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ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM INFORMATION PACKET

PROGRAM MISSION

The Mt. San Jacinto College Associate Degree Nursing Program provides academic excellence that prepares students to lead and transform nursing practice to meet the health care needs of our diverse communities.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Nursing Department at Mt. San Jacinto College offers a sequence of courses leading to an Associate in Science Degree Nursing (ADN). This is achieved through various pathways – the traditional/generic ADN and the Advanced Placement/LVN to RN. Upon successful completion of the program, graduates are eligible to apply for licensure as a Registered Nurse (RN). The student must successfully pass the National Council Licensure Exam for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) to practice Nursing in the State of California.

The program has a reputation of excellence in the community and has been recognized two years in a row by the Press Enterprise Annual Readers' Choice award as the BEST of IE Community College/Nursing Program. The ADN program is approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) and is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

Contact information:

California Board of Registered Nursing
P.O. Box 944210
Sacramento, CA. 94244-2100
(916) 322-3350

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing
3390 Peachtree Road, NE, Suite 1400
Atlanta, GA 30326
(404) 975-5000

It is recommended that students attend an Information Workshop or a Nursing Application Workshop to learn more about the Nursing Program and/or application process. For more information and a listing of Information Workshops, contact us at (951) 639-5577 or email at nursingandalliedhealth@msjc.edu or visit our website at www.msjc.edu/alliedhealth.

The ADN Program is four semesters following pre-requisite requirements. Class lectures and skills lab are scheduled Monday-Friday. Clinical Rotations vary, and may include days, nights and weekends. The clinical rotation schedules are not always available at the time of registration, students will be notified of clinical schedules when the clinical sites confirm rotations have been granted.

Students are admitted twice a year – each Fall and Spring semester.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Note: Meeting admission requirements for the program does not guarantee admission into the Associate Degree in Nursing Program.

The following must be met prior to the application deadlines.

1. MSJC application on file and eligible to attend MSJC.
2. High School Diploma, GED or California Proficiency Exam (Associate or Bachelor's Degree is an acceptable substitute).
3. Meet with a Health and Wellness Pathway Counselor (https://www.msjc.edu/counseling/appointments.html) to review required coursework, develop an educational plan and get an overview of timelines associated with applying to the nursing program.
4. A minimum cumulative GPA of at least a 2.5 on a 4.0 college scale, and a grade "C" or better in the

   - *ANAT 101 Anatomy & Physiology I   4 units
   - +*ANAT 102 Anatomy & Physiology II   4 units
   - +BIOL 125 Microbiology   4 units
   - MATH 140 Intro to Statistics or MATH course number 100 or higher   3-4 units
   - ENGL 101 Freshman Composition or ENGL103 Critical Writing Thinking   3 units
   - PSYC 101 Intro to Psychology OR PSYC 103 Human Development   3 units

 +These courses require completion of pre-requisites.

ONLINE and ACCELERATED SCIENCE COURSES

The nursing program is currently not accepting any science courses with online labs. The only exception is for courses completed between Spring 2020 and Fall 2022.

TRANCRIPTS REQUIREMENTS and EVALUATION

OFFICIAL electronic transcripts from ALL colleges and/or universities attended must be submitted to Enrollment Services prior to submitting a Nursing Evaluation Request form. Submit official transcripts to officialtranscripts@msjc.edu.
Please Note: Transcripts must be sent directly from Colleges/Universities or Transcript Vendors. Transcripts forwarded by students will be considered unofficial. Students completing all coursework at Mt. San Jacinto College only need to submit the Nursing Evaluation Request Form.

All FOREIGN TRANSCRIPTS including high school documentation, must be formally evaluated by an approved company under Evaluation Services on the NACES website (www.naces.org) and then evaluated by an MSJC Evaluator for course equivalency.

Complete and electronically submit a Nursing and Allied Health Evaluation Request Form to Enrollment Services through the Student Support Hub once all prerequisites are completed or you are in the last semester of prerequisite completion. Submit the form before the following deadlines:

April 1st – July 1st   for a Spring semester Nursing program start (September 1-15 application period)
July 1st – December 1st   for a Fall semester Nursing program start (February 1-15 application period)

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NOTE: Evaluation Request Forms submitted after the deadline will not be accepted and there are no exceptions**.**

Eligibility to apply notification will be emailed to student and detailed information will be available in student's Sel-service Program Notes.
Please Note: *Evaluation Requests will expire 12 months after date listed on your Program Notes.*

APPLICATION FILING PERIOD

Spring Semester: September 1st – September 15th
Fall Semester: February 1st – February 15th

Applications may be obtained at the Nursing website during the application filing periods.

