



Registered Nursing Point Criteria Summary

The application to the Registered Nursing Program asks for the following items/documentation – those with an asterisk (**) are required, while others are optional for additional points.

Based on Chancellor's Office California Community College in Coordination with Nursing Advisory Committee (3 CNAC)

Program Application

REQUIRED – No points given in this section

****Apply for college admission.** New and Returning Students will be required to **apply for college admission** and complete appropriate registration procedures, and **obtain a Student I.D. number, email address, and I.D card.**

****You will need a Merced College email AND personal email address** (the one you check most often); personal emails are considered yahoo, gmail, etc. and NOT associated with your job, Merced College or another school.

****Upload one of the following:** copy of High School Transcript, Diploma, GED or College Transcript.
- Degree must be posted on transcript.
- All non-US transcripts must be evaluated by foreign evaluation service (ERES).

****LVN to RN Pathway Applicants ONLY - COPY** of Current California LVN License

****LVN to RN Pathway Applicants ONLY - Official Transcripts verifying completion of your LVN Program courses** (unofficial transcripts if you completed the LVN Program at Merced College).

****LVN to RN Pathway Applicants ONLY - LVN Program Catalog Descriptions**
- Merced College Catalogs can be found [online](#).
An example of a catalog description is provided on the RN website.

Criteria I (A) – Veteran Status, Academic Degree, & Health Care Certificate or License

OPTIONAL – Satisfy 1 category for a maximum of 8 points

Copy of Defense Department (DD) 214 Form (8 points)

Copy of **your** Defense Department Form DD-214, Honorable Discharge Required. Active service includes full-time Duty in National Guard.

BA/BS Degree or higher (8 points)

Submit Official transcript from regionally accredited US college or university with degree posted. All non-US transcripts must be evaluated by foreign evaluation service (ERES).

AA/AS/ADT Degree (6 points)

Submit Official transcript from regionally accredited US college or university with degree posted. Students with AA/AS/ADT Degrees from Merced College may submit unofficial transcript. All non-US transcripts must be evaluated by foreign evaluation service (ERES).

Name of Health Care Certificate or License (5 points)

Types of Certificates and/or License include: LVN, Psych Tech, Rad Tech, Paramedic, Sonography Tech, CNA, EMT, HHA, Medical Assistant, Physical Therapist Tech or Phlebotomist. Licensed or certificated healthcare worker requires a copy of their current California certificate including name, certificate number, date of issue, and date of expiration.

Note: QR Codes will NOT be accepted.

Criteria I (B) – Re-Applicant & Additional Course Completion

OPTIONAL – May satisfy **both** categories for a maximum of 2 points

Form is located on the RN website.

Re-Applicant (1 point)

Applicants who applied & qualified in Spring 2022 are eligible to earn 1 point as a Re-Applicant. No documentation required, this will be verified after submission of your application.

Additional Course Completion (1 point)

1 point for passing grades in **all 3 courses**: Nutrition (NUTR-10) AND Medical Terminology (ALLH-67) AND Applied Math for Pharmacology (VOCN-46A). Grades must be posted on transcripts at time of submission. Criteria I(B) form & transcript(s) required for point.

Criteria II – Grade Point Average of Prerequisites

REQUIRED – Maximum of 45 points

Form is located on the RN website.

**Transcripts

1. Official transcript(s) from other colleges/universities must be sent directly to the Merced College Admissions & Records office by the transcript submission deadline.
2. All applicants are required to upload transcript(s) with their application. If you completed your courses at Merced College you can login to your Merced College Self-Service account to download a PDF of your unofficial transcript

AND/OR

Copy of Official Transcripts from other colleges that includes your prerequisites & courses required for an A.S. degree in Nursing. We understand that once you open the copy, it becomes unofficial. This will be accepted for this application.

**GPA & Prerequisite Course Form

The purpose of this form is to verify completion of all program prerequisites with a grade of “C” or better and combined GPA of 2.5 or higher. “P” is not acceptable. It is **recommended** prerequisites be completed within five years of acceptance to the program.

- BIOL-16 General Human Anatomy
- BIOL-18 Principles of Physiology
- BIOL-20 Microbiology
- ENGL-01A College Composition and Reading **OR** ENGL-13/PHIL-13/H Critical Reasoning & Writing
- MATH-10 Elementary Statistics

GPA	Points	GPA	Points	GPA	Points	GPA	Points
4.0	45	3.60-3.64	37	3.20-3.24	29	2.80-2.84	21
3.95-3.99	44	3.55-3.59	36	3.15-3.19	28	2.75-2.79	20
3.90-3.94	43	3.50-3.54	35	3.10-3.14	27	2.70-2.74	19
3.85-3.89	42	3.45-3.49	34	3.05-3.09	26	2.65-2.69	18
3.80-3.84	41	3.40-3.44	33	3.00-3.04	25	2.60-2.64	17
3.75-3.79	40	3.35-3.39	32	2.95-2.99	24	2.55-2.59	16
3.70-3.74	39	3.30-3.34	31	2.90-2.94	23	2.50-2.54	15
3.65-3.69	38	3.25-3.29	30	2.85-2.89	22	Below 2.5 GPA = Disqualified	

Subtract points for 2 or more repeat courses. Repeats are considered W, D, F or Incompletes in any of the three Life Sciences (Anatomy, Physiology, and Microbiology) attempted in the past 5 years. Repeating Life Science courses that you previously earned an A, B, or C in within the past 5 years are also considered repeats. Math & English courses DO NOT apply as repeats. EW(s) (Eligible Withdrawal) on your transcript(s) do NOT count as repeats.

