# Merritt College

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**Barbara Lee Science & Allied Health Center**

## Associate Degree Nursing Program Admissions Brochure – Fall 2025

### GENERAL INFORMATION

The Merritt College Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) curriculum is a two-year program. The program is approved 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 healthcare facilities located in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Students may apply only **once** during the academic year. Applications are accepted from **February 13, 2025** through **March 14, 2025** for the ADN class entering in Fall 2025. Completed applications **must be received by March 14, 2025 at 4:00 PM** to be eligible for review (applications postmarked by **March 14, 2025** will be accepted).

Applications **received/postmarked after March 14, 2025** will not be considered – no exceptions.

### PROGRAM PREREQUISITE COURSE REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO APPLICATION

**All** of 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 with an overall **GPA of 2.5 or above** (grade of "C" or higher). All **English** coursework must also be completed with an overall **GPA of 2.5 or above**.

To confirm that courses taken outside of Peralta Community College District are equivalent to program prerequisite course requirements, it is highly recommended that applicants meet with a Merritt College Counselor prior to submitting the application packet. All program prerequisite classes receiving a grade of "Credit" or "Pass" instead of a letter grade will be calculated as a "C" grade.

## Please note: Online and hybrid classes with virtual labs will no longer be accepted for the Fall 2025 application period.

## Program Prerequisite Courses

- **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)

  **AND**
- **BIOL 3** - Microbiology with Lab (5 units)
- **ENGL 1A** - Composition and Reading (4 units) OR **ENGL 1AS –** Composition and Reading with Support

  *Composition and Reading <u>will not be substituted or 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 program prerequisite courses in progress. <u>**Your application will not be considered if any program prerequisite courses are in progress**</u>.

## GROUP A - GENERAL EDUCATION GRADUATION (GE) REQUIREMENTS

Group A courses meet General Education Graduation Requirements and may be completed prior to or after admission into the ADN program. IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT THESE COURSES BE COMLETED PRIOR TO ADMISSION INTO THE PROGRAM. Each Group A course must be completed with a grade of  "C" or higher, LETTER GRADE ONLY. Several of the GE courses (20 units) are required by the Board of Registered Nursing, as specified below.

**PLEASE NOTE: Admission to the ADN Program does NOT GUARANTEE you have met all Merritt College Graduation Requirements. Please meet with a Merritt College Counselor to ensure that all Graduation Requirements are met.**

## GROUP A

| Required | COMM 020 | Interpersonal Communication Skills | 3 |
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| | MATH 013 | Introduction to Statistics | 4 |
| | PSYCH 001A | Introduction to General Psychology | 3 |
| | ENGL 001B | Composition and Reading | 4 |
| **Choose One** | SOC 001 | Introduction to Sociology | 3 |
| | ANTHR 003 | Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology | 3 |
| **Ethnic Studies Requirement** | | Select one Ethnic Studies course from Local AA/AS GE Requirements. Please see a Merritt College Counselor for more information. | 3 |

TOTAL GENERAL EDUCATION UNITS                                                                                       20 UNITS

## APPLICATION PROCESS FOR FALL 2025

**Please adhere to the following steps when submitting your application packet**. Any falsification in the application packet will result in disqualification. Additionally, incomplete application packets will not be reviewed or considered.

Step 1. Complete all academic requirements for admission.

Step 2. All official college transcripts must be in the original sealed envelope and **must be attached** to the application upon submission. Physical transcripts are recommended and preferred. Transcript requests from previously attended colleges should be made well in advance of the application deadline. If only electronic transcripts are available, they must be sent directly from the school to: **ADNtranscripts@peralta.edu**
**Unofficial Peralta Community College District transcripts will be accepted and must be attached to the application upon submission.**

Step 3. For prerequisite 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 only the completed application along with transcripts and out-of-state catalog course descriptions.

**ALL MAILED APPLICATION PACKETS MUST BE SENT VIA <u>U.S. POSTAL SERVICE ONLY TO</u>:**

**MERRITT COLLEGE NURSING**
**ATTN: ADN ADMISSIONS**
**12500 CAMPUS DRIVE, S-343**
**OAKLAND, CA 94619**

**No other couriers/required signatures will be accepted as the ADN Department will not be able to verify receipt or delivery.**

**NOTE: APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED VIA EMAIL OR ELECTRONICALLY. Only complete applications submitted by March 14, 2025 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.**

## SELECTION PROCEDURE

All application packets will be processed using the following procedure:

**Phase 1.** Prerequisite Coursework – All applications submitted by the deadline will be reviewed for completion, including Group A prerequisites, Core Biology GPA 2.5 or higher, and English GPA 2.5 or higher.

