

Early Admission Criteria

RVC Registered Nursing (RN) Program

Early admission applications can be accepted through January 31st and can be found in the high school counseling office or online at: RockValleyCollege.edu/Nursing

STUDENTS WISHING TO APPLY TO THE RVC REGISTERED NURSING PROGRAM USING THE EARLY ADMISSION CRITERIA WILL NEED TO MEET THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

First requirement:

- A composite ACT score of 23 or higher, **including** sub-scores of 19 or higher in both the Reading and English portions and a 22 or higher in the math portion
OR
- An SAT composite score of 1030 (taken 2017-present), **including** sub-scores in Reading and Writing of 480 or higher **and** an SAT Math score of 550 or higher

Second requirement:

A high school cumulative grade point average (gpa) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale proven by submitting an official high school transcript to the Records Department (Student Center-Second Floor)

If students do not meet the first requirement or have never taken the ACT or SAT, the following minimum Accuplacer Test scores will need to be achieved:

- Reading - minimum score of 246 or higher
- Writing (English) - minimum score of 250 or higher
- Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra and Statistics (QAS) - minimum score of 257 or higher
OR
- Advanced Algebra and Functions (AAF) - minimum score of 240 or higher

Students accepted through the early admission process will need to meet all RVC RN program prerequisite requirements as stated in the College Catalog. Those who meet the above criteria and complete the prerequisites including meeting the minimum prerequisite gpa will be guaranteed a seat in the program and will not have to take the ATI TEAS (nursing entrance exam) nor complete a writing sample when they apply to the program.

Students chosen through the Early Admission process must sit down with the **Health Sciences Advisor** to go over program details.
Please call (815) 921-4100 to schedule an appointment.

RVC Associate Degree Registered Nursing (RN) Program

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

- The program prepares students to take the NCLEX-RN (State of Illinois) licensure exam upon graduation from the program
- Quality faculty with many years of professional nursing and teaching experience
- The program is completed at a much lower cost than other area nursing programs
- Once accepted the program lasts four semesters and does not involve summer semesters
- Students who are accepted start the RN program in January or August
- Clinical (hands-on) experiences are completed at a variety of regional healthcare facilities
- Classes are offered in our newly-constructed Health Sciences Center which opened in August 2017

REGISTERED NURSING PROGRAM ADMISSION CRITERIA:

[Students must meet the following criteria in order to be considered for admission into the RVC Nursing Program]

1. Active Nurse Aide Certificate (CNA) with no disqualifying convictions (background check)
2. Overall 2.75 GPA (on a 4.0 scale) or higher in the following courses:
 - BIO 185 or BIO 281/282 (Anatomy and Physiology)
 - BIO 274 (Microbiology)
 - CHM 110 or CHM 120 (College chemistry)
 - ENG 101 (English Composition)
 - PSY 170 (General Psychology)
3. Completion of Pathophysiology (NRS 104) with 'C' or higher (80% or higher)
4. The ATI TEAS (6th Edition) standardized test and a writing sample completed at the RVC Testing Center (Student Center-Ground Floor)
 - Overall Composite Score: Proficient Level or higher
 - Individual Category Scores: Basic Level or higher

(Turn over for information on the **Early Admission Process**)

The Associate of Applied Science Degree in Registered Nursing is offered at Rock Valley College's Main Campus.

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