



# **ARCC Nursing**

## **Program Information Packet: Spring 2024 Application & Admission Cycle**

[www.AnokaRamsey.edu/Nursing](http://www.AnokaRamsey.edu/Nursing)

## Program Information

Anoka-Ramsey Community College (ARCC), along with other nursing programs in the Minnesota State System, is in the process of transitioning out of the Minnesota Alliance for Nursing Education (MANE) alliance. Campuses that were formerly part of the MANE program will offer a nursing program tailored for their respective campus. **This includes a separate application form and process for each college.** [Nursing Admissions Notice](#).

The nursing program at ARCC will continue to prepare graduates to provide care to individuals, families, and communities in health promotion, acute and chronic illness, and at the end of life. We will continue to offer a nursing program that leverages evidence-based, innovative practices to produce knowledgeable, diverse, and skilled nursing graduates.

The dual admission nursing program at ARCC remains designed to be completed in as little as four years of full-time study. Successful completion of five semesters leads to the option for an Associate of Science Degree in Nursing offered by ARCC and eligibility to take the NCLEX RN licensure examination. Nursing students may then continue for three additional semesters leading to a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing (BSN) offered by Metropolitan State University or Minnesota State University Moorhead. **Nursing courses at ARCC are offered daytime only during the spring and fall semester.**

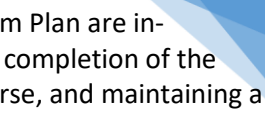
### ARCC Nursing Program Requirements for the Spring 2024 application and admission cycle:

1. Read all information posted at [www.anokaramsey.edu/nursing](http://www.anokaramsey.edu/nursing) *before* applying to the nursing program.
2. Complete a general ARCC admission application at [www.anokaramsey.edu/apply](http://www.anokaramsey.edu/apply) *before* submitting your nursing application.
3. Submission of official and final transcripts from **ALL** institutions attended **within the U.S.**, regardless of whether the credits will apply to the nursing program. Omission of an official transcript could result in denial to the program. Applicants that have attended ARCC do not need to submit official transcripts from ARCC. Request official Minnesota State transcripts to be sent to ARCC via the Minnesota State Transcript Retrieval Form located at [www.anokaramsey.edu/forms](http://www.anokaramsey.edu/forms). **Unofficial transcripts for colleges attended outside the U.S.** are accepted for nursing program admission if no college degree was earned, or if no courses are used for the nursing program. Official transcripts for colleges attended outside the U.S. are required if (a) student has submitted a WES or ECE with intention to use these credits for the nursing program or (b) if student intends to earn admission credit for a college degree earned from a college outside the U.S.
4. **A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.75 based solely on the Semester One courses of the Nursing Curriculum Plan** as required by ARCC. Official transcripts will be used to calculate GPA. All courses on the Nursing Curriculum Plan must have a C or higher (C- and P grades are not accepted). If a course has been taken multiple times, the highest course grade will be used for GPA calculation.

**First Semester of ARCC's Nursing Curriculum Plan** (other colleges may have different general education requirements):

- College Writing and Critical Reading (ENGL 1121 or ENGL 1120)
- Principles of Biology I (BIOL 1106) or an elective Goal 3 or Goal 4 MnTC Course (min. 3cr). (BIOL 1106 is a required prerequisite for BIOL 2113 and BIOL 2201)
- Fundamentals of General, Organic, and Biological Chemistry (CHEM 1050). CHEM 1061 is also accepted or CHEM 1020 with college-level Math course is also accepted
- General Psychology (PSYC 1110)

**Check the equivalency of transfer credits using Transferology: [www.transferology.com](http://www.transferology.com).**

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5. Applicants may be accepted conditionally if Semester Two courses in the Nursing Curriculum Plan are in-progress at time of application. Full acceptance to the program is dependent on successful completion of the Semester Two courses in the Nursing Curriculum Plan, with a C or higher grade in each course, and maintaining a cumulative 2.75 GPA across Semester One and Semester Two courses.

