Registered Nursing
(2 Year RN & LVN to RN Pathway)

Application Guide

for Fall 2024/Spring 2025

Your application will ONLY be accepted during the dates/times listed on the Merced College's [Registered Nursing](#) website:

Check the website on a regular basis for any updates.

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Grid of Comparable Prerequisite Courses

This grid represents catalog lower division pre/corequisite coursework preparation for admission to the Registered Nursing Program at Merced College. It is published for informational purposes only. Although every effort has been made to ensure its accuracy, errors do occur. This is not considered an irrevocable contract between Merced College and the student.

IF your course is NOT listed on the Grid of Comparable Prerequisite Courses, you must make an appointment with an ALLIED HEALTH Counselor, (call 209-381-6478 or email ecounselor@mccd.edu) to verify equivalency.

Merced College courses do NOT require a counselor's signature.

Step by Step Procedure for Application

Step 1. New and Returning Students will be required to apply for college admission and complete appropriate registration procedures, and obtain a Student I.D. number and card.

Step 2. Read the entire "Registered Nursing Enrollment Policies & Application Guide," CAREFULLY. Compare your prerequisites to the grid.

Step 3. All applicants are required to upload transcript(s) with their application. If you completed your courses at Merced College you can login to your Merced College Self-Service account to download a PDF of your unofficial transcript.

*If you **ONLY** completed courses at Merced College and no other college or institution, you may skip steps 4 & 5.*

Step 4. All applicants are required to upload transcript(s) with their application. If you completed your courses at a college/institution other than Merced College: You must submit 2 copies of OFFICIAL transcripts from all institutions other than Merced College:

> **1st Copy Required**
> Official transcript(s) from other colleges/universities must be received by the Merced College Admissions & Records by the date listed on the website. This allows counselors the necessary time to review & sign-off the "GPA & Prerequisite Course Form." Form is located on the RN website. It is highly suggested that you follow up on the status of your transcripts(s) by emailing: A&R-evaluations@mccd.edu or transcripts@mccd.edu.

> **2nd Copy Required**
> You also need to request an official transcript(s) sent directly from your institution(s) to you. Plan to submit a copy (PDF) of your official transcript(s) with your RN application. We understand that once you open the copy, it becomes unofficial. This will be accepted for this application.

> Students are responsible for ensuring their courses are equivalent to college requirements.

> Read more about submitting Official & International transcripts

Step 5. After your transcripts have been evaluated, students must schedule an appointment with an Allied Health Counselor by phone (209-381-6478) or email (ecounselor@mccd.edu) prior to the application deadline**.** You will need the following items for the counseling appointment:

- One set of official transcripts to be used for counseling purposes (High School Transcript, copy of Diploma, GED, or AA/AS degree or higher – See **Step 3**
- Other college catalogs, course descriptions
- If prior military service, DD214
- Military Credits

- Foreign transcripts - Formal Evaluation

  Students with international (outside the U.S.) transcripts will need to have them evaluated for U.S. equivalency. International transcripts must be officially evaluated by the following agency:

  Educational Records Evaluation Service, Inc. (ERES)
  2480 Hilborn Rd., Ste. 106
  Fairfield, CA 94534
  (P) 707-759-2866
  Email – edu@eres.com
  www.eres.com

Step 6: Apply – Your application will ONLY be accepted during the dates/times listed on Merced College's Registered Nursing website.

Check the website regularly for updates.

Step 7: Applicant Notification Alert:

Upon submission of your application, you will see a notification pop-up thanking you for applying. Make sure you take a photo or screenshot of the notification message for your reference and personal records. You will be prompted to download the completed application. Save that for your personal records. You will receive notification to the emails you provided on your application regarding your status.

All applications submitted on the application day will be reviewed at a later date. If it is determined minimum requirements have not been met or an incomplete application packet is submitted, the applicant will not be considered for the selection process. Disqualified applicants will be notified by email and the deficiency will be identified.

