NURSING INFORMATION

Health Science and Nursing Department

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WELCOME to Rio Hondo College

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General Nursing Program Requirements

CNA
- 16 years of age minimum

LVN and RN programs
- High School graduate or equivalent (GED, college degree)
    - Attach proof at time of application
- Official transcripts from all institutions attended must be sent to RHC Admissions and Records (transcripts must be processed by the time your application is reviewed)
    - https://www.riohondo.edu/admissions/records/transcripts/
- All prerequisites must be completed at time of applying (no in-progress courses)
- Overall college GPA of 2.5 or higher

For All programs
- Government issued photo ID
- SSN or ITIN
- RHC ID

Other – more specific to the program

There are no waiting lists for any of the programs. If you apply and are not accepted or do not start, you will need to reapply to the program.

Application Periods

Generic ADN Applications and LVN-ADN Career Ladder:
- Two application periods per year
  - August/September
  - February/March

LVN Applications
- One application period per year
  - August/September

CNA Applications

- Two application periods per year
  - August/September
  - February /March

Applications are submitted online through the Health Science and Nursing Website
https://www.riohondo.edu/health-science-and-nursing/

Selection Criteria Overview

Generic ADN and LVN-ADN Career Ladder:
- Multi-Criteria Tool (Point System)

LVN Applications
- Random Selection

CNA Applications

- Random Selection

Multi-Criteria Screening	
Criteria	**Required Supporting Documents**
1. Previous Academic Degrees, Diplomas, or Relevant Certificates	
BA, BS Degree: AA, AS Degree	Official transcript from a regionally accredited U.S. college or university with degree posted
Licensed Healthcare worker (LVN, LPT, EMT, …)	Copy of current, unencumbered California license with date of expiration
Certificated Healthcare worker (CNA, …)	Copy of current, unencumbered California certification with date of expiration
2. GPA in Science Prerequisites	
Minimum GPA of 2.5 in Anatomy, Physiology and Microbiology	Official transcript from a regionally accredited U.S. college or university with grades for each course posted.
3. Science Course Recency	
Prerequisite science courses completed within seven years	Official transcript from a regionally accredited U.S. college or university with grades for each course posted.
4. English 101	
English 101 or equivalent completed with a grade of C or better	Official transcript from a regionally accredited U.S. college or university with grades for each course posted.
5. General Education courses	
Required general education courses completed with grades of "C" or better	Official transcript from a regionally accredited U.S. college or university with grades for each course posted.
6. Life Experiences or Special Circumstances	
Disabilities (Same meaning as used in Section 2626 of the Unemployment Insurance Code)	Documented disability from college ACCESS (formerly DSPS)
First Generation to attend college	Letter from school authority (EOPS, Upward Bound/TRIOS, HS Counselor, teacher) or clergy verifying 1st generation
Need to work (Need to work means student is working at least part-time while completing academic work that is prerequisite for the Nursing Program)	Paycheck stub during period of time enrolled in prerequisite courses or letter from employer (must be on organization letterhead) verifying employment was at least part-time while completing prerequisite courses.
Disadvantaged social or educational environment	Participation or eligibility for Extended Opportunity Programs & Services (EOPS)
Difficult personal or family situation	Personal statements with supporting documents
Refugee status	Documentation or letter from USCIS , or copy of I-94 card.
Low Family-income (Eligibility for, or receipt of, financial aid under a program that may include, but not limited to, a fee waiver from the Board of Governors (BOG), the Cal Grant Program, the federal Pell Grant program or CalWORKs).	Proof of eligibility or proof of receipt of financial aid e.g. BOG fee waiver, Cal Grant, Pell Grant or other federal grant, CalWORKs.
7. Proficiency of advanced level coursework in languages other than English	
American Sign Language, Arabic, Chinese (various dialects), Farsi, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog, languages of Indian subcontinent, Southeast Asia, European and Germanic languages.	Letter from professor, clergy, or supervisor, if it is a native language (must speak, read and write in the language); Bi-literacy Seal on High School diploma; 3 semesters of college-level foreign language; or AP exam (score of 3, 4, or 5 on the "Literature & Culture" exam).
8. Work or Volunteer experience in Healthcare	
Hours working in Healthcare, Minimum of 50 hours	Work: Letter from current/former employer verifying employment. The letter must be on organization letterhead with an original signature and must include the applicant's name (must match name on application), start date and end date (if applicable), employment status (full-time/part-time), number of hours per week worked (or total hours worked from/to date), job title, department if applicable, and examples of duties related to patient care (i.e. taking vital signs, assisting with ADLs).
Hours volunteering in Healthcare, Minimum of 50 hours	Volunteer: Letter from current/former organization verifying volunteer service. The letter must be on organization letterhead with an original signature and must include the applicant's name (must match name on application), start date and end date (if applicable), total number of hours volunteered, and examples of duties related to patient care (i.e. taking vital signs, assisting with ADLs).
9. Veteran Status	
Veteran Status	Copy of DD-214 showing a discharge above a Dishonorable discharge.
10. ATI TEAS Exam	
ATI TEAS Exam cumulative score of 62% or greater	Electronic copy of exam results from ATI to the school showing first exam score of 62% or greater. Second exam scores accepted if 365 days have passed since the previous exam or documentation completion of approved TEAS remediation has been submitted to the Dean of Health Science and Nursing.

