4-Year Prelicensure Nursing Program - Frequently Asked Questions

1. If admitted to Richard Stockton College, am I automatically admitted to the 4-Year Prelicensure Nursing Program?

   No, admission to the Nursing Program is a two step process. Once admitted to the College, students who meet program criteria, are then forwarded to the Nursing Program Admission Committee for review.

2. What is the deadline for applying?

   February 15 for fall admission.

3. How difficult is it to be accepted into the 4-Year Prelicensure Nursing Program?

   Program acceptance is very competitive. We have many applications for just 36 seats. It is important to apply early as the College has rolling admissions.

4. What standardized test scores are required for admission?

   There is no minimum SAT total score/ACT composite to be considered for a seat in the Prelicensure Nursing Program, however, a minimum Math SAT score of 550 or ACT Math score of 24 is required for your application to be forwarded to the Nursing Program Admissions Committee.

5. What other scores/grades are important?

   High School biology and chemistry grades of A or B are most important.

6. What other kinds of things will strengthen my application?

   Strong letters of recommendation, a letter that communicates your desire to become a professional nurse, high school GPA and class rank are also considered.
7. When is the best time for me to apply?

   October, November and December of your senior year.

8. Does the Program maintain a wait list?

   Yes, strong students who are not quite as competitive as other applicants will be placed on a wait list for admission. Applicants are drawn from the wait list in early May.

9. If accepted, how long will I have before I must let you know if I accept the admission?

   You have 45 days from the date you first receive the letter of admission to the Nursing Program to respond.

10. What special requirements are necessary for admission?

    Once admitted, you will have to provide a signed statement that you meet technical standards and essential functions required for nursing majors. You can find these skills located on the Program webpage. The College will provide the documentation for this with your admissions letter.

11. If admitted, are there any other requirements for entry into the Nursing Program?

    During June orientation you will be receive information for a Criminal Background Check and an 11-Panel Drug Screen that must be successfully completed by September 1 of your freshmen year.

    Please note that you cannot be granted a license to practice professional nursing in New Jersey if a positive criminal background check is found.

12. Can I apply as a transfer student to the Nursing Program?

    In exceptional cases, transfer students will be admitted in January if seats are available and all requirements are met. Please see the Program website.