

Testimonials

“Being a nursing student at CSM has changed my life. It is a lot of hard work and equally as rewarding. My experience has been very positive.”

–Lisa Cost, *Present Student*

“There is no better way to learn than being in different areas during clinical rotations.”

–Pam Bhardwaj, *Present Student*

“The change that I see in myself since beginning the program is immense. It has truly been a metamorphosis. This program is intense, but it prepares you for the role of the RN in every dimension.”

–Lee Bautista, *CSM Nursing Graduate*
Employed at St. Bernardine’s Medical Center,
San Bernardino, CA

“The nursing program was fantastic and prepared me well for the registered nurse licensing exam and to work in the field.”

–Paul Haas, *CSM Nursing Graduate*
Employed at Kaiser Permanente,
Redwood City, CA



About College of San Mateo

College of San Mateo sits in the San Mateo hills and presents picturesque panoramic views, lush greenery and classic architecture. Our day, evening and weekend students enroll in a wide variety of university transfer and career programs.

Established in 1922, CSM offers traditional semester-long and short courses throughout the spring, summer and fall at highly affordable tuition. Accelerated, online and distance learning are available as well.

CSM provides a vibrant student life, with more than 40 student clubs and organizations. By participating in student government, students have ample opportunity to develop leadership skills. And our athletic teams afford competition at the highest community college level. Many student-athletes continue at four-year institutions on scholarship. Several have gone on to play professionally.

To ensure a quality experience for its approximately 11,000 students, CSM’s comprehensive student support services include childcare, career/job services, counseling and financial aid.

We invite visitors to the campus to schedule a tour, please go to collegeofsanmateo.edu/tour. Also, we encourage you to visit collegeofsanmateo.edu/contactcsm with any questions.

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Registered Nursing Program



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Introduction

Why not let College of San Mateo's Nursing Program assist you in your quest for a successful career that offers excellent job opportunities, variety, flexible hours and travel?

Since 1965, the highly-respected program has graduated more than 1,700 students, providing exemplary education and training.

Over the years, CSM graduates have had great success in passing the National Council Licensing Exam (NCLEX). Those graduates are now employed as registered nurses at hospitals and community health agencies, locally and elsewhere.



The Field

Nursing appeals to women—and men—of all ages who care about people. Both physically and mentally challenging, nursing is a key profession in successful healthcare. Many in the field attest that their work is significantly rewarding.

Nurses are provided a wide-range of opportunities in hospitals, clinics, long-term care facilities, surgery centers, colleges, physician offices, mental health facilities, correctional facilities and birthing centers.

They can work in acute care medical surgical units, pediatrics, maternity wards, intensive care units, emergency departments, the operating room and post-anesthesia recovery area.

Most but not all management positions require a bachelor's degree.

Those with master's degrees in nursing become clinical nurse specialists, nurse practitioners, nurse educators, in-service educators, nurse midwives and serve in various other advanced nursing practice roles.

The nursing profession offers a significant amount of flexibility in terms of numbers of days/hours worked and shift times. This enables families to share child care or elder care duties as needed, while commuting to work during peak hours. Shift choices may range from 8 to 12 hours, depending on the nursing unit, setting and/or facility.

Additionally, “travel nursing” demonstrates the flexibility of the profession. A registered nurse can travel throughout the United States and visit a variety of locations. Travel nurses enjoy competitive pay, bonuses, housing with amenities and the opportunity to enhance their skills and résumé.

The Program

CSM's two-year, full-time Nursing Program is fully accredited by the California Board of Registered Nursing. Upon graduation, candidates receive an Associate in Science (A.S.) degree in nursing, and are eligible to take the NCLEX to become registered nurses. The graduates are also eligible to transfer to programs offering a bachelor's degree in nursing.

The A.S. degree includes nursing education theory on campus and clinical nursing experience in local hospitals. To meet the changing needs of the health care environment, the curriculum is constantly being updated.

Students receive content and clinical experience in all areas required by the California State Board of Registered Nursing, including adult medical-surgical; maternity and pediatric; psychiatric; and geriatric nursing.

Students also gain community-based experience to give them a comprehensive understanding of the health care needs of the community.

To help students achieve their goal of completing the program, CSM's nursing faculty works with individuals in an innovative and caring way.

Students are accepted to the nursing program once a year for the fall semester. Please visit us at collegeofsanmateo.edu/nursing for dates, criteria and more.

Questions

If you have further questions about CSM's Nursing Program, please contact the Nursing Department at csmnursing@smccd.edu or (650) 574-6218. Please also visit collegeofsanmateo.edu/nursing.