**Semester Two of ARCC's Nursing Curriculum Plan** (must be completed before starting nursing [NURS] courses):

- Anatomy and Physiology I (BIOL 2113)
  - Microbiology (BIOL 2201)
  - Introduction to Communication (CMST 1110) OR Interpersonal Communication (CMST 2220) OR Intercultural Communication (CMST 2210)
  - Lifespan Development (PSYC 2235)
6. **CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant) Certification with registry placement must be completed, in progress or enrolled at time of application.** The certificate number or the anticipated end date if in progress or enrolled and the program site name is required on the nursing application form. CNA certification must be completed before starting nursing courses. **CNA is not required for LPN applicants.**
7. All applicants are required to complete the Assessment Technologies Institute (ATI) standardized Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) *before application*. The TEAS can be taken multiple times and the applicant's best score may be used. The test covers reading, mathematics, science, and English and language usage. Make sure to prepare for the exam and sign-up early. The test is computerized, and scores are received immediately. Students choosing to take the TEAS anywhere other than at ARCC will need to contact ATI (1-800-667-7531) and have their transcript transferred for an additional fee. Sign-up to take the TEAS test through ATI: [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com). **Only the TEAS 7 version will be accepted for the Spring 2024 application and admission cycle that opens April 1 and runs through June 1, 2023. A minimum score of 58.7% on the TEAS 7 is required to apply.** Note: TEAS testing at ARCC will be offered up to two weeks prior to the application deadline. No additional testing dates and times will be offered two weeks prior to the application deadline.
8. LPN students are awarded 5 advanced standing credits for their previous LPN coursework. LPN applicants must supply proof of current, unencumbered licensure from any state in the U.S. **LPN track is available Fall semester at the Coon Rapids campus only.** LPN applicants may attend the Cambridge campus or apply for the traditional track for the Spring semester but will not be awarded 5 advanced standing credits.
9. If an applicant needs to petition any nursing requirements, Academic Standards Petitions are due by January 15 for the Fall application deadline and May 15 for the Spring application deadline.

### Holistic Admissions

Holistic Admissions assesses an applicant's unique experiences and attributes alongside traditional measures of academic achievement like grades and test scores. A broad range of factors are considered reflecting the applicant's academic readiness, contribution to the incoming class, and potential for success both in school and later as a professional nurse. Colleges and universities have employed a holistic admission process to assemble a diverse class of students with the background, qualities, and skills needed for success.

#### 1. Metrics - 50%

- GPA in Semester One curriculum grid courses; 2.75 – 4.0 points awarded
- TEAS score calculated at 10% of total score; for example, total score of 83% is given 8.3 points
- Course Completion – the more required AS in Nursing Degree general education courses that are completed at time of application, the more points awarded

### Spring 2024 Nursing Curriculum Plan General Education Point Values (based on time of application):

- **5** points awarded if: All Semester One courses completed, **and** Semester Two courses completed or \*in-progress, **and** all 3 of the following general education courses completed: BIOL 2114, SOC 1111/ ANTH 2201, and PHIL 1110/PHIL 1200
- **4** points awarded if: Semester One courses completed, **and** Semester Two courses completed or \*in-progress, **and** 2 of the 3 following general education courses completed: BIOL 2114, SOC 1111/ANTH 2201, or PHIL 1110/PHIL 1200
- **3** points awarded if: Semester One courses completed, **and** Semester Two courses completed or \*in-progress, **and** 1 of the 3 following general education courses completed: BIOL 2114, SOC 1111/ANTH 2201, or PHIL 1110/1200
- **2** points awarded if: Semester One courses completed, **and** Semester Two courses completed or \*in-progress
- **1** point awarded if: Semester One courses completed (required at time of application)
- **1** additional point awarded if: Any 4 of the required general education courses were completed at ARCC, this includes Semester Two \*in-progress courses

*\*Points are awarded for "in-progress" Semester Two courses only through the Spring 2024 application and admission cycle due to the phased transition out of MANE affiliation and accreditation guidelines. Most applicants will receive a minimum of 2 points, and additional points will be awarded if required general education courses beyond Semester Two are completed at the time of application.*

### 2. Experience - 35%

- Points awarded to students with previously earned associate, bachelor's, graduate, doctorate, or international degree. (Does not include diplomas or certificates)
- Points awarded for verified paid work experience in healthcare related field
- Points awarded for verified paid work experience in non-healthcare field
- Points awarded for verified LPN license
- Points awarded for verified unpaid volunteer activity in healthcare field

### 3. Attributes - 15%

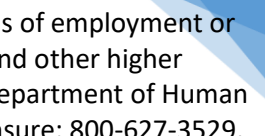
- Short answer essay responses, up to 250 words each, in the following areas:
  - Teamwork, Collaboration, and Accountability
  - Beliefs and Values
  - Challenges and Obstacles
- Students can find the questions for the attributes above at [www.anokaramsey.edu/nursing](http://www.anokaramsey.edu/nursing)

4. All applicants, regardless of LPN status, will be placed into a common applicant pool.

5. ARCC accepts up to 80 students at the Coon Rapids campus and up to 32 at the Cambridge campus each Fall and Spring semester. (Over 300 applications are typically received every application cycle.)