Note: If an applicant has 4 or more repeats, they are ineligible to apply.

An applicant's score could change if the application committee determines a different amount of repeats than the applicant disclosed. Failure to submit transcripts with all grades posted in Life Science will result in disqualification for application and possible dismissal from the program.

No points will be deducted for the first repeat. See grid below:

Life Science Course Repeats	Points Subtracted
1 Repeat	0
2 Repeats	-5 points

Life Science Course Repeats	Points Subtracted
3 Repeats	-10 points
4 Repeats	Ineligible

Criteria III – Life Experience or Special Circumstance

OPTIONAL – Satisfy **1** category for 3 points

Disabilities

Same meaning used in Section 2626 of the [Unemployment Insurance Code](#). Submit documented disability from a college/university Disability Support Program or from Merced College Disabled Students Program & Services (DSPS).

Low Income/Socioeconomic Status

Submit proof of eligibility or proof of receipt of financial aid (such as an award letter/email). Attach document(s) for the 2022-2023 **OR** 2023-2024 **OR** 2024-2025 year ONLY – e.g., California College Promise Grant (formerly BOG), Pell Grant or other federal grant, CalWORKS

Need to Work

Submit copy of **1** (one) check stub during period of time enrolled in prerequisite courses. W2's ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.

Disadvantages, Social and Educational Environment

Participation or eligibility for [Extended Opportunity Programs & Services](#) (EOPS) or TRiO.

Refugee Status

Documentation or letter from United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) or Department of Homeland Security.

Work or Volunteer Experience in a Health Care Setting

Points are awarded with verification of a **minimum of 200 hours** worked or volunteered in a health care environment within the last **three** years from the application deadline. Submit an original letter from current/former employer verifying employment or volunteer experience. The letter must be printed on the organizations letterhead with an original signature. The letter must include Applicant's name, start date, end date, number of hours per week (or total hours), job title, and department. Letter must also include a description of duties, including patient interaction or direct patient care that provides activities of daily living (examples: bathing, dressing, assistance with eating).

Difficult/Personal Family Situation or Circumstance

Pertains to: single parent, deployed spouse, family caregiver, death of family member, medical problem, or financial issue. Requires brief written Statement from Applicant.

First-Generation College Student

(First generation college students are defined by the U.S. Department of Education as "Neither parent had more than a high school education."). Requires brief written Statement from Applicant.

Criteria IV – Documented Proficiency or Advanced Level Coursework in Languages other than English

OPTIONAL – Satisfy **1** category for 2 points

Official transcript from a U.S. regionally accredited college or university verifying four semesters of the same foreign language with a "C" or better for each semester.

Upload an Official transcript from a U.S. high school verifying four years of the same foreign language completed with a "C" or better.

Criteria IV Foreign Language Certification Form. You may upload last year's form if you have it saved. Forms from other Colleges/Universities will NOT be accepted. **Form is located on the RN website.**

Criteria V – ATI TEAS (Minimum of 62% score)

REQUIRED – Maximum of 40 points

****All Students applying to the Merced College Registered Nursing program must meet the minimum passing score of 62% on their FIRST ATTEMPT of the TEAS 7 test** (TEAS 7 is the only version we will accept).

Look very closely at the examples of the Individual Performance Profiles we provided on the RN website. This is the **ONLY** version we will accept. If you submit another document from ATI that is NOT what we require, your application will be disqualified - No Exceptions.

You must submit your Individual Performance Profile printouts for other attempts (possibly for earlier versions). See examples on website. If you are experiencing difficulties locating this exact profile on your ATI account, contact ATI at (800) 667-7531 (Online Support).

If you are selected to begin the RN program, you may be required to submit an Official TEAS result score through the testing agency.

ATI TEAS Score (%)	Points	ATI TEAS Score (%)	Points	ATI TEAS Score (%)	Points	ATI TEAS Score (%)	Points
95-100%	40	84-85.9%	36	76-77.9%	32	68-69.9%	28
90-94.9%	39	82-83.9%	35	74-75.9%	31	66-67.9%	27
88-89.9%	38	80-81.9%	34	72-73.9%	30	64-65.9%	26
86-87.9%	37	78-79.9%	33	70-71.9%	29	62-63.9%	25