

REQUIRED COURSEWORK:

- ___ Math 120 or Math 122 & 123 or higher Math
- ___ Chemistry 192 or 410 or 210
- ___ Biology 250
- ___ Biology 240
- ___ Biology 260
- ___ English 100
- ___ Speech 100 or 120 or 150
- ___ Psychology 100
- ___ Psychology 200
- ___ Sociology 100 or Anthropology 110

___ 7. As you are completing required nursing prerequisite courses, consider also completing your general education requirements for the Associate in Science with a major in Nursing. See SECTION 5 above.

___ 8. Complete a Nursing Program Application Packet after submitting your application online. Submit the packet to the Nursing Department no later than 4:00 pm on February 1, 2011. Your application is **INCOMPLETE WITHOUT:**

- ☞ Unofficial transcripts of all coursework regardless of where taken. *Please highlight all prerequisite courses to facilitate review.*
- ☞ If applicable, CSM transcript evaluation of coursework not listed on Nursing Articulation Grid.
- ☞ Copy of NPIS certificate if you attended NPIS prior to June 2009. If you completed the NPIS online, no proof is required.

Note: Students who are accepted into the nursing program must submit official transcripts of coursework taken outside SMCCD to Admissions & Records prior to enrollment in the first semester of the program unless they have previously submitted these transcripts.

___ 9. The application is available online January 2 through February 1, 2011 for Fall 2011.

Applications are accepted only once a year.

- ☞ Submit the application **ONLINE**. It is available at www.collegeofsanmateo.edu/nursing/
- ☞ Incomplete applications are not reviewed. Late applications are not reviewed.
- ☞ If you are not admitted, you must reapply the following year. Application materials are kept on file for one year only.
- ☞ All applicants are notified of their admissions status by mail no later than May 1, 2011.

Accepted candidates will be required to successfully pass an assessment Test of Essential Academic Skills with a 67% composite score prior to entry into the program (www.atitest.com). In the event that the applicant does not pass the test they will need to successfully complete remediation course work and retake and pass the TEAS test prior to entry into the program within one year. Acceptance is denied to candidates who fail to achieve the required composite score for the retest.



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NURSING DEPARTMENT

CSM NURSING PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET Fall 2011 Application Period

Typically, the College of San Mateo Nursing Program receives more applications than there are spaces available in the program. Admissions eligibility depends on completion of the Admissions Requirements below. **Program Application Deadline is February 1, 2011.**

Section 1 - ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS:

To be eligible to apply, the following requirements must be completed during or before the Fall semester prior to application to the nursing program. Courses must be completed with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher. In addition, Anatomy, Physiology, and Microbiology must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better with no grade less than C and no more than one repetition of any of these 3 courses.

___ 1. COMPLETION OF COLLEGE INTERMEDIATE ALGEBRA * - one of the following:

- ☞ Successful completion of Math 120 or Math 122 & 123 or higher Math, e.g., Math 200 *
- ☞ Take CSM Math Placement Test and place into Math 125 or higher
- ☞ Exception: Students holding catalog rights prior to Fall 2009. Please call the Nursing Department if you have questions.

___ 2. CHEMISTRY: one of the following: Chemistry 192 or Chemistry 410 or Chemistry 210 *

___ 3. BIOLOGY 250 (Anatomy w/lab) *

___ 4. BIOLOGY 260 (Physiology w/lab) *

___ 5. BIOLOGY 240 (Microbiology w/lab) *

___ 6. ENGLISH 100 (English Composition) *

___ 7. PSYCHOLOGY 100 (Introduction to Psychology) *

___ 8. PSYCHOLOGY 200 (Developmental Psychology) *

___ 9. SPEECH 100 or 120 or 150 *

___ 10. SOCIOLOGY 100 (Introduction to Sociology) OR ANTHROPOLOGY 110 (Cultural Anthropology) *

* Successful completion of acceptable course equivalent.
Refer to the NURSING ARTICULATION GRID on the website: www.collegeofsanmateo.edu/nursing/

SECTION 2 - OTHER ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- ___ II. Complete the online NPIS Session. The NPIS will confirm what you must do to apply for the program and be a competitive applicant. Take the quiz with 100% score.

If you completed required coursework outside of the San Mateo County Community College District, be sure to read and follow Section 3.

SECTION 3 - WHAT IF YOU COMPLETED COURSEWORK AT A COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY OUTSIDE OF THE SAN MATEO COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT?

