submit evidence of a physical exam by a licensed MD or NP in the USA, which states that they are physically and mentally able to do the work necessary to be a R.N. This must be on the official FCC form which outlines all the physical and mental qualifications necessary.
   d. Submit proof of current individual malpractice insurance at the level of a student RN (not LVN or employer insurance).
   e. Submit proof of current vehicle registration, proof of insurance and valid California Drivers License.
   f. Submit proof of CPR Certification for Health Professionals.
   g. Complete all other forms and provide all other information required by the program.
   h. **Additional for LVN’s:** Submit proof of current LVN License.

3. As of August 2005, a student who is accepted into a Health Sciences program will be required to have a background check. A negative result may result in a disqualification.

4. Academic and Professional Requirements: Safe, ethical, and professional levels of practice and satisfactory academic progress are necessary for retention in the program. Students must earn a "C" or better grade in all courses required for the major in order to be eligible for the licensure examination ("C" = 76%). If less than a "C" grade is earned, the course must be repeated in its entirety. A course may be repeated only once. If, based on the professional judgment of the faculty, a student demonstrates that he/she is unsuited to nursing, is not progressing satisfactorily or is engaged in unethical, unprofessional, or illegal practices, he/she may be required to withdraw from the program.

   State and/or national licensing boards protect the public by screening applicants for licensure in order to identify potentially unsafe practitioners. Applications may be denied to persons convicted of certain crimes that may relate to professional practice. In addition, persons impaired by alcoholism, drug abuse and/or emotional illness are expected to voluntarily seek diagnosis and treatment for any suspected illness. **Students with concerns in these areas should discuss them with the appropriate licensing body and the Director of Nursing before entering FCC health programs.** The Health Sciences Division Office can assist with the addresses and phone numbers of appropriate licensing offices. The State Bureau of Registered Nursing website has additional information (www.rn.ca.gov), as does the Director of Nursing.

5. Applicants should have no physical or emotional impairment that would preclude the performance of all duties in the program and that of a registered nurse.

6. Classes, clinical training, and related activities are conducted on the FCC campus and at off campus sites affiliated with the program. Students must provide their own transportation.

7. State License: The successful completion of the Registered Nursing Program requires the completion of the Associate in Science degree. Graduates are eligible to take the NCLEX, RN National, and state licensing examinations.

8. Applicants and RN students must keep the Nursing Office informed of any changes in name, address, and/or phone number. Failure to maintain accurate information may result in loss of application or admission status. This includes keeping your CPR, TB, immunizations, liability insurance, and college requirements up to date.
9. **Previous Education in Nursing:** Any person desiring to enter the Fresno City College Registered Nursing Program by transfer or challenge will be evaluated on an individual basis after all college general requirements for transfer or challenge have been met. The college has written policies and procedures for academic training in Registered Nursing Programs. Testing may be required to determine the student’s present level of skills in relation to the requirements of the Nursing Curriculum. Please contact the Director of Nursing for specific information (559-244-2604).

10. **Vocational Nursing Articulation:** (LVN/RN) Procedures and application requirements specific to vocational nurse articulation (i.e. an LVN who wishes to become an R.N.) are available upon request from the Health Sciences Division Office. Students must meet the same application requirements as the traditional RN Program. Those considering the 30-unit option will be considered only on a space available basis and it is NOT a recommended option. Interested students must attend an LVN/RN Informational Orientation. Please call Health Science Office for schedules.

11. **BSN Transfer Program:** Pre-nursing students planning to transfer to four-year nursing programs should consult the catalog of the transfer school or major sheets available in the Counseling Center. Registered Nursing students who plan to transfer to CSU, Fresno BSN Program, should take courses that apply to both programs.

12. **Estimated expenses during the two-year RN Program:**

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<td>Health examination and related</td>
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**Estimated Expenses:** $7974.25

13. For more information, attend a Health Science Career Orientation in the Health Science Building. Call (559) 244-2604 for information or meet with a Health Science Counselor (phone 244-2604 or 442-8226 for schedule availability); review EUREKA, the Dictionary of Occupational Titles (075.361-010) or Occupational Outlook Handbook in the Career Center.

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Counselor:_________________________________________ Date:____________________

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