



Nursing

TRAIN TODAY.
HEAL PATIENTS TOMORROW.

Nurses Change Lives, One Patient at a Time

As the heart of healthcare, nurses provide critical care, comfort, and compassion when it matters most. **Our Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) program prepares you to join this essential profession through hands-on clinical training, expert instruction, and real-world experience in Bay Area hospitals and clinics.** This two-year, state-approved program equips students with the skills needed for entry-level registered nursing positions, with graduates eligible to take the NCLEX-RN exam—the gateway to a rewarding career with job security, competitive salaries, and endless opportunities for growth. **Take the first step toward a career that changes lives—starting with yours.**

START HERE - RECOMMENDED PATHWAY

Admission Requirements

- Overall GPA of 2.5 or above
- English 1A GPA of 2.5 or above
- Biology Core GPA of 2.5 or above (Anatomy, Physiology, Microbiology)
- TEAS Exam score of 62% or higher

! There are additional criteria and a lottery for admission. Talk to a counselor to learn more.

Advanced Placement Opportunities available for military veterans and LVNs.

Prerequisites for Enrollment in the ADN Program

- 19-20 units
- BIOL 20A Human Anatomy and Physiology with Lab (5 units)
 - BIOL 20B Human Anatomy and Physiology with Lab (5 units)
 - OR
 - BIOL 2 Human Anatomy with Lab (5 units)
 - BIOL 4 Human Physiology with Lab (5 units)
 - BIOL 3 Microbiology with Lab (5 units)
 - ENGL C1000 Academic Reading and Writing (4 units) OR ENGL C1000E Academic Reading and Writing

General Education/Graduation Requirements

- 20 units
- COMM 020 Interpersonal Communication Skills (3 units)
 - STAT C1000 Introduction to Statistics (4 units)
 - PSYC C1000 Introduction to Psychology (3 units)
 - ENGL 001B Composition and Reading (4 units)
 - SOC 001 Introduction to Sociology (3 units) OR ANTHR 003 Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology (3 units)
 - Select one Ethnic Studies course from local AA/AS GE requirements (3 units). **Please see a Counselor for more information.**

Associate Degree Nursing Major Units

44 units

Semester 1 (11 units)

- NURS 1 Beginning Principles of Health Care (9 units)
- NURS 11 Ethics and Law for Nurses (1 unit)
- NURS 12 Calculation of Drug Dosages for Health Professionals (1 unit)

Semesters 2 and 3 (23 units)

- NURS 3A Maternity Nursing (4 units)
- NURS 3B Pediatric Nursing (4 units)
- NURS 4A Medical-Surgical Nursing (4 units)
- NURS 4B Psychiatric Nursing (4 units)
- NURS 13 Pharmacology (3 units)
- NURS 14 Nutrition (2 units)
- NURS 20 Critical Thinking and Clinical Judgement in Nursing (2 units)

Semester 4 (10 units)

- NURS 5 Advanced Medical-Surgical Nursing (9 units)
- NURS 10 Leadership and Management (1 unit)

EMPLOYMENT

Start working as a Registered Nurse!

TRANSFER

Transfer to Cal State East Bay or other 4- year institutions



The supportive environment at Merritt College made it possible for me to achieve my goal. The nursing faculty were not only educators but also mentors, guiding me with their wealth of knowledge, encouragement, and unwavering belief in my potential. They set high expectations while ensuring I had the tools and support necessary to succeed.

Wacheera Davis
DNP, MSN, BSN, RN MBA



Nationally Ranked Career

Registered Nurses are ranked among the **top careers nationwide** for job openings and growth through 2032.

High demand. Fast growth. Real impact.

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NURSES EARN A MEDIAN YEARLY WAGE OF:

\$181,240

in San Francisco, Oakland, Hayward, CA Metro Area

\$133,990

in California

\$86,070

in the United States



DID YOU KNOW?

IN CALIFORNIA, 7/10 NURSES ARE TRAINED AT COMMUNITY COLLEGES.

Source: cccaoe.org/fast-facts/

Launch Your Nursing Career with Merritt's ADN Program

For decades, our Associate Degree in Nursing has been the Bay Area's trusted pathway for training skilled, job-ready RNs.



Fast & Affordable

Become a registered nurse in just two years.



Hands-On Experience

Train in real healthcare settings from day one.



Expert Support

Get one-on-one guidance from experienced faculty and tutors.



Built-In NCLEX Prep

Kaplan and ATI tools help you pass the RN exam with confidence.



Transfer-Ready

Seamless BSN pathway to Cal State East Bay.



Career Variety

Step into clinical care, education, health tech, leadership, and more!



Get Started on Your Future Today

Scan the QR code or visit
www.merritt.edu to apply.



Merritt College puts students first.

For decades, it has stood at the intersection of social justice, community empowerment, and career-focused education—expanding opportunity for underrepresented communities and supporting pathways into meaningful, living-wage careers. Whether you're switching professions, building new skills, or aiming for a promotion, Merritt's Career Education programs help you reach your goals through hands-on training, immersive career exploration, and support tailored to every student—especially working adults.

Our programs prepare students for licensure and certifications with strong pass rates and are aligned with high-demand jobs in the Bay Area and beyond. It's never been easier to complete a certificate, earn an Associate's degree, or prepare to transfer to a CSU or other four-year university. With flexible class times—morning, evening, and online—and services like counseling, the Learning Center, EOPS, and Student Accessibility Services (SAS), Merritt meets you where you are.



Meet with a Counselor early and often!

Whether you're enrolling in classes, exploring career options or navigating personal challenges, Counselors have your back! Counselors are available through scheduled appointments, remote drop-ins, and e-counseling (for specific needs).



Visit merritt.edu/counseling/ to learn more, or contact a dedicated Career Education Counselor at MCCareerEd@peralta.edu