

REGISTERED NURSING APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Read the Nursing Application Instructions completely. If you have questions on the application, you can email NursingInfo@collegeofthedesert.edu
2. You must [apply to College of the Desert](#) and be accepted PRIOR to applying to the nursing program or submitting any documentation. Failure to have a COD application will result in ineligibility.
3. If you have not taken a course at COD in the last semester, you need to reapply to COD.
4. Once you have opened the application, you must complete and submit it. There is no option to save and come back later.
5. Please note that required fields are identified by an asterisk (*) on the application.
6. Only PDF and JPG files are accepted in the application.
7. Official transcript(s) for all colleges (except for COD) listed on the application must be submitted through the institution's electronic transcript system or in original sealed envelope(s), seals unbroken, to the Admissions & Records Office by the time of the application deadline. Omission of any transcript(s) other than for COD will void your application. All transfer courses from other institutions must be from an accredited institution.
8. By the time the application is submitted, **all courses must be completed with a final grade reported on the official transcript.**
9. Gather necessary information, documents, and evidence necessary for the application **prior to opening the application.** Duplicate applications may cause confusion and potentially affect your application status, so prepare well before beginning the application. Information necessary will include:

REQUIRED ITEMS FOR ALL APPLICANTS:

- Information for all prerequisite or required courses: college attended, number of units for the course, semester completed, grade. If you are not sure which courses are equivalent to the prerequisites, you can visit [this website](#) for COD's Transfer Equivalency System database.
 - Required prerequisite courses
 - Anatomy & Physiology (BI 013)
 - Anatomy & Physiology II (BI 014)
 - Microbiology (BI 015)
 - College-level English composition with a research component (ENG 001A)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR MULTICRITERIA POINTS: This is information that is not required but will improve chances for the applicant to gain entry to the program based on the multicriteria points. Gather information for the following items if they apply to you:

- LVN License number & expiration date (for advance placement applicants only)
- COD Student ID
- Evidence of Bachelor's or Master's degree (degree or evidence on transcripts)
- Letters of support from employers (can serve as evidence for 1000+ hours of work in healthcare-related fields and/or bilingual ability)
- Evidence of high school health academy attendance via transcripts or certificate
- Evidence of any disability via transcript or DSPS accommodation form
- Copy of financial aid award letter (if claiming financial disadvantage)
- Personal statement (for evidence of disadvantaged environment, first generation college student, or difficult circumstance)
- TEAS test results (unofficial transcript uploaded to application; official transcripts sent via ATI/TEAS to COD)

- Information for all support courses: college attended, number of units for the course, semester completed, grade. If you are not sure which courses are equivalent, you can visit [this website](#) for COD's Transfer Equivalency System database.
 - General Education courses related to nursing
 - General Psychology (Psych 001) or Developmental Psychology (Psych 003)
 - Intermediate Algebra (or higher) (Math 040)
 - **One** of the following speech/communication courses or equivalent:
 - Introduction to Public Speaking (COMM 001)
 - Introduction to Interpersonal Communication (COMM 009)
 - Small Group Communication (COMM 013)
 - Intercultural Communication (COMM 017)
 - Sociology – **one** of the following or equivalent
 - Introductory Sociology (SOC 001)
 - Introduction to Race & Ethnicity (SOC 014)
 - Mexican American Culture & Society (SOC 015)
 - Cultural Anthropology (ANTH 002)
 - Anthropology of Religion, Magic, Witchcraft, and Healing (ANTH 007)
 - Nursing Support Courses
 - Medical Terminology (HS 061)
 - Basic Pharmacology (HS 065)
 - Introduction to Med/Dosage Calculation (HS 067)
 - Strategies for Success/Nursing Program (HS 071)
 - Electrocardiogram (ECG) Interpretation (HS 080)
 - General Nutrition (HS 013)
 - Transfer Prep Courses
 - Fundamental of Statistics (SOC 003) or Statistical Methods (Math 014)
 - One of the following CSUGE Area A-3 Critical Thinking Course
 - Argumentation and Debate (COMM 025)
 - Argumentative Writing and Critical Thinking through Literature (ENG 002)
 - General Logic (PHIL 010)
 - Sociological Analysis & Critical Thinking (SOC 004)
10. Official International transcript evaluation detailed report is required for all international transcripts. An official report must be submitted in the application packet. The evaluation must state the level of learning equivalent to U.S. associate or bachelor's degree. It is highly recommended that applicants, ordering from an official agency, order at least three (3) applicant copies for future application packets. Contact the Admissions and Records office for a list of approved evaluating agencies or see <https://www.collegeofthedesert.edu/web-items/documents/pdf-files/international/international-transfer-credit.pdf>
11. Only prerequisite courses will be evaluated in the nursing program acceptance process. Additional courses are required for the Associate Degree in Nursing. Refer to the [college catalog](#) for the remaining general education course descriptions for the degree. Students are advised to see a [college counselor](#) for advisement regarding degree required general education courses.
12. All initial application-related communication will occur via email. **COD student email address** will be used for those that have one. Accepted applicants will **receive notification within six (6) weeks of application deadline**. Please monitor email frequently during this timeframe. With the emailed notification, applicants will be given a deadline by which an email response must be made. The applicant will lose the offered seat if required responses are not received by the deadline.
13. Once you have read through these instructions and have gathered all the information listed above, [click here](#) to complete the application.