Step 8: Acceptance:

Students will be accepted for the next academic year (1/2 for Fall and 1/2 for Spring). The amount of students selected is based on grant funding. 50% are selected by points and 50% are selected by lottery.

Acceptance Process:

If accepted into the Registered Nurse Program, the applicant must reply regarding acceptance of admission. The acceptance letter will outline all details. Failure to meet any additional requirements in the prescribed time constitutes grounds to assign the applicant's position to an alternate and remove their name from the incoming class roster.

Evidence of good physical and emotional health is important and a Health Screening Survey is required of each Selectee. See "Core Performance Standards" located in the RN Student Handbook, which identifies the cognitive, sensory, affective, and psychomotor performance requirements that students are required to perform to successfully complete the program.

Requirements for Accepted Applicants Only

Upon **acceptance** into the **Registered Nurse Program**, you must meet ALL CURRENT requirements.

Students must adhere to clearance requirements in order to be accepted into, and continue enrollment in, Allied Health Programs' clinical courses. Requirements include: background checks, drug screenings, vaccinations and boosters (for example, COVID-19). Merced College Allied Health Programs do not accept religious nor medical exemptions. For specific requirements, select your program's homepage for the application handbook.

Further information will be provided at the MANDATORY orientation. Failure to provide required documentation by deadlines may cancel admission to the program.

Once accepted into the program, the student must be able to:

Attend clinical hours involving day, evening, and weekend shifts. Typical hours are either 6:30am-2:30pm or 6:30am-6:30pm. Some traveling to facilities in adjacent counties is required.

Visit the hospital the day or evening prior to scheduled clinical experience for patient data collection.

Maintain Health Clearance

Failure to meet standards in any of these areas will result in non-acceptance into or dismissal from the RN program.

NOTE: Applications with incorrect, inaccurate or missing information will be disqualified.

Registered Nursing
Point Criteria Summary

**The application to the Registered Nursing Program asks for the following items/documentation –
those with an asterisk (**) are required, while others are optional for additional points.**

Based on Chancellor's Office California Community College in Coordination with Nursing Advisory Committee (3 CNAC)

Program Application
REQUIRED – No points given in this section

Apply for college admission. New and Returning Students will be required to **apply for college admission and complete appropriate registration procedures, and **obtain a Student I.D. number, email address, and I.D card**.

**You will need a Merced College email AND personal email address (the one you check most often); personal emails are considered yahoo, gmail, etc. and NOT associated with your job, Merced College or another school.

**Upload one of the following: copy of High School Transcript, Diploma, GED or College Transcript.
- Degree must be posted on transcript.
- All non-US transcripts must be evaluated by foreign evaluation service (ERES).

**LVN to RN Pathway Applicants ONLY - COPY of Current California LVN License

**LVN to RN Pathway Applicants ONLY - Official Transcripts verifying completion of your LVN Program courses (unofficial transcripts if you completed the LVN Program at Merced College).

**LVN to RN Pathway Applicants ONLY - LVN Program Catalog Descriptions
- Merced College Catalogs can be found online.
An example of a catalog description is provided on the Registered Nursing website.

Criteria I (A) – Veteran Status, Academic Degree, & Health Care Certificate or License
OPTIONAL – Satisfy 1 category for a maximum of 8 points

Copy of Defense Department (DD) 214 Form (8 points)
Copy of **your** Defense Department Form DD-214, Honorable Discharge Required. Active service includes full-time Duty in National Guard.

BA/BS Degree or higher (8 points)
Submit Official transcript from regionally accredited US college or university with degree posted. All non-US transcripts must be evaluated by foreign evaluation service (ERES).

AA/AS/ADT Degree (6 points)
Submit Official transcript from regionally accredited US college or university with degree posted. Students with AA/AS/ADT Degrees from Merced College may submit unofficial transcript. All non-US transcripts must be evaluated by foreign evaluation service (ERES).

