



# College of the Redwoods

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## *Associate of Science Degree in Nursing Registered Nurse Program*

The College of the Redwoods' Nursing Program is a four-semester admission by application program approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) that is offered on the Eureka campus. Upon successful completion of the program, the college will award the candidate an Associate of Science Degree in Nursing and recommend him/her as an eligible applicant for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nursing (NCLEX-RN).

### *Curriculum Pattern*

<u>Prerequisite Courses:</u>		<i>Units</i>	
ENGL 1A	College Composition		3.0
+ BIOL 2	Microbiology		4.0
+ BIOL 6	Anatomy		4.0
+ BIOL 7	Physiology		4.0
		<b>Total Units</b>	<b>15.0</b>
<u>Recommended before beginning Nursing courses:</u>			
** MATH 120	Intermediate Algebra		4.0
<u>First Year</u>		<i>Fall</i>	<i>Spring</i>
* NURS 10A	Pharmacology in Professional Nursing I	2.0	
* NURS 21	Nursing Science & Practice I	9.0	
HO 15	Nutrition		3.0
PSYCH 1 or PSYCH 11	General Psychology Life Span Development	3.0	
* NURS 22	Nursing Science & Practice II		9.0
* NURS 10B	Pharmacology in Professional Nursing II		2.0
		<b>Total term units</b>	<b>14.0</b>
			<b>14.0</b>
<u>Second Year</u>		<i>Fall</i>	<i>Spring</i>
* NURS 23	Nursing Science & Practice III	9.0	
SPCH 1 or 6 or 7	Communication Skills Requirement	3.0	
* NURS 24	Nursing Science & Practice IV		10.0
SOC 1, SOC 2, or ANTH 3	Sociology/Anthropology Requirement		3.0
Humanities Requirement for AS degree (see catalog)			3.0
		<b>Total term units</b>	<b>12.0</b>
			<b>16.0</b>

\* Must be taken in sequence. Students are responsible for completing all academic prerequisites and co-requisites prior to each nursing class and for all graduate requirements as listed in the College of the Redwoods catalog.

\*\* Or higher math to satisfy AS Degree D(3) Analytical Thinking requirement .

+ GPA in these courses must be 2.5 or higher for admission and may only have one repetition in biology courses (total of four enrollments).

**NOTE: Overall GPA of 2.5 for all courses at or above collegiate level is required for admission.**

## General Information

1. Evaluation of the student nurse is based upon theoretical knowledge, manipulative skill proficiency, and the application of both of these in the clinical laboratory. To progress and graduate from the nursing program, students must achieve at least C grades in all nursing courses. In addition, a cumulative 2.0 GPA must be maintained for the Associate Degree with all general education and program requirements at a C grade or higher.
2. In nursing courses with a clinical component, students must receive a satisfactory clinical evaluation to pass the course and progress in the program. Some clinical agencies may require background checks by the Department of Justice and FBI fingerprinting or by other means of nursing students who use their facility. If a student's background check (criminal record) does not satisfy the requirements of the agency, or the agency refuses the student access to patients for any other reason, the program will not be able to provide alternate experiences and the student must withdraw from the program or receive an F grade.
3. Licensed Vocational Nurses and students transferring from other RN nursing programs who apply to the program are offered educational mobility opportunities that take into account their previous education. Where applicable, academic credits shall be evaluated and applied to nursing course requirements. Individual counseling and/or testing for advanced placement is available to assist students in making appropriate academic decisions.
4. Applicants who have previously enrolled in the College of the Redwoods ADN-RN program must apply for readmission by consulting with the Director of Nursing and Health Occupations. Only one readmission to the ADN-RN program is possible.
5. All nursing students must possess sufficient computer literacy skills to complete Internet research, communicate by email, and use CD-ROM, and other computer instruction and word processing. Those without these skills are encouraged to take CIS 1 prior to enrollment in the nursing program.
6. At the completion of the program when applying for licensure in the State of California to the Board of Registered Nursing, BRN, applicants are required to report any disciplinary action against a professional license and/or misdemeanor or felony convictions; certain convictions may result in denial of licensure. Each case is considered individually by the BRN.
7. Availability of clinical facilities necessitates admitting a limited number of students to each class. Therefore, if qualified applications exceed the number of seats available, a random ranking by lottery at the end of the Enrollment Period will determine the awards of seats **and waitlist status**. We encourage students who are waiting for admission to take the additional required general education courses for the nursing degree, above and beyond the prerequisite courses.