- ___ 12. If you have completed some/all of the coursework listed in Admissions Requirements at a college or university outside of the San Mateo County Community College District but within the United States, do the following:

FIRST, CHECK THE NURSING ARTICULATION GRID ON THE PROGRAM WEBSITE. Courses that appear on the grid are automatically approved as equivalent to the required CSM course. You MUST, however, attach to your nursing application packet an unofficial transcript from the colleges/universities where the coursework was completed.

- ___ 13. IF YOUR COURSEWORK DOES NOT APPEAR ON THE NURSING ARTICULATION GRID, and you have completed or are in the process of completing 6 units within SMCCD, fill out the Transcript Evaluation/Course Substitution form at www.collegeofsanmateo.edu/forms. Be sure to have official transcripts from all colleges/universities outside SMCCD sent to CSM Admissions & Records.

If you are not a student enrolled within SMCCD, complete the Nursing Program Information Session (NPIS) and fill out the Pre-application Evaluation form to receive an evaluation of coursework completed outside SMCCD. The form is found on the Resources page of the nursing website. Submit this form with official transcripts and course descriptions to the Nursing Department before January 19, 2011. This is a hard deadline. Pre-application evaluations will not be done for packets submitted past this date.

- ___ 14. If you have completed coursework listed in the ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS at a college or university outside of the United States, secure a detailed evaluation from an approved evaluation service: www.ierf.org; www.wes.org; or www.acei1.com, that identifies lower division coursework. Once you have the results from the approved international transcript evaluation service, request a CSM Transcript Evaluation and Course Substitution Petition. Please refer to #13 to verify which course evaluation form you should complete.

SECTION 4 – CRITERIA FOR SELECTION: If there are more applicants than spaces available, fully qualified applicants, i.e. applicants who have completed by the end of the Fall semester, courses listed in SECTION 1 – ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS, as well as the NPIS requirement in SECTION 2, are put into a pool and selected by a computerized random number selection method.

SECTION 5 – RECOMMENDED COURSE AND GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREE with a major in NURSING:

1. It is highly recommended that applicants take Nursing 666 at CSM. Check the current Schedule of Classes for availability.
2. It is highly recommended that applicants take the reading placement test and follow the recommendations.
3. To complete an A.S. Degree in Nursing, in addition to the required nursing major courses, you must meet CSM general education and basic competency requirements, unless you have a previous Bachelor's degree.
4. Check the CSM Catalog to view a complete list of Associate Degree requirements

SECTION 6 – OTHER INFO FOR NURSING PROGRAM APPLICANTS

1. For a complete list of requirements for the R.N. Licensing Exam you can refer to the BRN website: www.rn.ca.gov
2. Approximate cost for books and required supplies and materials is \$5,000.00 for the first year and \$4,500.00 for the second year.
3. Students are responsible for their own transportation to assigned hospitals and clinical agencies.
4. Nursing class and lab hours vary. If you plan to work while in the program, your school schedule will change each semester. Your employment schedule will need to be flexible around your school schedule.
5. Criminal background checks and drug screening are required by most clinical agencies and, as a student in

the program, you are required to comply with this process.

6. Research the nursing program prior to applying! It is a challenging and rigorous academic program and career choice.
7. For additional information about nursing visit: www.rn.ca.gov www.cncc.org www.nсна.org www.discovernursing.com www.choosenursing.com

SECTION 7 – HOW TO GET STARTED - APPLICANT'S CHECKLIST :

Recommended FIRST STEP for anyone interested in the CSM Nursing Program is to VIEW THE ONLINE NURSING PROGRAM INFORMATION SESSION (NPIS) TO LEARN ABOUT THE PROGRAM!

- ___ 1. Carefully review the CSM Nursing Program Website for additional information and check back often.
- ___ 2. Research the nursing profession and curriculum. Are your skills, interests, and abilities a good match for this demanding profession?
- ___ 3. If SECTION 3 applies to you, gather your transcripts to submit for course evaluation. Make sure you submit the correct course evaluation form.
- ___ 4. Review all sections of this document and check off as you complete courses/items.
- ___ 5. Complete the online NPIS Session, and take the quiz with 100% score.
- ___ 6. Complete required coursework during or before the fall semester.



If you would like to speak with a counselor, please call the Counseling Department at (650) 574-6400. The Nursing Department does not evaluate transcripts or provide counseling.