



**Registered Nursing Program
Application and Admission Process for
Track Option: Generic-RN**

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INTRODUCTION

Thank you for your interest in San Joaquin Valley College's RN Program! We can say with great assurance that since SJVC was founded, our cornerstone principle has not changed: we have an unwavering commitment to our students and their success. Please consider us your partner as you move through steps in the application process.

GENERAL INFORMATION

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Enrollment in the *San Joaquin Valley College* RN program is open to those individuals who meet the entrance requirements, have completed the application process, and are selected for the program.

The program is approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN). The complete curriculum is offered in linear 20-week terms. There are two entry level options:

Option 1 - For the RN Program – with completed pre-requisite and degree requirement GE courses

These applicants have completed their pre-requisite GE courses at San Joaquin Valley College or another accredited college. These courses must have been completed, with a grade of "C" or better, prior to final enrollment: Anatomy, Physiology, Microbiology, English 1B, Intermediate Algebra, Psychology, Sociology, Speech, General Chemistry and Philosophy 1C.

This curriculum covers the RN Course Requirements which includes RN Terms 1 – 4.

Option 2 - For the RN Program- with all pre-requisite courses completed except co-requisite course Phil 1C

These applicants have completed all of their pre-requisite GE courses, with the exception of the Phil 1C course, at another accredited college. These applicants may apply for admission into the program. Transfer credit is available for all completed GE course work graded at a "C" or better. For these students, the curriculum includes the Phil 1C course, as well as the RN Course Requirements including RN Terms (semesters) 1 – 4. Phil 1C must be completed at SJVC for this option.

Upon successful completion of the Nursing Program, the college will award the candidate an Associate Degree in Nursing and recommend him/her as an applicant for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nursing (NCLEX-RN).

NOTE: When applying for licensure to the State of California Board of Registered Nursing, applicants are required to report any disciplinary action against a professional license and/or misdemeanor or felony convictions; certain convictions may result in denial of licensure. Each case is considered individually by the BRN.

TUITION AND FEES

The admissions advisor will provide current tuition information. Included in tuition are lab supplies, a computer tablet, textbooks, library access, parking, health assessment, titers and immunizations [as applicable], drug testing, background check, liability insurance, school pin and graduation ceremony, and licensure application fee. Graduates of the San Joaquin Valley College Registered Nursing program are eligible to apply to the California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). This application requires a background check. The fees for the background check and application are paid for by the College. San Joaquin Valley College will reimburse graduates for the expense of the NCLEX-RN examination. Payment for retakes and subsequent examinations are the responsibility of the graduate. Failure to apply for or sit for this exam does not constitute a refund or discount in tuition.

Not included in tuition are hard-copy textbooks, uniforms, shoes, watch with second display, BLS certification, transportation, meals, childcare, and housing.

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

The General Education courses total 35 credit units. In order to progress from one term to the next, the student must meet all course requirements, including earning a grade of C or better in each course. After completing all GE courses, the student may take the nursing courses in the RN Program's Generic-RN Track which are presented in four consecutive, sequential terms, totaling 51 credit units. All these courses are required for licensure. Humanities is an additional requirement of SJVC in order for the Associate Degree to be awarded. The PHIL1C Ethics course fulfills this requirement. The Career Academy is also required by SJVC. The RN 44 course fulfills the Career Academy requirement for Nursing students.

In addition all nursing students complete a 3-Day Live Review and a comprehensive proctored exam prior to graduation from the RN Program.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

GE Pre-requisite Courses

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|---------|----------------------------------|---------|
| BIOL 10 | Human Anatomy with lab | 4 units |
| MTH 122 | College Algebra – Part B | 3 units |
| ENG 122 | Composition and Reading – Part B | 3 units |

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| BIOL 45 | Human Physiology with lab | 5 units |
| SOC 1 | Intro to Sociology | 3 units |
| BIOL 14 | Microbiology with lab | 4 units |
| SPC 1A | Intro to Public Speaking | 3 units |
| PSY 1 | General Psychology | 3 units |
| CHEM 3 | General Chemistry with lab | 4 units |
| PHIL 1C | Ethics* | 3 units |

*Any course meeting Area C2 Humanities (Literature, Philosophy, or Foreign Language) requirements is acceptable. If not transferred in at the time of enrollment, student must take Ethics at SJVC to fulfill SJVC's requirements for an AS degree.