NOTE: The College of the Redwoods ADN-RN program has a number of 2008 applicants who were placed on the waiting list for 2009. There will be very limited seats available, if any, for new applicants in 2009. The lottery will place new applicants on the 2010 waiting list.

8. The demands of the nursing program are many. Most students find it difficult to carry the load of the nursing program and work more than part time. Clinical scheduling, assignments, etc. cannot be altered due to an individual's outside employment. Financial aid and several scholarships have been available each year. Contact the Financial Aid and Scholarship Offices. Personal life issues need to be in balance to be successful. One must have reliable transportation, reliable childcare (if applicable), and an ability to be punctual to assigned classes and clinical locations. Tardiness is not an acceptable performance standard in this professional career.
9. Clinical labs may be scheduled for day, evening, night, and/or weekend shifts. Students rotate to various clinical facilities throughout the college district including Del Norte County and are required

to provide their own transportation, childcare, etc., to attend clinical labs. Many students car pool; limited childcare services are available at the Child Development Center.

10. Cost of the Program (approximately \$3,615 total):

- a. Enrollment fee (\$20/unit) - \$1,200
- b. Required textbooks for the 4 semesters will cost approximately \$1,000 - \$1,500.
- c. Students are required to have uniforms, white shoes and a watch with second display. See dress code in student handbook for specifics. Approximate cost is \$100-150.
- d. Cost of fingerprinting/Background checks approximately \$65.
- e. Immunizations for students who do not have the required immunity to several communicable diseases may cost over \$220. Most are available through the Student Health Clinic for reduced fees or at no cost to the student.
- f. CPR certification costs about \$50.
- g. The school pin (optional) for graduation costs approximately \$60-\$130.
- h. Licensure application costs about \$300.

**Note:** Above costs subject to change.

## Entrance to the Program

**NOTE: In progress courses are not acceptable.** In order to be eligible for admission students must have successfully completed the following courses:

Bio 6 - Anatomy with lab\*

Bio 7 - Physiology with lab\*

Bio 2 - Microbiology with lab\*

English 1A - College Composition (grade of C or greater)

Overall GPA of 2.5 or higher for all courses at or above collegiate level (basic skills courses will not be included)

\* GPA for Bio 6, Bio 7, Bio 2 of 2.5 or higher and only one course repetition in biology courses (total of four biology enrollments)

Prerequisite courses must be completed to be eligible to apply during the January-February enrollment period. "In progress" grades for prerequisite courses are not acceptable. All RN students are strongly advised to complete the math graduation requirement prior to program enrollment.

## When filing an application for entrance to the (ADN) Associate Degree Nursing Program, the applicant must:

1. File a completed Student Enrollment Form to the College of the Redwoods with the Admissions and Records Office. To participate in the class selection lottery an applicant must have a College of the Redwoods student identification number that has been or will be assigned when you submit your CR Student Enrollment Form. If you have not applied to College of the Redwoods, download an

application from the College web page <http://www.redwoods.edu/admissions/apply.asp> and submit it with the ADN-RN application. Please indicate *Nursing (NURS)* as your major. Applicants do not have to be registered for classes at College of the Redwoods when they submit an application to the nursing program.

2. Submit an *Application to the Associate Degree Nursing Program (with all documents of verification attached)* to the **Admissions & Records Office** during the Enrollment Period **between 9:00 AM Monday, January 26, 2009 and 4:00 PM on Friday, February 6, 2009**. Applications may be either personally delivered or mailed to the **Admissions & Records Office** with a postmarked on or before February 6, 2009. An **ADN-RN Application Form** is available from *Health Occupations, Counseling, or by using the application on the last page of this brochure.*

**If you would like receipt verification of your mailed application packet, please include a self-addressed stamped post card. The office will not verify receipt of application packets by telephone.**

3. Verify high school graduation by submitting official documentation. An official transcript with an official stamp embossed on the document in an unopened envelope must be submitted. (Please call Health Occupations office if your high school will not mail your transcript directly to you.) An official high school transcript may be submitted or an official letter from the high school or student may show equivalency by passing the GED (General Education Development Examination) and submitting an official certificate. You may call 866-370-4740 to order an official GED certificate - (ETS-GED Records Center, PO Box 4005, Concord CA 94524-4005).

