



Welcome and thank you for your interest in the College of the Redwoods Nursing Program, associate degree in nursing (ADN). Our outstanding program is approved by the Board of Registered Nursing since 1967. Our graduates have a high success rate on the licensure exam for Registered Nursing.

THE ASSOCIATE DEGREE REGISTERED NURSING (RN) PROGRAM

Apply February 2026/Program start August 2026/Complete May 2028

Applications accepted February 1, 2026, at 8:00 am through February 15, 2026, at 4:00 pm

RN Program Admission Overview

- **Responsibility:** Admission criteria may change annually. Applicants are responsible for meeting **current requirements and deadlines**.
- **Program Approval:** The CR RN program is approved by the **California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN)** and awards an **Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN)**. Graduates are eligible to take the **NCLEX-RN** for licensure.
- **Selection Process:** Class selection follows a **multi-criteria screening process** in accordance with **California Education Code 78261**.

Points are awarded for:

- Academic performance
- Work or volunteer experience
- Language proficiency (other than English)
- Life experiences or special circumstances
- Diagnostic assessment (ATI TEAS)
- **Admission:** Highest scoring eligible applicants are offered admission. **Ties are broken by computerized random selection.**
- **Waitlist:** There is no waitlist. Applicants not admitted must reapply in a future cycle.
- **NCLEX Pass Rates:** [CR RN Program Pass Rates](#)

Important Dates and information

- **December 31, 2025:** Deadline to complete prerequisites
- **January 9, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.:** Complimentary TEAS test (first-time test takers only)

We encourage students to be well prepared by completing prerequisites, using ATI study materials, and taking Math 207 if needed. Preparation significantly improves test performance.

TEAS Re-Test Policy:

Re-testing cannot be done at CR. Students must re-test directly through ATI at their own expense, and an approved TEAS Remediation Form must be on file before any re-test attempt.

If you would like to be added to the **January 9, 2026** TEAS roster, please email the following information to **HealthOcc@redwoods.edu**:

- Have you taken the TEAS previously?
- First and last name
- CR email (no personal emails)
- Student ID #
- Phone number

Application Timeline for Fall 2026

- **February 1–15:** Applications accepted
- **February 15:** Deadline to submit official transcripts from all colleges attended
- **March 16:** Eligibility status and point allocation emailed
- **April 1:** Deadline to appeal eligibility status or dispute points
- **April 15:** Appeal notifications and seat offers sent
- **May 18: Mandatory in-person orientation** on the Eureka campus

College of the Redwoods – RN Program Application Instructions

1. College Application & Student Email

- Applicants must be **admitted to College of the Redwoods (CR)** and have a **CR Student ID** before submitting the RN application.
Apply here: [CR Apply](#)
 - Students who have **not attended CR for 2+ semesters** must reapply before submitting the RN application.
 - All communication will be sent **only to your CR email**. Personal emails are not accepted.
 - **Update Personal Information:** Any changes to name, address, phone, or email must be reported to HealthOcc@redwoods.edu. Changes in CR Admissions do **not** update your RN application.
 - **Check your CR email frequently** for updates, deadlines, and important notices.
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2. Transcript Requirements

- Submit **official, current transcripts** from all colleges attended (except CR).
 - Transcripts must be from **regionally accredited U.S. colleges/universities**.
 - Courses previously submitted as **in-progress** must be resubmitted after completion.
 - **Submission Options:**
 - **Electronic via Parchment** to Nursing-Applications@redwoods.edu
(Do not send to general CR Admissions email)
 - **Hand-delivered** sealed transcripts to the Health Occupations Office (call **707-476-4216** to schedule).
 - **International Transcripts:** Must be evaluated by an approved service. [More info](#)
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3. Prerequisite Coursework

All prerequisites must be **completed by Dec 31, 2025**. **In-progress courses will not be accepted.**

Course	Credits	CR Equivalent
Microbiology w/ lab	4	BIOL 2
Human Anatomy w/ lab	4	BIOL 6
Human Physiology w/ lab	4	BIOL 7
College Composition	4	ENGL C1000 (Formerly Eng. 1A)
Nutrition	3	HO 15

Requirements:

- Minimum **2.5 GPA** in science courses and overall college GPA.
- **C- or lower** grades are not accepted.
- Consult the CR Catalog or Counseling for additional degree requirements.

4. ATI TEAS Assessment

Passing ATI TEAS Assessment (Version 7) is required for admission.

