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# THE FOLLOWING COURSES MUST BE COMPLETED WITH A GRADE OF "C" OR BETTER BEFORE SUBMITTING A PROGRAM APPLICATION (ACADEMIC SUMMARY FORM):

PROGRAM COURSE PREREQUISITES	C-ID	Units	Completed	In Progress	Planned
BIOL 20, Human Anatomy					
AND		4			
BIOL 22, Human Physiology					
OR BIOL 21A, Human Anatamy & Dhysiology I		5			
BIOL 21A, Human Anatomy & Physiology I AND		Ū.			
BIOL 21B, Human Anatomy & Physiology II					
BIOL 31, Microbiology		5			
CHEM 3A, Introductory General Chemistry OR college		4			
equivalent		4			
MATH 103, Foundations of Algebra <b>OR</b> higher		4			
math course		4			
ENGL 1A/1AH, Reading & Composition		4			
PSY 2/2H, General Psychology		3			
SOC 1A/1AH, Introduction to Sociology OR					
ANTHRO 2/2H, Cultural Anthropology <b>OR</b>		3			
SOC 1B, Critical Thinking About Social Problems*					

\*If a transfer level math course has already been completed, this will meet application and graduation requirements for Math content. Sociology 1B does not satisfy FCC Local GE requirement for Social and Behavioral Science.

#### 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.

# Program Description

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 (ASF):

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

- 1. Have a valid and current California LVN License.
- 2. Graduation from high school with a minimum grade average of C (2.0) in high school work or complete the General Educational Development (GED) test with an average score of 45.
- 3. Have completed all application course prerequisites above with a "C" or better grade.
- 4. Have a minimum cumulative college grade point average (GPA) 2.50 or higher.
- 5. Have successfully completed the ATI TEAS Examination with an overall score of 62% or higher. Please read note #2.

For application dates and program updates please check with the Allied Health, Physical Education & Athletics Office and the Fresno City College Website-Application Process.

# All students pursuing the Registered Nursing major must meet with a Health & STEM Counselor

SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE FOR MAJOR PREPARATION/ PREREQUISITES				
1 <sup>st</sup> Semester	2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester	3 <sup>rd</sup> Semester	4 <sup>th</sup> Semester	
MATH 103 OR MATH 11	ENGL 1A	BIOL 20 OR BIOL 21A	BIOL 22 OR BIOL 21B	
BIOL 5	CHEM 3A	PSY 2	FCC AREA E1 (PE activity)	
COMM 1, 2, OR 8	SOC 1A OR ANTHRO 2	FCC AREA C		
	FCC AREA E1 (PE activity)			
5 <sup>th</sup> Semester	APPLICATION PERIOD: FALL			
BIOL 31				
FCC AREA F	Apply to RN Program			

The above recommended course sequence satisfies the major preparation/ prerequisites and FCC local general education requirements. It is highly recommended the ATI TEAS Examination is taken during the semester of completing the Registered Nursing prerequisites.

#### NON-Nursing Major Course:

COMM 1, 2 or 8

**General Education Requirements:** It is **strongly** recommended that any remaining degree and GE requirements be taken before beginning the program. Students find that because of the heavy workload, they do not have time for additional course work.

In addition to all courses required for the RN major and licensure, students must complete one of the three different general education patterns: option 1 – Fresno City College General Education, option 2 – CSU GE Breadth– California State University General Education, OR option 3 – IGETC – Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum for a total of **60 semester units minimum** with a 2.0 or better GPA. Students must also complete all coursework with a grade of "C" or better to obtain an Associate in Science Degree (AS) in Nursing.

#### **Nursing Major Requirements:**

All nursing courses in the program are taken as a block, that is, all students take the same courses each semester. The program requires two full-time semesters and one summer session for completion. Students must earn a "C" or better grade in all courses required for the major and for licensure, including program prerequisites and general education. See the FCC catalog for a listing of nursing courses.

# LVN-RN ARTICULATION 30 Unit Option

A grade of "C" or better is required in the following courses

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LVN-RN ARTICULATION 30 UNIT OPTION	C-ID	Units	Completed	In Progress	Planned
PROGRAM COURSE PREREQUISITES					
BIOL 22, Human Physiology		5			
BIOL 31, Microbiology		5			

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### The 30-unit option LVN tract is only available on a space available basis.

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- 2. Graduation from high school with a minimum grade average of C (2.0) in high school work or complete the General Educational Development (GED) test with an average score of 45.
- 3. Have completed all application course prerequisites above with a "C" or better grade.
- 4. Have a minimum cumulative college grade point average (GPA) 2.0 or higher.
- 5. Have successfully completed the ATI TEAS Examination with an overall score of 62% or higher. Please read note #2.

#### After completing all the prerequisites above, complete and submit the Program Application (ASF) for the LVN-RN Articulation Program, together with all necessary documentation and official transcripts, by the deadline.

For application dates and program updates please check with the Allied Health, Physical Education & Athletics Office and the Fresno City College Website-Application Process.