- Points are given in areas 1-10.
- Points within area vary.
- Required supporting documents must be submitted.
- The higher the points, the more competitive you are.

CNA Program Requirements and Overview

- **16 years of Age minimum**

- **Government issued ID with photo**

- **SSN or ITIN**

- **Random Selection**

- **Application period twice per year**

LVN Program Requirements and Overview

Major Science Courses

- Psychology 101 (Introduction to Psychology), 5-year recency
- Health Science Core 060 (HS 060) , 5-year recency
    - HS060 combines Anatomy, Physiology, Nutrition, and Medical Terminology and it is a course unique to RHC.

OR

- Human Anatomy with a lab, 5-year recency
- Major Prerequisite GPA of 2.0 (Psychology and HS060 or Anatomy)

- **VN 61 and VN 61L (random selection)**
    - Offered in the Spring only prior to the Fall program.

Other Requirements

- HS Diploma or Equivalent (submit proof)
- Official Transcripts from ALL institutions attended (Admissions and Records)
- Overall GPA of 2.5
- General Education (only if you want a Degree)

Multi Criteria Selection

Application period once per year

ADN Program Requirements and Overview

Two Options
- Generic ADN Program
  - AS Degree=nursing major courses plus general education (completion of a GE Pattern, RHCGE or CSUGE or IGETC)

Career Ladder Bridge Program
- LVN to ADN (Associate Degree)
- LVN to RN (30-unit option, No Degree)
- Number of students accepted is based on available spaces and determined by attrition in the Generic AND first year students.

LPT (Psych Tech to ADN) Associate Degree
- May challenge Fundamentals course. Equivalency credit given for Mental Health Course.
- SSN or ITIN

ADN 75
- Prerequisite to programs above and cleared once admitted to the program

- **ATI TEAS**
  - Required at time of application
  - Minimum overall score of 62%
  - Scores must be sent directly to the school through the ATI website

- **Multi-Criteria Point System**

ADN Program Requirements and Overview

Science Prerequisites
- Biology 125 (Human Anatomy)
- Biology 226* (Human Physiology)
- Biology 222* (Microbiology)
  - All science classes must be 4 units minimum with a lab component and must be completed within the last 7 years.
  - All science classes must be completed prior to applying
  - Minimum Science GPA of 2.5
  - Can repeat only one science course, one time for a better grade in the last 7 years (i.e., C to replace F, A to replace B)

Other Prerequisites
- Minimum Overall GPA of 2.5
- English 101 with "C" grade or better (or AP Scores must be sent to Admissions and Records)
- Math Class (Intermediate Algebra or higher, Math 130 recommended, needed for BSN)
  - English and Math must be completed prior to applying

Other Requirements
- *Chemistry 110 (This is a prerequisite to Biol 226 and 222)
- General Education Requirements for AS Degree
- We recommend that you complete most, if not all your GE classes prior to the start of the program. The program is full-time and rigorous, and it is difficult to take any additional courses once admitted. Completion of a GE Pattern is encouraged prior to applying (RHCGE, CSUGE, IGETC).

Career Ladder/Bridge LVN/ADN Program

Science Prerequisites

- Biology 125 (Human Anatomy)
- Biology 226* (Human Physiology)
- Biology 222* (Microbiology)
  - All science classes must be 4 units minimum with a lab component and must be completed within the last 7 years.
  - All science classes must be completed prior to applying
  - Minimum Science GPA of 2.5

Other Prerequisites

- English 101 with "C" grade or better (or AP Scores must be sent to Admissions and Records)
- Math Class (Intermediate Algebra or higher, Math 130 recommended, needed for BSN)
  - English and Math must be completed prior to applying
  - AND 075 – Transition to LVN to RN (only once selected)
  - Must have current, unencumbered LVN or LPT License)

Other Requirements

- *Chemistry 110 (This is a prerequisite to Biol 226 and 222)
- General Education Requirements for AS Degree
- We recommend that you complete most, if not all your GE classes prior to the start of the program. The program is full-time and rigorous, and it is difficult to take any additional courses once admitted. Completion of a GE Pattern is encouraged prior to applying (RHCGE, CSUGE, IGETC).

