

PSYCHIATRIC TECHNICIAN TO RN, AS

Technology and Health Division

Degree S1209

The Mt. San Antonio College Nursing Program, approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing, is a two-year program designed to prepare men and women to give direct nursing care to clients in various practice settings. The program consists of course work in nursing, science, general education, and clinical nursing practice at local hospitals and health agencies.

Graduates of the program receive an Associate in Science Degree in Nursing and are eligible to take the NCLEX-RN examination leading to licensure as a Registered Nurse.

The Licensed Psychiatric Technician is provided career mobility into the Nursing Program to earn an Associate Degree in Nursing.

This degree requires the completion of General Education coursework plus the following:

Requirements for Nursing

Course	Title	Units
Semester 1		
NURS 3	Medical-Surgical Nursing: Locomotion/Sensory/Integ/Oncology/Immu	3.5
NURS 4	Maternity Nursing	3
NURS 6	Pediatric Nursing	3
Units		9.5
Semester 2		
NURS 7	Medical-Surgical Nursing: Nutrition/ Elimination/ Surgical Asepsis	7
Units		7
Semester 3		
NURS 8	Medical-Surgical Nursing: Circulation and Oxygenation	5
NURS 9	Leadership in Nursing	1
NURS 10	Medical-Surgical Nursing: Integration/ Regulation	4
NURS 11	Preceptorship in Nursing	2
Units		12
Total Units		28.5

Requirements for the Major

Course Prefix	Course Name	Units
ANAT 35	Human Anatomy	5
ANAT 36	Human Physiology	5
ANAT 10A	Introductory Human Anatomy	4
ANAT 10B	Introductory Human Physiology	4
MICR 1	Principles of Microbiology	5
MICR 22	Microbiology	4
ENGL 1A	Freshman Composition	4
CHLD 10	Child Growth and Lifespan Development	3
or PSYC 14	Developmental Psychology	
PSYC 1A	Introduction to Psychology	3

SPCH 1A	Public Speaking	4
or SPCH 2	Fundamentals of Communication	
or SPCH 8	Professional and Organizational Speaking	

NOTE: Applicants planning to continue their education and enter a baccalaureate program in nursing will need to meet with a counselor or educational advisor to discuss transferability of courses.

Requirements for the Associate Degree

Students must develop an education plan with a counselor or educational advisor to complete college academic requirements for the A.S. degree. Contact the Counseling Department at (909) 274-4380 to schedule an appointment.

Requirements for Nursing

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Requirements for Nursing		
NURS 3	Medical-Surgical Nursing: Locomotion/Sensory/Integ/Oncology/Immu	3.5
NURS 4	Maternity Nursing	3
NURS 6	Pediatric Nursing	3
NURS 7	Medical-Surgical Nursing: Nutrition/ Elimination/ Surgical Asepsis	7
NURS 8	Medical-Surgical Nursing: Circulation and Oxygenation	5
NURS 9	Leadership in Nursing	1
NURS 10	Medical-Surgical Nursing: Integration/ Regulation	4
NURS 11	Preceptorship in Nursing	2

Requirements for Major

ANAT 35	Human Anatomy	8-10
& ANAT 36	and Human Physiology	
or ANAT 10A	Introductory Human Anatomy	
& ANAT 10B	and Introductory Human Physiology	
MICR 1	Principles of Microbiology	4-5
or MICR 22	Microbiology	
ENGL 1A	Freshman Composition	4
or ENGL 1AH	Freshman Composition - Honors	
CHLD 10	Child Growth and Lifespan Development	3
or CHLD 10H	Child Growth and Lifespan Development - Honors	
or PSYC 14	Developmental Psychology	
PSYC 1A	Introduction to Psychology	3
or PSYC 1AH	Introduction to Psychology - Honors	
SPCH 1A	Public Speaking	4
or SPCH 1AH	Public Speaking - Honors	
or SPCH 2	Fundamentals of Communication	
or SPCH 8	Professional and Organizational Speaking	
or SPCH 8H	Professional and Organizational Speaking - Honors	
Total Units		54.5-57.5

Nursing Website (<http://www.mtsac.edu/nursing>)

Guided Pathway of Study (<http://www.mtsac.edu/instruction>)

Prerequisite Courses

Course Prefix	Course Name	Units
	Human Anatomy, including a laboratory component.	4
	Human Physiology, including a laboratory component.	4
	Microbiology, including a laboratory component.	4
ENGL 1A	Freshman Composition ¹	4
PSYC 1A	Introduction to Psychology	3
CHLD 10 or PSYC 14	Child Growth and Lifespan Development ² Developmental Psychology	3

¹ Minimum grade of C.