NEW! Applications will be accepted via:
a) Scanned and emailed to the **NursingandAh@msjc.edu** email address. **Please Note:** Documents must be in **PDF** or **JPEG** format, **Must** include subject line: **FA2025 ADN Application,**
OR
b) Downloaded, printed, and **delivered in a sealed envelope** to the Nursing and Allied Health Department during regular business hours. **Monday-Thursday 8:00A – 5:00P.**
An email will be sent confirming the receipt

SELECTION PROCESS

Applicant selection is based on the multicriteria point system. 80% is selected by ranking order (highest points based on the multicriteria factors) and 20% by random selection of all qualified applications with overall points of 75 or higher.

Applicants are either "accepted" or denied"; **there is no waitlist**. If denied, students are encouraged to reapply for the next application period.

ADDITIONAL GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

The additional general education courses 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. Most students complete these requirements before entering the ADN (RN) program due to the rigorous nursing student course load.

**Please see the college catalog or meet with a Counselor for the most current information.

TRADITIONAL/GENERIC REQUIRED NURSING PROGRAM COURSES
(a grade of "C" (75%) or better is required in all courses used to fulfill requirements for the Associate Degree in Nursing.

First Semester	Units		Second Semester	Units
NURS 501	2		NURS 504	6
NURS 502	3		NURS 505	3.5
NURS 503	3.5			
NURS 571	0.5			

Third Semester	Units		Fourth Semester	Units
NURS 506	6		NURS 508	6.5
NURS 507	3.5		NURS 509	3.5

ADVANCED PLACEMENT / LVN-RN

Advanced placement is defined as entering the program at a level beyond the first semester. Applicants must follow the same application process. LVN to RN applicants are selected for admission using a pool exclusively for LVN to RN students. Ten (10) are selected every semester. Candidates accepted for program admission are required to complete the Role Transition course, and upon successful completion, will enter the ADN program.

LVN-RN REQUIRED NURSING PROGRAM COURSES

NURS 510	3 units
NURS 572	0.5 unit

Third Semester	Units		Fourth Semester	Units
NURS 506	6		NURS 508	6.5
NURS 507	3.5		NURS 509	3.5

ELIGIBILITY FOR LICENSURE OF APPLICANS WTH MILITARY EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE

Individuals who present with relevant military education and experience equal to but not limited to Basic Medical Technician Corpsman (Navy NM or Air Force BMTCP), Army Health Care Specialist are eligible for advanced placement of the nursing program with military documentation of education and experience. Individuals ae advised to make an appointment with the Health & Wellness Counselor for information regarding evaluation of credit for prior learning.

30 UNIT OPTION

The LVN 30-unit option **does not** award an entering LVN an Associate of Science (AS) degree. Individuals who become licensed as Registered Nurse using this option may not be eligible for licensure in states other than California. They may have difficulty applying to a college/university for an advanced degree. Licensed Vocational Nurses seeking the 30-unt option may make an appointment with a Health & Wellness Counselor or the Director of ADN Program to discuss the courses and pathway required.

30 UNIT OPTION REQUIRED COURSES

ANAT 101   4 units
+BIOL 125   4 units
A copy of current LVN license
NURS 510   3 units
NURS 572   1 unit
NURS 505   3.5 units
NURS 506   6 units
NURS 508   6.5 units

APPROXIMATE PROGRAM EXPENSES

1. Students pay for tuition, ASB card, parking permit - as stated in the current college catalog.
2. Nursing uniforms designated by the Nursing Department - $300
3. Nursing textbooks and supplies for the entire program - $2,000
4. CPR courses - $60-$65
5. Physical examinations/laboratory tests (depending on medical insurance) - $300-$500
6. Medical Document/Background Package - CastleBranch
    (Includes background check, drug screen & medical document manager) - $200
7. CastleBranch Random Drug Screen - $32
8. Licensing Board applications - $300-$400
9. Kaplan Testing - $600-$750
10. Student Supply Kits - $300
11. Professional Student Nursing Insurance coverage is required and is purchased through Nurse Services Organization (NSO) - $35/year
12. Additional liability insurance covering students is provided by the college at no cost to the student.
13. Personal Health Insurance coverage - vendor costs may vary

When planning expenses, students should be aware they may have to limit their hours of employment due to extensive ADN Program requirements. Scholarships and grants are available to those students who qualify through the MSJC Financial Aid Office or Foundation.

HEALTH EXAMINATION and CPR CERTIFICATION

Students will be admitted to the program pending submission of a CPR card (American Heart Association BLS Healthcare Provider Course) valid for 2 years, and a completed health examination form with clearance permitting unrestricted functional activities essential to nursing practice in accordance with the American with Disabilities Act (1990). Health Exam and CPR Certification are not required at the time of application.