REGISTERED NURSING COURSE REQUIREMENTS

RN Term 1- 20 weeks

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|------------------------------|--|-----------------|
| RN 10 | Fundamentals of Nursing - Theory | 3 units |
| RN 10L | Fundamentals of Nursing - Clinical | 3 units |
| RN 43 | Mental Health Psychiatric Nursing- Theory | 3 units |
| RN 43L | Mental Health Psychiatric Nursing - Clinical | 2 units |
| RN 12 | Nursing Seminar 1: Pathophysiology | 2 units |
| <i>Total units per term:</i> | | <i>13 units</i> |

RN Term 2- 20 weeks

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|------------------------------|---|-----------------|
| RN 23 | Maternal Child Nursing - Theory | 3 units |
| RN 23 L | Maternal Child Nursing - Clinical | 2 units |
| RN 24 | Beginning Medical/Surgical Nursing - Theory | 3 units |
| RN 24L | Beginning Medical/Surgical Nursing - Clinical | 3 units |
| RN 22 | Nursing Seminar 2: Pharmacology | 2 units |
| <i>Total units per term:</i> | | <i>13 units</i> |

RN Term 3 - 20 weeks

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|------------------------------|---|-----------------|
| RN 35 | Intermediate Medical/Surgical Nursing -Theory | 3 units |
| RN 35L | Intermediate Medical/Surgical Nursing -Clinical | 3 units |
| RN 36 | Health Appraisal | 2 units |
| RN 37 | Pediatrics - Theory | 3 units |
| RN 37L | Pediatrics - Clinical | 2 units |
| <i>Total units per term:</i> | | <i>13 units</i> |

RN Term 4 - 20 weeks

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|------------------------------------|--|-----------------|
| RN 30 | Geron-Comm Health Nursing-Theory | 1 unit |
| RN 30L | Geron-Comm Health Nursing Clinical | 1 unit |
| RN 46 | Advanced Medical/Surgical Nursing - Theory | 3 units |
| RN 46L | Advanced Medical/Surgical Nursing - Clinical | 4 units |
| RN 44* | Leadership | 3 units |
| RN 50** | Work Study | 0 units |
| <i>Total units per term:</i> | | <i>12 units</i> |
| Total ADN Program units:*** | | 86 units |

*RN44 fulfills a graduation requirement

**Not a degree requirement. Students will be enrolled in this course at the discretion of the Program Director.

***May vary based upon credit transferred in to ADN program.

TRANSFER OF CREDIT POLICY

SJVC is committed to helping students achieve their educational goals. As students often complete coursework at more than one institution, it is the policy of SJVC to apply previously earned credit toward an SJVC degree or certificate (where appropriate) and to provide opportunities for course challenge. A maximum of 50% of the total credits required for an SJVC degree or certificate program may be transferred in from another institution; however, in exigent circumstances (e.g., school closure), the College may make allowance for additional earned credit to be applied toward a student's program of study.

All incoming coursework will be thoroughly evaluated to ensure that the nature, content, associated student

learning outcomes, and level of credit earned aligns with the equivalent course requirements of the SJVC program of enrollment. General requirements for transfer credit include the following:

- Course has been completed at an institution of higher education recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation or is otherwise validated for comparability to coursework for which it is accepted.
- Undergraduate coursework must be graded at a 2.0 ("C") or higher.
- Coursework must be credit-bearing and completed at the same level for which it is credited, i.e., lower division for lower division, or upper division for upper division.
- Some courses, including all science courses for Respiratory Therapy, Dental Hygiene, and Surgical Technology, require completion within the past seven years in order to be considered. Please see complete program descriptions for information regarding required coursework, including prerequisites.
- Course credit assessment must be completed prior to the academic year of enrollment for that course to be accepted toward program completion.

A tuition credit of \$200.00 per accepted unit will be credited to the student account. All transcripts submitted become the property of SJVC and cannot be returned to students or forwarded to other institutions. Additional options and protocols for determining the transferability of previously earned credit and for course challenge are provided below:

• **Credits Earned by Students Receiving Veterans Affairs (VA) Benefits:** Incoming students receiving VA benefits will have any previous college coursework or training (military and nonmilitary) evaluated to determine whether the previously earned credit may be transferred into their program of study. All accepted transfer credit will be applied toward the student's program of study and a credit of \$411.00 per unit will be given.

