

Ready to Apply to the Generic Clinical Nursing program at RVCC?

1. What pre-requisites are required to apply?

- Meet with a Health Science **Advisor** to review pathway and prerequisites by emailing acts@raritanval.edu
- Completion of minimum of **6** credits at RVCC
- Attend a **Nursing Information Session** to obtain application and current program information – check website for monthly dates: <https://www.raritanval.edu/career-training/health-professions/nursing-rn>
- Must be **18** years of age prior to July 15 of the year of application
- 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 the past 5 years in any required science course will disqualify you from application to the Generic RN program
- Overall college GPA of **2.75**
- **Medical Terminology** for the Generic RN Program
- ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) and scheduled outside RVCC via www.atitesting.com
- *There are minimum section scores needed to be considered eligible to apply to the nursing program – **ATI Total score must be 60%** or higher and, **English & Reading ATI scores must be 58.7% or higher to apply.** TEAS must have been taken 9/1/22-present TEAS version 6 or 7 is accepted.*
- TEAS may be taken every **3** months
- **Clear Criminal Background** and Sanction Check via AdamsSafeguard (information provided with Application)
- Admission to RVCC does NOT guarantee admission to the Clinical Nursing Program
- If accepted to the program, a Pharmacology Clinical Calculation placement exam is required

2. How much does the Nursing Program Cost?

- The first semester is typically the most expensive and can cost \$5000+
- Students are responsible for items including but not limited to: background checks, drug screening, clinical clearance costs, uniform costs, BLS course, books/resources
- Visit the Tuition Calculator at www.raritanval.edu under “Paying for College”

3. What is clinical clearance health maintenance?

- “Clinical clearance” occurs after acceptance into the clinical Nursing program

- Facilities set requirements for both students AND instructors that may differ from RVCC college health requirements or facility employment requirements
- Clinical facilities require that both students and instructors must comply with clinical site clearance procedures in order to attend clinical rotations in the clinical sites
- Clinical clearance includes mandates from clinical agencies that contribute to patient, student and instructor safety including but not limited to- immunizations, health screenings, physical exams, eye exams, annual criminal background checks, fit testing, FBI fingerprinting, annual/random drug screening
- Clinical sites may deny student and instructor attendance if clearance is not obtained
- Failure to comply with clinical facility site requirements results in inability to complete course and program objectives
- Clinical clearance health maintenance is subject to change pending clinical site updates on short notice
- Costs associated with clinical clearance are the responsibility of the student

4. Do I require yearly Background Check and Drug Screening?

- **Yes.** Yearly criminal history background checks are required and facilities may include FBI fingerprinting, sexual abuse registry, medical sanction registry information as requirements on short notice
- Students who fail to provide current satisfactory criminal background or other criminal or drug screening checks are not eligible to apply or continue in the Nursing Program
- Annual Urine Drug Screening is required once accepted into the program. Clinical facilities may at time request random or more frequent screenings. Students with positive drug screenings are ineligible to continue in the clinical nursing program

5. Does RVCC have an LPN program?

- **No.** RVCC offers a PNAD(LPN-RN) transition program for students who are already licensed in NJ as an LPN.

Questions?

RVCC Admissions: admissions@raritanval.edu

Advising and Counseling: acts@raritanval.edu

Nursing Coordinator of Nursing Admissions and Clinical Partnerships: Clinicalnursing@raritanval.edu

Financial Aid: finaid@raritanval.edu

Registrar: registrar@raritanval.edu

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Admission to RVCC does NOT guarantee acceptance into the nursing program at RVCC. Qualified students who live or work (full time/part time) in Somerset or Hunterdon county will be given priority placement in the clinical nursing program when clinical applications are reviewed under objective ranking criteria. Out of county applicants will be considered for remaining open seats only after all in county applicants have been admitted to the clinical nursing program. Clinical information is subject to change at any time. The Nursing Program reserves the right to update requirements at any time.