**Note: If applicant possesses a degree from an accredited college or university, evidence of degree granted on official sealed college transcripts will be considered equivalent to high school graduation.**

4. Submit **official (sealed) transcripts (with an official stamp embossed on the document in an unopened envelope)** for all courses at or above the collegiate level, from each accredited college/university you have attended. **You do not need to attach copies of transcripts from College of the Redwoods.**

**Official Transcripts must verify:**

- a. **Overall College GPA of 2.5**
- b. Completion of **ENGL 1A** with a grade of "C" or higher
- c. Completion of **BIOL 2 - Microbiology** with a grade of "C" or higher\*
- d. Completion of **BIOL 6 - Human Anatomy** with a grade of "C" or higher\*
- e. Completion of **BIOL 7 - Human Physiology** with a grade of "C" or higher\*

\*BIOL 2, 6, & 7 combined GPA of 2.5 or higher. **No more than one repetition** in any of the prerequisite BIOL courses (total of four biology enrollments).

5. Submit completed application to: ***Admissions & Records  
College of the Redwoods  
7351 Tompkins Hill Rd  
Eureka CA 95501-9300***

**Please Note: Even if official transcripts have been filed with Admissions & Records Office in the past, a new official transcript (with an official stamp embossed on the document in an unopened envelope) must accompany each nursing program application.** For equivalency verification, course descriptions must be attached for prerequisite courses taken at other school as specified on the application.

## Selection Process

Immediately following the Enrollment Period, the **Selection Process** will randomize **qualified** applicants that have submitted a **complete** application to the Associate Degree in Science Nursing Program with all specified verification documents attached as requested. Qualified applications to the ADN-RN program will be selected by lottery until all available seats, if any, are filled. If more qualified applications are received than there are seats available, qualified applicants who apply during the Enrollment Period who are not awarded seats will be maintained in order of the random lottery on a waiting list for future classes. The Health Occupation Office will notify students by letter of their acceptance into the ADN-RN program or their waitlist number.

Students accepted into the program must return an acceptance letter to the Health Occupations Office to retain their seat. Any student who is unable to maintain his/her seat in the ADN-RN program should notify the Health Occupations Office immediately.

### Applications will be disqualified for any one of the following reasons:

- Unverified and/or invalidated entries on the application form
- Applications received after the Enrollment Period - Reapplication will be required for a seat in the next year's class
- Failure to submit all necessary documents with your application (i.e. - official high school transcripts or documentation of college degree in lieu of high school transcripts)

From the end of the Enrollment Period until the first day of class in the fall, seats that become available will be filled in order from the waiting list. After classes have begun in the fall semester, remaining qualified applicants will receive a letter from the Health Occupations Department requesting verification that the applicant wants to be maintained on the waiting list for the next year. Applicants must return an attached form by 10/19/09 to retain their place on the waiting list.

To maximize the number of seats for nursing students at College of the Redwoods, students who apply to both the LVN and ADN programs must select and enroll in only **one** program. Students cannot remain on the waiting list for the second nursing program if they are enrolled in the first nursing program. For example, an LVN student could not be maintained on the ADN waiting list while in the LVN program. To become an RN, that student must apply to the LVN-RN Career Mobility program upon completion of the LVN program.

Please keep the Health Occupations Office notified of changes in address and/or phone number/e-mail address. Waiting list applicants will be notified of vacancies. If the Health Occupations Office does not have current contact information (telephone or email) available and/or you are not reachable, seats will be awarded to the next person on the wait list.

