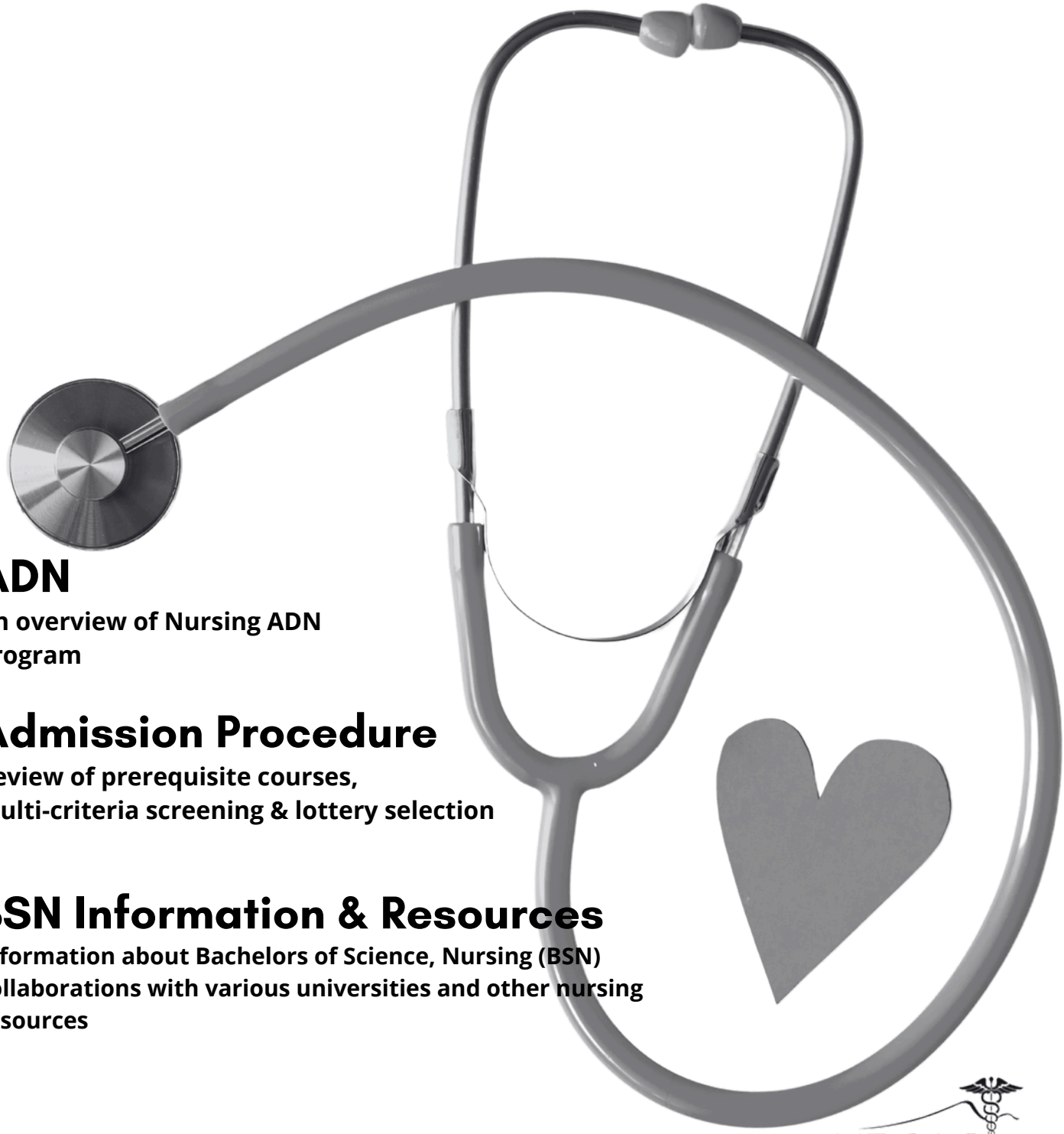
Mt. San Antonio College

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

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MT. SAC Nursing & COUNSELING SERVICES

Program Overview

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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.

