



Nursing

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ADN (LVN to RN Step-Up) Application Packet

2026-2027 Academic Year

Admission Procedures

Thank you for your interest in the Associate Degree Nursing (LVN–RN Step-Up) Program at College of the Siskiyous. Our program is one we take great pride in, as it prepares dedicated individuals to become skilled, compassionate nurses who make a meaningful difference in the lives of their patients and communities.

The ADN (LVN-RN Step-Up) Program admits one cohort annually and is designed to be completed in one year. Instruction includes both classroom learning and supervised clinical experience. Graduates are eligible to sit for the NCLEX-RN. Upon completion of the program and licensure exam, graduates become Registered Nurses.

The application period is **Monday, March 30, 2026, at 8:30 am** through **Friday, April 10, 2026, at 4:00 pm**. Only applications demonstrating completion of all prerequisite coursework, general education requirements, and TEAS test results will be considered. Incomplete applications will not be evaluated or returned.

Note: Special Accommodations are available for any phase of the application for individuals with disabilities. Contact the Disability Services office at (530) 938-5297 or email the office at DS@siskiyous.edu

Steps to Apply

1. Review Program Information

Carefully review all Nursing Program application materials and information available on the College of the Siskiyous website.

2. Apply to the College

Apply for admission to College of the Siskiyous and obtain your student (“S”) ID number using the “Apply Online” link on the main website.

3. Complete the Nursing Application Packet

Ensure all required items listed on the application checklist are completed and included.

4. Prepare Transcripts

- Include official transcripts from all colleges attended
- COS transcripts may be unofficial
- If official transcripts were previously submitted to COS, include a note with the approximate submission date and attach unofficial copies

5. Submit Your Application

Submit your completed application packet by mail or in person to:

College of the Siskiyous – Nursing Program

2001 Campus Drive

Yreka, CA 96097

All application materials must be **received no later than April 10, 2026 at 4:00 pm.**

6. Confirm Receipt

We will not accept applications that require a signature, as our office hours vary. It is the applicant’s responsibility to verify that all materials have been received. To confirm receipt, contact the Nursing Office at (530) 841-5929 or by email at nursing@siskiyous.edu.

7. Seek Advising (Strongly Recommended)

Applicants are strongly encouraged to meet with Counseling Services prior to submitting their application to ensure all requirements are met.

8. Acceptance Confirmation

Applicants will receive official notification of acceptance before they can register for the Role Transition Class. Applicants that are not accepted into the 2026-2027 cohort and desire to be considered for admission to the 2027-2028 cohort must reapply when the next application period opens. Unaccepted reapplicants will receive 2 additional points if they reapply within 3 years. If the applicant is accepted and does not accept placement into the current program, the applicant must reapply for a subsequent program but will not receive additional points.

Minimum Admission Requirements

Applicants must meet the following:

- Current, active LVN license (must remain valid throughout the program)
- Graduation from an approved/accredited vocational nursing program
- High school transcript, diploma, GED, equivalency certificate, AA or higher degree
- Official transcripts from all colleges attended (unofficial accepted only if all courses were taken at COS)
- A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 for all college coursework is required. Please confirm that courses taken meet the COS GE degree requirement. Quarter system courses are not equivalent to semester courses.
- Minimum Science GPA of a “C” or higher requirements (2.5 minimum):
 - Human Anatomy with lab (BIO 2700) (4 units)
 - Human Physiology with lab (BIO 2800) (5 units)
 - Microbiology with lab (BIO 2600) (4.5 units)
 - English – Academic Reading and Writing (ENGL C1000) (4 units)
 - One repetition of one science class is allowed, if the first attempt is a C, D, F, or FW; (a W does not count as a repeat).
- Courses Required for Degree Completion
 - Sociology -complete one (3 unit)- (SOC1001) or (SOC1002)
 - Psychology (PSYC C1000) (3 units)
 - Oral Communication -complete one (3 units)- (COMM C1000) or (COMS 1200) or (COMS 1300)
 - Mathematics Concepts & Quantitative Reasoning -COS GE, Area 2 (minimum 3 units)
 - Ethnic Studies -complete one (3 units)- (ETHN 1001) or (ETHN/PSY 1004)
 - Arts & Humanities -COS GE, Area 3 (3 units)
- TEAS exam:
 - ATI TEAS Version 7
 - Minimum composite score: **62%**
 - Maximum of **2 retakes** (30-day remediation required between attempts)
- Upon acceptance, you will need proof of:
 - Immunizations and health clearance
 - Positive Hepatitis B Surface Antibody Titer (titer of ≥ 10 mIU/mL)
 - Background check and drug screening
 - Legal history may impact eligibility for program completion or licensure. Please contact the director of nursing at (530) 841-5929 for information.
 - **Students must notify the nursing department if there are any legal issues.** Failure to do so will result in dismissal. Legal history may preclude student acceptance or continuing in the nursing program.

