

LICENSED PSYCHIATRIC TECHNICIAN

to

ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSE

PREREQUISITE VERIFICATION  
INFORMATION

SPRING 2009

# PT to ADN Prerequisite Verification Spring 2009 Entry

- Complete prerequisite courses with a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 (HS 43 is not included in this calculation only), complete each prerequisite course with a grade of "C" or better, and obtain a minimal numerical score of 70% (See attached ADN curriculum plan). Select option you wish to apply for:

**Graduate Option**  
Complete all prerequisites;  
Enroll in second, third and fourth semester  
Nursing courses.

**OR**

**Credit by Examination Option**  
Complete Prerequisites:  
Enroll in Nursing 4  
then 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> semester Nursing courses.  
Obtain Credit by Examination for Nursing 5.

Provide the following documentation with the Prerequisite Verification:

1. Copy of valid Psychiatric Technician License issued by the State of California.

**OR**

Official notification from BVN-PT of successful passage of state licensing examination.

2. Copy of transcripts for prerequisite and all lower division courses taken at other regionally accredited U.S. colleges.

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## Submit Prerequisite Verification by deadline date:

September 2 - October 1 for Spring Admission or  
February 2 - March 2 for Fall Admission.

Submit Prerequisite Verification to Nursing Department Office, Locke 213

Submit an official transcript and course descriptions of lower level courses taken at other regionally accredited U.S. with this packet.

Submit a copy of transcripts and course descriptions of courses taken at other regionally accredited U.S. colleges with packet.

Submit a copy of the transcript evaluation.

Prerequisite Verifications screened. You will be notified if you have met each of the above requirements.  
Incomplete or disqualified Prerequisite Verification will be returned to the candidate.

Candidates who meet the above requirements will be ranked utilizing the program selection criteria. A list of qualified candidates to fill space(s) in the program, should any become available, will be created every semester.

- Acceptance of Prerequisite Verification does not guarantee that there is space available in the program.

# ADN Program Curriculum

## PT-ADN Degree Option: Completing 2nd, 3rd and 4th semester courses

### SAN JOAQUIN DELTA COLLEGE ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM CURRICULUM

#### Prerequisites

BIOL 31	Human Anatomy	4.0	Units
BIOL 32	Human Physiology	5.0	
BIOL 22	Introduction to Medical Microbiology	4.0	
	<b>OR</b>		
BIOL23	General Microbiology	5.0	
FCS 6	Nutrition	3.0	
Eng 1A	Written Communications	3.0	
HS 43	Nursing Synthesis	<u>3.0</u>	
		<b>22.0-23.0</b>	<b>Units</b>

#### 2nd Sem. **Spring 2008**

Nurs 4	Beginning Medical-Surgical Nursing	5.5	Units
Nurs 5	Mental Health Nursing	4.0	
<u>Psych 1</u>	Introduction to Psychology	3.0	
<u>Socio 1B</u>	Problems of a Changing Society	<u>3.0</u>	
		<b>15.5</b>	<b>Units</b>

#### 3rd Sem. **Fall 2008**

Nurs 6	Nursing the Childrearing Family	4.0	Units
Nurs 7	Intermediate Medical-Surgical Nursing	5.5	
<u>Com St 1A</u>	Fundamentals of Speech	3.0	
<u>Poli Sci or</u>	Course from Social Science Group A General		
<u>History</u>	Education Requirements (See college catalog)	<u>3.0</u>	
		<b>15.5</b>	<b>Units</b>

#### 4th Sem. **Spring 2009**

Nurs 8	Nursing the Childbearing Family	4.0	Units
Nurs 9	Advanced Medical-Surgical Nursing	3.5	
Nurs 10	Community Based Nursing	2.0	
<u>Humanities (1)</u>	<u>Any course which meets Group III</u>		
	<u>Humanities G.E. (See Catalog)</u>	<u>3.0-5.0</u>	
		<b>12.5-14.5</b>	<b>Units</b>

All degree option nursing students must have completed the nursing core requirements, identified general education courses and earn a minimum of **74.5** units to obtain the Associate of Science in Nursing Degree. Coursework completed at regionally accredited U.S. colleges or universities may be utilized to complete the minimum number of units.

- Underlined courses may be taken prior to entry into the Nursing Program or at any time while in the program.
- Prerequisite courses for Biology 22 and Biology 23 include Elementary Algebra (MATH 80) and Introduction to Chemistry (CHEM 3A).

