



Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

Q: What registered nursing programs are offered at Citrus College?

A: Citrus College awards the Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) by offering the Generic and Advanced Placement (AP) options. The Advanced Placement (AP) option is for Licensed Vocational Nurses. Additionally, the program may accept transfer and challenge students based on space availability and are evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Q. If I am a Licensed Vocational Nurse, may I apply to both the Generic and Advanced Placement (AP) Options?

A. No. Licensed Vocational Nurses can only apply under the Advanced Placement (AP) Option.

Q. If I am not a graduate of the LVN program at Citrus College, may I apply to the Advanced Placement (AP) option?

A. Yes. The Advanced Placement (AP) option is open to *all eligible* and currently licensed Vocational Nurses who graduated from a BVNPT accredited program.

Q: When is the application period?

A: Citrus College's Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) program accepts applications once a year for fall admission, for both the Generic and Advanced Placement (AP) options. The filing period is **December through mid-February (check website for specific dates)**. Application packets and instructions may be viewed on the ADN website beginning in December. Application workshops will be offered to applicants. Please visit: www.citruscollege.edu/academics/programs/adn for more information.

Q. Is it mandatory to attend a nursing application workshop in order to submit an application?

A. No. However, students are highly encouraged to attend an application workshop in which program curriculum and the application process will be reviewed in detail.

Q. Do I need to apply to Citrus College?

A. Yes. All ADN applicants are required to apply to Citrus College, if they are not a student of the college.

Q: How many students do you accept for the RN Program?

A: We accept 20 students for the Generic Option and 10 for the Advanced Placement (AP) Option.

Q. How many students apply every year?

A. As many as 200 students may apply each year.

Q. How does the program select its students?

A. We use a point system to find the best qualified students for admission each year. Applicants are selected by rank order (highest points) of the multi-criteria for selection.

Q: Is there a waiting list?

A: No. There is no waiting list. Selected students will begin in the fall semester.

Q. If I applied last year and was not selected, does my application automatically get considered for next semester?

A. No. You must submit a new application for each admission cycle.

Q. Does the program accept students with a bachelor's degree in a field other than nursing?

A. Yes.

Q. How long is the program?

A. Once admitted, the Generic option is a two (2) year program and the Advanced Placement (AP) option is a one (1) year program. Most students spend two years and more completing the prerequisites.

Q. If I am a current or former Citrus College student, do I need to request my official transcripts from Admissions and Records?

A. No. Current or former Citrus College students do not need to request their official transcripts from Admissions and Records for the application.

Q. What if I took courses at another college or university?

A. It is very important that prerequisite courses are equivalent to the Citrus College courses listed on the application and catalog. Do not assume that the courses you took will be equivalent to Citrus College's courses. Also, do not assume a class is an equivalent even if it is accepted by another nursing program. All official transcripts must be submitted to the Admissions & Records Office. The nursing program does not accept official transcripts directly from students in the application. We strongly encourage applicants to submit all their official transcripts to Admissions and Records and request an evaluation of their courses with a counselor prior to the application period. Otherwise, we strongly recommend that official transcripts are submitted to Admissions and Records at least two weeks prior to submitting an application during the filing period.

Q. Is it required to schedule an appointment with a Nursing Counselor prior to submitting my application?

A. No. However, it is strongly recommended to meet with a nursing counselor prior to submitting an application, to review admission eligibility and requirements.

Q. Do foreign degrees waive ADN program pre-requisites and/or general education requirements?

A. Students who have completed high school, college or university course work outside the United States must obtain a complete evaluation by a Citrus College approved foreign evaluation service and submit it to Admissions and Records. Credit from foreign schools will only be recognized for math, arts, humanities, and the kinesiology requirement.

Q: Are core sciences older than five (5) years accepted?

A: No. The Citrus College ADN program has a five (5) year recency requirement for core sciences. There is no time limit on other courses.

Q: Are repeats in the core sciences (Human Anatomy, Human Physiology, and Microbiology) allowed?

A: Only one repeat is allowed for core sciences within the past five (5) years. Repeats of core sciences that are older than five (5) years are not considered "repeats" for the application process. Withdrawal ("W") grades do not count as repeats. Core sciences removed from a student's record (within the past five years) via academic renewal will still be considered as repeats in the core sciences. Attempted core sciences without a lab component will be treated as an attempt in the core sciences.

Q: Are combined anatomy and physiology classes (ex. A&P I and A&P II) accepted?

A: Yes, but combined anatomy and physiology classes both must have 4 unit sections completed or consist of one 8 unit course. In addition, combined anatomy and physiology classes must be completed at the same college/university.