Selection Process

- Applications are accepted only during the designated application period
- Incomplete applications will not be evaluated
- Applicants are ranked using a point system based on:
 - TEAS Score
 - Sciences GPA
 - Overall GPA

Top-ranking applicants will be admitted. Applicants not accepted must reapply for future cohorts.

Reapplicants receive 2 additional points if reapplying within 3 years

Waitlist Policy

College of the Siskiyous ADN program no longer maintains a waitlist.

Estimated Program Costs

Item	Cost
Tuition Campus and Health Fee & Student Center Fee*	\$ 1,317
Books	\$ 1,500
Equipment (Stethoscope, penlight, goggles, patches)	\$ 100
Uniforms (Shoes, ID badges, watch, scissors)	\$ 200
Supply Kit	\$ 400
Assessment testing package (estimate)	\$ 1,000
DocuCare	\$ 150
Drug Screen, Background check	\$ 200
CPR certification	\$ 30
Immunizations/Physical (estimate)	\$ 200

Approximate cost (California residents) for the RN Step-Up program \$5097.00

***Tuition** is based on the proposed 2025-26 rate, established by the California State Legislature.

***Out-of-state tuition** is \$353.00 per unit.

After Program Licensing Requirement Fees

Item	Cost
Pearson Vue NCLEX proctoring fee (estimated)	\$ 200
Board of Registered Nursing Application Fee	\$ 300
Live Scan Fingerprinting fee (estimated)	\$ 100

Approximate cost for State Licensing \$600.00

These fees are to be considered an estimate and are subject to change.

Financial Aid & Support

Financial assistance may be available through:

- Federal Pell Grants
- EOPS
- Nursing Scholarships
- SMART Workforce Program (530) 657-0139

Contact Financial Aid at financialaid@siskiyous.edu or call (530) 938-5209 for more information

Associate Degree Nursing Data Form

Full Name: _____

COS Student #: S _____ Date of Birth: _____

Physical Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

COS Email Address: _____

Personal Email Address: _____

LVN License: _____ State: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Name of LVN School: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

Any Other Names Used: _____

Checklist for a complete packet

- Current, active LVN license (must remain valid throughout the program)
- Proof of graduation from an approved vocational nursing program
- High school transcript, diploma, GED, equivalency certificate, AA or higher degree
- Official transcripts from all colleges attended (unofficial transcript accepted only if all courses were taken at COS)
- A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 for all college coursework is required. Please confirm that courses taken meet the COS GE degree requirement. Quarter system courses are not equivalent to semester courses.
- Minimum Science GPA of a "C" or higher requirements (2.5 minimum):
 - One repetition of one science class is allowed, if the first attempt is a C, D, F, or FW; (a W does not count as a repeat).
- Courses Required for Degree Completion- All degree applicable COS GE college course work must be complete.
- TEAS exam:
 - ATI TEAS Version 7
 - Minimum composite score: **62%**
 - Maximum of **2 retakes**, 30-day remediation required between attempts
- Completion of self-evaluation form
- Completed Personal Data Form
- Completed Confidential Application for Clinical Practice Form
- Signed Drug Screen Policy

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Self-Evaluation Form

Name _____

Student # _____

LVN to RN Program Prerequisites

High School graduate or equivalent (copy) Yes No

Proof of active LVN license (copy) Yes No

Graduate of an approved vocational nursing program or the equivalent as determined by the school
 Yes No

