NURSING (AS DEGREE S1203)

Technology and Health Division
Degree S1203
The Mt. San Antonio College Nursing Program, approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing, is a two-year program designed to prepare students to give direct nursing care to clients in various practice settings. The program consists of course work in nursing, science, general education, and clinical nursing practice at local hospitals and health agencies. Graduates of the program receive an Associate in Science Degree in Nursing and are eligible to take the NCLEX-RN examination leading to licensure as a Registered Nurse.

Enrollment in the Mt San Antonio Registered Nursing Program – Generic Option – is open to persons regardless of sex, age, marital status, disability, ethnic group, religion or national origin. Applications are accepted twice a year for the Fall and Spring semesters via on-line application process.

ADN General Education Requirements
All courses below must be completed with a grade of "C" or better. Due to the intensity of the program, students are highly encouraged to complete general education prior to admission into the program.

Course Prefix	Course Name	Units
PSYC 14	Developmental Psychology [1]	3
or CHLD 10	Child Growth and Lifespan Development	
or CHLD 10H	Child Growth and Lifespan Development - Honors	
PSYC 1A	Introduction to Psychology [2]	3
or PSYC 1AH	Introduction to Psychology - Honors	
SPCH 1A	Public Speaking	4
or SPCH 1AH	Public Speaking - Honors	
or SPCH 2	Survey of Communication Studies	
or SPCH 8	Professional and Organizational Speaking	
or SPCH 8H	Professional and Organizational Speaking - Honors	

[1]   Must be completed before NURS 6.
[2]   Must be completed before NURS 5.

Additional General Education Required for the Associate Degree
 (These requirements are waived for students who have a Bachelor's degree or higher from a regionally accredited institution in the United States.)

Course Prefix	Course Name	Units
History or Political Science [1]		**3**
Select one History or Political Science course [1]		3
Arts		
Select one course from the Arts area [1]		3
Humanities		
Select one course from the Humanities area [1]		3
Physical Well-Being Requirement		
Select at least one of the physical education activity courses with the following prefixes: DNCE, KINA, KINF, KINI, KINL, KINS, or KINX		.5-1
Math Requirement		
Eligibility for		
MATH 110	Elementary Statistics	3
or MATH 110H	Elementary Statistics - Honors	
or MATH 130	College Algebra	
Reading Competency		
Complete the requirement. [1]		

[1]   See Mt. SAC Catalog for applicable courses.

Requirements for Nursing

Course	Title	Units
Semester 1		
NURS 1A	The Nursing Process I	5
NURS 1B	The Nursing Process II	5
NURS 2	Pharmacology	2
	Units	**12**
Semester 2		
NURS 3	Medical-Surgical Nursing: Locomotion/ Sensory/Integument/Oncology/ Immunology	3.5
NURS 4	Maternity Nursing	3
NURS 6	Pediatric Nursing	3
	Units	**9.5**
Semester 3		
NURS 7	Medical-Surgical Nursing: Nutrition/ Elimination/ Surgical Asepsis	7
NURS 5	Psychiatric Nursing	3
	Units	**10**
Semester 4		
NURS 8	Medical-Surgical Nursing: Circulation and Oxygenation	5
NURS 9	Leadership in Nursing	1
NURS 10	Medical-Surgical Nursing: Integration/ Regulation	4
NURS 11	Preceptorship in Nursing	2
	Units	**12**
	Total Units	**43.5**

Requests for Equivalency
Request for equivalency for core sciences: Courses must meet or exceed the 4.0 unit minimum with a laboratory component, as required by the California Community College Chancellor's office. If you are uncertain whether a course taken inside or outside the California Community College system is equivalent to the Mt. SAC course, please contact the Counseling Department.

Foreign Course Work
Course work completed in another country may be accepted to satisfy requirements for graduation. Foreign transcripts must be evaluated by a recognized foreign evaluation service. If you are selected as a candidate for the Nursing Program, please submit an official, sealed copy of the foreign evaluation during your counseling appointment.