## Program Requirements

All students must meet and submit the following requirements prior to enrolling in the first semester of the ADN program (third Friday in July) or **admission in the program may be in jeopardy.**

1. In order to protect the public's safety and health, applicants must be in good health and be able to perform the physical and mental work required in the program. Health status requirements include:
  - a. Proof of tetanus, measles, rubella and Varicella immunity must be documented on the Health Occupations Student Health Form. Hepatitis B is highly recommended but a signed waiver is possible for this immunization only. The vaccines are available from the Student Health Center fall and spring semesters.
  - b. A tuberculosis test is also required. This is also available from the Student Health Center fall and spring semesters.

- c. A College of the Redwoods Department of Health Occupations Physical Examination and Health History Form completed by a MD, PA, or FNP. Students must meet established physical and emotional requirements for safe clinical practice. Any concerns regarding health status issues should be forwarded to the Director of Nursing and Health Occupations. Without the submitted documents, students will have unexcused absences from clinical learning, which may result in the inability to meet program requirements.
  - d. Freedom from alcoholism, drug abuse or emotional illness that could jeopardize the student's ability to provide safe client care. Students are advised (according to California Board of Registered Nursing guidelines) to seek voluntary aid for conditions that could, if left unattended, lead to disciplinary action and may prevent licensure to practice nursing in California.
2. Current, active CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) certification, including adult, infant and child CPR, for both one-rescuer and two-rescuers CPR prior to entering clinical nursing courses. This can be satisfied as follows:
- a. American Heart Association - *Basic Life Support (BLS) - Level C*.
  - b. American Red Cross - *CPR for the Professional Rescuer* course.

**Note: No other CPR course(s) may be substituted for the above.**

- 3. Beginning Fall 2009 applicants accepted into the program will be required to complete an assessment test. In order to promote student success, remediation course work may be required prior to entry into the program.**

ADN-RN Application Form available from Health Occupations or  
<http://www.redwoods.edu/departments/HO/index.asp>

*Public Notice/Nondiscrimination: All classes are open to those who have met the academic prerequisites. College of the Redwoods does not discriminate on the basis of ethnicity, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, color or disability in any of its programs or activities. The College is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities. Upon request this publication will be made available in alternate formats.*



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College of the Redwoods – HEALTH OCCUPATIONS  
**Associate in Science Degree, Registered Nursing  
ADN-RN Application**

**Enrollment Period January 26, 2009, 9:00 a.m. through February 6, 2009 4:00 p.m.**  
**SUBMIT APPLICATION TO THE ADMISSIONS & RECORDS OFFICE**

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_  
OFFICE USE ONLY

**Selection will be by lottery following the enrollment period. Applications will only be received and considered after the enrollment period if seats remain available.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Former Names Used \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

College of the Redwoods Student ID# \_\_\_\_\_ If none, CR Student Enrollment Form Attached Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Previous enrollment in CR ADN-RN Program? No \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ When \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE NOTE: **Official proof of high school graduation or equivalent is required or your application will be considered incomplete and disqualified from the lottery.** (See Page 4 for details). **Note: If applicant possesses a degree from an accredited college or university, evidence of degree granted on official sealed college transcripts will be considered equivalent to high school graduation.**

Attached is documentation of the following:

- H.S. Graduate     GED Test     California High School Proficiency Exam     College Degree

***Applicants MUST provide the following information for course work validation. Course descriptions and official transcripts (with an official stamp embossed on the document in an unopened envelope) must be provided for all courses other than College of the Redwoods.***

Prerequisite Courses	College	Course Name & Number (i.e. – English 101)	Semester & Year Completed	Grade
English 1A				
Biol 2, Micro or Equiv.				
Biol 6, Anatomy or Equiv.				
Biol 7, Physio or Equiv.				

**Applicants MUST provide official transcripts (with an official stamp embossed on the document in an unopened envelope) for all college level courses other than College of the Redwoods.**

Name of Institution	City/State	Dates Attended	Units	Degree Received/Date

**I hereby acknowledge that the failure to follow enrollment procedures or omission of required documentation will result in disqualification of my CR ADN application.**

Signature of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:** Science Courses GPA (2.5) \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA (2.5) \_\_\_\_\_ Repetitions \_\_\_\_\_

College of the Redwoods Evaluator \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Lottery # \_\_\_\_\_