TEAS Test Score of 62% or better Yes No

Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 for all college coursework Yes No

Completion of the LVN to RN Course Prerequisites listed below Yes No

LVN to RN Course Prerequisites

Prerequisite	Course Title	College	Sem/Qtr and Year	Grade	Repeat
BIO 2700 - Human Anatomy w/ lab (4 units)					
BIO 2800 - Human Physiology w/ lab (5 units)					
BIO 2600 - Microbiology w/ lab (4.5 units)					
ENGL C1000 – Academic Reading and Writing (4 units)					

Courses Required for Degree Completion

Prerequisite	Course Title	College	Sem/Qtr and Year	Grade
Sociology (Complete one) SOC 1001 or SOC 1002 (3 units)				
Psychology PSYC C1000 (3 units)				
Oral Communication (Complete one) COMM C1000, COMS 1200, COMS 1300 (3 units)				
Mathematics Concepts & Quantitative Reasoning - COS GE, Area 2 (minimum 3 units)				
Ethnic Studies (Complete one) ETHN 1001 or ETHN/PSY 1004 (3 units)				
Arts & Humanities - COS GE, Area 3 (3 units)				

Application for Clinical Practice

Applicant Information

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI: _____ Maiden: _____

Birth Date: _____ Gender: Male Female

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Person to Notify in Case of Emergency

Full Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

Criminal Public Record Check

Have you been convicted* of any crime** under your current name or any other name?

Yes No

* "Convicted" means plea, verdict of finding of no contest or guilt, regardless of whether sentence was imposed by the court.

** "Any Crime" means misdemeanors or felonies including motor vehicle/driving violations excluding minor traffic infractions, conviction for marijuana more than two years ago, and convictions for which the records has been sealed, expunged, eradicated or judicially dismissed.

If the above answer is yes, please detail information for each conviction.

Do you have a criminal case now pending?

Yes No

Clinical assignments are in health facilities that allow you regular access to drug and medications. Have you ever been arrested for an offence involving controlled substances (CA Labor Code 432.7f, CA Health and Safety Code 11590)?

Yes No

Clinical assignments are in health facilities that allow you regular access to patients. Have you ever been arrested for a sex offense for which registration as a sex offender would be required upon conviction (CA Labor Code 432.7f, Penal Code 290)?

Yes No

Do you understand that a background check; reference verification; and drug screening is a part of the enrollment decision making process, and if you are invited to participate in the program that you consent to a complete background investigation?

Yes No

Please schedule an appointment with the Director of Nursing if you have questions/concerns regarding the information in this document

Existence of convictions will not necessarily disqualify an applicant from enrollment. However, failure to fully disclose may be considered falsification, and will result in offer of enrollment being rescinded and is grounds for immediate termination upon discovery at any time during enrollment. Students accepted into the nursing program are required to disclose "any crime" incurred prior to the program start date through program graduation. Such offenses may be grounds for immediate dismissal. The student must discuss any potential issue with the Director of the Nursing Program. Failure to disclose will result in immediate dismissal. A student will be excluded from participation in clinical rotations and therefore unable to complete the College of the Siskiyous Nursing programs for the following background check/drug screen findings:

Information Regarding Criminal History

Date	Conviction	Court Name	City / County

Exclusion from Clinical Placement

In collaboration with the clinical agencies used by College of the Siskiyous, a student will be excluded from participation in clinical rotations and therefore unable to complete the College of the Siskiyous Nursing programs for the following background check/drug screen findings:

- Capitol felony conviction at any time in student's past.
- Felony elder abuse, child abuse, or sexual abuse conviction at any time in student's past.
- Felony conviction within the past 7 years
- Misdemeanor convictions within the past 3 years
- Medicare Fraud
- Any crime that results in requirement to register as a sex offender
- Positive Drug Screen

There are some specific restrictions imposed by the state for nursing students that require additional clearance, a criminal record may disqualify you from state licensure testing.

Applicant Statement

I hereby certify that all statements made on this form are true and correct and I authorize investigation of all statements herein recorded. I release from liability persons and organizations reporting information required by this application. I understand that any misrepresent or falsification of material facts in this application may be cause for immediate disqualification and removal from program.

Signature: _____

Date: _____