Valencia Community College: RN Admission Criteria



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ADMISSION CRITERIA AND CHECKLIST
ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREE NURSING, R.N.

The following criteria will be used for selection for the Associate in Science Degree Nursing Program, Generic Track.

Admission to the Nursing Program is limited to eligible applicants only.

Students selected enter in August (Fall term), January (Spring term) or May (Summer term) of each year based on the date of application. Applicants must be United States citizens or permanent residents to be eligible.

_____ **1.**Submit a completed college application for admission by the College Application Deadline. Visit Valencia's Web site at www.valenciacc.edu/admissions for specific information.

_____ **2.** Attend a group advisement session about the Nursing program prior to submitting nursing application to the program. Dates are posted on this Web site.

_____ **3.** Meet, prior to submitting the Nursing Program application, the college admission requirements for degree-seeking students. College entry testing and all mandatory courses in Reading, Student Success, Mathematics, English, and English for Academic Purposes must be completed prior to submitting the Nursing Program application.

_____ **4.** Have a minimum **Overall GPA of 2.5.**

_____ **5.** Complete all Science and General Education courses prior to submitting a Nursing application.

Science courses include:
BSC 2093C - Anatomy and Physiology I
BSC 2094C - Anatomy and Physiology II
MCB 2010C - Microbiology

General Education courses include:
PSY 1012 - General Psychology
DEP 2004 - Developmental Psychology
ENC 1101 - Freshman Composition
HUN 2202 - Essentials of Nutrition
PHI 2600 - Ethics and Critical Thinking **OR** PHI 2010 - Philosophy Recommended **OR** any course with HUM prefix that meets the AA degree requirement.

- ***All courses must be completed with a "C" or better.***

_____ **6.** Complete, prior to submission of the Nursing application, the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) with an Overall Composite score of at least 75% and a Reading Composite score of at least 75%. The examination fee is the responsibility of the student. Scores on the NET (Nurse Entrance Test) may still be used for admission provided the NET was administered at Valencia with a Reading score of at least 65% and a Composite score of at least 65% within five years of the date of submission of the Nursing application.

After the checklist is complete, a $15.00 non-refundable nursing application fee (check or money order payable to Valencia Community College) must be submitted to the Business Office with each Nursing application.

Note: No student will be admitted into two (2) different Valencia Community College Health Sciences programs within an academic year.

- **After** acceptance and **prior** to the start of the first term of nursing courses, students will be notified of the process required to complete a criminal background check and the deadline for the completion of the check. Applicants with a positive background check may be denied admission into the Nursing Program. The fee is the responsibility of the student. Students will not begin the Nursing program until we have the background check on file.
- Applicants for Valencia's Nursing program must be free of offenses that would disqualify them from a student clinical experience in a health care setting and must have their civil rights intact. This policy is in response to requirements by clinical agencies and State/Federal regulations.
- Each applicant must be screened by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for criminal history. Each applicant must have a Social Security Verification, Residency History, Nationwide Sexual Offense Registry Search, Nationwide Healthcare Fraud/Abuse Scan, and a US Patriot Act/OFCA search. A Nationwide Criminal Search is also required if the applicant has worked, resided, or has been a student outside of Florida during the 2 year period prior to the start of any Health Science Program at Valencia. Applicants having concerns regarding these requirements are encouraged to make contact with the Health Sciences Advising Office! in advance of application to the Nursing Program.
- After acceptance and prior to the start of the first term of nursing courses, applicants must attend Nursing Orientation and have CPR certification, a physical examination, immunizations and drug screening. Students will not begin the Nursing program without these requirements being met by the deadline provided.

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