### **Evidence of the following will need to be provided before students start the nursing program. These do not need to be completed before applying to the nursing program:**

1. Completion of Semester Two Nursing Curriculum Plan courses with C or higher and must have a cumulative 2.75 GPA across Semester One and Semester Two courses.
2. Documentation of current CPR Healthcare Provider.
3. CNA certification must be completed by the prior to the nursing program start date.
4. Completion of current Minnesota Human Services Background Check:
  - a. If an applicant has been arrested, charged or convicted of any criminal offense, he or she should



investigate the impact that the charge or conviction may have on his or her chances of employment or licensure as a registered nurse and the student's chances to obtain federal, state and other higher education financial aid (by Minnesota Statue 135A. 157). Contact the Minnesota Department of Human Services for questions regarding previous criminal offenses and the impact on licensure: 800-627-3529.

- b. If the applicant refuses or is disqualified as a result of the background study, the applicant will be unable to successfully complete the requirements of the MANE program.
  - c. ARCC's clinical sites are through Allina Health. Please note that Allina Health has a policy that any student who has been previously let go from Allina (for any reason and from any position) cannot complete clinical requirements with them. These individuals should seek another nursing program that does not go through Allina Health for their clinical sites.
4. Completed health and immunization record, including proof of current immunizations and tuberculosis testing, and/or other requirements as defined by the clinical agency. Nursing students **MUST** be current on required vaccinations. Allina Health requires all students to have received the COVID-19 vaccination. Students cannot be conscientious objectors to vaccinations.
  5. Health insurance is strongly recommended by the clinical sites but is not mandatory.
  6. Health provider must give clearance throughout the program to be unrestricted to provide patient care.

#### **ARCC timelines for application and admission notification status:**

1. Applications will be available online the first day of the application cycle (see dates below). The link to the ARCC Nursing Application can be found on the ARCC Nursing Application Guide Sheet at [www.anokaramsey.edu/nursing](http://www.anokaramsey.edu/nursing). Applicants must submit the online application by the deadline (see dates below); however, applicants should not complete their application until their final grades have been issued for their Semester One Nursing Curriculum Plan courses and they have completed the ATI TEAS.
2. Applications Accepted:
  - a. **Fall Semester Start: December 1 through February 1**
  - b. **Spring Semester Start: April 1 through June 1**
3. Notifications to Applicants:
  - a. Fall Semester Start:
    - i. April 1 letters emailed to applicants notifying of acceptance, denial, or alternate list status.
    - ii. April 15 notification deadline by applicant to respond to ARCC to accept admission.
  - b. Spring Semester Start:
    - i. August 1 letters emailed to applicants notifying of acceptance, denial, or alternate list status.
    - ii. August 15 notification deadline by applicant to respond to ARCC to accept admission.
4. Applications of students not accepted *will not* remain on file through the next admission cycle. If a student chooses to reapply for the next admission cycle, the student must:
  - a. Complete a new application.
  - b. Update any materials needed to meet the next cycle admission requirements.
5. Applicants should make sure to activate their ARCC email account to check for other official communication from ARCC and the nursing program.
  - a. To access ARCC email account go to <http://www.anokaramsey.edu>, hover over "Current Students," and click on "Email." Enter in [YourStarID@go.minnstate.edu](mailto:YourStarID@go.minnstate.edu) and StarID password.
  - b. Issues accessing email accounts can be directed to the ARCC IT HelpDesk at 763-433-1510.



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## Questions?

Prospective ARCC Students, please contact Admissions at 763.433.1300 or [Admissions@anokaramsey.edu](mailto:Admissions@anokaramsey.edu)