# I. ADMISSION FOR LICENSED PSYCHIATRIC TECHNICIANS- ADN DEGREE

## A. General Information

1. Licensed Psychiatric Technicians may receive credit for prior education in their psychiatric technician program.
2. Nursing 5, Mental Health Nursing may be completed by the Credit by Examination Process. The PT-ADN candidate must meet with a counselor to discuss this option and to initiate a Credit by Examination Petition. The petition must be completed and submitted to Admissions and Records, Holt 101A. Since this is often a lengthy process, the candidate interested in pursuing this option should begin upon submission of their Prerequisite Verification. To receive credit, the candidate must complete a comprehensive exam of Nursing 5 content with a score of 72.0% or greater and demonstrate appropriate Nursing 5 clinical skills by competency testing in a simulated environment. Candidates who cannot meet this criterion, will be required to complete Nursing 5. All Licensed Psychiatric Technician to ADN candidates are encouraged to enroll into and complete Nursing 5 since the scope of practice for a Registered Nurse in the mental health setting is greater than that of a licensed psychiatric technician.
3. All General Education requirements must be met to obtain the Associate of Science degree. By waiving the first semester courses, PT-ADN candidates will not complete 74.5 units. To complete the minimal unit requirements, PT-ADN degree candidates must complete a minimum of 74.5 units, which must include nursing core courses, program prerequisites, general education courses, and other coursework from regionally accredited U.S. colleges or universities.
4. Admission into the nursing program is on a space available basis.
5. Completion of the following nursing courses in the ADN curriculum:

Nursing 4: Beginning Medical-Surgical Nursing	5.5 units
• <b>Nursing 5: Mental Health Nursing</b>	<b>4.0 units</b>
Nursing 6: Nsg of the Childrearing Family	4.0 units
Nursing 7: Intermediate Medical-Surgical Nursing	5.5 units
Nursing 8: Nsg of the Childbearing Family	4.0 units
Nursing 9: Advanced Medical-Surgical Nursing	3.5 units
Nursing 10: Community Based Nursing	2.0 units
• <b>course may be met by Credit by Examination</b>	
6. All clinical facilities are requiring students complete a background clearance for criminal history prior to final acceptance into the program. Students who cannot obtain this clearance will be unable to complete the program objectives and the offer of space will be withdrawn. Candidates are strongly encouraged to consider their personal background prior to submitting a Prerequisite Verification to the nursing program. The criteria which will be utilized to determine criminal history "clearance" is identified in Appendix A. The clearance forms and fee information will be provided to student with tentative acceptance into the program. The clearance process must be completed prior to final acceptance into the program.

B. Requirements:

1. Current and valid Licensed Psychiatric Technician license issued by the state of California, at the time of entry into the program. Candidate must provide copy of license or official notification from the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians or successfully passing the licensing exam with the Prerequisite Verification packet.
2. Meet all prerequisites of the Nursing Program with a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5, a grade of "C" or better in each prerequisite course, and a numerical value of 70% or greater based on all college lower division courses. Course work from foreign universities is not accepted.

C. Admission Process:

1. Prerequisite Verification for Admission is completely filled out.
2. Application for Admission to San Joaquin Delta College has been completed and submitted online. Students who have never attended Delta or have not attended in the past 2 semesters or more, must apply online to the college prior to submitting prerequisite verification.
3. College assessment testing has been completed.
4. An official transcript in original sealed/unopened envelope for all college courses taken at other regionally accredited U.S. colleges has been submitted with this Prerequisite Verification. **Course descriptions for all college courses taken at other colleges for year.**
5. Submit course descriptions for prerequisite and general education courses, from the school year courses were taken, with official sealed, unopened transcripts.
6. Admission is based on space availability, second priority basis of qualified applicants. Ranking will be done by determination of the numerical score utilizing the formula described in the program selection process. Candidates with the highest numerical score will receive the first offers of available space in the event, two or more candidates have the same numerical score, the date and time when the complete packet is submitted will be used as the tie-breaker.
7. Selection formula:

*A numerical value will be obtained by use of four criteria and the formula below:*

- College GPA of all lower division courses(excluding credit/non-credit courses)
- English 1A GPA
- Core biology GPA (anatomy, physiology, and microbiology courses)
- Repetitions of core biology courses (D, F, I, W grades)

*Formula:*

$$\frac{\text{Exp}(-1.3907+.3465(\text{ColGpa})+.3139(\text{EngGPA})+.267(\text{BioGPA})-1.0279(\text{BioReps}))}{(1+\text{Exp}(-1.3907+.3465(\text{ColGPA})+.3139(\text{EngGPA})+.267(\text{BioGPA})-1.0279(\text{BioReps}))}$$

A worksheet which can be utilized to calculate the numerical score is available at [nursing.deltacollege.edu](http://nursing.deltacollege.edu).

