

Welcome to Rio Hondo College Health Science and Nursing



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General Nursing Program Requirements

Generic ADN Applications and LVN-ADN Career Ladder Applicant:

- High School graduate or equivalent (GED, college degree). Attach proof at the time of application
- Official transcripts from all institutions attended must be sent to RHC Admissions and Records (transcripts must be processed by the time your application is reviewed)
<https://www.riohondo.edu/admissions/records/transcripts/>
- All prerequisites must be completed at the time of applying (no in-progress courses)
- Overall college GPA of 2.5 or higher

LVN Application

- High School graduate or equivalent (GED, college degree). Attach proof at the time of application
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- Overall college GPA of 2.5 or higher

CNA Applications

- 16 years of age minimum

For All Programs –

- Government-issued photo ID
- SSN or ITIN number
- RHC ID

There are no waiting lists for any of the programs. If you apply and are not accepted or do not start, you will need to reapply to the program

Application Periods

Generic ADN Applications and LVN-ADN Career Ladder:

Two application Periods per year – August/March

LVN Applications

One application period per year – August

CNA Applications

Two application Periods per year – August/March

All applications must be submitted by 4:30 PM on the last day of the application period.

Selection Criteria Overview

- **Generic ADN Applications and LVN-ADN Career Ladder:**
Multi-Criteria Checklist (Point System)
- **LVN Applications**
Random Selection
- **CNA Applications**
Random Selection

ADN Program Requirements and Overview

Two Options

- Generic ADN Program
- Associate of Science Nursing major courses plus general education (completion of a GE Pattern, RHCGE, CSUGE or IGETC)

Career Ladder Bridge LVN-to-ADN Associate Degree

- LVN to ADN (Associate Degree)
- LVN to RN (30-unit option, No Degree)
- The number of students accepted is based on available spaces and determined by attrition in the Generic ADN first-year students.

LPT (Psych Tech to ADN) Associate Degree

- May challenge Fundamentals course. Equivalency credit is given for the Mental Health Course.

ATI TEAS

- Required at the time of application
- Minimum overall score of 62%
- Scores must be sent directly to the school through the ATI website

▪ Multi-Criteria Point System

▪ **SSN or ITIN** ▪ Clinical facilities utilized by Río Hondo College nursing programs require students to have a **Social Security Number (SSN)** or **Individual Tax Identification Number (ITIN)** to participate in clinical rotations scheduled in their facilities. It is **not** possible to progress through the nursing program if the student does not have an SSN or ITIN number. This is required for all Nursing programs

ADN Program Requirements continue

Science Prerequisites

- Biology 125 (Human Anatomy)
- Biology 226* (Human Physiology)
- Biology 222* (Microbiology)
 - All science classes must be 4 units minimum with a lab component and must be completed within the last 7 years.
 - All science classes must be completed before applying and must be **in-person** classes.
 - Minimum Science GPA of 2.5
 - Can repeat only **one** science course, one time for a better grade in the last 7 years (i.e., C to replace F, A to replace B)

Other Prerequisites

- Minimum Overall GPA of 2.5
- English 101 with “C” grade or better (or AP Scores must be sent to Admissions and Records)
- Math Class (Intermediate Algebra or higher, Math 130 recommended, needed for BSN)
 - English and Math must be completed before applying

Other Requirements

- *Chemistry 110 (This is a prerequisite to Biol 222 and 226)
- General Education Requirements for AS Degree
- We recommend that you complete most, if not all your GE classes before the start of the program. The program is full-time and rigorous, and it is difficult to take any additional courses once admitted. Completion of a GE Pattern is encouraged before applying (RHCGE, CSUGE, IGETC).

Career Ladder/Bridge LVN/ADN Program

Science Prerequisites

- Biology 125 (Human Anatomy) –
- Biology 226* (Human Physiology)
- Biology 222* (Microbiology)
- All science classes must be 4 units minimum with a lab component and must be completed within the last 7 years.
- All science classes must be completed before applying and must be **in-person** classes.
- Minimum Science GPA of 2.5

Other Prerequisites

- English 101 with a “C” grade or better (or AP Scores must be sent to Admissions and Records)
- Math Class (Intermediate Algebra or higher, Math 130 recommended, needed for BSN)
- English and Math must be completed before applying
- ADN 075 – Transition to LVN to RN (only once selected)
- Must have current, unencumbered LVN or LPT License)

Other Requirements

- *Chemistry 110 (This is a prerequisite to Biol 226 and 222)
- General Education Requirements for AS Degree
- We recommend that you complete most, if not all your GE classes before the start of the program. The program is full-time and rigorous, and it is difficult to take any additional courses once admitted. Completion of a GE Pattern is encouraged before applying (RHCGE, CSUGE, IGETC).