High School Education or Equivalent
Applicants must provide proof of graduation from:

a. An accredited high school in the United States by transcripts or diploma or;

b. Documentation of a passing score on the General Education Development (GED) exam or;

c. Associate degree, or Baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution of higher education in the United States or;

d. Official evaluation of international diploma/degree

Other Program Requirements

a. Meet the minimum physical and mental qualifications to perform essential nursing functions (see Essential Functions).

b. Criminal background check and drug screening must be completed prior to any patient contact.

c. A physical examination, including specific immunization is required of all candidates prior to the beginning of nursing classes.

d. Current Health Care Provider CPR certification

Requirements for the Associate Degree

Students must develop an education plan with a counselor or educational advisor to complete college academic requirements for the AS degree. Contact the Counseling Department at (909) 274-4380 to schedule an appointment.

Requirements for Nursing

Course Prefix	Course Name	Units
Required Nursing Courses		
NURS 1A	The Nursing Process I	5
NURS 1B	The Nursing Process II	5
NURS 2	Pharmacology	2
NURS 3	Medical-Surgical Nursing: Locomotion/Sensory/Integument/Oncology/Immunology	3.5
NURS 4	Maternity Nursing	3
NURS 5	Psychiatric Nursing	3
NURS 6	Pediatric Nursing	3
NURS 7	Medical-Surgical Nursing: Nutrition/Elimination/Surgical Asepsis	7
NURS 8	Medical-Surgical Nursing: Circulation and Oxygenation	5
NURS 9	Leadership in Nursing	1
NURS 10	Medical-Surgical Nursing: Integration/Regulation	4
NURS 11	Preceptorship in Nursing	2
Required Prerequisite Courses for the Major		
Select one of the following sequences:		8-10
ANAT 35 & ANAT 36	Human Anatomy and Human Physiology	
ANAT 10B & ANAT 10A	Introductory Human Physiology and Introductory Human Anatomy	
MICR 1	Principles of Microbiology	4-5
or MICR 22	Microbiology	
ENGL 1A	Freshman Composition	4
or ENGL 1AH	Freshman Composition - Honors	
or ENGL 1AM	College Composition for Non-Native English Speakers	
or AMLA 1A	College Composition for Non-Native English Speakers	
Other General Education Requirements		
CHLD 10	Child Growth and Lifespan Development [1]	3
or CHLD 10H	Child Growth and Lifespan Development - Honors	
or PSYC 14	Developmental Psychology	
PSYC 1A	Introduction to Psychology [2]	3
or PSYC 1AH	Introduction to Psychology - Honors	
SPCH 1A	Public Speaking	4
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or SPCH 8H	Professional and Organizational Speaking - Honors	
Total Units		**69.5-72.5**

[1] CHLD 10 or PSYC 14 must be completed prior to entrance into NURS 6

[2] PSYC 1A must be completed prior to entrance into NURS 5

NOTE: Applicants planning to continue their education and enter a baccalaureate program in Nursing will need to meet with a counselor or educational adviser to discuss transferability of courses.

Nursing Website (http://www.mtsac.edu/nursing/)

Prerequisite Courses

Course Prefix	Course Name	Units
	Human Anatomy, including a laboratory component.	4
	Human Physiology, including a laboratory component.	4
	Microbiology, including a laboratory component.	4
ENGL 1A	Freshman Composition [1]	4
or ENGL 1AH	Freshman Composition - Honors	
or ENGL 1AM	College Composition for Non-Native English Speakers	
or AMLA 1A	College Composition for Non-Native English Speakers	

[1] Minimum grade of C.

Non-course requirements

a. An overall grade point average of 2.5 for the Human Anatomy, Human Physiology and Microbiology prerequisite courses with no grade less than a "C" for each course and no more than one repetition of any one of these courses.

b. A cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 for all college coursework completed.

c. Eligibility for MATH 110 or MATH 110H or MATH 130

d. High school graduation or GED or academic degree from an accredited college/university in the United States.

e. A physical examination, including specific immunizations is required of all candidates prior to the beginning of nursing classes.

f. Current Healthcare Provider CPR certification.

g. Criminal background check and drug screening must be completed prior to any patient contact.

Generic (Registered Nursing) Option Prerequisites Taken Prior to Entry

The following prerequisites must be completed prior to entering the Generic ADN Option. These courses cannot be in progress.

