

# Solano Community College – School of Health Sciences

## Registered Nursing Program

### GENERAL INFORMATION SHEET

#### **MISSION OF THE NURSING PROGRAM**

The mission of the Solano Community College Associate Degree Nursing Program is framed from the mission of Solano Community College. The mission of the nursing program is to prepare a diverse group of entry-level nurses who will provide quality, safe, evidence-based, ethically competent, and holistic/humanistic care with the use of information technology to deliver care to a culturally diverse community population across the lifespan that encompasses problem solving, critical thinking and communication skills acquired through the course of the nursing program. At the end of the nursing program, this diverse group of students will qualify to sit for the NCLEX-RN examination for licensure as a safe practice registered nurse. The preparation of the diverse group of students includes faculty advisors, mentoring by faculty and peers, provides support for lifelong learning, and additional support is also promoted by the Nursing Academic Success & Advancement Program (NASA).

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The nursing program consists of a combination of general education and nursing courses with related laboratory experiences in local health agencies. Successful completion of the program qualifies the student to take the National Licensing Examination (NCLEX) to become registered as a nurse and eligible for employment. A grade of "C" or better is required in each nursing course for progression in the program and for an Associate of Science Degree in Registered Nursing. The nursing curriculum is a two-year program offered in four sequential semesters. Currently we only accept applications once per year and students are accepted for the fall semester only. There are morning, afternoon, evening and weekend clinical experiences required which may change with limited notice. Estimated total program costs are \$6000 to \$6600.00 (as of September 2017). All costs / fees are subject to change.

The SCC nursing faculty and counselors offer informational sessions throughout the year. These sessions are designed to answer frequently asked questions regarding the program requirements and application process. Students are encouraged to attend one of these sessions; ample time is provided for individual questions at the end.

#### **RN LICENSING CONSIDERATIONS**

Reporting prior convictions: The California Board of Registered Nursing protects the public by screening applicants for licensure in order to identify potentially unsafe practitioners. The law provides for denial of licensure for crimes or acts, which are substantially related to nursing qualifications, functions or duties. At time of licensure application, all convictions must be reported except for minor traffic violations. (Business and Professions Code 480 and Nurse Practice Act Article 3 Section 2761).

Providing a SSN: Pursuant to Section 30(c) of the Business and Professions code the Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) will not process any application for licensure unless the applicant provides a U.S. SSN. The Nursing Practice Act provides for a unified examination and licensing application. Once an applicant passes the examination, a license is automatically issued. Under these circumstances the BRN cannot accept applications for the examination and licensure without a U.S. SSN.

#### **REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO THE PROGRAM**

1. Graduation from an accredited high school in the United States or successful completion of the General Education Development (GED) or California High School Proficiency Exam (CHSPE) per requirements of the Nurse Practice Act, Title 16, California Code of Regulations, Section 1412, prior to time of application.
  - Students with a high school diploma from a school outside the United States must have transcripts evaluated by a National Association of Credential Evaluation Service (NACES) approved independent agency.
  - Students who possess an Associate or Arts / Associate of Science degree or higher from a regionally accredited college in the U.S. are exempt from the educational requirements stated above.
  - Students who have attended college outside the United States must have transcripts evaluated by a NACES approved independent agency, demonstrating equivalency to an AA/ AS degree or higher from a U.S. regionally accredited college.

2. A grade of "C" or better in the following pre-major and general education courses:
  - BIO 004
  - BIO 005
  - BIO 014
  - ENGL 001
  - NUTR 010
  - PSYC 001
  - CDFS 070
  - COMM 001
  - All GE Graduation Requirements
  - NURS 052 (may be completed after admission, but before the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of the program)
  
3. Students are required to take the "Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)" developed by the Assessment Technologies Institute. A minimum passing composite score of 62% is required within your first two (2) attempts. Further information can be found on the <http://www.atitesting.com/solutions/pre-program/TEAS-Discover.aspx> website regarding TEAS preparation, registration and testing.
  
4. First-time applicants are required to meet with an SCC counselor to obtain a **NURSING PRE-MAJOR AND GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENT CHECK SHEET** and document completion of all eligibility requirements. Call (707) 864-7101 for an appointment.

**COURSES REQUIRED FOR THE ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN REGISTERED NURSING**

<b>Prerequisites</b>	<b>Course Sequence for Degree</b>	<b>Additional Graduation Requirements.</b>
BIO 004	<b>Semester 1</b>	Social and Behavioral Science  Humanities  Reading Requirement  Math 104 or higher  Cross Cultural Studies  Kinesiology
BIO 005	NURS 050A, NURS 050B, NURS 058A	
BIO 014	<b>Semester II</b>	
ENGL 001	NURS 054, NURS 055, NURS 058B	
NUTR 010	<b>Semester III</b>	
PSYC 001	NURS 060, NURS 061, NURS 058C	
CDFS 070	<b>Semester IV</b>	
COMM 001	NURS 063, NURS 064, NURS 065, NURS 058D	

**APPLICATION / ACCEPTANCE TO THE PROGRAM**

Currently the Nursing Program admits students once per year. Applications are available online. Check the SCC Nursing website for specific deadlines. <http://www.solano.edu/health/disciplines.php#nursing>

The Nursing Program at Solano Community College is impacted; there are more students who apply than can be accepted into the program. Selection is based on multiple criteria. Selection is based on a randomized lottery selectin process. Fifty (50) percent of the selected applicants will have a composite score of 86% or greater and the other fifty (50) percent will have a score between 73% and 85%. Returning qualified applicants will have their name included into the appropriate pool for each time they apply to SCC's nursing program. Only students who meet and complete the application criteria will be considered for admission. Meeting these requirements **does not** guarantee acceptance into the program. If a qualified applicant is **not** chosen, he/she may apply during the following application period.

Once accepted to the Nursing Program, students, **at their own expense**, must provide the following:

- Health History and Report of Medical Examination with required titers / inoculations.
- Background check and drug screening
- Current American Heart Association CPR card for Healthcare Providers.
- Compliance with specific healthcare partner requirements.

Students accepted for entry into the Nursing Program are required to attend a mandatory information meeting. Date, time and location will be provided in the acceptance packet.