

**,Modesto Junior College Associate Degree Nursing Program
Frequently Asked Questions for Columbia College Students**

1. What should I do to get started?

If you are not a continuing student at Columbia College (CC), submit an Admissions Application to CC. The Admissions Application is available in the Admission Office or on the Internet at www.gocolumbia.edu and then click on the Student menu and go to Apply to Columbia College. When the completed application has been processed, new students will be issued a registration date and time for the term requested, as well as provided with information regarding assessment, orientation, and advising. As you complete courses at Columbia you will co-enroll at Modesto Junior College (MJC) and you will be able to use your same student identification number on both campuses.

It would be most helpful for you to take Guidance 150: Guidance for Nursing Majors as soon as you are able. Guidance 150 is offered at Columbia each fall semester. This course covers nursing career expectations, opportunities, salary, benefits, history, and educational requirements. If you try to register for the class and find that it is full, come on the first day of class anyway. The instructor may add those people who attend the first day of class. Guidance 150 meets the guidance requirement.

2. How do I know what classes to take first?

After you have been accepted to Columbia College you should arrange for a assessment testing. You will need to take the math and English and reading assessment tests. Your test results will help guide you in selecting the appropriate level of math, English and reading coursework, if needed. You may obtain information on assessment testing, including test dates and times, in the class schedule. After you have taken your assessment tests, you should call the Counseling Center at 588-5109 to schedule an advising appointment with a counselor. The counselor will help you complete your educational plan.

The required Math Competency for acceptance into the ADN Program is:

Eligibility for entrance into any transfer-level Math course through Columbia College assessment process **OR**

Score of 3, 4 or 5 on AP Exam: Calculus AB or Calculus BC or Statistics **OR**

Completion of Math 104 or higher level Math course, or an equivalent course from another institution with a grade of C or higher. This option is recommended for those students who may eventually plan to earn a bachelor's degree or those planning to enter a bachelor's degree program.

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3. What are the program prerequisites?

English 1A - Composition and Reading.....3 units

Biology 10 – Human Anatomy4 units

Biology 60 – Human Physiology4 units

Biology 65 – Microbiology4 units

A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.6 is recommended in the three science courses.

4. What are the additional required courses that need to be taken before completing the nursing program?

It is strongly recommended that these courses be completed before beginning the nursing program.

Psychology 13 units

Sociology 1 or 5 or 12 or Anthropology 23 units

Speech Communication 1 or 43 units

Activities2 units

Humanities3 units

Guidance (one course)0.5 unit

(Guidance 150 is strongly recommended.)

5. What degree will I have when I finish the nursing program?

When you have completed the nursing program curriculum and the additional associate degree requirements, you will receive an Associate of Science Degree in Nursing (ADN) upon graduation. You will be eligible to take the state board licensing examination to become a Registered Nurse (RN), and to continue your education for a bachelor's degree in nursing, if desired.

6. When and how do I apply to the nursing program?

The ADN program has one application period per year, May 1 through May 31. Students will be selected from the annual applicant pool for the fall and spring semesters of that academic year. Applications must be received in Allied Health by the application deadline of May 31. After the application period closes, selections will be made for both the upcoming fall and spring semesters from the randomized list of annual applicants.

During the application period only, applications may be picked up in the Allied Health office in Muir Hall, room 258V on West Campus of Modesto Junior College or you may download the application from the website at www.mjc.edu/alliedhealth. **Note: Allied Health office will be moving to a new building called Glacier Hall in fall 2011. Glacier Hall is also located on the MJC West Campus in Modesto CA.**

NOTE: The application periods for the **LVN to A.D.N. advanced placement pathway** are May 1-31 for fall term and September 1- 30 for spring term. Completed applications are submitted to the Allied Health office in Muir Hall, room 258 V on the West Campus of Modesto Junior College. Official high school and college transcripts must be on file in the Records Office on East Campus OR turned in with your completed application packet. Incomplete applications will not be processed. The applicant must note on application if the application is for the Modesto or Columbia Satellite location. **NOTE: Students who are submitting transcripts from other colleges will need to provide a copy the appropriate catalog cover and the relevant course descriptions if the college attended is out of state or in state with attendance prior to 1995.** To be considered a graduate of MJC

A.D.N. program a student must complete all required prerequisite and nursing coursework, have 12 units in residence at MJC and complete the fourth semester of the A.D.N. program.

