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 4 pm 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 1st 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 1st 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.