Requirements:

- **Test Version:** ATI TEAS Version 7 only
- **Passing Score:** Minimum **62% composite**
- **Recency:** Test within **3 years** of application deadline
- **Submission:** TEAS score must be submitted with the application (**Feb 1–15, 2026**)
- **Official Transcript:** ATI must send it to nursing-applications@redwoods.edu

Retesting / Remediation:

- Scores **<62%** require remediation and **ATI TEAS Exam Remediation/Retest Approval Request** before retesting
- Scores **>62%** may also be improved with the same form
- Minimum **90-day interval** between attempts
- If the form is not submitted, the **first score** will be used

Additional Info:

- See **CR ATI TEAS Test Policy & Test Day Information**
- ATI website: “What is the ATI TEAS?”

5. RN Program Application

- Complete the **online RN application** with all supporting documentation **by the application deadline**.
- Incomplete applications or missing documents will **not be accepted**.
- Print and save a copy for your records.
- **Do not submit applications via mail or general email.**

Application Attachments

- Each attachment must be combined into a single PDF file and saved using the following naming convention:
 - **LAST NAME, FIRST NAME – TITLE OF DOCUMENT**
 - Example:
Smith, John – TEAS Transcript

6. Program Ineligibility

Applicants will be **ineligible for admission** if any of the following apply:

1. **GPA/Grades:**
 - Combined science GPA <2.5 (no rounding)
 - Grade below **C** in any prerequisite
 - Overall GPA <2.5
2. **Transcripts:**
 - Failure to submit **official, current, sealed transcripts** from all colleges attended (excluding CR) by the deadline (transcripts need to be send to nursing-applications@redwoods.edu NOT the general CR admissions email.
 - Prerequisites completed at non-accredited U.S. institutions or international courses **not evaluated** by ACEI or IERF
3. **ATI TEAS Assessment:**
 - Score below **62%** or failure to remediate
 - TEAS score not attached to the application
4. **Application Completion:**
 - Incomplete applications
 - Failure to meet deadlines or respond to time-sensitive emails
5. **Student Account Holds:**
 - Any hold on your CR student account will block progression in the RN application process.
 - Contact the Business Office at **707-476-4126** or Business-Office@redwoods.edu

7. Questions

For program, application, or requirement inquiries, contact: HealthOcc@redwoods.edu

College of the Redwoods RN Program Multi-Criteria Point Allocation

- **Naming attachments- please use the following naming convention when attaching files:**
 - **Naming Convention for all PDF's:** LAST NAME, FIRST NAME- TITLE OF DOCUMENT
 - Example:
 - Smith, John – TEAS Transcript
 - Smith, John – Work Experience

1. Academic degree, license or relevant certificate held by applicants. Points are awarded in ONE of the following categories only.

Maximum points = 10

Degree, License or Certificate	Points	Required Documentation
1a. Bachelor degree or higher	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official, sealed transcripts from regionally accredited U.S. colleges or universities, with degree awarded by the application due date. College of the Redwoods transcripts do not need to be submitted. • Transcripts must show degree awarded if points are to be applied in this category.
1b. Associate degree or healthcare licensure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paramedic • LVN • Certified Midwife 	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official, sealed transcripts from regionally accredited U.S. colleges or universities, with degree awarded by the application due date. College of the Redwoods transcripts do not need to be submitted. • Transcripts must show degree awarded if points are to be applied in this category.
1c. Other Healthcare Certification <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Certified Nursing Assistant ▪ Certified Medical Assistant ▪ Emergency Medical Technician ▪ Phlebotomy 	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of Certification

2. Academic Excellence: Grade point average in relevant coursework and prerequisite course attempts.

Maximum points = 52

Coursework	Points	Required Documentation
2a. Combined Prerequisite Science GPA: (Anatomy, Physiology, Microbiology) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Minimum 2.5 combined GPA required and no less than a "C" in any course (GPA cannot be rounded). ➤ Points are calculated by multiplying the combined GPA by 10: i.e. a combined GPA of 3.64 x 10 = 36.4 pts. ➤ GPA cannot be rounded. Maximum points 2a and 2b = 52 	Combined Science GPA of 2.5 or higher x 10 2a. Maximum 40 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official, current, sealed transcripts from regionally accredited U.S. colleges or universities, showing course completion by the due date.
Prerequisite completion first time	Points	Required Documentation
2b. Points awarded for successful completion of prerequisite courses. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 3 points awarded for each of the prerequisite courses completed on the first attempt. ➤ Prerequisites: BIOL 2, BIOL 6, BIOL 7, and ENGL 1A or equivalent 	3 points per course Maximum 12 points Maximum 3 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official, current, sealed transcripts from regionally accredited U.S. colleges or universities, showing course completion by the due date.