8. Candidates will be notified by the Delta Student email of their ranking and admission status by the Director Health Sciences.

#### D. Licensing Information

Prior to obtaining a license to practice as a Registered Nurse **ALL** graduates must report prior felony and misdemeanor convictions along with submission of fingerprints. The Board of Registered Nursing may deny licensure based on prior convictions, which include, but are not limited to:

- Conviction of child abuse
- Violation of Nursing Practice Act
- Conviction of a mentally disordered sex offender
- Crime or act involving narcotics, dangerous drugs, or dangerous devices
- Conviction of assault and/or battery
- Any act that is determined to be substantially related to the practice of nursing

When considering denial of license, the BRN takes into account the following criteria to evaluate the rehabilitation of the candidate:

- Nature and severity of the acts or crimes
- Additional subsequent acts
- Recency of acts or crimes
- Compliance with terms of parole, probation, restitution, or other sanctions
- Evidence of rehabilitation submitted by candidate

The Board of Registered Nursing screens Prerequisite Verification fairly but cautiously, applying the above criteria. Schools of nursing are encouraged when counseling prospective nursing students to make them aware that there could be potential licensure problems due to serious acts or convictions as described above. In this manner, students have the opportunity to explore other career options prior to investing substantial time in a nursing program if it appears that a prior serious act or conviction may jeopardize licensure due to its substantial relationship to the practice of nursing.

Additional information regarding convictions and licensure can be found on the Board of Registered Nursing web page at: <http://www.rn.ca.gov/lca/licensure.htm>.



## APPENDIX A

The criminal history background clearance will identify any felony or misdemeanors within the entire state of California for the past seven years. If any of the following appear on the criminal history background report, the offer of space in the nursing program will be withdrawn.

### Criminal History Background Screen Scoring

#### Definitions

- Non-Conviction: Any disposition other than a plea of guilty, no contest or a finding of guilt. Non-Convictions can be one of three categories.
  - Passing: Non-Conviction leading to charge being dismissed, Nolle Prose, Nolle Prosequi, Expunged, Not Guilty verdict or acquittal of defendant.
  - Failing: Any adjudication withheld/deferred where the charge was not dismissed, expunged, Nolle Prose or Nolle Prosequi.
  - Provisional: Any active or pending case.
- Passing Disposition: Any Non-Conviction disposition leading to the case being dismissed, Nolle Prose, Nolle Prosequi, Expunged, Not Guilty verdict or acquittal of defendant.
- Failing Disposition: Any disposition resulting in a Conviction or Non-Conviction (adjudication differed/withheld) that has **not** led to the case being dismissed.
- Healthcare Related Misdemeanor: Any Misdemeanor crime related to the following categories:

Theft	Assault and/or Battery	Contributing to
Embezzlement	Simple Assault	Delinquency
Forgery	Domestic Violence	Any child-related sexual
Fraud	Resisting Arrest	activity
Misuse of Credit Card	Obstructing Officer	Any nonconsensual sexual
Unauthorized Use	Evade Officer/Lawful	activity with child or adult
Shoplifting	Arrest	Sale and/or possession of
Receiving Stolen Property	Weapons Charges	a controlled substance
Unemployment or	Stalking	Public
Worker's Compensation	Menacing	intoxication/drunkenness
Fraud	Child Abuse/Neglect	Elder abuse/neglect
Worthless Check	Child Endangerment	

#### Fail

Score all candidates as "Fail" for the following conditions:

- Any case with a Failing Disposition for Misdemeanor or Felony violent crimes, nonconsensual sexual crimes, and crimes against children regardless of elapsed time from disposition date.
- Any other Felony crime with a Failing Disposition within the last 7 years.
- Any Healthcare Related Misdemeanor crime with a Failing Disposition within the last 7 years (except in California, exclude misdemeanor marijuana convictions more than two years old).
- Any Controlled Substance Offence with a Failing Disposition within the last 7 years (except in California, exclude misdemeanor marijuana convictions more than two years old).