After graduating with an Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) and becoming a Registered Nurse (RN), you can work in a wide variety of healthcare settings, including hospitals, nursing facilities, clinics, doctor's offices, home health agencies, and even as a travel nurse.

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ADN Admission Requirements

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

Prerequisites

2.5 or better GPA is required:

- ANAT 10A (4 units) ***or*** ANAT 35 (5 units)
- ANAT 10B (4 units) ***or*** ANAT 36 (5 units)
- MICR 22 (4 units) ***or*** MICR 1 (5 units)
- ENGL C1000 (ENGL 1A) ***or*** AMLA 1A
- Eligibility for college-level math

Prerequisite Note:

- BIOL 1 or 4 are prerequisites for MICR 1, 22 & ANAT 35
- Anat 35, Biol 1 or 4, and Chem 10 or 40 are prerequisites for ANAT 36
- CHEM 10 or 40 are prerequisites for MICR 1 or 22 & ANAT 10B

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 Lottery Pool

The Nursing Department will review applications and select the top 200-250 applicants to move to a lottery pool.

*30 of the top-scoring applicants will bypass the Lottery pool. All remaining will be placed in the lottery pool.

Final Selection

A cohort of 60 students are admitted for Fall and Spring cohorts.

- Admission to the Nursing program is offered to the 30 applicants who achieve a passing score on the TEAS exam and earn the highest combined multi-citeria screening points.
- An additional **30 applicants** will be admitted through a second lottery process.

Prerequisites Courses

- ☐ **ANAT 10A:** Introductory Human Anatomy (4 units) ***or***
  ANAT 35: Human Anatomy or equivalent (5 units)

- ☐ **ANAT 10B:** Introductory Human Physiology (4 units) ***or***
  ANAT 36: Human Physiology or equivalent (5 units)

- ☐ **MICR 22:** Principles of Microbiology (4 units) ***or***
  MICR 1: Microbiology or equivalent (5 units)

- ☐ **ENGL C1000 (ENGL 1A)-**Academic Reading & Writing (4 units) or **AMLA 1A-**College Composition for Non-Native English Speakers equivalent) (4 units)

- ☐ **Eligibility college-level math+**

  +Note: BSN programs may only accept STAT C1000 (Math 110) (3 units) or PSYC 10 (4 units) 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.

Special Note: Starting **June 1st, 2027**, the Science Recency will be updated as follows: Science courses cannot be older than five years upon intended entry into the program.

Additional Degree Requirements

Graduation Requirements:

- [ ] **Physical Well-Being:** Complete a 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)

General Education (GE):* The following must be completed with a "C" or better:

- [ ] ENGL C1000/H or AMLA 1A (ENGL 1A/1AH)
- [ ] COMM C1000/H, 2 or 8 (SPCH 1A/1AH or 2 or 8)
- [ ] SCIENCE (Prerequisites)
- [ ] MATHEMATICS (Preferred STAT C1000/MATH 110)
- [ ] ARTS
- [ ] HUMANITIES
- [ ] US HISTORY & AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS
- [ ] SOCIAL SCIENCE ELECTIVE
  (**PSYC C1000 or PSYC 1A**)
- [ ] LIFELONG UNDERSTANDING & SELF DEVELOPMENT
  (**PSYC 14**-Developmental Psychology or equivalent) ***or***
  (**CHLD 10**-Human Growth & Life Span Development)
- [ ] ETHNIC STUDIES

View General Education options or scan QR code

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* To earn an associate degree, complete the Associate Degree GE pattern or the Cal-GETC GE pattern.

Application & Selection Process for Nursing Program

Two applications periods per year

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Start Term: Fall	Start Term: Spring
Nov 20th-Dec 20th	June 1st-July 1st

Top Scoring Applicants & Lottery

- 30 of the top scoring applicants will **bypass the lottery.**
- All other candidates will be placed in a lottery.

