Merritt College

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Associate Degree Nursing Program Admissions Brochure – Fall 2022

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Merritt College Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) curriculum is a two-year program. The program is accredited by the California Board of Registered Nursing and is designed to prepare students for entry level Registered Nursing positions. Upon successful completion of the ADN program, students are eligible to take the state licensing examination for registered nurses. The course of study includes instruction in applied nursing sciences, related natural and social/behavioral sciences, and clinical nursing experience in hospitals and healthcare facilities located in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Students may apply only **once** during the academic year. Applications are accepted from **February 1, 2022** through **March 4, 2022** for the ADN class entering in the Fall. Completed applications **must be received electronically at ADNadmissions@peralta.edu by March 4, 2022 at 4:00pm** to be eligible for review. **Please place in the subject line the following: "Last name, Application 2022"**

Applications received after March 4th, **2022** will not be considered – no exceptions.

STEP 1. GROUP A COURSE REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO APPLICATION

All the following courses must be satisfactorily completed at an accredited college or university prior to submitting the application. All coursework must be documented by official transcripts and included in the application packet. The following **Biology** coursework must be successfully completed (grade of C or above) with an overall **GPA of 2.5 or above**. All **English** coursework must be completed with an overall **GPA of 2.5 or above**.

To confirm that courses taken outside of Peralta District are equivalent to Group A course requirements, it is highly recommended that applicants meet with a college counselor prior to submitting the application packet. **Online and Hybrid classes** completed in Spring 2020 or later will be accepted for Core Biology classes due to COVID-19. All Group A classes receiving a grade of "Credit" or "Pass" instead of a letter grade will be calculated as a "C."

Group "A"
- **BIOL 20A** - Human Anatomy and Physiology with Lab (5 units)
- **BIOL 20B** - Human Anatomy and Physiology with Lab (5 units)
    OR
- **BIOL 2** - Human Anatomy with Lab (5 units)
- **BIOL 4** - Human Physiology with Lab (5 units)

<p style="text-align: center;">**AND**</p>

- **BIOL 3** - Microbiology with Lab (5 units)
- **ENGL 1A** - Composition and Reading (4 units)
  *(**ENGL 1A** Composition and Reading <u>will not be substituted/waived</u> by any other course. Submit course equivalency documentation signed by the English Department Chair at Merritt College.)*

<u>**Please Note:**</u> Do not submit any transcripts for Group A courses <u>in progress</u>.
Your application will not be considered if any Group A courses are in progress.

STEP 2. APPLICATION PROCEDURE FOR FALL 2022

<u>**Please adhere to the following when submitting your application packet**</u>. Any falsifications in the application packet will result in disqualification**.** Additionally, any incomplete application packets will not be reviewed or considered.

Step 1. Complete all academic requirements for admission.
Step 2. Submit official transcripts electronically from **ALL** colleges attended (outside of Peralta Community College District). **Transcripts need to be sent electronically directly from the school to: ADNTranscripts@peralta.edu.**
Step 3. For pre-requisite coursework <u>outside of California</u>, submit a copy of the catalog course description with your application. **Applications will be deemed incomplete without it**.
Step 4. Foreign college transcripts must first be submitted to an international evaluation service for translation and to determine course equivalencies prior to application submission.
Step 5. Submit electronically <u>only</u> the completed application along with transcripts and out of state catalog course descriptions. Mailed applications will not be considered.

NOTE: Only complete applications submitted by the March 4th deadline will be accepted. The ADN department is not responsible for any lost or misdirected applications, transcripts, or documents.

 **Application packets that are incomplete and do not have all the required materials above will not be reviewed or considered.