Course Prefix	Course Name	Units
ANAT 35	Human Anatomy	5
ANAT 10A	Introductory Human Anatomy	4
ANAT 36	Human Physiology	5
ANAT 10B	Introductory Human Physiology	4
MICR 1	Principles of Microbiology	5
MICR 22	Microbiology	4
ENGL 1A	Freshman Composition	4
or ENGL 1AH	Freshman Composition - Honors	

or ENGL 1AM   College Composition for Non-Native English Speakers
or AMLA 1A   College Composition for Non-Native English Speakers

Steps for Applying to the Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) Generic Program

The application filing period does not begin until the announced application period. Two application periods in a year for enrollment of the Fall and Spring semesters. Applicants can prepare for the filing period by following the seven steps below.

a. Get a Mt. SAC ID number (if you don't already have one.) To do this, go to www.mtsac.edu/apply/ (http://www.mtsac.edu/apply/) (Apply to Mt. SAC Now!). This can take up to two weeks to process. You need a Mt. SAC ID number in order to apply to the RN program. If you are a current or returning student and already have an ID number you do not need to apply again.

b. Prerequisites and general education requirements. Prerequisites must be completed prior to applying to the Nursing Program. Due to the intensity of the Nursing Program, it is highly recommended that all general education requirements also be completed prior to entry.

c. Review the multi-criteria screening process grid. This will help you determine your eligibility to enter the Nursing Program at Mt. SAC.

d. Take the TEAS Assessment Test. Students who have taken the TEAS at any location other than Mt. SAC will not be accepted.

e. Gather ALL required documents. Using the multi-criteria screening form, compile all required supporting documentation. Documents need to be in PDF format or you may use an iPhone/iPad to upload pictures of documents.

f. Apply online during the open application filing period. The online link will only be available during the application period. Please check on-line at http://www.mtsac.edu/nursing for the application period. Applications will only be accepted during this time frame. You will need to upload your supporting documentation. Before submitting your application, you must review all uploaded documents to verify that the documents are legible and clear. Unreadable or inaccurate documents will result in the rejection of your application.

g. Counseling Appointment: If you are selected as a candidate for the Nursing Program, you will need to make an appointment with a designated Nursing Educational Advisor or Counselor. During this appointment you will need to bring your official sealed transcripts for review.

All applicants are required to meet the essential functions for success in the nursing program.

Physical Demands

- Perform prolonged, extensive, or considerable standing/walking, lifting positioning, pushing, and/or transferring patients
- Possess the ability to perform fine motor movements with hands and fingers
- Possess the ability for extremely heavy effort (lift/carry 50 lbs. or more)
- Perform considerable reaching, stooping, bending, kneeling, and crouching

Sensory Demands

(May be corrected with adaptive devices)

- Color vision: ability to distinguish and identify colors
- Distance vision: ability to see clearly 20 feet or more
- Depth perception: ability to judge distance and space relationships
- Near vision: ability to see clearly 20 inches or less
- Hearing: able to recognize a full range of tones

Working Environment

- May be exposed to infectious and contagious disease, without prior notification
- Regularly exposed to the risk of blood borne diseases
- Exposed to hazardous agents, body fluids and wastes
- Exposed to odorous chemicals and specimens
- Subject to hazards of flammable, explosive gases
- Subject to burns and cuts
- Contact with patients having different religious, culture, ethnicity, race, sexual orientation, psychological and physical disabilities, and under a wide variety of circumstances
- Handle emergency or crisis situations
- Subject to many interruptions
- Requires judgment/action which could result in death of a patient
- Exposed to products containing latex

English Language Skills

Although proficiency in English is not a criteria for admission into the nursing program, students are encouraged to be able to speak, write and read English to complete classes successfully and to ensure safety for themselves and for others.

REGARDING LICENSURE

The California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) protects the consumer by screening applicants for licensure in order to identify potentially unsafe practitioners. The BRN may deny applications for interim permits, temporary licenses, and permanent licensure, if the applicant has been found guilty of dishonesty, fraud or deceit, felony child abuse, sex offender crimes, acts involving narcotics, dangerous drugs or devices, assault and/or battery, and other crimes. Applicants who have questions regarding limitations related to licensure, should contact the California Board of Registered Nursing at (916) 322-3350 or access its website at www.rn.ca.gov (http://www.rn.ca.gov/).

Contact:

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Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, a student will be able to:

- Satisfy employers with the educational preparation of the Mt. SAC Nursing graduates.
- Score above the national average on the comprehensive predictor exam.
- Take the NCLEX exam for the 1st time and will cumulatively score above the national average.
- Deliver safe and competent patient care as newly licensed registered nurses.

Review Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) (http://www.mtsac.edu/instruction/outcomes/sloinfo.html) for this program.