TECHNICAL STANDARDS

All applicants are required to meet the Technical Standards for ADA Compliance: Registered Nursing Programs requirements by Domain (see Table below). If you believe you are unable to meet one or more of these standards without accommodation, you are encouraged to contact the Accommodation Service Cener (ASC) at asc@msjc.edu Requests are assessed individually to determine whether accommodation(s) can be made without compromising patient safety or altering essential program requirements.

Domain	Ability	Standard	Examples of Necessary Activities (not all inclusive)
Cognitive	Critical thinking	Ability to apply logical reasoning and make clinical judgements	Identify cause-effect relationships in patient care. Develop, access, and use modify nursing care plans. Adapt to dynamic clinical situations
	Communication (written)	Proficiency in written communication for documentation and reporting	Document nursing actions, assessments, and patient response. Write care plans/concept maps and professional correspondences.
	Exposure to Chemicals and Specimens	Ability to understand and adhere to protocols for working eth hazardous materials and infectious agents	Follow safety protocols for handling biological specimens and hazardous chemicals. Comply with PPE and infectious controls standards.
Sensory	Hearing	Auditory ability to assess and respond to healthcare needs	Detect alarms, emergency signals, and patient monitors. Recognize change in breath and heart sounds.
	Visual	Auditory acuity required for observation and accurate assessment.	Monitor equipment, observe patient responses, and assess wound healing. Detect changes in skin tone and behavior.
	Tactile	Tactile sensitivity for physical assessment and clinical interventions.	Perform palpation during assessments. Insert IVs, catheters, and other devices requiring precise tactile control.
Affective	Interpersonal	Ability to build effective relationships with patients, families, and colleagues	Establish rapport with patients and families. Provide culturally sensitive care. Manage conflict professionally and respectfully within the healthcare team.
	Communication (Verbal)	Proficiency in verbal communication to interact effectively with others.	Explain treatment procedures and health education. Engage patients and families in meaningful discussions about care. Collaborate with healthcare team providers.
	Professionalism & Emotional stability	Capacity to manage stress and maintain professionalism	Handle emergency situations calmly. Provide emotional support to patients and families. Demonstrate ethical behavior and accountability.

Psychomotor	Mobility	Physical mobility to navigate patient care areas and perform procedures	Move efficiently between patient rooms and workspaces. Administer CPR and respond to emergencies quickly.
	Motor Skills	Fine and gross motor abilities for safe and effective patient care	Administer injections, start IVs, and operate medical equipment. Lift and position patients using proper body mechanics.
	Exposure to Chemicals and Specimens	Ability to handle and dispose of hazardous substances safely.	Ude equipment to collect, transport, and dispose of biological specimens. Work safely with disinfection and other hazardous materials.

BACKGROUND CHECK / DRUG SCREEN

All new and readmitting students are required to demonstrate a clear background check and drug screen prior to enrollment in clinical courses. See Background Check/Drug Screen policy for further details. The background check requires that students be able to provide a valid social security number. The process for obtaining the background check is available.

CALIFORNIA BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING LEGAL LIMITATION of LICENSURE

Misdemeanors/Felony Notification Graduates of the Associate Degree Program are eligible to apply for the NCLEX-RN for licensure. This requires that applicants submit fingerprints and report any prior conviction of any offense other than minor traffic violations. Failure to report such convictions can be grounds for denial of licensure. The Board of Registered Nursing investigates convictions by obtaining information on the underlying facts of the case, dates and disposition of the case, and subsequent rehabilitation. Questions pertaining to the legal limitations of licensure for such convictions should be addressed by the student to the Board of Registered Nursing prior to beginning the Associate Degree Program: Board of Registered Nursing, California is P.O. Box 944210, Sacramento, CA 94244-2100 or call (916) 322-3350; website www.rn.ca.gov.

CITIZENSHIP and IMMIGRATION STATUS VERIFICATION For VN/RN Licensure

The Federal Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act requires government agencies to eliminate "public benefits" to individuals who cannot provide proof of their legal status in the United States. "Public benefit" has been interpreted to include a license issued by a state. This means that all applicants for licensure as registered nurses will be required to submit verification of citizenship or legal residence status in the United States. A license will not be issued until legal status in the United States has been confirmed by the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

DISCLOSURE OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBR/TAX ID NUMBER

Disclosure of one's social security number or tax ID number is mandatory for licensure by the BRN in accordance with Section 30 of the Business and Professions Code and Public Law 94-455 (42USCA 405 (c)(2)(C)).

FINGERPRINT REQUIREMENT

One requirement to qualify for the licensing examination is the submission of Live Scan fingerprints. These are evaluated by the California Department of Justice and the FBI.

The Mt. San Jacinto College District Board of Trustees has adopted policies and procedures and has endorsed practices which provide for the District and its employees and students to be in compliance with all the applicable laws relating to prohibition of discrimination on the basis of gender, age, race, color, national origin, religion, disability or sexual orientation.