Name of Health Care Certificate or License (5 points)
Types of Certificates and/or License include: LVN, Psych Tech, Rad Tech, Paramedic, Sonography Tech, CNA, EMT, HHA, Medical Assistant, Physical Therapist Tech or Phlebotomist. Licensed or certificated healthcare worker requires a copy of their current California certificate including name, certificate number, date of issue, and date of expiration.

Note: QR Codes will NOT be accepted.

Criteria I (B) – Re-Applicant & Additional Course Completion
*OPTIONAL – May satisfy **both** categories for a maximum of 2 points*   **Form is located on the RN website.**

Re-Applicant (1 point)
Applicants who applied & qualified in Spring 2022 are eligible to earn 1 point as a Re-Applicant. No documentation required, this will be verified after submission of your application.

Additional Course Completion (1 point)
1 point for passing grades in **all 3 courses**: Nutrition (NUTR-10) AND Medical Terminology (ALLH-67) AND Applied Math for Pharmacology (VOCN-46A). Grades must be posted on transcripts at time of submission. Criteria I(B) form & transcript(s) required for point.

Criteria II – Grade Point Average of Prerequisites
 REQUIRED – Maximum of 45 points   **Form is located on the RN website.**

**Transcripts

1. Official transcript(s) from other colleges/universities must be sent directly to the Merced College Admissions & Records office by the transcript submission deadline.

2. All applicants are required to upload transcript(s) with their application. If you completed your courses at Merced College you can login to your Merced College Self-Service account to download a PDF of your unofficial transcript

   AND/OR

   Copy of Official Transcripts from other colleges that includes your prerequisites & courses required for an A.S. degree in Nursing. We understand that once you open the copy, it becomes unofficial. This will be accepted for this application.

**GPA & Prerequisite Course Form

The purpose of this form is to verify completion of all program prerequisites with a grade of "C" or better and combined GPA of 2.5 or higher. "P" is not acceptable. It is **recommended** prerequisites be completed within five years of acceptance to the program.

- BIOL-16 General Human Anatomy
- BIOL-18 Principles of Physiology
- BIOL-20 Microbiology
- ENGL-01A College Composition and Reading **OR** ENGL-13/PHIL-13/H Critical Reasoning & Writing
- MATH-10 Elementary Statistics or equivalent course or higher level math **(IMPORTANT: For this application cycle ONLY - Fall 2023 & Spring 2024, Math C, 61, or 62 will be accepted.)**

GPA	Points	GPA	Points	GPA	Points	GPA	Points
4.0	45	3.60-3.64	37	3.20-3.24	29	2.80-2.84	21
3.95-3.99	44	3.55-3.59	36	3.15-3.19	28	2.75-2.79	20
3.90-3.94	43	3.50-3.54	35	3.10-3.14	27	2.70-2.74	19
3.85-3.89	42	3.45-3.49	34	3.05-3.09	26	2.65-2.69	18
3.80-3.84	41	3.40-3.44	33	3.00-3.04	25	2.60-2.64	17
3.75-3.79	40	3.35-3.39	32	2.95-2.99	24	2.55-2.59	16
3.70-3.74	39	3.30-3.34	31	2.90-2.94	23	2.50-2.54	15
3.65-3.69	38	3.25-3.29	30	2.85-2.89	22	**Below 2.5 GPA = Disqualified**	

Subtract points for 2 or more repeat courses. Repeats are considered W, D, F or Incompletes in any of the three Life Sciences (Anatomy, Physiology, and Microbiology) attempted in the past 5 years. Repeating Life Science courses that you previously earned an A, B, or C in within the past 5 years are also considered repeats. Math & English courses DO NOT apply as repeats. EW(s) (Eligible Withdrawal) on your transcript(s) do NOT count as repeats.

Note: If an applicant has 4 or more repeats, they are ineligible to apply.

An applicant's score could change if the application committee determines a different amount of repeats than the applicant disclosed. Failure to submit transcripts with all grades posted in Life Science will result in disqualification for application and possible dismissal from the program.

