

ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM

INTRODUCTION

The study of nursing is the application of knowledge from the arts and sciences. The purpose of the Bakersfield College (BC) Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Program is to provide the foundation for students to become competent Registered Nurses (RNs). The ADN Faculty respects the individuality of students and recognizes each student has unique educational, experiential, cultural, spiritual, economic, social background, and support systems. The goal of the Program is to provide a positive, learning model which fosters the development of critical thinking and problem solving skills, such that the graduate nurse is equipped to deliver care to a culturally diverse population in a various healthcare settings.

MISSION

The mission of the BC ADN Program is to prepare entry-level RNs as providers and managers of care across the health/illness continuum, and as members within the profession. Graduate nurses will collaborate with members of the health care team, be effective communicators, be politically aware, and demonstrate a commitment to life-long learning.

APPLICATION PERIOD

All application forms and transcripts must be received in the Allied Health Office during the designated filing periods outlined below. APPLICATIONS RECEIVED PRIOR TO, OR AFTER THESE DATES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

December 1- January 15 for the program scheduled to start in the **FALL**.

- Applications must be accompanied by an official or unofficial BC transcript.
- Transcripts from other colleges/universities needing evaluation for this period must be submitted to the Admissions and Records Office no later than Sept. 1st
- Please note, it takes about 20 weeks for this evaluation process to be completed by BC's Admissions and Records Office.

June 1- July 15 for the program scheduled to start in the **SPRING**

- Applications must be accompanied by an official or unofficial BC transcript.
- Transcripts from other colleges/universities needing evaluation for this period must be submitted to the Admissions and Records Office no later than March 1st
- Please note, it takes about 20 weeks for this evaluation process to be completed by BC's Admissions and Records Office.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

1. Read ALL instructions in their entirety before completing the application.
2. It is the applicant's responsibility to complete ALL application requirements/procedures. **FAILURE TO MEET THESE REQUIREMENTS WILL RESULT IN AN INCOMPLETE APPLICATION AND WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR SELECTION.**
3. Select and adhere to the appropriate application period for which you are applying.
 - Access application online at <https://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/nursing/rn/apply>
 - Print and complete all sections. Must be legible.
 - Submit application AND either your unofficial or official **Bakersfield College** transcript showing all pre-requisite courses posted.
 - **If you have taken courses from any college other than Bakersfield College:**
 - Apply for Admission to BC either in person at the Admissions and Records office, or by going on-line at <http://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu>. Click on Admissions and Records and follow the directions under *Enrolling*.
 - ***Upper division course work will not be posted on a BC transcript, therefore the student must meet with the BC Department Chair of the appropriate major and discuss the possibility of accepting that upper division course as a BC equivalent course.***
4. Have your college transcript(s) evaluated by:
 - Ordering an official copy of your transcripts from your previous college(s);
 - Submit the official copy of your transcripts along with a *Request for Evaluation* form.
 - You can obtain this form from the Admissions and Records office, or from the Admissions and Records web-page at <http://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu> under *Records*.
 - If you have taken courses from Porterville College or Cerro Coso Community College you DO NOT need to submit official copies of transcripts, but rather you ONLY need to submit the *Request for Evaluation* form to the BC Admissions and Records Office.
 - Once your transcripts have been evaluated and posted to your BC transcripts, either order an official copy from the Admission and Records, **OR** print your unofficial transcript, **AND** submit along with the *Application Form* to the Allied Health/Nursing Office, in the Math Science building, Room 178, during the appropriate application periods.
 - **Please note – transcript evaluation can take anywhere from 20-25 weeks and must be completed prior to the end of the application period.** For the **December application period** your other college transcripts should be submitted for evaluation to Admissions and Records Office **no later than Sept 1st**. For the **June application period**, your transcripts should be submitted **no later than March 1st**.

PRE-REQUISITE REQUIREMENTS

All pre-requisites must be completed at the time the application is submitted, and students must have earned a “C” grade or higher at BC, or an equivalent course at another accredited college.

- ENGL B1A (Expository Composition) (3 units)
- MATH B70 or MATH BD (Intermediate Algebra) or higher, (5 units)
- CHEM B11 (Chemistry) (CHEM B1a or CHEM B2a see Advisor for approval)(5 units)
- BIOL B32 (Anatomy & Physiology I) (4 units)
- BIOL B33 (Anatomy & Physiology II) (4 units)
- BIOL B16 (General Microbiology) (5 units)

BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE GENERAL EDUCATION PATTERN – ADN

General education courses are required to graduate from BC with an ADN. It is strongly suggested most of these courses be completed prior to beginning the Nursing Program:

- A. Communication in the English Language and Critical Thinking (6 units)
- A.1 Oral Communication (3 units)
COMM B1* (“C” grade or higher) (COMM B2* see advisor for approval status)
- A.2 Written Communication (3 units)
ENGL B1A* (“C” grade or higher) – prerequisite course
- B. Physical Universe and Life Forms (6 units)
- B.1 Natural Sciences (3 units)
BIOL 32, 33 **and** 16, CHEM B11 (CHEM B1a or CHEM B2a see advisor for approval)
- B.2 Mathematics and Logic (3 units)
Any course listed in area B.2 of the General Education Pattern in the BC Catalog (“C” grade or higher) - prerequisite course
- C. Arts, Literature, Philosophy, and Foreign Language (3 units)
– PHIL B12 recommended, or any course as listed in area C of the General Education Pattern in the BC Catalog
- D. Social, Political, Legal and Economic Institution and Behavior, Historical Background (9 units for AA; 6 units for AS)
- D.1 ADN Students are not required to take a course from this area
- D.2 ANTH B2* **or** SOC B1*- (“C” grade or higher)
- D.3 American (U.S. Institutions) (3 units)
Any course listed in area D.3 of the General Education Pattern in the BC Catalog
- E. Lifelong Understanding and Self-Development (4 units total)
- PSYC B1A* (“C” grade of higher) (3 units)
- Physical Education 1 unit required from PHED courses as listed in the BC Catalog: PHED B2-B29 or B32-B33 (1 unit)

*Board of Registered Nursing requirement

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Educational Planning - NURS B100 recommended, or any course listed in the General Requirements in the BC Catalog (Recommended to be taken during the first semester of courses at BC to assure priority registration.)

Note: All graduation requirements must be met to earn an ADN and to take the NCLEX-RN (National Council Licensure Exam for Registered Nurses).

RECOMMENDED COURSES

- NURS B100, Strategies for Success in a Nursing Program (this course should be taken one or two semesters prior to entering the Program)
- Nurse Assistant Certification (information available upon request)
- MEDS B60 (Medical Terminology) – highly recommended, prior to taking BIOL B32.

APPLICATION SELECTION PROCESS

Students will be admitted to the Program based on their scholastic eligibility AND placement on a nursing assessment test, as per SB 1309. If the Program is receiving Workforce Investment Act funding, in accordance with the Jobs for Veterans Act, priority will be given to applicants with proof of military, naval, or air service and discharge under conditions other than dishonorable; students must work with Admissions and Records to determine eligibility. An eligible spouse or widow(er) will also be extended this priority status. **The program is considering implementing a Multi-Selection Screening process starting Fall 2018. Please visit our website for updates:** <https://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/allied-health>

SCHOLASTIC ELIGIBILITY

Scholastic eligibility is determined through a statewide approved formula (California Community College Chancellors Office Pre-requisite Validation Score), which calculates the student's probability of successfully completing the ADN Program. The formula uses the following criteria:

1. Core Biology – GPA of ALL college level Anatomy, Physiology, and Microbiology courses.
2. Core Biology repetitions – the number of times a student has repeated a Core Biology course, including withdrawals.
3. English GPA – ALL credit English course grades regardless of the level of the course.
4. Overall GPA– the college GPA as it appears on college transcripts.
5. Students must have a minimum score of 75% Pre-requisite Validation Score designating the probability of successfully completing the ADN program, to be eligible for admission.

CONDITIONAL ENROLLMENT

All qualified applicants will be placed in a random selection which result in the conditional filling of the program enrollment seats. Alternates seats will also be selected.

ASSESSMENT TEST

All conditionally enrolled students and alternates will be required to take a state approved nursing assessment test. Students who are testing on or after August 31, 2016 will need to study, and then test, using the 6th edition, called the *ATI TEAS*.

For those students who may have previously taken the *TEAS V* exam, the Program will accept their *TEAS V* scores/transcripts from August 1, 2015 until August 31, 2016. Scores prior to August 1, 2015 will not be accepted. Students must take the *ATI TEAS*

Students must rank at or above 62% on their **first attempt, on either the *TEAS V* or *ATI TEAS exam*** to be eligible for admission into the program. Students who do not meet this criteria will be offered a remediation program.

REMEDIATION PROGRAM

Students who do not meet the Pre-requisite Validation Score of 75% and/ or the *TEAS Score** of 62%, will be considered eligible for enrollment into the ADN Program only upon successful completion of the four remediation courses listed below. These courses **MUST** be completed within 12 months from the initial application date to the ADN Program.

1. ACDV B70 a -f Series – Study Skills with a “P”
2. BIOL B34 – Pathophysiology (or equivalent course) with a “B” or higher
3. MEDS B69 – CNA with a “C” or higher **or** Current CNA certification with proof of recent work experience
4. NURS B100 – Strategies for Nursing Success with a “P”
5. * If remediation was completed due to a *TEAS Score* below 62%, students must retake the *TEAS ATI* **AND** achieve a score of at least 62%. If the retake score is less than 62% than the student is no longer eligible for the RN Program.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS

A physical examination completed by a Physician (MD), Nurse Practitioner (NP), or a Physicians Assistant (PA) of the student's choice is required when entering the Program. This is to demonstrate that a student meets the following technical standards necessary to meet the Program objectives. Appropriate immunizations and/or vaccinations are also required, and are performed at the student's expense.

ESSENTIAL TECHNICAL STANDARDS

Nursing students must meet the following essential technical standards to ensure the safety and welfare of the patients, the healthcare team, and themselves. A physical examination performed by a MD, NP, or a PA determines whether a student meets the technical standards or any accommodations that may be necessary.