MULTI-CRITERIA POINT SYSTEM

Applicants with the highest ranking based on criteria 1-9 will receive provisional acceptance. Admission will be offered to the highest-ranking applicants whose documentation supports the information provided in the application.

	CRITERIA	MAXIUM POINTS	POINT DISTRIBUTION
1	Academic degrees or relevant certificates held by the applicant	5 points	AA/AS or higher degree from an accredited institution as verified on your Program Notes through your Nursing Transcript Evaluation……………5 points Licensed in allied health profession…………4 points Certificate in allied health profession………..2 points **All licenses and certificates must be current**
2	Prerequisites completed at MSJC	1 point	ALL prerequisites completed at MSJC as verified by Transcript Evaluation Request
3	Grade Point Average (GPA) in relevant coursework	45 points	Minimum 2.5 GPA in Anatomy & Physiology, Microbiology, English Composition, and Math 140-Intro to Statistics or any college level Math listed 100 or above. ** LVN-RN applicants this also includes Psychology. GPA = 3.8-4.0………45 points GPA=3.6-3.79……...40 points GPA=3.4-3.59……...35 points GPA=3.2-3.39……...30 points GPA=3.0-3.19……...25 points GPA=2.8-2.99………20 points GPA=2.6-2.79……...15 points GPA=2.5-2.59………10 points
4	Program General Education Courses	5 points	Completion of **ALL** General Education courses: Political Science, Communication, Diversity, Humanities and Psychology for LVN) with a grade "C" or better (Psychology is an admission requirement for the LVN-RN program)

5	Life Experience or Special Circumstances
	    a. Veteran or active status
	    b. Disabilities
	    c. Low Family Income
	    d. First generation to attend college
	    e. Need to work
	    f. Disadvantages, social or educational environment
	    g. Difficult personal and family situations or circumstances
	    h. Refugee
		2 points maximum for any one criterion	**Criteria/Application Requirement**
			    a. Copy of DD214 form or equivalent documentation
			    b. Copy of ASC evaluation or letter from a physician documenting disability
			    c. Documentation of eligibility of financial Aid, CalWORKs, Promise Grant, federal Pell Grant or EOPS
			    d. Written statement from applicant
			    e. Documentation from employer on company letterhead verifying dates of employment
			    f. Written statement from applicant
			    g. Written statement from applicant
			    h. Copy of card indicating refugee status

6	Veteran	5 points	Active, Reserve, Veteran and Guard - Please provide a DD214 or equivalent official document based on your area or service
7	Proficiency or Advanced Level Coursework in a Language other than English	2 points	- Proficiency in any language other than English must be met by official transcripts from a U.S., regionally accredited college or university verifying two semesters of the same foreign language. - Identified language spoken at home (verification must be provided upon request).
8	Recent work or volunteer experience in health care with 100 hours of direct patient care within the past three years.	5 points	Submit either the Work or Volunteer experience form, or letter on company letterhead signed by your supervisor, manager or Human Resource representative with their contact information that states the number of hours worked and your dates of employment
9	Assessment /readiness test results Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) *(see tips for TEAS success)*	30 points	Composite score: - 90-100%..................................30 points - 78-89%....................................25 points - 71-77%....................................20 points - 62-70%....................................15 points
	100 Points MAX		

TIPS FOR *TEAS* SUCCESS

1. **Identification**
   Test-takers are required to bring valid identification such as a driver's license or passport to the testing center on the day of the exam. No one will be admitted to the test if they do not have their ID or if the ID does not meet the following:
   - Government-issued
   - Current Photograph
   - Legal Name
   - Examinee's signature
   - Permanent Address
     - *Please note a credit card photo, temporary license or student ID do not meet these criteria.*

2. **Exam Content**
   The TEAS content cover various subjects, including reading, math, science, and English/language usage. Candidates should familiarize themselves with the content and format of the exam using study material provided by ATI. For more information about preparing to take the ATI TEAS assessment exam visit **https://www.atitesting.com/tes-prep**.

3. **Time Limit**
   The test is timed, and candidates usually have a specific amount of time to complete each section. Time limits for each section can vary depending on the version of the TEAS exam.

4. **Scoring**
   The exam is scored based on the number of correct answers, and the scores are used by institutions as part of the admission process. Students must receive a 62% or higher in order to be considered for admission into the MSJC Nursing program**.**

5. **Testing Environment**
   Candidates are expected to adhere to the rules and regulations of the testing center. This includes following guidelines related to behavior, use of electronic devices and maintaining test security. The proctor will read all the instructions before the exam begins.

6. **Special Accommodations**
   ATI TEAS accommodate candidates with disabilities or special needs. Candidates seeking accommodation must submit a request along with appropriate documentation within a specified timeframe as instructed on the TEAS testing invitation email.