No points will be deducted for the first repeat. See grid below:

Life Science Course Repeats	Points Subtracted		Life Science Course Repeats	Points Subtracted
1 Repeat	0		3 Repeats	-10 points
2 Repeats	-5 points		**4 Repeats**	**Ineligible**

Criteria III – Life Experience or Special Circumstance
OPTIONAL – Satisfy 1 category for 3 points

Disabilities
Same meaning used in Section 2626 of the Unemployment Insurance Code. Submit documented disability from a college/university Disability Support Program or from Merced College Disabled Students Program & Services (DSPS).

Low Income/Socioeconomic Status
Submit proof of eligibility or proof of receipt of financial aid (such as an award letter/email). Attach document(s) for the 2021-2022 **OR** 2022-2023 **OR** 2023-2024 year ONLY – e.g., California College Promise Grant (formerly BOG), Pell Grant or other federal grant, CalWORKS

Need to Work
Submit copy of **1** check stub during period of time enrolled in prerequisite courses. W2's ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.

Disadvantages, Social and Educational Environment
Participation or eligibility for Extended Opportunity Programs & Services (EOPS) or TRiO.

Refugee Status
Documentation or letter from United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) or Department of Homeland Security.

Work or Volunteer Experience in a Health Care Setting
Points are awarded with verification of a **minimum of 200 hours** worked or volunteered in a health care environment within the last **three** years from the application deadline. Submit an original letter from current/former employer verifying employment or volunteer experience. The letter must be printed on the organizations letterhead with an original signature. The letter must include Applicant's name, start date, end date, number of hours per week (or total hours), job title, and department. Letter must also include a description of duties, including patient interaction or direct patient care that provides activities of daily living (examples: bathing, dressing, assistance with eating).

Difficult/Personal Family Situation or Circumstance
Pertains to: single parent, deployed spouse, family caregiver, death of family member, medical problem, or financial issue. Requires brief written Statement from Applicant.

First-Generation College Student
(First generation college students are defined by the U.S. Department of Education as "Neither parent had more than a high school education."). Requires brief written Statement from Applicant.

Criteria IV – Documented Proficiency or Advanced Level Coursework in Languages other than English
OPTIONAL – Satisfy 1 category for 2 points

Official transcript from a U.S. regionally accredited college or university verifying four semesters of the same foreign language with a "C" or better for each semester.

Upload an Official transcript from a U.S. high school verifying four years of the same foreign language completed with a "C" or better.

Criteria IV Foreign Language Certification Form. You may upload last year's form if you have it saved. Forms from other Colleges/Universities will NOT be accepted. Form is located on the Registered Nursing website.

Criteria V – ATI TEAS (Minimum of 62% score)
REQUIRED – Maximum of 40 points

**All Students applying to the Merced College Registered Nursing program must meet the minimum passing score of 62% on their FIRST ATTEMPT of the TEAS 7 test (TEAS 7 is the only version we will accept).

Look very closely at the examples of the Individual Performance Profiles we provided on the Registered Nursing website. This is the ONLY version we will accept. If you submit another document from ATI that is NOT what we require, your application will be disqualified - No Exceptions.

You must submit your Individual Performance Profile printouts for other attempts (possibly for earlier versions). See examples on website. *If you are experiencing difficulties locating this exact profile on your ATI account, contact ATI at (800) 667-7531 (Online Support).*

If you are selected to begin the RN program, you may be required to submit an Official TEAS result score through the testing agency.

ATI TEAS Score (%)	Points	ATI TEAS Score (%)	Points	ATI TEAS Score (%)	Points	ATI TEAS Score (%)	Points
95-100%	40	84-85.9%	36	76-77.9%	32	68-69.9%	28
90-94.9%	39	82-83.9%	35	74-75.9%	31	66-67.9%	27
88-89.9%	38	80-81.9%	34	72-73.9%	30	64-65.9%	26
86-87.9%	37	78-79.9%	33	70-71.9%	29	62-63.9%	25