7. How are the students selected?

The MJCADN Program uses the California Community College Chancellor's Model to select applicants. The Chancellor's Model scores students in four main categories: 1) College GPA, 2) College English GPA, 3) Core Biology GPA (Microbiology (Bio 65), Physiology (Bio 60) and Anatomy (Bio 10)), and 4) Repetitions of core biology courses (anatomy, physiology and microbiology only.) The core biology GPA is lowered for each unsuccessful attempt (NC, W, D and F) of the core biology coursework within 6 years of a application to the ADN Program. Applicants must achieve a Success Index score of 75 or higher to be qualified. Randomized selection will be used to conditionally accept students from the pool of applicants.

8. Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)

The conditionally accepted applicants will be required to take the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) which measures skills in the content areas of Reading, Mathematics, Science, and English and Language Usage. Preparation materials are available from Assessment Technologies Institute (ATI) at www.atitesting.com. The test versions of the TEAS change periodically therefore; a minimum score of 67 prior to January 2011 or a minimum score of 62 on version five as of January 2011 must be achieved on the TEAS for acceptance into the program. Conditionally accepted applicants will be provided with detailed information on scheduling of the TEAS. It is highly recommended that students review the TEAS study guide prior to taking the TEAS. Information on the study guide can be found at www.atitesting.com by clicking on "shop online" under products. Study guides are also available in MJC's east and west campus libraries and in the Columbia College library.

9. What are my chances of being accepted into the MJC Nursing Program?

Once an applicant has met the Chancellor's Model criteria for acceptance into the ADN Program, the applicant's name is entered into a computerized random selection process. All applicants are equal at this point in the selection process. The only variable is that applicants who have previously applied to the ADN Program as a fully qualified applicant will have their name entered into the selection pool an additional time for each fully qualified application. All conditionally accepted applicants will have to pass the TEAS test before they are admitted into the program.

Each semester approximately 73 students are accepted into the MJCADN program, (63 students for the Modesto location and approximately 10 students for the Columbia Satellite location.)

NOTE: Depending on the number of applicants who have applied multiple times (5th time applicants and above) 20% of the available slots MAY be drawn from the applicant pool of 5th time applicants and above first before running the generalized random drawing with all applicants. The names not selected from the pool of 5th time applicants and above will be placed in the general pool for selection. This process is dependent on the number of 5th time applicants and above and may not always be conducted.

10. Do you have a LVN to RN program?

The LVN to ADN Advanced Placement Pathway allows Licensed Vocational Nurses, who have met the LVN to ADN Advanced Placement Pathway admission criteria, to enter the third semester of the ADN Program, on a space available basis. The Pathway prerequisites include Nurse 259: LVN Transition: Role Change Preparation.

11. What are the advantages of attending MJC's Associate Degree Nursing Program over a four year Bachelors Degree Nursing program?

- * Cost savings. MJC is \$26.00 per unit (subject to change). Compare the savings to that of attending a CSU campus!
- * MJC has flexible prerequisite scheduling to fit various lifestyles allowing students to work and go to school, if necessary.
- * Nursing students that graduate from MJC take their state board examinations earlier than students graduating from a 4 year nursing program. This enables MJC's graduating nursing students to become RNs much sooner and earn a sizable income much sooner than BSN graduates. Compare the cost of lost wages (\$60,000 or more in one year)!
- * MJC offers each nursing course, each semester. This becomes important in the event that students need to take time off during the nursing program for reasons such as illness, pregnancy, etc. A student may apply for reentry the following semester instead of waiting a full year as in many 4-year programs.
- * MJC students can begin their education at MJC and articulate to earn a BSN degree from California State University, Stanislaus (CSUS) in nursing in as little as 18 months.
- * MJC also has a preceptorship in 4th semester in which students spend 5 weeks, on a full-time basis, in a acute care facility working directly with an RN preceptor. The preceptorship is the capstone of the ADN program.
- * The MJCADN Program is approved by the Board of Registered Nursing, has over 40 years of nursing education experience, and excellent board passing rates!

12. How can I get more information?

Complete program information and program applications are available from the Allied Health Office on West Campus off of Blue Gum Avenue, in Muir Hall, room 258V. **NOTE: Allied Health Office will be moving to a new building called Glacier Hall in fall 2011. Glacier Hall is also located on the MJC West Campus in Modesto, CA.** You may also request program information by calling (209) 575-6362 or (209) 575-6569 or visit our website www.mjc.edu/alliedhealth. To receive additional information for admission, registration, grades, assessment test results, etc., access the MJC website: www.mjc.edu.

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