

SCC Registered Nursing Program General Information

MISSION OF THE NURSING PROGRAM

The mission of the Solano Community College (SCC) Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) is to prepare a diverse group of entry-level nurses who will provide quality, safe, evidence-based, ethically competent, holistic, and humanistic care with the use of information technology to a culturally diverse population across the lifespan. The Nursing Program teaches problem solving, critical thinking, and communication skills.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- SCC accepts applications every September for admission the following fall semester.
- The nursing curriculum is a two-year program offered in four sequential semesters designed for full-time students. It consists of lectures on campus and clinical rotations in local health agencies. Class times and clinicals may include morning, afternoon, evening, and weekends and are subject to change with limited notice.
- Successful completion of the program qualifies the student to take the National Licensing Examination (NCLEX-RN) to become a Registered Nurse.
- The estimated total program costs are approximately \$8500.

RN LICENSING CONSIDERATIONS

The California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) screens applicants for the NCLEX-RN to identify potentially unsafe practitioners. The law permits denial of licensure for crimes or acts which are substantially related to nursing qualifications, functions, or duties. When applying for the NCLEX-RN all convictions must be reported except for minor traffic violations (Business and Professions Code 480 and Nurse Practice Act Article 3 Section 2761). The BRN will not process any application for licensure unless the applicant provides a U.S. Social Security Number (Pursuant to Section 30(c) of the Business and Professions code). The Nursing Practice Act provides a unified examination and licensing application. Once an applicant passes the examination, a license is automatically issued. The BRN cannot accept applications for the examination and licensure without a U.S. SSN.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO THE PROGRAM

All requirements must be completed prior to applying for admission to the Nursing Program:

 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.
- Applicants who possess an Associate of Arts or 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.
- A Composite Score of 73% or greater. This is calculated using the overall college GPA, Core Biology (Anatomy, Physiology and Microbiology) GPA, ENGL 001 and higher-level English course GPA, and core Biology repetitions within the last seven years (this includes grades of "W", "D", "F" and "NP" on the applicant's transcript; the number of course repetitions in core Biology have a negative effect on the composite score).
- A minimum grade of "C" or better in the following pre-major and general education courses, each class must be at least 3 semester units except noted below:
 - BIO 004 Human Anatomy with Lab (must be at least 3.33 semester units) *
 - BIO 005 Human Physiology with Lab (must be at least 3.33 semester units) *
 - BIO 014 Microbiology with Lab (must be at least 3.33 semester units) *
 - ENGL 001 or ENGL 001X or ENGL 001E or ENGL C1000- College Composition
 - NUTR 010 Nutrition
 - o PSYC 001 or PSYC C1000 General Psychology
 - CDFS 070 Lifespan Human Development or PSYC 006 Developmental Psychology
 - Critical Thinking (COMM 001 or COMM 002 or COMM 006 or ENGL 002 or ENGL 004-ENGL C1001)
 - o MATH 011 or STAT C1000-Elementary Statistics or CSU Transfer Level Math
 - CHEM 001 or CHEM 010 or CHEM 012-Chemistry

*Anatomy, Physiology and Microbiology must have in person labs, online only accepted during COVID-19 Pandemic when no in person was available thru fall 2022

- Complete all General Education Requirements (SCC Local GE, IGETC or CSU GE pattern) OR hold an Associates or Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution in the United States.
- Score a minimum of 62% on the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS). Refer to the TEAS file for additional information.
- First-time applicants are strongly encouraged to meet with an SCC counselor to confirm they meet all application requirements. You can schedule an appointment by calling 707-864-7101 or by going to www.solano.edu/counseling.

APPLICATION / ACCEPTANCE TO THE NURSING PROGRAM

• The Nursing Program admits students once per year. Applications are available online

- during the open application period of September 1 September 30.
- Due to the impacted nature of the Nursing Program at SCC, only students who meet ALL application requirements prior to submitting their application will be considered qualified for admission.
- Meeting all requirements does not guarantee acceptance into the program.
- Once qualified, selection is based on a randomized lottery process.
- If a qualified applicant is not accepted to the program or provided alternate status based on their lottery draw, he/she may reapply during the following application period.
- Returning qualified applicants will have their application included in the lottery process for *each time* they have applied to the SCC Nursing Program. For example, if a student applies but is not admitted (or designated as an alternate), they must reapply the following September and their application will be entered into the lottery twice.
- If a qualified applicant has applied 3 consecutive years and is not selected, he/she will automatically be offered acceptance into the Nursing Program the 4th year provided he/she still meets all requirements for admission to the program at that time.

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

- Medical Examination with required titers and vaccinations
- Background check and drug screening
- American Heart Association BLS for Healthcare Providers certification
- Compliance with specific healthcare partner requirements

Students accepted for entry into the Nursing Program (or as alternates) are required to attend required meetings typically held in late April and during the week before courses commence.

APPLICATION TIMELINE

- September 1-30: Applications accepted for the class beginning the following August.
- Late February: Results of the randomized lottery are emailed to applicants.
- Late March: Accepted and alternate students are invited to the mandatory April orientation meeting.
- May-July: Admitted students complete program requirements. Alternates remain on standby.
- August: Second mandatory pre-term orientation session for accepted students. Remaining alternates will remain on the alternate list and will be accepted for the class beginning the following year.