

## Registered Nursing Program Requirements

### RN and LVN to RN Advanced Placement Program Admission Requirements (PRIOR TO APPLICATION):

- ♦ Graduation from an accredited high school or GED equivalency
- ♦ Overall GPA of 2.5 or higher for all courses at or above collegiate levels
- ♦ Must pass Anatomy, Physiology, Microbiology, and ENGL C1000 with a minimum 'C' grade
- ♦ Accumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher on combined Biology prerequisite courses
- ♦ Must complete 4 semester units including a lab component in each Biology prerequisite course
- ♦ No more than one (1) repetition in each Biology prerequisite course is allowed, W's count as a repeat
- ♦ All Additional Graduation Requirements must be passed with a minimum 'C' grade and can be taken either before entry into the program or during completion of nursing courses
- ♦ TEAS exam (ATI TEAS) must be taken and passed with a score of 62% or higher  
*You must achieve this score in your first two attempts at the TEAS. If you cannot achieve a score of at least 62% in your first two attempts, you will not be considered for the COS Nursing Program. A minimum of 45 days between test taking is required.*

### Additional LVN-RN Advanced Placement Program Admission Requirements (PRIOR TO APPLICATION):

- ♦ Proof of completion of an LVN Program (LVN program transcripts)
- ♦ LVN License

*\*Local area hospitals require background checks and urine drug screen prior to clinical placement\**

#### Mandatory Prerequisites

(Required to be completed prior to application for entry into RN Program):

- ♦ **BIOLOGY 30** Human Anatomy(4 semester units with a lab)
- ♦ **BIOLOGY 31** Human Physiology(4 semester units with a lab)
- ♦ **BIOLOGY 40** Microbiology(4 semester units with a lab)
- ♦ **ENGL 001 >> ENGL C1000** (effective Fall 2025-2026 catalog)  
Minimum of three (3) or four (4) semester units
- ♦ **TEAS Exam** (ATI TEAS) with 62% or higher  
*\*If TEAS exam is taken at another location the results **MUST** be transferred to COS through the ATI website **AND** a receipt of transfer must be submitted with the application*

*Generic RN applicants and LVN to RN Advanced Placement students who have failed or withdrawn once from any other RN program can only be admitted one time to the COS RN program.*

*Generic RN applicants and LVN to RN Advanced Placement students who have failed or withdrawn twice from any other RN program(s) **will not be considered** for admission to the COS RN Program.*

#### Additional Graduation Requirements

(Recommended to be completed prior to entry into RN Program):

- ♦ Psychology: PSY 001 >> PSYCH C1000 (effective fall 2025)
- ♦ Communication: COMM 001 >> COMM C1000  
(effective fall 2025)  
COMM 4 (Not recommended if planning to transfer to a CSU), or COMM 8
- ♦ Humanities (effective Fall 2025-26 catalog)
- ♦ ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: Nursing 106, Soc 1, or Anthro 10
- ♦ ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: Ethnic Studies 1, 2, 3, 4 or 10
- ♦ Math 230 or a more advanced math

#### Student Information Resources:

An RN Program Information Tutorial is available on the Registered Nursing Website  
<https://www.cos.edu/en-us/academics/nursing-allied-health/registered-nursing>  
For Transcript Evaluation appointments please schedule an appointment with the NURSING COUNSELOR: Amelia Sweeney  
<https://www.cos.edu/en-us/student-support/counseling/online-chat>

### Prior to first class session, students accepted into the Nursing Program must complete the following:

- ♦ Attend Mandatory Orientation
- ♦ Obtain an American Heart Association Health Care Provider CPR card
- ♦ Possess a valid California Driver's License and California Auto Insurance
- ♦ Health Clearance (Immunizations & Physical Exam)