TEAS-Nursing Readiness Exam*

- A random selection of **150 applicants** will be invited to take the TEAS exam.*
- A minimum passing score of **70%** is required to pass the TEAS Nursing Readiness Exam.
- There is a point system for the results of this exam and the points will be added to overall score.

A Cohort of 60 Applicants selected

- Admission to the Nursing program is offered to the **30 applicants** who achieve a passing score on the TEAS exam and earn the highest combined multi-criteria screening points.
- An additional **30 applicants** will be admitted through a second lottery process.

TEAS: FREE online classes to learn math for Nursing and Health Careers and/or get ready for the TEAS and other Health Careers assessment go to ***www.mtsac.edu/sce/abe/healthcare/

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Multi-Criteria Screening

Multicriteria Screening points and information are subject to change.
Visit the Nursing website or go to *www.mtsac.edu/nursing/ f*or 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.

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.	**20**	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. Work: Letter from current/former employer verifying employment. The letter must be on the organization's 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. ***Documents can consist of multiple pages**. The employment letter, job description from the manager, and/or job description from the employer's website for the specified job. 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. (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.)

Multi-Criteria Screening

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.	**12**	Relevant healthcare volunteer experience in a healthcare setting (300 hours within the past five years). **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 **(* see note below).** ***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. (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.)

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
Living in a Medically Underserved area or population	**1**	Documentation: Proof of address via one of the following documents: Utility Bill (Gas, electric, phone, internet), Bank Statement, Insurance Document, Car Registration, Mortgage statement/Renter's Pay Stub, copy of state issued ID or state issued Drivers License. Document provided must display Full Name (must match name on the application) and address of residence. Must also provide proof that that the address listed on the document is designated as a medically underserved area (MUA). To verify the address visit: ***tinyurl.com/3b8bw9pu***, type in address as listed in the document being provided as proof of address, and save the page as a PDF or print the information that is provided from the search. Uploaded document must include both proof of address and proof of Medically Underserved Area as designated by the website provided.

4. Veteran Status Maximum Points = 8		
Veteran status	**8**	Copy of DD-214

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**	• Letter from professor, clergy, or supervisor, if it is a native language (must speak, read and write in the language) *or* • Transcripts showing completion of 3 years of high school in the same language with a "C" or better, *or* • 2 semesters of college-level foreign language or AP (score of 3, 4, or 5), *or* • SAT II subject test score in language

6A. GPA in science prerequisites – Maximum Points = 26		
6A. Minimum 2.5 GPA in Science prerequisite (Anatomy, Physiology, Microbiology) 4.0 3.5 – 3.99 3.0 – 3.49 2.5 – 2.99 **Note: The Nursing Department does <u>not accept online labs.</u>** An exception is made for labs taken between 03/2020-12/2022.	 26 25 20 15	6A. 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. Official transcripts will be required for your Counseling Appointment. Science courses cannot be older than seven years. **Special Note**: Starting June 1st, 2027, the Science courses cannot be older than five years.

6B. GPA in all course work– Maximum Points = 20		
6B. Minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA for all completed college/ university academic transcripts: 4.0 3.5 – 3.99 3.0 – 3.49 2.5 – 2.99	 20 19 14 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.

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.

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20 or 12 points

Work/Volunteer Experience: CNA, EMT, Vocational Nursing

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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 22/1

- 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 allowed
- 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

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www.mtsac.edu/stem/

Tutoring

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www.mtsac.edu/tutoringcenters/

AIME

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www.mtsac.edu/sce/aime/index.html

Educational & Career Information

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

MT. SAC HEALTH CARE OPTIONS

CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT (CNA)

Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs) are entry-level health care providers that handle day-to-day care of patients in a variety of settings, including long term care facilities. The CNA program is a Short-Term Vocational program offered through the School of Continuing Education and is approved through the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). After successful completion of the program, students are eligible to take the National Nurse Assistant Assessment Program (NNAAP) exam and apply for state certification.

ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

1. Submit the online School of Continuing Education application at **www.mtsac.edu/noncreditapp t**o get on the Interest List
2. Attend an Information Session to learn about admission and program requirements. To sign-up for an Information Session, please visit **www.mtsac.edu/sce/stv/health/**
3. Students are admitted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Admission requirements may include, but are not limited to:
   - Must be at least 16 years of age upon application to the program
   - Clear criminal background check
   - medical clearance, including immunization requirements
   - drug/alcohol screening
   - California Identification and Social Security number or an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) are required for CDPH certification

For more information on Short-Term Vocational healthcare programs, please visit ***www.mtsac.edu/sce/stv/health***/ or scan

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VOCATIONAL NURSE, VN

The Vocational Nurse (LVN) is an entry-level health care provider who is responsible for rendering basic nursing care under the direction of a physician or registered nurse. LVN's may find employment in hospitals, clinics, private physicians' offices, and skilled nursing facilities. The Vocational Nursing (VN) program is a Short-Term Vocational program offered through the School of Continuing Education and is approved by the Board of Vocational Nurse and Psychiatric Technicians (BVNPT). Students successfully completing the VN program will be eligible for the NCLEX-PN examination of the National Council of State Board of Nursing in the State of California.

ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

1. Submit the online School of Continuing Education application **www.mtsac.edu/noncreditapp** to get on the Interest List
2. Attend an Information Session to learn about admission and program requirements. To sign-up for an Information Session, please visit **www.mtsac.edu/sce/stv/health/**
3. Admissions requirements may include, but are not limited to:
    - Must be at least 17 years of age upon application to the program
    - Must have an active unrestricted Nursing Assistant Certification (CNA) through the California Department of Public Health
    - Must achieve a minimum score on the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)

- Applicant must provide proof of graduation from (one of the following):
    - An accredited high school in the United States by official transcripts or diploma or
    - Documentation of a passing score on the California High School Equivalency Exam (GED/HiSet) *or*
    - Official evaluation of international diploma/degree

For more information on Short-Term Vocational healthcare programs, please visit ***www.mtsac.edu/sce/stv/health***/ or scan

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PSYCHIATRIC TECHNICIAN

The Psychiatric Technician Program enables the student to gain the knowledge of basic nursing skills, mental health principles and psychodynamics that contribute to the student's comprehension and understanding of the mentally disordered and/or developmentally disabled client

ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

1. Applicant must be at least eighteen (18) years of age
2. Must be a high school graduate or have equivalent (GED) upon entrance into the program.
3. Submit an online application to the Psychiatric Technician program at **bit.ly/41s351V**
4. Applicant must submit a complete Step 2 packet to be invited to the mandatory orientation.
   a. Copy of CPR certificate
   b. Social Security Card,
   c. Colored copy of Driver License
   d. Criminal Record Statement, Conviction Memo, and Professional Conduct
5. All students will be required to complete a background check prior to entering the clinical education phase.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

For more information on Psychiatric Technician program, visit, ***www.mtsac.edu/mental-health/psychiatric/*** or scan

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Earn Your BSN while completing your ADN