Career Ladder/Bridge LVN/ADN 30-Unit Option (Non-Degree)

Science Prerequisites
- Biology 226* (Human Physiology)
- Biology 222* (Microbiology)
  - All science classes must be 4 units minimum with a lab component and must be completed within the last 7 years and a maximum of <mark>4 Ws.</mark>
  - All science classes must be completed prior to applying (no in-progress coursework)
  - Minimum Science GPA of 2.5

Other Prerequisites
- ADN 075 – Transition to LVN to RN (only once selected)
- Must have current unencumbered California LVN License

Other Requirements

- *Chemistry 110 (This is a prerequisite to Biol 226 and 222)
- 1-year of RN curriculum (2nd year of program)
  - NO general education required/No Degree

NOTE: This option has limitations. Obtaining an RN license with this method will not allow for transfer out of state or work in the military. Also, license will have notation "Non-Graduate".

Additional Requirements Once Accepted

- Must attend the mandatory orientation

- Must complete all Health and Safety requirements by the given deadline

- Must purchase approved uniform and supplies

- Must be able to get to the clinical sites (either drive or have a ride)

Highlights

- All prerequisites must be completed prior to applying (no in-progress classes)

- A RHC Student ID is required to meet with a Counselor and to apply to any Nursing Program

  - https://www.riohondo.edu/get-started/

  - Meeting with a counselor is recommended, not required

- Official Transcripts must be submitted to Admissions and Records

  - https://www.riohondo.edu/admissions/records/transcripts/

  - Transcripts are needed to meet with a counselor, develop an educational plan or identify missing courses.

Contact *The Health Science and Nursing Division*

For questions regarding ATI TEAS, the application process and information specific to all programs

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ATI TEAS Questions: (562) 463-3758

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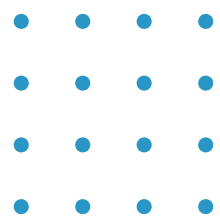General Questions

🌐 riohondo.edu/health-science-and-nursing/

📍 Science Building, Second Floor (S 207)

✉️ counselingcenter@riohondo.edu

📞 (562) 908 – 3421

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Contact *The Counseling Center*

To schedule an appointment and meet with a Counselor regarding Prerequisites, Transcript Evaluation, Equivalencies, Educational Plan

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Mary Rivera
Nursing Counselor

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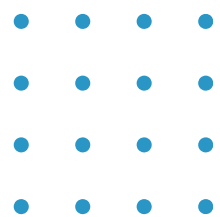Nursing Counselor

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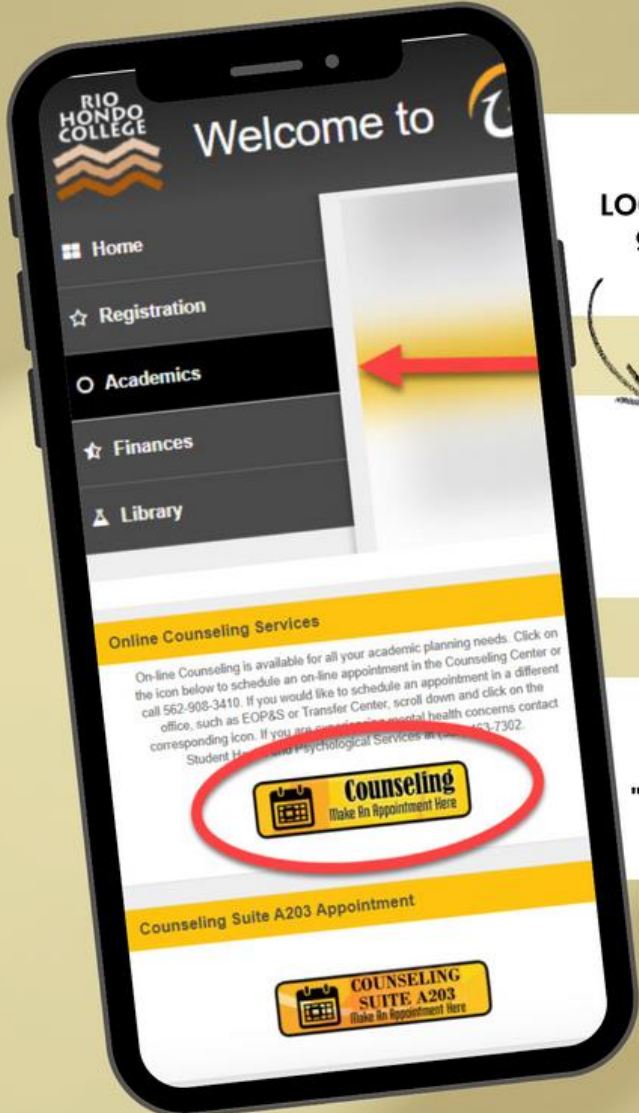
📍 Student Services, First Floor (SS 160)

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BOOK AN APPOINTMENT

Online: Access Rio

Call: (562) 908-3410

In-Person: Counseling Center

Thank You

All information, and more, included in this PowerPoint and regarding our programs, can be found on the Health Science and Nursing website.
https://www.riohondo.edu/health-science-and-nursing/