Career Ladder/Bridge LVN/ADN 30-Unit Option (Non-Degree)

Science Prerequisites

- Biology 226* (Human Physiology)
- Biology 222* (Microbiology)
 - All science classes must be 4 units minimum with a lab component and must be completed within the last 7 years, and a maximum of 4 W's.
 - All science classes must be completed before applying (no in-progress coursework)
 - All science classes must be completed before applying and must be **in-person** classes.
 - Minimum Science GPA of 2.5

Other Prerequisites

- ADN 075 – Transition to LVN to RN (only once selected)
- Must have current unencumbered California LVN License

Other Requirements

- *Chemistry 110 (This is a prerequisite to Biol 226 and 222)
- 1-year of RN curriculum (2nd year of program)
 - NO general education required/No Degree.

NOTE: This option has limitations. Obtaining an RN license with this method will not allow for transfer out of state or work in the military. Also, the license will have a notation indicating “non-graduate”.

Mult-Criteria Screening

Multi-Criteria Screening	
Criteria	Required Supporting Documents
1. Previous Academic Degrees, Diplomas, or Relevant Certificates	
BA, BS Degree: AA, AS Degree	Official transcript from a regionally accredited U.S. college or university with degree posted
Licensed Healthcare worker (LVN, LPT, EMT, ...)	Copy of current, unencumbered California license with date of expiration
Certificated Healthcare worker (CNA, ...)	Copy of current, unencumbered California certification with date of expiration
2. GPA in Science Prerequisites	
Minimum GPA of 2.5 in Anatomy, Physiology and Microbiology	Official transcript from a regionally accredited U.S. college or university with grades for each course posted.
3. Science Course Recency	
Prerequisite science courses completed within seven years	Official transcript from a regionally accredited U.S. college or university with grades for each course posted.
4. English 101	
English 101 or equivalent completed with a grade of C or better	Official transcript from a regionally accredited U.S. college or university with grades for each course posted.
5. General Education courses	
Required general education courses completed with grades of "C" or better	Official transcript from a regionally accredited U.S. college or university with grades for each course posted.
6. Life Experiences or Special Circumstances	
Disabilities (Same meaning as used in Section 2626 of the Unemployment Insurance Code)	Documented disability from college ACCESS (formerly DSPS)
First Generation to attend college	Letter from school authority (EOPS, Upward Bound/TRIOS, HS Counselor, teacher) or clergy verifying 1 st generation
Need to work (Need to work means student is working at least part-time while completing academic work that is prerequisite for the Nursing Program)	Paycheck stub during period of time enrolled in prerequisite courses or letter from employer (must be on organization letterhead) verifying employment was at least part-time while completing prerequisite courses.
Disadvantaged social or educational environment	Participation or eligibility for Extended Opportunity Programs & Services (EOPS)
Difficult personal or family situation	Personal statements with supporting documents
Refugee status	Documentation or letter from USCIS, or copy of I-94 card.
Low Family-income (Eligibility for, or receipt of, financial aid under a program that may include, but not limited to, a fee waiver from the Board of Governors (BOG), the Cal Grant Program, the federal Pell Grant program or CalWORKs).	Proof of eligibility or proof of receipt of financial aid e.g. BOG fee waiver, Cal Grant, Pell Grant or other federal grant, CalWORKs.
7. Proficiency of advanced level coursework in languages other than English	
American Sign Language, Arabic, Chinese (various dialects), Farsi, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog, languages of Indian subcontinent, Southeast Asia, European and Germanic languages.	Letter from professor, clergy, or supervisor, if it is a native language (must speak, read and write in the language); Bi-literacy Seal on High School diploma; 3 semesters of college-level foreign language; or AP exam (score of 3, 4, or 5 on the "Literature & Culture" exam).
8. Work or Volunteer experience in Healthcare	
Hours working in Healthcare, Minimum of 50 hours	Work: Letter from current/former employer verifying employment. The letter must be on organization letterhead with an original signature and must include the applicant's name (must match name on application), start date and end date (if applicable), employment status (full-time/part-time), number of hours per week worked (or total hours worked from/to date), job title, department if applicable, and examples of duties related to patient care (i.e. taking vital signs, assisting with ADLs).
Hours volunteering in Healthcare, Minimum of 50 hours	Volunteer: Letter from current/former organization verifying volunteer service. The letter must be on organization letterhead with an original signature and must include the applicant's name (must match name on application), start date and end date (if applicable), total number of hours volunteered, and examples of duties related to patient care (i.e. taking vital signs, assisting with ADLs).
9. Veteran Status	
Veteran Status	Copy of DD-214 showing a discharge above a Dishonorable discharge.
10. ATI TEAS Exam	
ATI TEAS Exam cumulative score of 62% or greater	Electronic copy of exam results from ATI to the school showing first exam score of 62% or greater. Second exam scores accepted if 365 days have passed since the previous exam or documentation completion of approved TEAS remediation has been submitted to the Dean of Health Science and Nursing.

