

ADN Program – Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. Are you still accepting electronic/mailed application packets?

We are only accepting hand-delivered or mailed i.e., hard copy of application packets.

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 and follow directions carefully.

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 at <https://www.merritt.edu/wp/counseling/>

4. 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 program prerequisites 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.

5. I took the TEAS 7.0 a while back can I retake it?

You can retake it. However, Merritt College only considers the first-time scores for applicants.

6. 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 Program Prerequisites on your application.

7. 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 <https://www.rn.ca.gov/education/passrates.shtml>.

8. 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.

9. I dropped off my application, will I get a receipt?

If you bring the entire brochure and application to the ADN office between 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, **ADN staff** will initial receipt of your application package.

10. How can I check the status of my application throughout the process?

Please refer to the process dates in the application brochure.