Q: Are online lecture and labs accepted for the Human Anatomy, Human Physiology, and Microbiology?

A: No. Citrus College's ADN program will only accept in-person courses for the core sciences.

Q: Are core sciences (Human Anatomy, Human Physiology, and Microbiology) without a lab accepted?

A. No. Citrus College's ADN program will only accept core sciences with a lecture and lab component. The lab and lecture may have been offered as one (1) course or two (2) separate sections. The lecture and lab component may have been completed concurrently together or in different terms.

Q: Are Advanced Placement (AP) tests accepted?

A: Yes. Applicants must submit official College Board AP exam results to the Admissions and Records Office.

Q: Do you accept International Baccalaureate (IB) exams?

A. No. The nursing program will not grant credit or units for IB examinations.

Q: Do you accept the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) to meet nursing pre-requisites?

A. No. The nursing program will not grant credit or units for CLEP examinations.

Q: Can ADN program pre-requisites be in-progress when I apply?

A: ADN program pre-requisites (Human Anatomy, Human Physiology, Microbiology, and English) cannot be in-progress. These courses must be completed, with grades posted on transcripts, prior to applying to the ADN program.

Q: Can general education courses be in-progress when I apply?

A. Nursing general education courses and general education for the Associate Degree are not required for admission to the ADN (RN) program; rather, they are required for the completion of the Associate in Science Degree in Nursing. Nonetheless, it is *highly recommended* that no more than two (2 for Generic, 1 for AP) general education courses be in-progress at the time an application is submitted due to the rigorous nursing student course load. Additionally, the number of remaining general educational courses will be evaluated in the Multi-Criteria for Selection.

Q. Can I work while in the program?

A. It is recommended that the students give 100% of their attention to the program. Some students are able to work.

Q. Is the ADN program full-time?

A. Yes, but hours vary between classroom lecture, labs, clinical, studying, and homework obligations.

Q. Can I attend part-time in the ADN program?

A. No. It is a full-time program with classes during the week days and clinical may be day/weekends or evenings depending on the semester.

Q. Does your program offer individual nursing classes (I.E. Obstetrics/Maternity or Pediatric)?

A. No, individual nursing classes are not offered by the Citrus College Nursing program.

Q. Do I need a Social Security Number?

A. Yes. A social security number is required to be admitted to the program as it required to be eligible to take the licensing exam. In addition, clinical sites require the student to have a social security number in order to use their facility in the clinical portion of their nursing education.

Q. Can international students apply?

A. Yes. F1-Visa applicants must have a valid Social Security Number.

Q: Does the nursing program accept TEAS scores taken at other schools?

A: Yes. Students may complete the TEAS exam at another location. Only the first passing score (62% or higher) will be accepted.

Q. What if I want to transfer from another nursing program to your program?

A. Transfer students are taken on space availability only. After you have applied to Citrus College and submitted a nursing application, you will need to write a letter of interest to the Health Sciences Director, submit a letter of recommendation from current Nursing Director/Chair, and submit official transcripts along with nursing course syllabi. After your file is reviewed, the Health Sciences Department will contact you to discuss your options.

Q: If I am a Veteran, do I get priority admission into the ADN program?

A: Applicants with Veteran status will be given points under the "Life Experience" section of the Multi-Criteria for Selection. Applicants who are Veterans must show proof of status by submitting a supporting document (i.e. DD-214) to the Veterans Success Center located in the IC Building, between the ED Building to the west and the LB Building to the east.

Additionally, applicants with Veteran status who have held Military Health Care Occupations, specifically: Basic Medical Technician Corpsman (Navy HM or Air Force BMTCP), Army Health Care Specialist (68W Army Medic) or Air Force Independent Duty Medical Technician (IMDT 4NOXIC) may achieve advanced placement into the second semester of the nursing program (Generic Option) with documentation of education and experience qualifying them for the specific Military Health Care Occupation and upon successful completion of the challenge exam, dosage calculation exam, and skills competency exam. Interested candidates must request an appointment with the Nursing Counselor at least four (4) to eight (8) weeks prior to the start of the ADN application period to discuss eligibility requirements for the Associate Degree Nursing Program.

Q: How can I make an appointment to see a Nursing Counselor?

A: You must have a Citrus student ID# to make an appointment. This can be obtained by applying for admissions to Citrus College at www.citruscollege.edu. Please call the Health Sciences Office (626) 914-8720 or the Counseling and Advisement Center at (626) 914-8530 to schedule an appointment.