Collaboration with 4-year Colleges

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

AZUSA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY

OHIO STATE

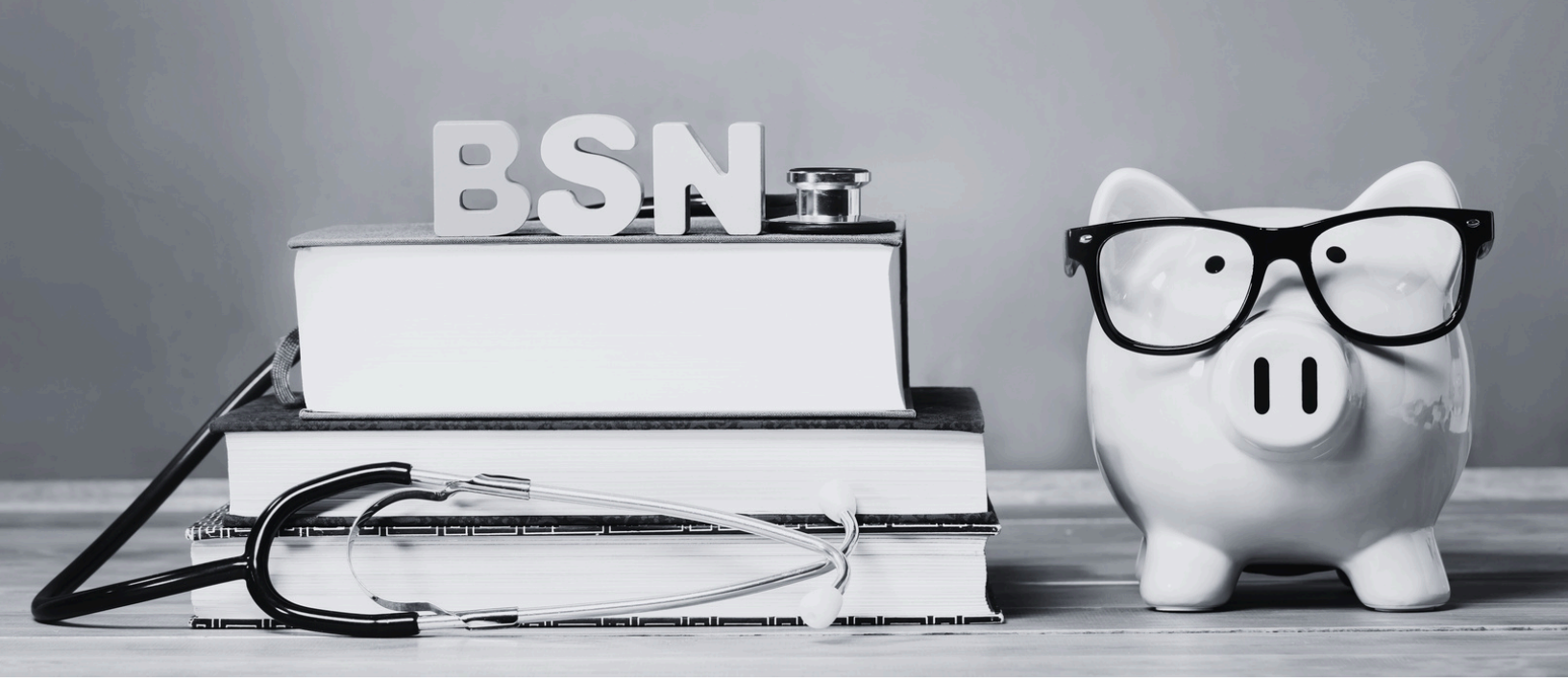
Mount Saint Mary's University LOS ANGELES

LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY School of Nursing

UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC

WESTERN GOVERNORS UNIVERSITY WGU wgu.edu

GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY ARIZONA 1949



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

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY FULLERTON

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY SAN BERNARDINO 1965

Cal State LA

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UC IRVINE

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 recommendations

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

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Major Articulation Agreement

Nursing

Effective during the **2024-2025** academic year

To: California State University, Long Beach	From: Mount San Antonio College
2024-2025 General Catalog, Semester	2024-2025 General Catalog, Semester

BS IN NURSING

The Department of Nursing offers two bachelor's degrees:

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing - Basic
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing - Registered Nurse

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General Education for Cal-IGETC (UC/CSU)

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INTERSEGMENTAL GENERAL EDUCATION TRANSFER CURRICULUM (IGETC) 2023 - 2024

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

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

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

Additional Questions

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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.
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