STEP 3. SELECTION PROCEDURE

All application packets will be processed using the following procedure:

Phase 1. Group A Coursework – <u>All applications submitted by the deadline</u> will be reviewed for completion, including Group A prerequisites, core Biology GPA = 2.5+, and English GPA = 2.5+

Phase 2. *Chancellor's Advisory Model* – Merritt College Associate Degree Nursing program has instituted the CA State *Chancellor's Model for Enrollment in Associate Degree Nursing Programs*. The *Model* uses a formula that takes into calculation four key areas:

1. Overall cumulative GPA from **all** colleges attended

2. Overall cumulative GPA from **all** college level English courses

3. Core Biology GPA (Anatomy, Physiology, and Microbiology)

4. Core biology course repetitions*

*Core Biology course repetitions will adversely affect your overall score. [i.e., each repetition deducts from your Chancellor's Score, and three repetitions eliminates your chance of receiving the required 80%]. ALL repetitions count, regardless of the grade. A, B, C, D, F, or W ("withdraw"), is counted as a repetition.

+Pass/Credit courses are equal to a 2.0 GPA

RECENT CHANGE (as of Fall 2022): Merritt College ADN has a 7-year "Recency Requirement" (i.e., biology courses are required to be completed after January 2015). Courses completed prior to 2015 are not considered.

Each application is assessed using the *Model* formula to yield a percentage cut score. Applicants who receive an **80%** or above, will be considered eligible to continue in the application process.

Phase 3. Screening - Students will be notified of their application status by <u>email</u> between **May 2-May 6, 2022**. The letter will explain if the applicant will be eligible to continue to Phase 4. Please note that it is the student's responsibility to notify ADN of any email address changes.

*If you have not received a response by **May 6, 2022,** please email **ADNadmissions@peralta.edu**.*

Applicants can also check the website for status updates at **www.Merritt.edu/wp/NURS/**

Only applications that have successfully completed Phase 3 will move on to Phase 4.

Phase 4. Test of Essential Academic Skills (ATI TEAS, Version 6) - You will be notified with a request to have your <u>TEAS 6 scores sent electronically</u> from ATI at your own expense. Please note that we are no longer accepting TEAS 5 scores and will accept only FIRST TIME TEAS 6 scores.

Complete the TEAS 6 and submit scores electronically to Merritt College by May 13, 2022.

For more information about the **TEAS** testing locations, please visit **www.ATItesting.com.**
Applicants may purchase review materials and request submissions of prior TEAS results through this website.

Phase 5. Lottery - Qualified applicants will be entered into a lottery on **May 20, 2022** to determine the admitted class. If you have not received a response regarding your status by **June 3, 2022** please send an email to **ADNadmissions@peralta.edu**.

Phase 5. Mandatory ADN Orientation – All students selected for admission will be required to attend a mandatory orientation for the program on **June 14, 2022.** Failure to attend will result in immediate disqualification of the applicant.

STEP 4. ENROLLMENT / ADMISSIONS ELIGIBILITY
DEADLINE Steps #1-6 <u>August 15, 2022</u>

All students selected for admission into the ADN program for Fall 2022 <u>are required to adhere to the following requirements.</u> Failure to meet the deadline or comply with additional admission requirements will result in forfeiture of your space.

1. Apply for admission to Merritt College by following the instructions given during the ADN Orientation. <u>Steps to Enroll : (merritt.edu)</u>

2. Complete the Student Health Screening Information detailed during the ADN Orientation documenting a recent physical examination. Students are responsible for any costs incurred in obtaining and completing their required medical/physicals exams in accordance with the guidelines stipulated at the ADN Orientation.

3. Obtain CPR certification for "BLS Healthcare Provider" from the American Heart Association. Certification is **only accepted from the American Heart Association** and must remain current throughout the length of the program.