Current ARCC Students, please contact your assigned Academic Advisor

## NURSING CURRICULUM PLAN

	SEMESTER ONE	CREDITS	TOTAL	SEMESTER TWO	CREDITS	TOTAL
<b>YEAR 1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ College Writing &amp; Critical Reading (ENGL 1120 or ENGL 1121)</li> <li>○ BIOL 1106 Principles of Biology I or Elective Goal 3 or 4 MnTC course (3cr min); (BIOL 1106 is a required prerequisite for BIOL 2113 &amp; BIOL 2201)</li> <li>○ Fundamentals of General, Organic, &amp; Biological Chemistry (CHEM 1050)*</li> <li>○ General Psychology (PSYC 1110)</li> </ul>	4	<b>15</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Human Anatomy &amp; Physiology I (BIOL 2113)</li> <li>○ Microbiology (BIOL 2201)</li> <li>○ Communication (CMST 1110 or CMST 2210 or CMST 2220)</li> <li>○ Lifespan Development (PSYC 2235)</li> </ul>	4 4 3 4	<b>15</b>
	Must have Semester One coursework completed with a 2.75 GPA or higher prior to applying to the nursing program. All courses in the curriculum plan must be completed with a C or higher.			Must have Semester Two coursework completed prior to beginning nursing courses and maintain a cumulative GPA of a 2.75 or higher in Semesters One and Two coursework to be fully admitted to the nursing program.		
	SEMESTER THREE: ANOKA-RAMSEY	CREDITS	TOTAL	SEMESTER FOUR: ANOKA-RAMSEY	CREDITS	TOTAL
<b>YEAR 2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Foundations of Nursing - Health Promotion (NURS 2700)</li> <li>● Nutrition &amp; the Role of the Professional Nurse (NURS 2750)</li> <li>○ Human Anatomy &amp; Physiology II (BIOL 2114)</li> </ul>	9 (N) 2 (N) 4	11 (N) <u>4</u> <b>15</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Chronic and Palliative Care (NURS 2800)</li> <li>● Pharmacology &amp; the Role of the Professional Nurse (NURS 2820)</li> <li>● Applied Pathophysiology for Nursing I (NURS 2850)</li> <li>○ General Sociology (SOC 1111) or Intro to Cultural Anthropology (ANTH 2201)</li> </ul>	7 (N) 3 (N) 2 (N) 3	12 (N) <u>3</u> <b>15</b>
	SEMESTER FIVE: ANOKA-RAMSEY			SEMESTER SIX: METROPOLITAN STATE		
<b>YEAR 3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Acute and Complex Care (NURS 2900)</li> <li>● Applied Pathophysiology for Nursing II (NURS 2920)</li> <li>● Nursing Leadership (NURS 2950)</li> <li>○ Intro to Ethics (PHIL 1110) or Medical Ethics (PHIL 1200)</li> </ul>	7 (N) 2 (N) 3 (N) 3	12 (N) <u>3</u> <b>15</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Nursing Care of the Family (NURS 406)</li> <li>● Evidence-Based Nursing Practice (NURS 444)</li> <li>○ Statistics (MATH 1114 at Anoka-Ramsey; STAT 201 at Metropolitan State)</li> <li>● Writing in Your Major (WRIT 331)</li> </ul>	4 (N) 3 (N) 4 4	7 (N) <u>8</u> <b>15</b>
	SEMESTER SEVEN: METROPOLITAN STATE			SEMESTER EIGHT: METROPOLITAN STATE		
<b>YEAR 4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Nursing Informatics (NURS 446)</li> <li>● Nursing Leadership II (NURS 464)</li> <li>● Population Based Care (NURS 459)</li> <li>● Upper Division General Education</li> </ul>	2 (N) 7 (N) 4 (N) 3	13 (N) <u>3</u> <b>16</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Global Health Perspectives for Nursing (NURS 485) or Global Health Issues (HSCI 309)</li> <li>● Integrative Seminar and Practicum (NURS 490)</li> <li>● Upper Division General Education</li> </ul>	3 (N) 7 (N) 4	10 (N) <u>4</u> <b>14</b>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Upon completion of semester five: eligible for NCLEX-RN licensure exam and Associate of Science in Nursing degree</i></p>					

- \*Principles of Chemistry I (CHEM 1061) is an acceptable higher-level Chemistry course substitution that does not require a petition. CHEM 1020 is accepted if the student also has a completed college-level Math course.
- All nursing courses (NURS) in each semester must be completed with a C or higher to progress to the next semester.
- General education courses can be taken earlier, but not later, than the identified semester. Writing in Your Major (WRIT 331) and the Upper Division General Education courses cannot be taken at Anoka-Ramsey.

- Credits in Associates: 35 Nursing + 40 General Education = 75 Total
- Credits after licensure eligibility: 30 Nursing + 15 General Education (10 of the 15 must be upper division) = 45 Total
- Total Program Credits: 65 Nursing + 55 General Education = 120 Total
- **Application available during application periods at MANEMN.org**
- **APPLICATION PERIODS: December 1 to February 1 – Fall Semester Start  
April 1 to June 1 – Spring Semester Start**





**Future Course Planner**

<b>Fall</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Summer</b>

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**Notes:**