

ROGUE COMMUNITY COLLEGE NURSING PROGRAM

Frequently Asked Questions and Answers for Students Applying in 2009

1. How do I get an application and when do I apply?

Applications are now available. Watch the links page for the current application packet at <http://learn.roguecc.edu/AlliedHealth/Nursing/prenursing.htm>. Applications must be in a sealed envelope and are accepted at Rogue Central on any campus or via mail to Enrollment Services, 3345 Redwood Hwy, Grants Pass, OR 97527 from January 5, 2009 through February 17, 2009. The applications must be postmarked by 5:00 PM February 17, 2009 or if delivered by hand, received by 5:00 PM on February 17, 2009. Applications should be addressed and/or submitted to Enrollment Services, and the outside of the sealed envelope should clearly indicate that a nursing application is inside. The applicant's name and return address should also be visible on the outside of the sealed envelope.

2. When do you accept students into the program?

Following the application deadline of February 17 and the winter term transcript deadline of April 10, 2009, we anticipate that the selection process will be completed by June 1. Accepted students who successfully complete all 45-50 credits of prerequisite/preparatory courses will be admitted to the nursing program in fall of 2009.

3. How do I get accepted to the Rogue Community College Nursing Program?

Applications are reviewed based on your cumulative prerequisite and Anatomy and Physiology GPA, as well as prior degree, completion of other required courses. More information on the selection process can be found on our website at <http://learn.roguecc.edu/AlliedHealth/Nursing/prenursing.htm>. Eligible applicants (approximately the top 85 ranked after considering the first 70 possible points) will be asked to participate in a proctored essay.

4. What are my chances of being accepted into the program once I've completed the minimum requirements?

Because admission is competitive and based on a point scale, it is difficult to predict the chances of acceptance in advance. It is important to be as successful as possible in your prerequisite coursework as that is where a bulk of the admission points is awarded. Please refer to the Program Information link at <http://learn.roguecc.edu/AlliedHealth/Nursing/prenursing.htm> for a breakdown of how applicants are assessed.

In 2008, over 145 qualified students applied for the RCC Nursing Program and 36 were accepted. Of those accepted into the program fall of 2008, the average GPA for prerequisites range was 3.53 to 4.0.

5. I've heard that I have to get straight A's, at least in A&P, to get accepted. Is that true?

No. Students with Bs and Cs were among those accepted into the program in 2008. However, higher grades, especially in A&P I, will increase your chances of being accepted.

6. What if I'm not accepted into the program when I apply?

The top 25 ranked students who are not accepted into the program by June 1 will be placed on a ranked alternate list to fill a position if any become available e.g. if an accepted candidate decides not to enter the program. The alternate list will be active through September 28, 2009. Students who are not accepted and are not alternates will also be notified by mail after June 1, 2009. Students not admitted to the program must reapply the following year to be reconsidered for admission. Previous application materials will not be forwarded or duplicated for a new application.

7. With all this talk about a nursing shortage why don't you offer more applicants admission?

Currently we are also in a nursing faculty and clinical site shortage. There are many nursing schools in the state of Oregon and limited clinical sites. As a member of the Oregon Consortium for Nursing Education, Rogue Community College is exploring ways to expand its programs to educate more nurses. Our policy is to admit students based upon our funding and resources.

8. What kind of time commitment can I expect the program to involve?

The nursing program demands a great deal of time. In addition to classroom time (approximately 10-18 hours a week), you will spend an average of 10-16 hours per week in the nursing skills laboratory and at clinical practice sites (in hospitals, long-term care and community health settings). Clinical experiences are scheduled during the hours that nurses typically work which could be morning, evening or night shift. Clinical hours usually start at 6AM and go to 3PM or later two days a week. During the final term, student s' clinical experiences may be from 7AM to 7PM or 7PM to 7AM two or three days a week including weekends. As you can imagine, this schedule requires a lot of flexibility from you, your family, your employer and your childcare provider.

9. Can I work when I am enrolled in the nursing program?

The nursing program is an intense program with classes and clinical placements. Students may find working even part time difficult. For many students, employment while attending school is necessary. Jobs with flexible schedules are desirable in these circumstances. Students must adjust work hours to accommodate their school schedule, and because of safety considerations cannot work the several hours immediately preceding a scheduled clinical shift.

10. Can you complete the program part time or is it offered on-line?

No, the nursing program is a full-time program of study. Most courses are not available on-line due to the required clinical and lab hours. However, nursing courses are web enhanced and nursing students must be able to access the internet either at home or at the college.

11. How much will the program cost? Please see the estimated cost of the program at <http://learn.roguecc.edu/AlliedHealth/Nursing/200809ADN/ProgramCosts2008.pdf>.

12. How do I get information about financial aid? Please contact the Student Access Center at Redwood Campus (956-7191) or Riverside Campus (245-7552).

13. What if I have additional questions?

If you have not yet attended a nursing program information session, you must do so before calling for an advising appointment. Dates/times of information sessions are available at <http://learn.roguecc.edu/AlliedHealth/Nursing/0910ADNProgram/2008Programinfosessions.html>. After attending an information session you may call 956-7308 for a nursing advising appointment. (Be sure to specify whether you wish to see an advisor on the Redwood Campus in Grants Pass or the Riverside Campus in Medford.)