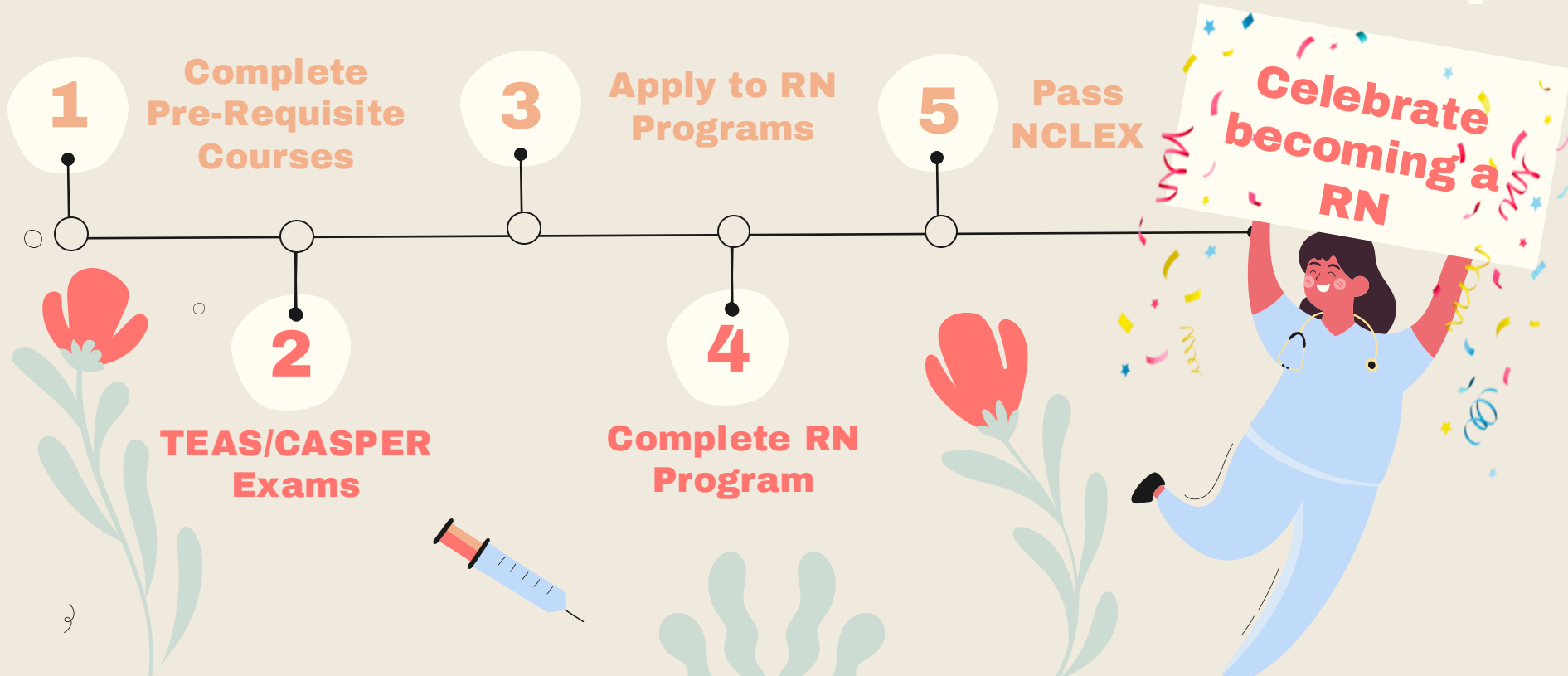




Sierra College Nursing

Sierra College Counseling
Updated Fall 2026

Becoming a Registered Nurse



Becoming a RN

ASN

Associate of Science in Nursing Degree

A 2-year degree that is sought
AFTER nursing program pre-
requisites are satisfied

Typical of Community Colleges:
Sierra, ARC, SCC, Yuba

BSN

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

A 4-year degree: 2 years AFTER nursing
program pre-requisites are satisfied

Offered through:
CSUs, UCLA, UCI, Privates, Out-of-State
Local CSUs: CSUS, CSU EB, SJSU, CSU
Chico

