ANOKA-RAMSEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Nursing

Anoka-Ramsey Community College Nursing Program Holistic Admissions Criteria
Traditional RN Track

REQUIRED AT TIME OF APPLICATION:

1. **General Admission**: Have completed General Admission to ARCC and have an assigned ARCC student tech ID
2. **CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant):** CNA certification (current or expired) *OR* proof of completion of a CNA training program (certificate of CNA completion/transcript) *OR* that a Nursing Program Exception Request form was submitted for a CNA substitution consideration.
3. **Health Science Reasoning Test (HSRT):**
    - Must be taken at ARCC (we cannot accept HSRT scores from any other college/place outside of ARCC).
    - A minimum HSRT score of 74 is required; applicants with scores below 74 are not eligible to apply.
    - Applicants are only eligible to take the test one time per application cycle.
    - Sign up online to take the HSRT at our Testing Center. HSRT Preparation Resources are available at the bottom of the page.
    - The testing windows each year are open for two cycles.
        - June 2 - February 1 for Fall application cycles
        - February 2 - June 1 for Spring application cycles

NURSING APPLICATION CYCLES

- **Fall Cohort:** Application window is from January 1st-February 1st. Decisions will be sent via email on April 1st.
- **Spring Cohort:** Application window is from May 1st-June 1st. Decisions will be sent via email on August 1st.

NURSING APPLICATION:

- **Nursing Application has 4 sections**: Student Information, Metrics, Experiences, and Attributes

STUDENT INFORMATION - (no points awarded)

- **Demographic information**: Legal name, Star ID, ARCC Tech ID, email address, phone number, birthdate, ethnicity, gender
- **Your preferred ARCC campus location** (Coon Rapids, Cambridge, No Preference)
- **List all colleges or universities** enrolled or attended that are not part of Minnesota State Colleges and Universities

METRICS (HSRT + Resident Credit + Course Grades) - 53%

- **HSRT Score:** Admission credit is calculated at 50% of HSRT Total Score (74 - 100 = 37 - 50 credit earned)
- **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:** Admission credit is awarded for any of the 9 general education courses used in the nursing program that are completed with a grade of C or higher at the time of application. Credit is not awarded for courses in progress at the time of application or for courses that have grades of "P" (Pass), "D", "F", or "S" (these are not accepted for the nursing program).
    - **APA Documentation** (ENGL 1130): A = 3, B = 2, C = 1
    - **Human Anatomy & Physiology I** (BIOL 2113): A = 4, B = 3, C = 2
    - **Fundamentals of General, Organic, & Biological Chemistry** (CHEM 1050) *or* **Principles of Chemistry** (CHEM 1061) : A = 4, B = 3, C = 2
    - **Cross-Current College Writing and Critical Reading** (ENGL 1120) *or* **College Writing & Critical Reading** (ENGL 1121): A = 3, B = 2, C = 1
    - **Human Anatomy & Physiology II** (BIOL 2114): A = 4, B = 3, C = 2
    - **General Psychology** (PSYC 1110) *or* **Lifespan Development** (PSYC 2235): A = 3, B = 2, C = 1
    - **Intro to Microbiology** (BIOL 1900) *or* **General Microbiology** (BIOL 2201): A = 4, B = 3, C = 2
    - **Introduction to Ethics** (PHIL 1110) *or* **Medical Ethics** (PHIL 1200): A = 3, B = 2, C = 1
    - **Introduction to Communication** (CMST 1110) *or* **Intercultural Communication** (CMST 2210) *or* **Interpersonal Communication** (CMST 2220): A = 3, B = 2, C = 1

EXPERIENCES – 35%

- **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 Volunteer Service (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)
- **ARCC Nursing Information Session** - Credit is awarded if applicant has attended an entire ARCC Nursing Information Session within the past year.

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

Credit for both essays is awarded based on the completeness of the responses and the supporting evidence provided. Additionally, evaluation considers the number of grammatical, punctuation, and spelling errors present in each essay.

Essay Question 1: Teamwork, Collaboration, and Accountability.

Describe one specific teamwork experience from your academic, professional, volunteer, or personal life. We are looking for a single specific incident in which multiple people worked together toward a common goal. Explain your role, how the team communicated, how decisions were made, how responsibilities and accountability were managed, and what the team accomplished. This question assesses teamwork, accountability, and collaboration, not leadership.

Essay Question 2: Challenges and/or obstacles the applicant has experienced.

Reflect on a particularly challenging personal, educational, or professional experience you encountered. What resources, personal, educational, and/or professional, did you seek out and use? How did you overcome this? What was the outcome? How will this experience shape how you will work through challenges in nursing school?