4. Undergo a criminal background check & drug screening (details received at ADN Orientation).
   In accordance with Regulation 480 of the Board of Registered Nursing, if you have been convicted of any offense other than a minor traffic violation, you may not qualify to be licensed as a registered nurse. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the California Board of Registered Nursing, P.O. Box 944210, Sacramento, CA 94244-2100. For more information go to the California Board of Registered Nursing website – http://www.rn.ca.gov/applicants/lic-faqs.shtml#disc

5. Show proof of *positive titers* for the following tests: Varicella, Mumps, Measles, Rubella, Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B. Proof of COVID-19 and TDAP vaccinations will be required per clinical site policy. *Waivers will not be accepted. There may be additional requirements based on clinical site mandates that are unknown at this time.*

6. Show evidence of *2-step* TB test (annually) by **August 15, 2022**. If positive, show results of chest x-ray. QuantiFERON Gold TB tests are accepted.

REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION - GROUP B

Although Group "**B**" courses meet Graduation Requirements and can be completed prior to or after admission into the ADN Program, **it is highly recommended that these courses be completed prior to admission into the program**. Each Group "**B**" course must be completed with a grade of "**C**" or above (letter grade only) **"C-" is not acceptable**. The minimum unit requirement for the Associate degree is 19 units; some of these requirements can be met by the Group "**A**" prerequisite courses. **Computer Literacy and Ethnic Studies** are degree requirements that must be completed (**no exceptions or waivers can be applied**) even though they are not required by the BRN for licensure. All other B courses are required for licensure. **PLEASE NOTE: Any pre-requisites taken at the upper division level, while acceptable for entry, may not meet graduation requirements. Please meet with a college counselor to ensure that all Graduation Requirements are met.**

Group "B"
- **MATH 203 -** Intermediate Algebra (4 units) or a higher math course
- **ENGL 1B** - Composition and Reading (4 units) OR • **ENGL 5** - Critical Thinking (3 units)
  (ENGL 5 requires an additional Humanities Course)
- **SOC 1** - Introduction to Sociology (3 units) OR • **ANTHR 3** - Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology (3 units)
- **PSYCH 1A -** General Psychology (3 units)

- **COMM 20** - Interpersonal Communications (3 units)
  *(**COMM 20** Interpersonal Communication <u>will not be substituted/waived</u> by any other course.)*
- **Computer Literacy** (1 unit)
- **Ethnic Studies** (3 units)

Associate Degree Nursing Curriculum

The following courses are to be completed after admission to the ADN program and require two years to complete. These courses must be completed with a grade of 'C' or better (75% or better) in lecture and satisfactory clinical performance in each section of a course. A grade of (C-)/ (70%-74.99%) is not acceptable.

Group "C"
- **NURS 1** - Fundamentals in Nursing: Beginning Principles of Health Care
- **NURS 3A** - Perinatal Nursing
- **NURS 3B** - Pediatric Nursing
- **NURS 4A** - Intermediate Medical-Surgical Nursing
- **NURS 4B** - Psychiatric Nursing
- **NURS 5** - Advanced Medical-Surgical Nursing: Disruption in Homeostasis
- **NURS 10** - Leadership and Management
- **NURS 11** - Ethics and Law
- **NURS 12** - Calculation of Drug Dosages for Health Professionals
- **NURS 13** - Pharmacology in Nursing
- **NURS 14** - Nutrition and Diet Therapy in Nursing

Prior Health Care Experience, Transfers, or Advance Placement

Applicants who wish to transfer from another ADN program or who have prior experience in the Health Care field, may apply to seek advanced placement **after** they have been accepted in the Merritt ADN program. Transfer or advanced placement students will be admitted only on a space-available basis. For information about this option, please send an email to the ADN Program Director at ADNadmissions@peralta.edu.

1. **Are you still accepting hand delivered and/or mailed application packets?**
   We are only accepting fillable electronic applications sent to **ADNadmissions@peralta.edu**.

2. **Can I mail in my transcript or scan and email it with my application?**
   We are only accepting official transcripts sent electronically directly from the schools to **ADNTranscripts@peralta.edu.**

3. **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 and follow directions carefully.

4. **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 <u>OR</u> at Merritt College at
   https://www.merritt.edu/wp/counseling/

5. **I took a Human Anatomy & Physiology Course, but I did not take the lab (or there was not 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 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 the same. If you have any doubt, please refer to question #2.

