



The following information details the selection process for acceptance in the College of the Desert Associate Degree Nursing Program.

COD is an open access college. We follow an acceptance procedure based on random selection. This affords an equal opportunity for all eligible applicants to be accepted into the ADN program, with a preference towards COD and Palo Verde College students with 12 or more units completed within the last 3 years.

All applications are reviewed and evaluated. The applications are then sorted into 3 lists:

- 1. Ineligible applications not meeting the criteria. ⁽¹⁾**
- 2. Eligible applications with 12 or more units from COD / Palo Verde.**
- 3. Eligible applications with less than 12 units from COD / Palo Verde.**

Using an electronic process for each pool of applicants, a random number is assigned to each student. For example, if there are 150 eligible applicants in the pool of 12 units or more at COD / Palo Verde, an electronic process will randomly assign each applicant a number between 1 and 150.

The available spaces are first filled from the list of applicants with 12 or more units from COD / Palo Verde. If an applicant declines a space, it is offered to the next applicant on the randomized list.

We encourage applicants to attend information sessions, which are periodically held throughout the year, to gain a better understanding of this and other ADN application and program processes.

⁽¹⁾ Appeals Process

Those applicants who do not meet the eligibility criteria for admission to the Associate Degree RN program due to two or more repeats of any one of the three required pre-requisite science courses may be eligible to *appeal. If you believe that you have extenuating circumstances beyond your control that caused such repeats of these courses, especially over one semester and on rare occasion, two consecutive semesters, please send your application as directed. Those who are ineligible for initial conditional acceptance into the RN A.D.N. program will receive a letter outlining the appeal process, which will include a letter of request with supporting documentation and deadlines for submission. The decision of the Appeals Committee is final.

** Seven year overall GPAs and GPAs for the three science courses can only be appealed if there is a calculation error.*