



## Merced College Vocational Nursing Program Application Instructions

The Vocational Nursing Application must be submitted online during an application window. *Make sure to give yourself enough time to read through the instructions so that you are able to submit a complete application within the application window.*

Visit [How to Apply](#) on the LVN Program homepage for more information, including deadlines.

Please follow the instructions below to ensure completion of your Vocational Nursing Program application:

### 1. Apply for Merced College Admission

Follow the [5 easy steps to apply](#) at Merced College in order to obtain a student ID and email.

Apply to Merced College the same semester that you apply to the program in order to maintain an active school email address.

### 2. Entrance Requirement

High School Diploma or GED or AA/AS Degree or higher degree completed.

### 3. Prerequisites

Before applying, complete the program's prerequisites.

All prerequisites must be completed with a "C" or higher and grades demonstrated on transcripts prior to applying.

Combined GPA on prerequisites must be a 2.0 or higher. See [how to calculate your GPA](#).

- ALLH-67 Medical Terminology
- BIOL-50 Survey of Anatomy & Physiology or BIOL-16 General Human Anatomy
- NUTR-10 Nutrition
- VOCN-46A Applied Mathematics for Pharmacology

Per the Board of Vocational Nurses & Psychiatric Technicians, ALL program prerequisites must be completed within 5 years of submitting your application to the program. If any prerequisites are older than 5 years, they must be retaken prior to applying to the program.



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### 4. Transcripts

All applicants are required to upload transcript(s) with their application.

Transcripts must include all work shown as completed on the application. All prerequisites must be completed with a “C” or higher and grades demonstrated on transcripts prior to applying. An application that is not completely filled out and/or does not have all transcripts submitted by the application deadline will be considered incomplete.

If prerequisites/coursework was completed at school(s) other than Merced College, **official** transcript(s) must be sent to both Merced College Admissions & Records for evaluation AND **official** transcript(s) must be submitted with the application to the LVN Program. When submitting official transcripts, please review the [Transcripts & Enrollment Verification](#) webpage for important dates and timelines.

If prerequisites/coursework was completed at Merced College, an unofficial transcript must be submitted with the application to the LVN Program. Students can login to their [Merced College Self-Service](#) account to download a PDF of an unofficial transcript.

**International Students:** Students with international (outside the U.S.) coursework will need to have their transcript(s) 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](mailto:edu@eres.com)

[www.eres.com](http://www.eres.com)

### 5. Course Equivalency

View the Grid of Comparable Prerequisites Courses. If your course(s) need to be verified for equivalency, it is your responsibility to meet with a counselor before the application window.

Fill this [Equivalency Verification Form](#) out for the course(s) you need verified for equivalency.

### 6. Apply to the Vocational Nursing Program

PLEASE READ the program information and application instructions carefully. These links will be found on the website.

- VOCN Program Information for Prospective Students
- VOCN Program Application Instructions
- Sample Application



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**7. Selection Process**

There is no waitlist. Qualified applicants will be selected by lottery.

Applicants will be selected in Spring 2026 for Fall 2026 enrollment.

**8. What to Expect After 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. After the application window closes, a committee reviews all the applications. The review process ensures that applications are complete and accurate and meet the Program's standard admission requirements.

After this internal review, you will receive notification to the email addresses you provided on your application regarding your status, i.e., "accepted, alternate, not accepted or disqualified."

**ACCEPTANCE**

Your acceptance will be emailed to you and will outline all details. Further information regarding class and clinical schedules will be provided at the MANDATORY orientation. Failure to provide required documentation by deadlines may cancel admission to the program. Some travel to clinical facilities outside Merced is required.