² CHLD 10 or PSYC 14 must be completed prior to entrance into NURS 6.

Non-course requirements

1. An overall grade point average of 2.5 for the Human Anatomy, Human Physiology, and Microbiology prerequisite courses with no grade less than a "C" for each course and no more than one repetition of any one of these courses.
2. A cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 for all college coursework completed.
3. Eligibility for MATH 71 (Preferably MATH 71 or a college level math course completed).
4. High school graduation or GED or academic degree from an accredited college/university in the United States.
5. Possess a current, active California Psychiatric Technician License.
6. Criminal background check and drug screening must be completed prior to any patient contact.
7. A physical examination, including specific immunizations is required of all candidates prior to the beginning of nursing classes.
8. Current Healthcare Provider CPR certification
9. Nursing 70: Role Transition must be completed with a credit grade prior to entrance into the program. (Due to the clinical component of NURS 70, applicants must submit their names to the Nursing Office for approval prior to enrollment in this course. Applicants must have completed all prerequisite courses prior to taking NURS 70. Applicants must provide proof of current Psychiatric Technician License, physical, CPR card, Background Check, and drug testing prior to the start of class.)

Selection Process

Students applying for admission to the Nursing Program are required to see either a counselor or educational advisor to verify their eligibility to enter the Nursing program.

Procedure

Students must complete all course prerequisites prior to requesting an appointment for certifying readiness to enter into the Nursing program. Once eligibility has been established and the Admission Assessment Test has been passed, students will enter on a first come first served basis.

The Eligibility Appointment

1. Once a student has completed all course prerequisites, they may request an appointment with a counselor or educational advisor.
2. Students who have completed coursework at other colleges must bring the following information to their eligibility appointment:

- a. Official transcripts of all college work completed at all colleges.
- b. If the prerequisite courses were completed at another college, a course description and a copy of the course syllabus.
- c. Students completing college coursework outside of the United States will need to have their transcripts evaluated by an approved international transcript evaluation agency and must bring the final evaluation to their appointment (students may be able to obtain a list of agencies from the Admissions & Records Office).
- d. Due to specific college deadlines for International Student application, please inform the Counseling/Educational Advisor that this applies to you.
- e. All students will need to bring official proof of high school graduation, GED, or college graduation from an accredited institution in the United States. Students should also be aware that once they have been admitted to the Nursing Program and before beginning the clinical portion of the Program, they will need to be able to pass both a criminal background check, including a screening by the Office of Inspector General for Welfare or Social Security fraud, as well as testing negative for drug use.

All applicants are required to meet the essential functions for success in the Nursing Program.

Physical Demands

- Perform prolonged, extensive, or considerable standing/walking, lifting positioning, pushing, and/or transferring patients
- Possess the ability to perform fine motor movements with hands and fingers
- Possess the ability for extremely heavy effort (lift/carry 50 lbs. or more)
- Perform considerable reaching, stooping, bending, kneeling, and crouching

Sensory Demands

(May be corrected with adaptive devices)

- Color vision: ability to distinguish and identify colors
- Distance vision: ability to see clearly 20 feet or more
- Depth perception: ability to judge distance and space relationships
- Near vision: ability to see clearly 20 inches or less
- Hearing: able to recognize a full range of tones

Working Environment

- May be exposed to infectious and contagious disease, without prior notification
- Regularly exposed to the risk of blood borne diseases
- Exposed to hazardous agents, body fluids and wastes
- Exposed to odorous chemicals and specimens
- Subject to hazards of flammable, explosive gases
- Subject to burns and cuts
- Contact with patients having different religious, culture, ethnicity, race, sexual orientation, psychological and physical disabilities, and under a wide variety of circumstances
- Handle emergency or crisis situations
- Subject to many interruptions

- Requires judgment/action which could result in death of a patient
- Exposed to products containing latex

English Language Skills

Although proficiency in English is not a criteria for admission into the nursing program, students are encouraged to be able to speak, write and read English to complete classes successfully and to ensure safety for themselves and for others.