• **Credits Earned in Foreign Institutions:** Students who have completed coursework in foreign institutions must have their transcripts evaluated by a foreign evaluation service in order to have that coursework considered for academic credit. Upon completion of this process, the evaluation report must be sent directly to the Registrar's office. The Transcript Evaluator will evaluate the report and make a determination on whether credit will be awarded.

A course-specific evaluation is required for students seeking to transfer foreign education credentials. Any of the following sources may be used:

International Education Research Foundation, Inc.
 Credentials Evaluation Service
 P.O. Box 3665
 Culver City, CA 90231
 Phone: (310) 258-9451

Fax: (310) 342-7086
Email: www.iers.org

Institute for International Credentials Evaluation
At California State University, Fresno
5150 North Maple Avenue, M/S JA56
Joyal Administration, Room 211
California State University, Fresno
Fresno, CA 93740-8026
Phone: (559) 278-7622
Fax: (559) 278-7879
Email: www.iicecsufresno@cvip.net

International Education Research
[Medically related credentials]
P. O. Box 66940
Los Angeles, CA 90066
www.info@ierf.org

- **Credits Earned by Examinations and Advanced Placement Courses:** Specific general education courses from the following testing sources may be eligible for transfer: o Advanced Placement Program of the College Board (AP) o College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) o DANTES Subject Standardization Test (DSST) o Excelsior College Examinations (formerly Regents or ACT/PEP) A tuition credit of \$200.00 per accepted unit will be credited to the student account.

- **Credit Earned through Course Challenge:** Students may earn course credit in the subjects of math, English, and some program pre-requisite courses through successful course challenge. To challenge a course, students complete and pass an examination which tests their knowledge of the objectives and learning outcomes covered in the particular course. Students who successfully pass the examination will be granted the appropriate academic credit. Students must complete this process prior to the first scheduled start date of the applicable course. No tuition credit will be given to students who successfully pass the examination.

SJVC does not grant credit or allow course challenge for experiential learning or previous experience.

Procedure: A written request to transfer in previously earned credit must be submitted to the Registrar's Office prior to the scheduled course(s). The request must include the following:

- Official transcript demonstrating successful completion of the coursework or program for which recognition is sought. Transcripts must be sent directly from the institution of origin.
- Copy of the Catalog program and/or course description or copy of course syllabus (if requested) The request and the accompanying materials will be reviewed by the Transcript Evaluator and students will receive a written notification of the decision.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

For ALL applicants:

- Proof of graduation from high school or achievement of GED.
- Cumulative GPA of 2.5 on all prerequisite coursework, as verified on official transcript(s).
- Current BLS certification for Healthcare Providers from the American Heart Association. Certification must be maintained, at student's expense, throughout the program.

APPLICATION PROCESS

It is the responsibility of the applicant to provide required documentation as evidence of meeting entrance requirements.

1. The first step in the admissions process is to obtain and review the application and admission process packet. The packet may be downloaded from the SJVC web site at www.sjvc.edu.
2. The 2nd step is to contact the SJVC RN Admissions Advisor at the applicable campus:
 - Visalia: (559) 651-2500
 - Ontario: (909) 948-7582
 - Rancho Mirage: (442) 305-7701
3. The 3rd step is to complete the RN application file for admission. The admissions advisor is available upon request to provide a tour of the campus and assist the applicant with gathering all information needed to complete the application file.

Follow up appointments will be scheduled as needed to answer questions, assist with financial aid, and schedule required preadmission steps.

All applicants will be required to submit transcripts of previous college coursework. Transcripts must either be in an unopened, sealed envelope and have an official stamp embossed on the document or submitted electronically via Parchment, e-Script or other approved transcript submission software.

An application file must be submitted prior to the stated deadline for each class start.

The completed file must include the following documents:

1. Application for Admission RN Program PLUS supporting forms
2. Official Transcripts
3. Two letters of recommendation

4. Copy of High School Diploma/High School Transcripts that list graduation date/GED
5. Copy of valid AHA BLS card
6. Copy of Social Security card
7. Copy of Driver's License

When an applicant's file is complete, ATI TEAS assessment exams will be scheduled. After testing is complete, the applicant information will be scored. If applicant has taken the ATI TEAS exam within one year either at another institution or through ATI directly, applicant may submit their ATI TEAS test results as proof of completion. Only one TEAS exam will be accepted per application period. Applicants with the highest total points will be scheduled for panel interviews. It is the applicant's responsibility to take tests on scheduled dates.