3. Work or volunteer experience.

Maximum Points = 7.5

****Form located in application ****

Work or Volunteer Experience	Points	Required Documentation
3a. 200 hours or more work experience in healthcare, within the last 2 years	5 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work Experience in Healthcare Verification Form • All work experience must be submitted on the current form with this application to be considered.
3b. 200 hours or more volunteering- unpaid experience in healthcare or a nonprofit organization, within the last 2 years	2.5 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer Experience in Health Care or a Nonprofit Organization Verification Form • All volunteer experience must be submitted on the current form to be considered. • Hours volunteered and signed on the February 2025 volunteer form will be accepted as long as they were completed during the required timeframe.

4. Life experiences or special circumstances.

While more than one of the following criteria may apply, only 10 points can be awarded in this category.

Maximum points = 10

****Form located in application required for items 4a, 4b and 4c****

Life Experience or Circumstance	Points	Required Documentation
4a. Disability ** (form required)	2.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current Proof of eligibility for Student Accessibility Supports and Services (SASS), a letter from Social Security or your medical provider. Your name must be on document.
4b. Disadvantaged social or educational environment ** (form required)	2.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of participation or eligibility for Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS). Your name must be on document.
4c. First generation to attend college** (form required)	2.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal written statement explaining how you meet this category with your name, student id number, and signature.
4d. Family income	2.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current Proof of eligibility or receipt of financial aid under a program that may include but is not limited to a fee waiver from the Promise Grant, Cal Grant Program, Federal Pell Grant program, or Cal Works. Your name must be on document.
4e. Need to work - student worked at least part-time while completing RN prerequisite course(s).	2.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One paycheck stub from the semester you worked while enrolled in RN prerequisite course(s), or a letter from your employer verifying employment on official letterhead. Your name must be on document.
4f. Difficult personal or family situation or circumstances	2.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal written statement describing your difficult situation that has occurred within the past 3 years including your name, student id number, and signature. Supporting documentation may be requested to verify what has happened.
4g. Veteran status	2.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of form DD214. Your name must be on document.
4h. Refugee status	2.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documentation or letter from USCIS. Your name must be on document.

5. Proficiency in languages other than English. Applicants may be proficient in more than one additional language but only 2.5 points can be awarded in this category.
Maximum points = 2.5

Proficiency in languages other than English*	Points	Required Documentation
<p><i>Credit awarded for languages as identified by the Chancellor's Office, not limited to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ American Sign Language ➤ Arabic ➤ Chinese ➤ Farsi ➤ Russian ➤ Spanish ➤ Tagalog ➤ Languages of Indian Subcontinent & Southeast Asia 	2.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verification of Proficiency in a Language Other than English Form • Previous language points are no longer valid. The verification form must be submitted on the current form with this application to be considered. <p>* Coursework does not equate to proficiency. Applicant must have the ability to speak, interpret, and write in the language at a conversational level as well as be able to translate in the healthcare setting. The person verifying language ability may not be a relative or family member. Applicants claiming proficiency may be asked to verify this through assessment testing at College of the Redwoods.</p>

6. Diagnostic assessment tool (ATI TEAS). Applicants attach scores to their application.
Minimum points = 3, Maximum points = 30

Test of Essential Academic Skills (ATI TEAS)	Points	Required Documentation	
<p>ATI TEAS Assessment Point Allocation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 62% is the minimum accepted score. ▪ Applicants with an Overall Score between 62% and 65% will receive the minimum score of 3 points in this category. ▪ Applicants with an Overall Score between 93% and 100% will receive the maximum score of 30 points in this category. 	<p>Overall Score - 62 = Points Awarded</p> <p>Minimum of 3 points; Maximum of 30 points</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ATI TEAS assessment test transcript (score) • Note: The ATI TEAS (Version 7) is the required version for this application cycle. 	
		Overall Score	Total Points in Rubric Category
		62-65	3
		66-67	5
		68-72	7
		73-77	10
		78-82	15
		83-87	20
		88-92	25
		93-100	30

7. Additional points for previous applicants not selected for admission:

Maximum points = 8

Previous Eligible Applicant Credit	Points	Required Documentation
<p>7a. An additional 2 points will be awarded to eligible applicants who submitted <i>eligible RN/ADN</i> program applications in the previous cycle and were not admitted.</p> <p>7b. An additional 5 point will be awarded to eligible applicants who have previously submitted 2 <i>eligible</i> Career Mobility program applications within the last 3 years without being admitted.</p> <p>7c. 8 points will be awarded to <i>eligible</i> applicants who have previously submitted 3 or more <i>eligible</i> RN/AND applications within the past 5 years <i>without being admitted</i>. The current application does not count toward these points as eligibility has not yet been determined.</p>	<p>2-8</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RN alternate pool eligible status letters from previous applications. • Eligible applications for these points include February 2024, 2025. • The current application does not count toward these points as eligibility has not yet been determined. • Applicants must save their eligible alternate pool letters to resubmit in future applications to receive these points. We are unable to save these for you.