LVN to RN

LVN to RN Upward Mobility

for licensed vocational nurses to
become registered nurses allows
entry into 2nd/3rd semester of
RN program
(on a space-available basis)

RN to BSN

Registered Nurse to BSN

Completion program for
CURRENTLY licensed RNs

Typically offered through Universities



Sierra's RN Program

Currently ranked #5 in the state

1 of Top 3 Performing Schools: 99.29% avg NCLEX pass rate

- 2-year, in-person, full-time
- Prepares for NCLEX-RN exam
- ACEN accredited
- Affordable - under \$5,000
- Lottery-based admission
- Requires TEAS Exam
- Hands-on clinical experience
- BSN Merger w/ Sacramento State
- Sutter Roseville is largest employer



Sierra's Pre-Requisites

ENGL C1000

College Composition
(formerly ENGL 1A)

PSYC C1000

Intro Psychology
(formerly PSYC 100)

NUTF 0010

Principles of Nutrition

HDEV 0001/PSYC 0104

Human Dvlpt Across the Lifespan/
Developmental Psychology

MATH

College Level
(Most Common: Statistics)

BIOL 0004 Microbiology
(Prerequisite: Chemistry)

BIOL 0005 Anatomy

BIOL 0006 Physiology
(Prerequisite: Chemistry)

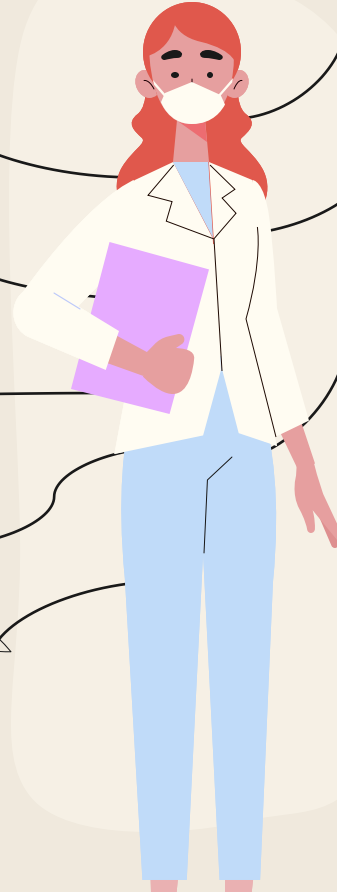
Co-Requisites

must be completed before the start of
your second year of nursing program

ETHN Ethnic Studies Course
(Sierra GE/CALGETC eligible)

COMM C1000
Public Speaking (formerly COMM 0001)

ANTH 0002/SOC C1000
Cultural Anthropology/
Intro Sociology (formerly SOC 1)





Good Grades



Attention to:
Biology, English, & Math
Limit Biology Course Repeats



Recency

Anatomy, Physiology, Microbiology, &
Nutrition must be taken within 7 years



Experience

Direct Patient Care Experience &
Certifications; ex. LVN, EMT, CNA



ATI TEAS

Test of Essential Academic Skills
Minimum Score of 62



Preparing to Apply to Sierra



Apply to Multiple Programs!