SELECTION PROCESS

Only applicants with the highest point totals will be scheduled for panel interviews. You must be selected for a panel interview to be considered for enrollment into the RN program at SJVC. The final selection will be based on points earned in the following categories:

- ATI TEAS test results (www.atitesting.com)
- GPA scores for general education pre-requisite classes
- A panel interview with RN Faculty or RN program administration team member(s)
- Submit a writing sample of at least 500 words on an assigned topic, typed on site on date of interview.

Once the testing period is closed and interviews complete, a program admissions committee meet to select the cohort of students from the list of eligible candidates using a multi-criteria process. When the number of qualified applicants exceeds the capacity of the class, applicants may apply for admission the following year. It is the applicant's responsibility to reapply. No waiting list is maintained, and no priority given for previous applicants.

ACCEPTANCE

Applicants will be notified of acceptance or non-acceptance by mail or email.

NOTE: It is the applicant's responsibility to notify the college of any address or phone number changes.

Failure to notify the college with a "Confirmation of Acceptance" in the prescribed time is assumed to be a request to withdraw an application for enrollment.

The student will complete an enrollment agreement and make arrangements for payment of tuition in order to secure their space in the class.

Upon acceptance for admission, students will be required to complete a background check, drug screening and health assessment. SJVC will be responsible for fees associated with these requirement areas. Final clearance to enter the RN Program is contingent on passing these final requirements.

Health Assessment

Students are required to submit a health assessment by a primary care provider documenting satisfactory health and negative mantoux intradermal tuberculosis (TB) skin test, QuantiFERON, and/or chest x-ray results.

Due to clinical partner expectations, students are expected to have complete immunizations and titers including tetanus, measles, mumps, rubella, varicella, and hepatitis B, COVID, and annual flu vaccinations. A valid immunization record or a laboratory report showing immunity must be provided prior to the beginning of classes.

NOTE: All Health Assessment items are based on the health requirements of SJVC's clinical partners so additional items may be required at time of enrollment and/or during the program. Any changes to the RN program's health assessment requirement list will be shared with applicants/students as applicable.

Students with known latex allergy or who develop a sensitivity/allergy must report this to their instructor/advisor immediately. SJVC will make available latex free products if available and with documented sensitivity.

Student must meet established physical and emotional requirements for safe clinical practice. Any concerns regarding health status issues should be forwarded to the RN Program Director.

CONSIDERATIONS

The demands of the nursing program are many. Most students find it difficult to carry the load of the nursing program and work more than part time. Clinical scheduling, assignments, etc. cannot be altered due to an individual's outside employment.

Theory and Clinical courses are taught concurrently. Students are required to complete all clinical hours as assigned in order to pass the course.

Personal life issues need to be in balance to be successful. One must have reliable transportation, reliable childcare (if applicable), and an ability to be punctual to assigned classes and clinical locations.

Clinical activities may be scheduled for day, evening, and/or weekend shifts. Students rotate to various clinical facilities and must be able to meet the demands of a variable schedule.

CONCLUSION

Should your education and career path lead you to **San Joaquin Valley College**, it will be our privilege to work with you, to contribute to the value of a better future for you and for those you love and for whom you provide.

Supplemental Forms

Do you have any chronic or reoccurring illnesses, emotional problems, or physical disabilities that might require special accommodations while in school or in clinical rotations? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

Please list any health care related working experience:

| Name of Employer | Dates of Employment |
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Do you have a current BLS card for Healthcare Providers from the American Heart Association?

Yes No (Proof of current CPR card is required to complete the application process for this program)

BACKGROUND CHECK

A criminal background check is required for enrollment in the RN program. Have you ever been summoned, arrested, taken into custody, indicted, convicted or tried for a violation of any law or ordinance or the commission of any felony or misdemeanor (including traffic violations)?

Yes No

If yes, please explain on a separate piece of paper and attach here.

The information completed above is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant

Date



RN Program Enrollment Options

I was given the following options at the time of application to the Registered Nursing Program:

1. Regular admission to the Registered Nursing program and completion of the full RN Terms 1 - 4. All pre-requisite courses and GE degree requirements have been completed at an accredited college(s) and I am requesting evaluation of these courses for equivalency and transfer credit.
2. Admission to the Registered Nursing program with all pre-requisite courses completed with the exception of the Phil 1C course. I am requesting evaluation of all the pre-requisite courses for equivalency and transfer credit, and enrollment for Phil 1 C and the full RN Terms 1-4.