#### LVN-RN 30 UNIT OPTION REQUIREMENTS

Students must earn a "C" or better grade in all courses required for the major and for licensure, including program prerequisites. It is **strongly** recommended that any remaining requirements be completed if a student wishes to obtain an Associate's Degree.

#### 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 two full-time semesters and one summer session for completion. See the FCC catalog for a listing of nursing courses.

#### NOTES:

- 1. Selection Process: The Registered Nursing LVN-RN Articulation program begins in the Summer semester each year. FCC utilizes a Multiple Criteria Selection (MCS) process for admission into the Registered Nursing Program. The MCS process is a point based system. The points earned from the criteria determine a student's eligibility to participate in the lottery selection process. Students will be required to reapply each semester. The number of times a student has participated in the lottery will no longer be counted. This process is student driven, which means applicants are responsible for supplying all transcripts and supplemental documentation required, as well as keeping the Registered Nursing Department informed of any changes in applicant name, address, and/or phone number. To be eligible for the LVN to RN program, the online Academic Summary Form must be completed and all transcripts and supplemental documents included. Applications without required documentation will be considered incomplete and processing will be terminated. 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 modified lottery pool *based on the current application requirements within the application period in which the student is applying*, not on the catalog of initial or subsequent FCC registration.
- 2. ATI TEAS Examination: Students must take the most current ATI TEAS Examination and pass with an overall score of 62% or higher, at this time. Fresno City College Nursing Program will only accept a maximum of two (2) attempts at the ATI TEAS Examination. Nursing applicants who do not pass the ATI TEAS Examination on the first attempt are required to utilize remediation resources (study modules, tutoring, etc.) prior to re-testing. A period of ninety (90) days must pass between test attempts. Students must complete ATI TEAS remediation during the ninety (90) day period between attempts. ATI TEAS remediation resources may be found at www.atitesting.com. The FCC Registered Nursing Department must receive passing ATI TEAS Examination scores to the FCC Registered Nursing Department by going to www.atitesting.com. ATI TEAS testing available at the Fresno City College Assessment Center, 559-442-8280.
- 3. 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).

- 4. Required Information for Students Selected into RN & LVN-RN Programs: To finalize admission requirements after being selected and attending the Nursing Program Orientation, all students admitted to the RN program must complete the following before being registered for RN courses:
  - A. Complete the required immunizations and diagnostic tests: official proof of immunizations, or titers which show immunity to the following diseases: *measles, mumps, rubella, rubella, varicella, hepatitis B, TDAP, Flu Vaccine.*
  - B. Submit physical evidence of **freedom from TB** by having had a negative PPD within the last 30 days or a chest x-ray within a year that shows evidence that you are free from the disease.
  - C. Submit evidence of a physical exam by a licensed MD, NP or PA 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 vehicle registration, proof of insurance and valid California Driver's License.
  - E. Submit proof of CPR Certification for Health Professionals.
  - F. Complete all other forms and provide all other information required by the program.
  - G. Additional for LVN's: Submit proof of current California LVN License.
- 5. Background Check: As of August 2005, a student who is accepted into a Nursing or Allied Health program will be required to have a background check. A negative result may result in a disqualification.
- 6. Student Records: Applicants and RN students must keep the Registered Nursing Department 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.
- 7. Academic and Professional Requirements for Licensure: 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 Allied Health, Physical Education & Athletics 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.

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.

- 8. 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.
- 9. 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.
- 10. Licensed Vocational Nursing Articulation: (LVN/RN) Procedures and application requirements specific to licensed vocational nurse articulation (i.e. an LVN who wishes to become an R.N.) are available upon request from the Allied Health, Physical Education & Athletics 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 at Fresno City College Website.
- 11. BSN Transfer Program: Pre-nursing students planning to transfer to four-year nursing programs should consult the catalog of the transfer school or Assist.org. Registered Nursing students who plan to transfer to CSU, Fresno BSN Program, should take courses that apply to both programs.

# Estimated expenses during the LVN-RN Articulation Program:

Description	Fee
Registration Fees (see current FCC catalog for any changes)	\$1,081
Health Fee (\$20 per semester)	\$40
Parking Permit fee (\$30 per semester)	\$60
Health Examination and related immunizations & titers (approximate cost)	\$750
Student uniforms and accessories	\$250
NCLEX Prep Review	\$225
Books and supplies	\$1,100

Description	Fee
Background Check, Drug Screen & Immunization Tracking	\$110
Standardized Testing Modules (HESI supplemental course testing – total cost)	\$600
NCLEX-RN EXAM (Taken after successful completion of program)	<b>\$</b> 350
Estimated Total Expenses	\$4,566

All of the above costs are the responsibility of the student. (Rev. 08/22)

For more information, attend or view (online) a Nursing and Allied Health Information Session and schedule an appointment to speak with a Nursing Counselor. Call the Allied Health, Physical Education and Athletics Division office for more information, 559-244-2604.