



Nursing

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Vocational Nursing Application Packet

2027-2028 Academic Year

Admission Procedures

Thank you for your interest in the Vocational Nursing Program at College of the Siskiyous. Our program is one we take great pride in, as it prepares dedicated individuals to become skilled, compassionate vocational nurses who make a meaningful difference in the lives of their patients and communities.

The VN Program admits one cohort at a time and is designed to be completed in eighteen months. Instruction includes both classroom learning and supervised clinical experience. The Vocational Nursing curriculum is designed to prepare graduates to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-PN). Upon completion of the program and licensure exam, graduates become Licensed Vocational Nurses or Licensed Practical Nurses.

The application period is **Monday, August 31, 2026**, through **Friday, September 25, 2026**. Only applications demonstrating completion of all prerequisite coursework will be considered. Incomplete applications will not be evaluated or returned. This VN cohort will start January 25, 2027.

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
- College of the Siskiyous transcripts may be unofficial
- If official transcripts were previously submitted to College of the Siskiyous, include a note with the approximate submission date and attach unofficial copies

5. Submit Your Application

Submit your completed application packet by mail to:

College of the Siskiyous – Nursing Program

2001 Campus Drive

Yreka, CA 96097

All application materials must be mailed between August 31 and September 25, 2026.

Your application must:

- Be postmarked no later than September 25, 2026.
- Be received in the Yreka Nursing Office by October 2, 2026

Important: The postmarked date on the envelope will be used to determine the application submission date and ranking.

Do not mail your application before August 31, 2026, or after September 25, 2026. Application with postmarks outside of these dates will not be accepted.

Please do not pay for expedited or special delivery. Regular mail is sufficient as long as your application is postmarked by September 25 and received by October 2, 2026.

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 any VN classes. Applicants that are not accepted into the 2027-2028 cohort and desire to be considered for admission to the 2028-2029 cohort must reapply when the next application period opens. If the applicant is accepted and does not accept placement into the current program, the applicant must reapply for a subsequent program.

Minimum Admission Requirements

Applicants must meet the following:

- 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 College of the Siskiyous)
- A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 for all college coursework is required. Please confirm that courses taken meet the College of the Siskiyous 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 (BIO2700) (4 units)
 - Nutrition (KINE1011) (3 units)
 - English – Academic Reading and Writing (ENGLC1000) (4 units)
 - Introduction to Statistics (STATC1000)
 - Medical Terminology (NURS1045) (3 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).
- 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 accepted using a first come first served basis. The applications that are post-marked on the first day of the application are randomly selected and put in a number order. After the first post-marked day is complete, the second day is selected, so on and so forth.

Applicants not accepted must reapply for future cohorts.

Waitlist Policy

College of the Siskiyous Vocational Nursing program no longer maintains a waitlist.

Estimated Program Costs

Item	Cost
Tuition * (approximately \$767 per semester)	\$2024
Student Fees	\$96
Materials Fee	\$500
Books	\$1350
CPR Certification	\$75
Tools** (includes uniforms and equipment)	\$700
Physical & Immunizations**	\$375
Assessment Testing	\$350
Exams, Licensure, Fingerprinting	\$870
Pinning Ceremony	Varies
Approximate cost for Three-Semesters VN Program - Certificate of Achievement	\$6340 ±

* Tuition is based on the 2026/2027 rate, established by the California State Legislature. Out-of-state tuition is \$353.00 per unit.

**This is only a cost estimation of what you will need for the program. Prices and fees 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

Vocational Nursing Data Form

Full Name: _____

Any Other Names Used: _____

Student #: S _____ Date of Birth: _____

Physical Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

Siskiyous Email Address: _____

Personal Email Address: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

Checklist for a complete packet

- ☐ High school transcript, diploma, GED, equivalency certificate, AA or higher degree
- ☐ Official transcripts and copies of transcripts from all colleges attended (unofficial transcript accepted only if all courses were taken at College of the Siskiyous). All prerequisites **must** be complete with final grades posted on your transcript.
- ☐ A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 for all college coursework is required.
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).
- ☐ 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 # _____

Vocational Nursing Program Prerequisites

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|---|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| High School graduate or equivalent (copy) | ☐ Yes | ☐ No |
| Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 for all college coursework | ☐ Yes | ☐ No |
| Completion of the VN Course Prerequisites listed below | ☐ Yes | ☐ No |
| Must be 17 years of age or older by the time of licensure | ☐ Yes | ☐ No |

Vocational Nursing Course Prerequisites

Prerequisite	Course Title	College	Sem/Qtr and Year	Grade	Repeat
BIO 2700 - Human Anatomy w/ lab (4 units)					
ENGL C1000 – Academic Reading and Writing (4 units)					
KINE 1011 – Nutrition (3 units)					
STAT C1000 – Introduction to Statistics (4 units)					
NURS 1045 - Medical Terminology (3 units)					

CNA is not a requirement, only a recommendation for this current application.

Application for Clinical Practice

Applicant Information

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

Birth Date: _____ Gender Assigned at Birth: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

Personal 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 have 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 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, including marijuana/THC

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: _____

Credit may be given for related previous education completed within the last five years. This includes the following courses:

- Accredited vocational or practical nursing courses.
- Accredited registered nursing courses.
- Accredited psychiatric technician courses.
- Armed services nursing courses.
- Other courses determined to be equivalent to courses in the VN program.

Competency-based credit may be granted for knowledge and/or skills acquired through experience. Credit shall be determined by written and/or practical examinations.

If requesting credit for previous education and/or experience, all relevant work experience/course information must be included with your application packet.

- Verification of work related experience (letter from employer providing job description, dates of employment and position held)
- Evidence of Course completion including:
 - Transcript verifying a “C” grade or better
 - Official copy of course description from college attended

Once accepted into the program, make an appointment with the Vocational Nursing Director to discuss testing for competency and knowledge to determine eligibility for credit.

- ☐ I would like to receive competency-based credit for knowledge and/or skills acquired through experience within the past five years
- ☐ I would like to receive credit for previous education acquired within the past five years
- ☐ I am not eligible or choose not to apply for credit for previous education or experience

I have read the above information regarding requirements and procedure for requesting credit for previous education and/or experience. I understand the Vocational Nursing Director will determine if I meet the initial requirements for written and/or practical examination to receive credit.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

This signed form and required documentation must be submitted with your application packet.