I have selected _____ as the option to pursue.

Student Signature

Date

RN Program Director Signature

Date



RN Program ADA Compliance

In compliance with the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the School of Nursing does not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities.

Disability is defined in the Act as a (1) physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of such individuals; (2) a record of such impairment; or (3) being regarded as having such an impairment.

For the purposes of nursing program compliance, a "qualified individual with a disability" is one who, with or without reasonable accommodation or modification, meets the essential requirements for participation in the program.

The nursing faculty endorses the recommendations of the Southern Council on Collegiate Education for Nursing (SCCEN) and adopts the "Core Performance Standards" for use by the program (see over). Each standard has an example of an activity that nursing students are required to perform to successfully complete the program. Each standard is reflected in the course objectives.

Admission to the program is not based on the core performance standards. Rather, the standards are used to assist each student in determining whether accommodations or modifications are necessary. The standards provide objective measures upon which students and faculty based informed decisions regarding whether students are "qualified" to meet requirements. Every applicant and student receives a copy of the standards.

If a student believes that he or she cannot meet one or more of the standards without accommodations or modifications, the nursing program will determine, on an individual basis, whether or not the necessary accommodations or modifications can reasonably be made.

STATEMENT OF AWARENESS

I have read the above ADA Compliance Statement and have received a copy of the Core Performance Standards which identify the essential eligibility requirements for participation in the nursing program.

Name (Print)

Signature

Date

TECHNICAL STANDARDS*

Essential eligibility requirements for participation in the nursing program

Nursing is a practice discipline, with cognitive, sensory, affective, and psychomotor performance requirements. The following Core Performance Standards identify essential eligibility requirements for participation in the nursing program.

| ISSUE | STANDARD | EXAMPLES OF NECESSARY ACTIVITIES (not all inclusive) |
|-------------------|---|--|
| Critical Thinking | Critical thinking ability sufficient for clinical judgment | Identify cause-effect relationships in clinical situations, develop nursing care plans |
| Interpersonal | Interpersonal abilities sufficient to interact with individuals, families, and groups from a variety of social, emotional, cultural, and intellectual backgrounds | Establish rapport with patients/clients and colleagues |
| Communication | Communication abilities sufficient for interaction with others in verbal and written form | Explain treatment procedures, initiate health teaching, document and interpret nursing actions and patient/client responses |
| Mobility | Physical abilities sufficient to move from room to room and maneuver in small spaces | Move around in patient's rooms, work spaces, and treatment areas; administer cardio-pulmonary procedures |
| Motor Skills | Gross and fine motor abilities sufficient to provide safe and effective nursing care | Calibrate and use equipment, lift and position patients/clients |
| Hearing | Auditory ability sufficient to monitor and assess health needs | Hears monitor alarm, emergency signals, auscultatory sounds, cries for help |
| Visual | Visual ability sufficient for observation and assessment necessary in nursing care | Observes patient/client responses |
| Tactile | Tactile ability sufficient for physical assessment | Perform palpation, functions of physical examination and/or those related to therapeutic intervention, e.g., insertion of a catheter |

If you believe that you cannot meet one or more of these standards without accommodations or modifications, you may request appropriate assistance and guidance. The nursing program will determine, on an individual basis, whether or not the necessary accommodations or modifications can reasonably be made.

* Adopted from the Southern Council on Collegiate Education for Nursing (SCCEN), 1993



Acknowledgment of Enrollment Process RN Program

Name (Please print)

- I have read all of the material contained in the SJVC RN Program Application Packet and understand the application and selection process.
- I understand the College reserves the right to revise program requirements and/or selection procedures.
- I understand it is my responsibility to meet program requirements, ensure equivalency, follow proper application procedures, provide transcripts, and keep informed on revisions regarding degree requirements, program requirements, and selection process.
- I understand that if I submit an application packet that is incomplete, or does not meet application/program requirements, I will not be considered for admission.
- I understand that after my application is accepted and verified, it is my responsibility to notify the College of any changes in address and/or telephone number.
- I understand that if I am admitted into the program, failure to notify the Nursing Program office with a "Confirmation of Acceptance" in the allotted time prescribed constitutes grounds to assign my position to an alternate applicant.
- I understand that if I am admitted into the program and I must decline acceptance due to financial or other reasons, my slot will go to another applicant.

Signature

Date