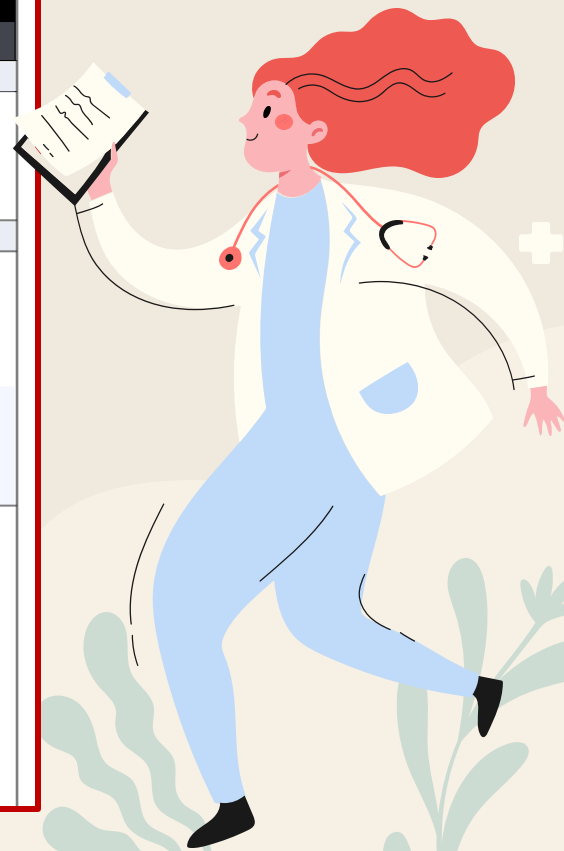
Every Program is Different, note:

- 
- BSN Programs: GPA, Merit Based
 - ADN Programs: Lottery and/or Merit Based
 - Repeat Policies
 - Recency Requirements
 - AP Scores
 - TEAS/CASPER Scores
 - Points assigned other than grades
 - Online labs are not always allowed
 - Course Equivalencies
- 



Sierra's RN Multi-Criteria Form

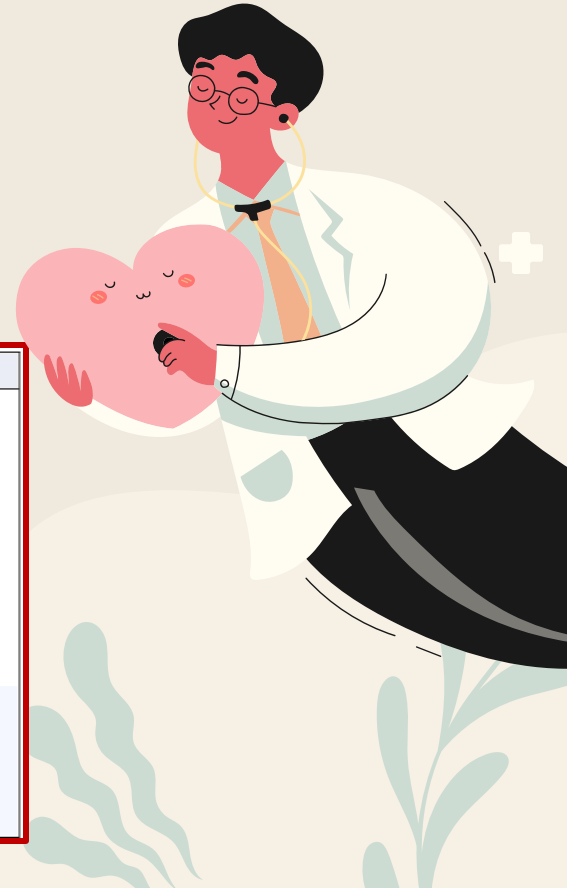
Criteria	Points	Required Supporting Documents
Academic Degrees		
AA/AS or Higher (5) ☒ Yes ☐ No	5	In progress degrees not accepted. Transcript from regionally accredited US College or university with degree posted. All transcripts from outside the United States must be evaluated by an ECC-approved foreign evaluation service.
Grade Point Average in Relevant Coursework		
Science (Up to 30) Minimum 3.0 GPA required in anatomy, physiology, and microbiology ☒ GPA 3.8-4.0 ☐ GPA 3.5-3.79 ☐ GPA 3.3-3.49 ☐ GPA 3.0-3.29	30	Official transcripts required. Any courses not taken at Sierra College, or not listed on the equivalency grid online, should have corresponding course descriptions from the institution where the courses were taken. The course descriptions cannot be cut and pasted; rather, they must be copied directly from the institution's course catalog.
Math & English (Up to 15) Minimum 2.5 GPA required in English 1A, 1B, or 1C, and relevant prerequisite mathematics course ☒ GPA 3.5-4.0 ☐ GPA 3.0-3.49 ☐ GPA 2.6-2.99 ☐ GPA 2.5-2.59	15	Official transcripts required. Only include transcripts where the remaining pre-requisites were taken. Any courses not taken at Sierra College, or not listed on the equivalency grid online, should have corresponding course descriptions from the institution where the courses were taken. The course descriptions cannot be cut and pasted; rather, they must be copied directly from the institution's course catalog. *Please note that if using AP scores, the corresponding grade is as follows: AP score of 5 = A AP score of 4 = B AP score of 3 = C



