

**RVCC Nursing Program
PNAD (LPN-RN) and Generic RN pathways
Information to apply to the
Fall 2022 Generic RN Program & Summer 2023 PNAD program**

1. What pre-requisites are required?

- Developmental English and ESL courses complete
- Math through Elementary Algebra
- Anatomy and Physiology I & II (met within past 5 years)- 2 grades of D, F, or W in any required science course will disqualify you from application to the Generic RN program
- Overall college GPA of 2.75
- Technological Competency (met within the past 7 years)
- ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) and scheduled outside RVCC via www.atitesting.com - as of Summer 2020, ATI TEAS is the entrance test **for both** the Generic RN and PNAD program. *There are minimum section scores needed to be considered eligible to apply to the nursing program – ATI Overall score must be 60% or higher, English & Reading ATI scores must be 58.7% or higher to apply.* Each a separate requirement- teas must have been taken since 8/31/20-present for 2022 Generic RN and since 8/31/21 for Summer 2023 PNAD
- PNADS must graduate their LPN school with a 3.25%/85% GPA
- PNADS must be a licensed LPN in the state of NJ

2. How long is the waiting list? How long will it take me to complete this program?

- There is no waiting list **as of FALL 2010**. Students will be ranked according to scores/grades in pre-requisites via selective admission criteria. Students who are not admitted must reapply for the next year.
- The Generic RN program and PNAD program has minimum 2 semesters of prerequisites. The sequence of clinical courses takes 2 years (4 semesters) to complete. There are no summer session Nursing courses in the Generic program. **The PNAD program has 3 semesters of nursing courses.**

3. How do I apply? Is there a separate Nursing application?

- RVCC Application at www.raritanval.edu or with the RVCC Admissions office o Have all prior college transcripts sent to the RVCC Registrar's office - registrar@raritanval.edu .
- Send high school completion proof to Admissions office admissions@raritanval.edu
- Attend a Nursing Information Session to obtain an Application to Clinical, which is submitted to Sentry MD when all prerequisites are completed. <https://www.raritanval.edu/career-training/nursing-program-information-sessions>
- Schedule/plan prerequisites with Advising & Counseling- acs@raritanval.edu .

4. Am I eligible if I live out-of-county?

- If you live out-of-county, you may claim residency if you are a permanent employee of a company in Somerset or Hunterdon County. This may be part-time, but may not be seasonal or temporary. We prioritize in county residents and employees first.
- Many students who do not live or work in Hunterdon or Somerset County apply to both RVCC and another nursing school to have a back-up plan.
- Enrollment nursing courses is restricted to students formally admitted to the Nursing Clinical Courses. There is not audit option for nursing courses.

5. How much does the RVCC Nursing Program Cost?

- The first semester of the nursing program is the most expensive semester, and can cost \$4,000+ dollars. Please see the tuition calculator at www.raritanval.edu under 'Paying for College' , and information presented at the Nursing Information Session for details.

6. Do I require a background check?

- A completed criminal history background check must be done through Adamsafeguard PRIOR to applying to the clinical nursing program..
- Students are required to submit the background check result with the clinical application to Sentry MD. Students who do not have a current Adamsafeguard background check report to upload with their clinical application are not eligible to apply to the nursing program
- Students with unfavorable CHBC results will not be admitted to the nursing program at RVCC.
- Students need to be 18 years of age by 8/15/2022 (by the time the first nursing courses starts), due to the contractual agreements with our clinical agencies.
- Drug testing is mandatory yearly, and more frequently as delegated by clinical agencies, while in the clinical nursing program. Drug testing is not a requirement to apply to the nursing program.

7. Are immunizations required once in the Nursing Program?

- Clinical agencies mandate immunizations for all individuals engaged in patient care. Influenza vaccinations are mandatory each fall semester. Clinical agencies will not accept student/s without immunizations. Failure to receive immunizations will prevent fulfillment of the nursing course objectives, and, jeopardizes the students' successful completion of the course and nursing program. Complete immunization requirements for admitted clinical nursing students can be found at <http://commons.raritanval.edu/academics/dept/hs/Pages/index.aspx>

The COVID-19 vaccine is mandatory for nursing students for the 21-22 school year- no exemptions are accepted at this time- the policies for 22-23 may be the same and the nursing program and the college will require the COVID-19 vaccination.

8. Does RVCC have an LPN program?

- No, RVCC does not have an LPN program. Students can go to LPN school and come back to RVCC to pursue the PNAD (LPN-RN)program. The NJ Board of Nursing would list LPN schools- Warren County Tech, Morris County Tech, Middlesex County Tech and Union County have LPN programs currently.

For more detailed information, information about all RVCC health programs, and to review all nursing curriculum pages, visit our website at <https://www.raritanval.edu/career-training/health-profession-programs> or <https://commons.raritanval.edu/academics/dept/hs/Pages/index.aspx>

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