- Standing and/or walking most of a shift.
- Bending or crouching several times per hour.
- Lifting and carrying a minimum of 30 pounds several times an hour.
- With the assistance of 2-3 persons, lifting and moving up to 300 lbs.
- Reaching overhead above the shoulder 90 degrees.
- Utilizing eyesight to observe clients and manipulate equipment under various illumination levels.
- Hearing to communicate with the patient and healthcare team.
- Manipulating medical equipment and accessories, including but not limited to switches, knobs, buttons, keyboards, patient lines, and tubes, utilizing fine and gross motor skills.
- Performing the assigned job responsibilities with the intellectual and emotional functions necessary to ensure patient safety and exercise independent judgment and discretion.
- Utilizing sufficient verbal and written skills to efficiently communicate in English with the patient and healthcare team.
- Utilizing the above standards/functions to respond promptly to the patient's needs and/or emergency situations.

DRUG / ALCOHOL SCREENING

As a condition of enrollment into any Nursing/Allied Health Program with a clinical laboratory component, students are required to submit to, and pass a designated drug and alcohol screening at student's expense.

BACKGROUND SCREENING

As a condition of enrollment into any Nursing/Allied Health Program with a clinical laboratory component, students are required to complete and submit a background check, at the student's expense. Please note the following:

- A history of felony conviction(s) or any bar, exclusion or other ineligibility for federal program participation could render a student ineligible for clinical placement, as determined by the clinical agencies.
- If students are unable to attend clinic due to background restrictions, then the student's seat will be forfeited as they will not be able to meet Program / Course Objectives.

BASIC LIFE SUPPORT

Students are required to show proof of a valid **American Heart Association Basic Life Support (BLS) – Healthcare Provider card. This BLS card must be valid at all times.**

ESTIMATED PROGRAM COSTS (Gainful Employment)

Students will be required to purchase uniforms, textbooks and selected equipment, provide transportation to off-campus clinical education sites and pay current college fees. For information of the Estimated Program Cost, please visit our website

at: [https://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/sites/bakersfieldcollege.edu/files/Projected%20Costs%202015 %20RN%20%20rev%203-20-15.pdf](https://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/sites/bakersfieldcollege.edu/files/Projected%20Costs%202015%20RN%20rev%203-20-15.pdf)

ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSE PROGRAM CURRICULUM

The following courses are taken AFTER the student enters the Program.		
FIRST SEMESTER		
NURS B20	Nursing Fundamentals (2 Lec/2 Lab)	4.0
NURS B21	Medical Surgical Nursing 1 (2.5 Lec/2.5 Lab)	5.0
NURS B22	Basic Pharmacology	3.0
	Total	12.0
SECOND SEMESTER		
NURS B23	Medical/Surgical Nursing 2 (2.5 Lec/2 Lab)	4.5
NURS B24	Obstetrics-Maternity Nursing (1.5 Lec/1.5 Lab)	3.0
NURS B25	Mental Health-Psychiatric Nursing (2 Lec/1.5 Lab)	3.5
	Total	11.0
THIRD SEMESTER		
NURS B26	Medical/Surgical Nursing 3 (2.5 Lec/3 Lab)	5.5
NURS B27	Pediatric Nursing (1.5 Lec/2 Lab)	3.5
	Total	9.0
FOURTH SEMESTER		
NURS B28	Medical/Surgical Nursing 4 (3 Lec/4 Lab)	7.0
NURS B29	Gerontology-Community Nursing (1 Lec/1 Lab)	2.0
	Total	9.0

STUDENTS TRANSFERRING FROM OTHER NURSING PROGRAMS

Students who desire to transfer from another nursing program into our a BC nursing program must meet with the Nursing Educational Advisor to ensure course/program alignment, and be in good standing from their previous nursing program. Good standing is defined as a student who was not on academic or clinical probation, and who is eligible for re-entry into the their previous program.

STUDENTS TRANSFERRING TO CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, BAKERFIELD

Students who plan to obtain their Bachelor's Degree in Nursing at CSUB after completing the Bakersfield College ADN Program should consult the CSUB Nursing web-page at <http://www.csub.edu/nursing/Programs/RN-BSN/index.html> for current requirements.

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PROGRAM ACCREDITATION

The California BRN accredits the BC ADN Program. Bakersfield College is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. The ACCJC is one of the six regional accrediting bodies recognized by the United States Department of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation.

LICENSURE/CERTIFICATION ELIGIBILITY

Conviction of any offenses other than minor traffic violations must be reported to the Board of Registered Nursing at the time of application for licensure. For clarification contact the ADN Program Director or the Board of Registered Nursing, 400 R Street, Suite 4030, Sacramento, California, 95814, (916) 322-3350. www.rn.ca.gov

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION /EQUAL OPPORTUNITY STATEMENT

In accordance with the requirements of the Civil Rights Act, Bakersfield College provides services and benefits to students regardless of race, color, national origin, ancestry, gender,

age, religion, marital status, medical condition or disability. The lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to administration and participation in vocational education programs.

(Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.)