REGARDING LICENSURE

The California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) protects the consumer by screening applicants for licensure in order to identify potentially unsafe practitioners. The BRN may deny applications for interim permits, temporary licenses, and permanent licensure, if the applicant has been found guilty of dishonesty, fraud or deceit, felony child abuse, sex offender crimes, acts involving narcotics, dangerous drugs or devices, assault and/or battery, and other crimes. Applicants who have questions regarding limitations related to licensure, should contact the California Board of Registered Nursing at (916) 322-3350 or access its website at www.rn.ca.gov.

Contact:

California Board of Registered Nursing 1747 North Market Boulevard, Suite 150 Sacramento, CA 95834 (916) 322-3350 www.rn.ca.gov/ (<http://www.rn.ca.gov/>)

The **Guided Pathway of Study** grid below offers a semester by semester plan for achieving the AS Degree in Psychiatric Technician to RN *as recommended by content Faculty Members and Counselors*. This **Guided Pathway of Study** assumes the student is able to take 12-15 units per semester.

If the number of units you are able to take are fewer than 12-15 per semester, or you are eligible for English other than English 1A, and Math other than Math 71, *please make an appointment with a counselor* who will assist you with developing your personal **Guided Pathway of Study** for this degree.

Course	Title	Units
First Year		
Semester 1		
SIGN 101	American Sign Language 1 ((or SPAN1))	4
ENGL 1A	Freshman Composition	4
MATH 71	Intermediate Algebra	5
	Units	13
Intersession 1		
PSYC 1A	Introduction to Psychology	3
MENT 40	Introduction to Interviewing and Counseling	3
	Units	6
Semester 2		
SPCH 26	Interpersonal Communication	3
SPCH 2	Fundamentals of Communication	4
POLI 1	Introduction to American Government and Politics	3
Recommended KIN (Activity) course here ²		1
	Units	11
Intersession 2		
MENT 70	Introduction to Psychiatric Technology	1.5

MENT 70L	Introduction to Psychiatric Technology Clinical	2
	Units	3.5
Second Year		
Semester 1		
MENT 56	Medical-Surgical Nursing for Psychiatric Technicians	9
MENT 56L	Medical-Surgical Clinical Experience	4
	Units	13
Intersession 1		
MENT 58D	Advanced Medical-Surgical Nursing and Pharmacology for Psychiatric Technician (PT)	4
MENT 58L	Advanced Medical-Surgical Nursing for Psychiatric Technicians Clinical	1.5
	Units	5.5
Semester 2		
MENT 72	Nursing Care of the Developmentally Disabled Person	7
MENT 72L	Nursing Care of the Developmentally Disabled Person - Clinical	5.5
	Units	12.5
Intersession 2		
PSYC 1B	Biological Psychology ((or any AREA B Scientific Inquiry General Education course)) ¹	3
ARTB 14	Basic Studio Arts ((or any AREA C1 Arts General Education Course)) ¹	3
	Units	6
Third Year		
Semester 1		
MENT 73T	Psychiatric Nursing for Psychiatric Technicians	6
MENT 73L	Psychiatric Nursing for Psychiatric Technicians Clinical	5.5
	Units	11.5
Semester 2		
MENT 82	Work Experience in Mental Health Technology	2
	Units	2
	Total Units	84

¹ This degree requires the completion of sixty (60) degree appropriate units. At least 24 units are required from General Education Areas A through E with a grade of "C" or better. See GE Area course requirements. (<http://catalog.mtsac.edu/programs/degrees-certificates/#gerequisitestext>)

² **Physical Well-Being Requirement:** Complete at least one of the physical education activity courses with the following prefixes: DNCE, KINA, KINF, KINI, KINL, KINS, KINX with a grade of "C" or better or "CR".

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, a student will be able to:

- Complete the Role Transition course to be accepted into the Nursing Program in the second semester.

Review Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) for this program.