Sierra's RN Multi-Criteria Form

Repeated Classes		
Did you repeat classes in any science pre-requisite due to a withdrawal, failure, or retake? (-5) •Anatomy •Physiology •Microbiology ☒ Yes	-5	A repeated course takes 5 points from your overall score. Any additional repeats will not count against your score.

Professional Experience		
☐ • Licensed LVN or paramedic (10) ☒ • Recent work experience (5)	5	-Proof of LVN or paramedic license is required to receive the 10 points. -License or proof of education hours for work experience <i>Qualifying work experience:</i> • CNA, respiratory therapist, psych tech, radiology tech, ultrasound tech, phlebotomist, medical assistant, occupational therapy assistant, physical therapy assistant, EMT, ER tech



Sierra's RN Multi-Criteria Form

Life Experiences		
Choose one from the following if it applies to you: (5)	5	Provide brief description on a separate piece of paper, explaining situation or circumstances. Attach to this form.

- ☒ • Disabilities
- ☐ • Low Income
- ☐ • 1st generation to attend college
- ☐ • Need to work
- ☐ • Disadvantaged social or educational environment
- ☐ • Difficult personal and family situations
- ☐ • Refugee

Do you have eligible veteran's status or pending separation? (5) ☐ Yes	0	Honorable Discharge. Submit copy of DD-214 and attach to this form.
Do you have proficiency or advanced level coursework in languages other than English? (5) ☐ Yes ☐ No	0	Completed Certificate of Language Proficiency Form. Transcripts showing completion of 4 semesters at college level in same language with "C" or better.
TEAS score (Up to 30)		
☐ 90.7-100 ☐ 78-90.6 ☒ 73-77.9 ☐ 62-72.9	10	Submit an unofficial copy of TEAS results and attach to this form. If you are selected for this program, you will need to submit the official TEAS results to our office. TEAS Score < 62 = not qualified

Total Points: 65

Total points available for all criteria is 105. **Students with 70 or more points will be placed in a pool for random selection.** This form must be filled out, printed out, and attached to the application, along with supporting documentation. The application will not be considered without supporting documents.



More to Know: Sierra's ADN Program

Application

Pre-Reqs must be completed w/ letter grade when applying (CR/P not allowed)

In progress not allowed

TEAS

Include Transcripts in application packet

Pre-Req Courses

Accepts applications once a year:
February 1 – 28th
(last business day)



Selection

40 selected from randomized lottery

Typical Cycle:
~200 applicants



College Transcripts

Include official copies from other colleges in application packet

Upper Division Courses

Require Course Substitution Approval PRIOR to application by meeting w/ a Counselor



AP Scores

Include unofficial AP Scores in application packet



g



Meet with a Counselor

You will need an active Sierra College Student ID Number
If you are not a current student at Sierra, please make sure to first apply

Online

Book through
your MySierra

In-Person

Winstead, "L" Building
Rocklin Campus

Call

Our Front Desk
(916) 660 - 7400

Meet with a Sierra College Counselor to:

- Answer RN program questions
- Prepare to apply to RN programs
- Complete Course Equivalencies
- Complete Course Substitutions
- Review RN program application



THANKS!

For More Information

(916) 660-8300

o nursingdepartment@sierracollege.edu

Building RN 1, Room 100 | Rocklin Campus

<https://www.sierracollege.edu/academics/interest-areas/allied-health/registered-nursing/>

CREDITS: This presentation template was created by **Slidesgo**, and includes icons by **Flaticon** and infographics & images by **Freepik**