**Phase 2.** *Chancellor's Advisory Model* – Merritt College Associate Degree Nursing program has instituted the CA State *Chancellor's Advisory Model for Enrollment in Associate Degree Nursing Programs*. The *Model* uses a formula that calculates 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*

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

\*Core Biology course repetitions will adversely affect the applicant's overall score (i.e., each repetition deducts from the Chancellor's Score, and three repetitions will eliminate the applicant's chance of receiving the required **80%** score). ALL repetitions count regardless of the grade - A, B, C, D, F, or W (withdraw). Pass/Credit courses are equal to a 2.0 GPA.

**RECENCY REQUIREMENT:** Merritt College ADN Program has a 7-year "Recency Requirement" (i.e., Biology courses are required to be completed after January 2018. Courses completed prior to 2018 are not considered.)

**Phase 3.** Student Notification - Students will be notified of their application status by email on **May 2, 2025**. The letter will explain if the applicant will be eligible to continue to Phase 4 of the application process. Please note that it is the student's responsibility to notify the Merritt College ADN Program of any email address changes. *If you have not received a response by **May 2, 2025**, please email* **ADNadmissions@peralta.edu**.

**Phase 4. Test of Essential Academic Skills (ATI TEAS, Version 7)** – Students will be notified with a request to have TEAS 7 scores sent electronically from ATI to Merritt College ADN Program at their own expense. Please note that the ADN Program is no longer accepting TEAS 6 scores and will accept only FIRST TIME TEAS 7 scores.

**Complete the TEAS 7 and submit scores electronically to Merritt College by May 12, 2025.**

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

**Phase 5. Lottery** – Qualified applicants will be entered into a lottery on **May 22, 2025** to determine the admitted class. If you have not received a response regarding your status by **June 2, 2025,** please send an email to **ADNadmissions@peralta.edu**.

**Phase 6. Mandatory ADN Orientation** – All students selected for admission will be required to attend a mandatory orientation for the ADN Program on **June 10, 2025.** Failure to attend will result in immediate disqualification of the applicant from the ADN Program.

## ENROLLMENT / ADMISSIONS ELIGIBILITY

All students selected for admission into the Merritt College ADN program for Fall 2025 must adhere to the following requirements. Failure to meet the deadline or comply with additional admission requirements will result in forfeiture of the student's space in the ADN Program.

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

2. Complete the Student Health Screening Information detailed during the ADN Orientation documenting a recent physical examination. Students will be responsible for any costs incurred in obtaining and completing their required medical/physical 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 documentation of *positive titers* for the following tests: Mumps, Measles (Rubeola), Rubella, Varicella, Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B. Documentation of COVID-19 (vaccines and booster) and TDAP vaccination (within 10 years) will also be required. *Waivers will not be accepted. There may be additional health documentation requirements based on clinical site mandates that are unknown at this time.*

6. Show documentation of *2-Step* PPD test (annually) by **August 19, 2025**. If positive PPD results, negative chest x-ray results must be provided.  QuantiFERON-TB Gold test results (negative) are acceptable.

## ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING CURRICULUM

The following courses are to be completed after admission into the ADN program. These courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or higher (75% and above) in theory/lecture and a grade of "Satisfactory" in the clinical laboratory practice. A grade of "C(-)" (70 %-74.99 %) is not a passing grade.

### Group B - Nursing Degree Major Requirements (46 units):

- **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/Mental Health 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
- **NURS 20** – Critical Thinking and Clinical Judgement in Nursing
- **NURS 260A** – Nursing Skills Lab (recommended)

## PRIOR HEALTH CARE EXPERIENCE, TRANSFERS, OR ADVANCED 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 into the Merritt ADN Program. Transfer or advanced placement students will be admitted on a space-available basis only. For information about this option, please send an email to the ADN Program Director at ADNadmissions@peralta.edu.

# ADN Program – Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. **Are you still accepting electronic/emailed application packets?**
   No, we are only accepting hand-delivered or mailed (hard copy) application packets.

2. **What is the primary reason for being disqualified from the Selection Process?**
   Students are unaware of the prerequisites, GPA requirements, or the application procedure. Our best recommendation for a well-prepared application packet is to read the brochure thoroughly 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 courses "qualify," or if courses "transfer equivalently," should be directed to the Counseling Department at the college you are attending OR at Merritt College (**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 was only a lecture, it will not be accepted. The number of units is based on Peralta Community College District's course units. At other schools the number of units may vary, but the course curriculum and prerequisites are the same. If you have any doubt, please refer to question #3.

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 must attach supporting documentation from a College Counselor noting the college credit by examination. Be sure to list the English 1A course under Program Prerequisites on your application.

7. **I am curious to know if students are well-prepared for the NCLEX exam when they complete the ADN Program here. What is the NCLEX pass rate for Merritt College'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?**
   No, the LVN to RN Upgrade Program is not currently active. LVNs are welcome to apply through the general application process. Once admitted, they can inquire about challenging for advanced 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 and 4:00 PM, *ADN Program staff* will initial receipt of your application package.

10. **How can I check the status of my application?**
    Please refer to the process dates in the application brochure.