6. **I took the TEAS 6.0 a while back can I retake it?**
   You can retake it. However, Merritt College only considers the first-time scores for applicants.

7. **I took AP English in high school and took the AP Exam giving me credit for English 1A. Will this be accepted?**
   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.

8. **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 online at
   http://www.rn.ca.gov/schools/passrates.shtml

9. **I am a licensed LVN (Licensed Vocational Nurse) in the state of California. Do you have an LVN to RN Program?**
   The LVN to RN Upgrade Program is not active currently. LVNs (Licensed Vocational Nurse) are welcome to apply through the general application process and once admitted they can inquire about challenging for advance placement.

Merritt College

Associate Degree Nursing Program

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FALL 2022 APPLICATION

YOU ARE REQUIRED TO ANSWER <u>ALL</u> QUESTIONS. Incomplete or unanswered questions will result in an incomplete application and WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.
<u>Only fillable application will be accepted electronically.</u>

_____   _____   _____
Last Name   First Name   Middle Name

If you have changed your name, please list the name you have previously used:

_____   _____   _____   _____
Last Name   First Name   Middle Name   Date Changed

_____   _____
Address   Home Phone #

_____   _____   _____   _____
City   State   Zip Code   Work #

_____   _____
Email   Cell #

Social Security # (**REQUIRED**) _____ Do you have a California LVN License? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Are you a US Citizen? ☐ Yes   ☐ No: Visa # _____

The State of California **Education Code Section 7861**, Subdivisions (**g**) and (**h**) requires we collect the following demographic information:

<u>Gender</u>   <u>Date of Birth</u>   <u>Ethnic Group</u>

☐ Female   _____   ☐ African American   ☐ Other Non-White
☐ Male   mm/dd/yyyy   ☐ American Indian/Alaskan Native   ☐ Pacific Islander
                                                                       ☐ Asian   ☐ Hispanic
                                                                       ☐ Filipino   ☐ White Non-Hispanic
                                                                       ☐ Unknown/Non-Respondent

<u>Use numbers 1, 2, & 3 to show primary languages spoken at home:</u>

____ Arabic ____English ____ Russian ____Tagalog ____ Chinese (*including dialects*) ____ Farsi ____ Spanish ____Other

Have you ever applied to the Associate Degree Nursing program at Merritt College before?

☐ YES   Year(s): _____   ☐ NO (first time applying)

List ALL colleges and universities attended. NOTE-List Peralta Colleges ONCE for attendance at Laney, Merritt, Alameda, & Berkeley. Please Note: **Failure to submit all college transcripts electronically to ADNTranscripts@peralta.edu will result in disqualification from the application process.**

Name of Institution	City and State	From Sem/Yr. - To Sem/Yr.	Degree/Diploma?	
			☐ YES	☐ NO
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			☐ YES	☐ NO

List ALL courses completed from the English and ESL (English as a Second Language) Departments. This information must be completed (i.e., DO NOT WRITE "SEE TRANSCRIPT"). *For courses taken outside of California, you are required to attach a scanned copy of the catalog/course outline and description with the application.*

Title of Course	Course #	# Of Units	Grade	College	Sem/Yr. (ex. Fall '15)

List Human Physiology, Human Anatomy, & Microbiology pre-requisite courses ONLY (include all attempts, including withdrawals, failures & repeats). This information must be completed (i.e., DO NOT WRITE "SEE TRANSCRIPT. *For courses taken outside of California, you are required to attach a scanned copy of the catalog/course outline and description.*

Title of Course	Course #	# Of Units	Grade	College	Sem/Yr. (ex. Fall '14)

I certify under penalty of perjury that all information contained herein is correct and I understand that any falsifications or failure to meet any of the deadlines, as stated in the attached admission brochure, will result in disqualification from the application process.

_____   _____   _____
Print Last Name, First Name   Signature   Date