

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN REGISTERED NURSING (AS)

Registered Nursing 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 English 1 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 coursework 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
- ATI TEAS exam 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.

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

For information on LVN to RN Advanced Placement see Advanced Placement - LVN to RN Program (<https://catalog.cos.edu/areas-study/nursing/associate-science-registered-nursing-advanced-placement/>)

Registered Nursing is an academic discipline concerned with the study of biological, behavioral, and physical sciences and will require critical thinking, effective communication, physical assessment, cultural competency skills, and abilities. A higher degree may be required to meet minimum job requirements depending on the position.

For additional information regarding minimum admission requirements and separate RN application process visit:

<https://www.cos.edu/en-us/academics/nursing-allied-health>
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Program Outcomes

- Provide safe, quality, compassionate, evidence-based, patient-centered nursing care to diverse patients across the lifespan in a variety of healthcare settings.
- Engage in clinical judgment when making patient-centered care and other nursing decisions.

- Participate in quality improvement processes to improve patient care outcomes.
- Participate in teamwork and collaboration with all members of the healthcare team including the patient.
- Employ information management systems and patient care technology to communicate, manage knowledge, mitigate error, and support clinical judgment.
- Use leadership, management, legal, and ethical principles to guide practice as a Registered Nurse.

Transfer & Career Opportunities

Upon successful completion of this degree, students will be prepared for the role of care provider across the healthcare continuum, as managers of care and as an active member of the nursing profession. As a staff nurse, graduates may work in the following: acute care, home care, long-term care, physicians' offices, public and private facilities, and specialty units (Intensive Care, Geriatrics, Dialysis, Operating Room, etc.). Bachelor of Science in Nursing collaborative programs and transfer opportunities available. High school preparation for Nursing should include a good foundation in math, science, and English.

Note

This degree is not designed for transfer; however, the courses included in this degree may be transferable and apply to other degrees designed for transfer.

RN Program Prerequisites

Code	Title	Units
RN PROGRAM PREREQUISITES		16
All courses and the TEAS Exam must be completed PRIOR to applying to the RN Program.		
BIOL 030	Human Anatomy *	4
BIOL 031	Human Physiology	4
BIOL 040	General Microbiology	4
ENGL C1000	Academic Reading and Writing	4
TEAS Exam score of 62% or higher		

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Units
GENERAL EDUCATION AND SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS		22
College of the Sequoias Associate Degree General Education (COS-GE) **		
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CO-REQUISITE COURSES		9
Recommended for completion prior to entering RN Program		
COMM C1000	Introduction to Public Speaking *	3
or COMM 004	Interpersonal Communication	
or COMM 008	Group Communication	
PSYC C1000	Introduction to Psychology *	3
SOC 001	Introduction to Sociology *	3
or ANTH 010	Cultural Anthropology	
or NURS 106	Cultural Competency in Healthcare	
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TRADITIONAL RN STUDENT REQUIREMENTS		

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LVN TO RN ADVANCED PLACEMENT REQUIREMENTS

Traditional RN Students Requirements

Traditional students must complete the following 4 semesters of nursing courses after admission into the program:

Code	Title	Units
REQUIRED MAJOR COURSES		40
REQUIRED COURSES - 1ST SEMESTER		
NURS 121	Fundamentals for Nursing	6
NURS 123	Critical Thinking/Clinical Judgement in Nursing	2
NURS 124	Concepts of Adult Health Nursing 1	3
REQUIRED COURSES - 2ND SEMESTER		
NURS 133	Concepts of Mental Health and Psychiatric Nursing	3
NURS 134	Concepts of Adult Health Nursing 2	4
NURS 135	Concepts of Nursing Care of the Pregnant Family and the Neonate	3
REQUIRED COURSES - 3RD SEMESTER		
NURS 143	Concepts of Pediatric Nursing	3
NURS 144	Concepts of Adult Health Nursing 3	6
REQUIRED COURSES - 4TH SEMESTER		
NURS 174	Concepts of Adult Health 4	7
NURS 175	Transition to Registered Nursing Practice	3
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TOTAL (TRADITIONAL RN PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS)		75

Year-Round RN Program

The Year-Round RN Program requires the same coursework as the Traditional RN Program (listed above). However, in the Year-Round RN Program, nursing courses are offered one class at a time and are in back-to-back succession throughout the summer, fall, and spring semesters. Lectures are typically scheduled in the evenings on one or two weekdays, and clinical rotations are scheduled every other weekend (Saturdays and Sundays).

LVN to RN Advanced Placement Requirements***

Advanced placement students must complete the following 3 semesters of nursing courses after admission into the program:

Code	Title	Units
REQUIRED MAJOR COURSES		25
REQUIRED COURSES - 1ST SEMESTER		
NURS 123	Critical Thinking/Clinical Judgement in Nursing	2
NURS 133	Concepts of Mental Health and Psychiatric Nursing	3
NURS 134	Concepts of Adult Health Nursing 2	4
REQUIRED COURSES - 2ND SEMESTER		
NURS 144	Concepts of Adult Health Nursing 3	6
REQUIRED COURSES - 3RD SEMESTER		
NURS 174	Concepts of Adult Health 4	7
NURS 175	Transition to Registered Nursing Practice	3
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TOTAL (LVN TO RN PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS)		60

* Courses meet General Education requirements and 12 units may double count above in COS-GE.

** Students earning an AS degree in Registered Nursing are exempt from the COS-GE Area 8 Information Literacy requirement. Registered Nursing students must be completed one of the following courses to fulfill the COS-GE Area 7 Lifelong Learning and Holistic Development requirement: NURS 106, PSYC C1000, or SOC 001.

*** For more information on Advanced Placement visit the LVN to RN Program Requirements webpage (<https://www.cos.edu/en-us/academics/nursing-allied-health/lvn-rn-program/>).

The Associate Degree requirements include completion of the:

1. Required Major and Restricted Elective courses with a minimum grade of "C" or better for each course (Required Major and Restricted Elective courses may be substituted with the approval of the Division Chair),
2. General Education requirements, and
3. A minimum of 60 units of degree-applicable courses numbered 001-299. At least 12 units must be taken in residence at College of the Sequoias, with a "C" (2.0) average (see Associate Degree Requirements (<https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffuturecatalog.cos.edu%2Fassociate-degree-requirements%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cdanielal%40cos.edu%7Ccdf509fcb0541525de708dd2e8e1629%7Ca1ac1160f96f4e1abad8aa9c4be%7C0%7C0%7C638717909975534704%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWU5IlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIiAo%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=vY%2FtRcsJbw0k6zI04fyP1rWRAAgk6JFJOIWK6ohdDVI%3D&reserved=0>) for additional details).

Students who anticipate continuing their education for a BSN (Bachelor of Science in Nursing) are strongly encouraged to take CHEM 020 and STAT C1000.

Students should be advised that this program requires 62 units or more for traditional student and 60 units or more for LVN to RN students. Applicants will be required to complete background checks and drug screenings.