

## ADN Program – Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

**1. Is it OK if I mail (FedEx, UPS, special delivery, etc.) my application?**

Please keep in mind the application must still be received by 4pm on the deadline listed in the ADN Nursing Application Brochure. The department is **not responsible for lost or misdirected applications if they are sent by mail, courier service, or other delivery method.** Postmarks are not accepted.

**2. What is the primary reason for being disqualified from the Selection Process?**

Students are unaware of the pre-requisites, GPA requirements, or the application procedure. Our best recommendation for a well-prepared application packet is to READ THE BROCHURE!

**3. How do I know if I have taken or will be taking the right course(s)? Can someone prescreen my application, coursework, grades, etc. to see where I stand or if I qualify?**

Any questions regarding courses a student “should take”, if they “qualify” or “transfer equivalently”, should be directed to the Counseling Department at the college you are attending OR at Merritt College in Building R room R-109, (510) 436-2475. We do not have specific counselors for nursing and we do not pre-screen coursework to determine qualification. However, any college counselor can help you map out your educational goals.

**4. I took a Human Anatomy & Physiology Course but I didn't take the lab (or there wasn't a lab requirement). Isn't this the same course? And one of my biology courses (anatomy, physiology, and/or microbiology) is 4 units instead of 5 units, does it still count?**

All biology (Group “A” courses) are required to be taken with a lab. If the course taken is only a lecture or online course, it will not be accepted. The number of units is based on Peralta's course units. At other schools, the number of units may vary but the course curriculum and pre-requisites are generally the same. If you have any doubt, please refer to question #3. The Merritt Nursing program **does not accept hybrid or online classes** to fulfill science prerequisites.

**5. Is the ADN application packet all I have to do? I am a New / Returning / Continuing Student at Peralta Colleges.** Once accepted into the ADN Program for the Fall, students must follow the admissions requirements for New / Returning / Continuing students at Peralta Colleges. Contact the Merritt College Admissions & Records Office in Building R, Room R-112, **(510) 436-2487.**

**6. I took the ATI TEAS 6.0 a while back can I retake it?**

You can retake it. However, Merritt College only considers the 1<sup>st</sup> time scores for applicants.

**7. Can you make a copy or can I get a receipt when I submit my application packet?** We do not make copies. The 1<sup>st</sup> page of the brochure has a receipt box for acknowledging receipt of your application packet. Please bring the 1st page of the brochure with you if you require a receipt.

**8. I took AP English in high school and took the AP Exam exempting me from taking English 1A. What do I need to do?**

The credit must show on your college transcript. Additionally, applicants should attach supporting documentation from a counselor noting the college credit by examination. Be sure to list the English 1A under Group A on your application.

- 9. I am curious to know if the students are well-prepared for the NCLEX exam when they complete the program here. What is the NCLEX pass rate for Merritt's ADN Program?**  
The California State exam for licensure is the NCLEX Exam and the pass rate for recent years is available on the web at <http://www.rn.ca.gov/schools/passrates.shtml>
- 10. I am a licensed LVN in the state of California. Do you have an LVN to RN Program?**  
The LVN to RN Option is not available at Merritt College. LVNs are welcome to apply through the general application process and once admitted they can inquire about challenging for advance placement.
- 11. I have a letter from the BRN that states I need to take one or more individual Nursing classes. Can I take them at Merritt?** At this time the Merritt College ADN Program does not offer nursing classes to students or foreign nurses outside of the Nursing Program. You must be an accepted student in the program to take the Nursing classes.
- 12. I have questions that are not addressed here. What can I do?**  
General application questions may be directed to [ADNadmissions@peralta.edu](mailto:ADNadmissions@peralta.edu).