- Points are awarded in areas 1 through 10, and the points within areas may vary.
- All supporting documents must be submitted at the time of the application.
- The more points you have, the more competitive you become.

LVN Program Requirements and Overview

New - VN Application Information

Starting - August 16, 2025, to September 9, 2025, *Spring 2026 Start, and thereafter*

Update: The Perquisition Science course taken after March 01, 2025, for the Rio Hondo College Vocational Nursing Program will no longer accept online science courses to meet the prerequisites.

******Applicants are required to submit syllabi from the Biology 125 course******



LVN Program Requirements and Overview

Major Science Courses

Major Prerequisite GPA of 2.0

- Psychology 101 (Introduction to Psychology), 5-year recency
- Human Anatomy with a lab, 5-year recency – *In Person course Only*
- **VN 61 and VN 61L (random selection)** - Offered in the Spring Only to those selected into the program
- **Other Requirements**
 - HS Diploma or Equivalent (submit proof)
 - Official Transcripts from ALL institutions attended (Admissions and Records)
 - Overall GPA of 2.0
 - General Education (only if you want a Degree)

Multi-Criteria Selection – Please see the Multi-Criteria Screening for program requirements

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CNA Program Requirements and Overview

Application Requirement:

- **Applicant must be 16 years of age**
- **SSN or ITIN number** - If you are selected for the CNA program, you'll need to provide either a social security number or a tax ID number.
- **Other Requirements** - Government-issued ID with a photo
- **SSN or ITIN** - Clinical facilities utilized by Río Hondo College nursing programs require students to have a **Social Security Number (SSN)** or **Individual Tax Identification Number (ITIN)** to participate in clinical rotations scheduled in their facilities. It is **not** possible to progress through the nursing program if the student does not have an SSN or ITIN number. This is required for all Nursing programs

Highlights

- All prerequisites must be completed **before** applying (**no in-progress classes**)
- A RHC Student ID is required to meet with a Counselor and to apply to **any** Nursing Program
 - <https://www.riohondo.edu/get-started/>
 - Meeting with a counselor is highly recommended, not required
- Official Transcripts must be submitted to Admissions and Records before applying to any nursing program
 - <https://www.riohondo.edu/admissions/records/transcripts/>
 - Transcripts are needed to meet with a counselor, develop an educational plan, or identify missing courses.



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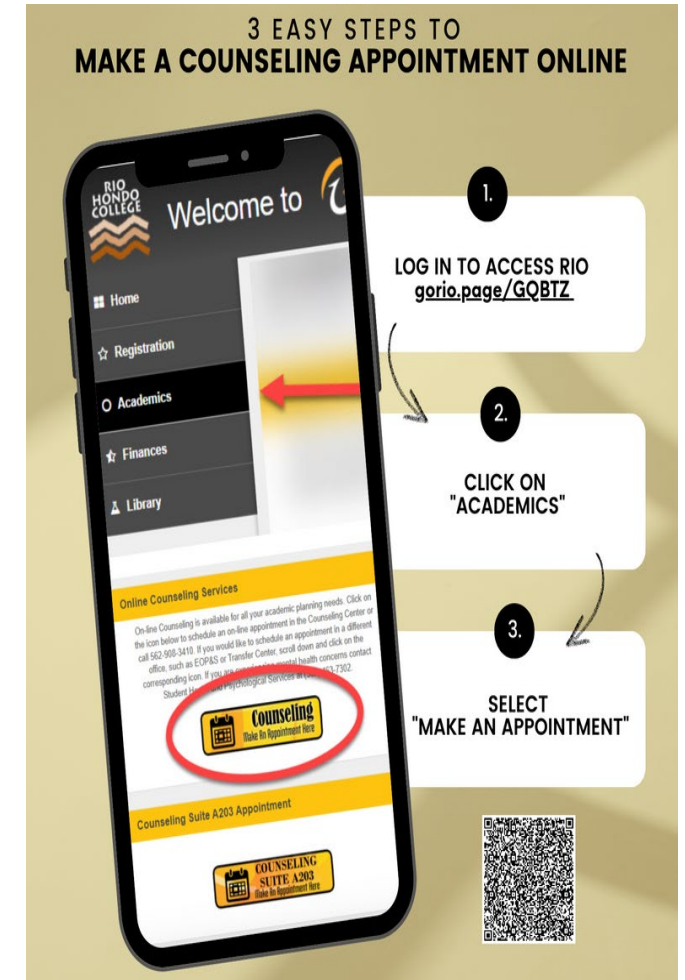
Counseling Center (562) 908 – 3410 for **In-Person**



Science Building, Second Floor (S 207)



Health Science and Nursing (562) 908 - 3421



Thank you



All information, and more, included in this PowerPoint and regarding our programs, can be found on the Health Science and Nursing website.

<https://www.riohondo.edu/health-science-and-nursing/>