

Anoka-Ramsey Community College

Nursing Program Holistic Admissions Criteria

(starting with application to the Fall 2026 cohort)

Required at the time of application:

1. The certification number for current or expired CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant) certification or proof of completion of a CNA program (Certificate of CNA Completion or a transcript) for students that completed coursework but did not take the test for registry.
2. Applicants must have taken the Health Science Reasoning Test (HSRT) through Anoka-Ramsey Community College and earn an overall score of 74 or higher. The minimum score required to apply is 74. The HSRT score and the date the test was taken must be listed on the nursing application

METRICS (HSRT + Course Grades + Resident Credit) - 55%

HSRT Score: Admission credit is calculated at 50% of HSRT Total Score (74 - 100 = 37 - 50 credit earned)

Course Grades: Admission credit is awarded for each of the General Education courses used in the program that is completed with a C or higher grade at the time of application. Credit for **STEM courses** is calculated at A: 4, B: 3, and C: 2. Credit for other General Education courses is calculated at A: 3, B: 2, and C: 1. Credit is not awarded for courses in progress or for "P" grades.

Resident Credit: Credit is awarded if four of the nine general education courses were completed with a C or higher grade at ARCC or ATC at the time of application. Credit is not awarded for courses in progress.

Course Grades: Credit is awarded for completed General Education courses based on grades earned	Grade A	Grade B	Grade C	"P" and Grades D/F not accepted
APA Documentation (ENGL 1130)	3	2	1	0
Human Anatomy & Physiology I (BIOL 2113)	4	3	2	0
Fundamentals of General, Organic, & Biological Chemistry (CHEM 1050) or Principles of Chemistry (CHEM 1061)	4	3	2	0
College Writing & Critical Reading (ENGL 1120 or 1121)	3	2	1	0
Human Anatomy & Physiology II (BIOL 2114)	4	3	2	0
General Psychology (PSYC 1110) or Lifespan Development (PSYC 2235)	3	2	1	0
Intro to Microbiology (BIOL 1900) or Microbiology (BIOL 2201)	4	3	2	0
Intro to Ethics (PHIL 1110) or Medical Ethics (PHIL 1200)	3	2	1	0
Communications (CMST 1110 or 2210 or 2220)	3	2	1	0

EXPERIENCES– 31%

Healthcare Work Experience (Paid)	Credit is awarded based on length of experience(s)
Other Work Experience (Paid)	Credit is awarded based on length of experience(s)
Community Service/Volunteer (Unpaid)	Credit is awarded based on length of experience(s)
Verified LPN (Licensed Practical Nurse)	Credit is awarded if applicant is a currently licensed LPN
Military Service	Credit is awarded for veterans or students with military status
Previous Degree	Credit is awarded if applicant has already earned a college degree (associates, bachelors, masters, doctorate, or international higher education)

ATTRIBUTES – 14% (each essay 250 words or less)

Teamwork, Collaboration, and Accountability. Describe a SPECIFIC project or example in your life that demonstrates your experience with Teamwork, Collaboration, and Accountability. What was your specific role, what was the communication and decision-making process, and what was the outcome of this experience? This is not a leadership question.	Credit is awarded based on evidence provided.
Challenges and/or obstacles the applicant has experienced. Describe your personal experiences that demonstrate your commitment to your continued education, and your ability to access and utilize academic or personal support.	Credit is awarded based on evidence provided.
Grammar, Punctuation, and Spelling	Credit is awarded based on amount of grammar, punctuation, or spelling errors in both essays.