

Nursing Program Course REPEAT Policy Information**POLICY STATEMENT FROM DIRECTOR OF NURSING
COLLEGE OF SAN MATEO**

Beginning with the Fall 2011 admissions process, a grade of "C" or higher cannot be repeated for the purpose of achieving a higher grade for nursing program admissions eligibility.

In Fall 2008 new requirements were implemented for CSM Nursing Program admissions.

- 1. A grade point average of 2.5 or higher for all pre-admissions and major course requirements***
- 2. A 2.5 grade point average in a sub group of major prerequisites, Biology 240, 250, and 260, with no more than one repetition of any of these classes***
- 3. The TEAS assessment test***

Beginning in Fall 2008, the Nursing Program accepted a repeat of a grade of "C" in Biology 240, 250, or 260 if the student did not meet the 2.5 requirement as noted in #2 above. The Nursing Program allowed a student, who achieved a grade of "C" in Biology 240, 250, or 260, to repeat the course and would evaluate admissions eligibility based on the later higher grade, even though the second grade was not counted and eliminated from the grade point and unit calculation on the student's transcript. State regulations do not allow a student to repeat a course that was completed with a grade of "C" to improve the grade.

Beginning with the fall 2011 admissions process, the practice of allowing a student to repeat a grade of "C" for the purpose of program eligibility is discontinued. After review, this practice is determined to violate the selectivity criteria upon which this eligibility requirement is based.

Be advised, any student applying for the College of San Mateo Nursing Program for fall 2010 can use one course within the Biology sub group where the original grade was a "C" and the course was repeated for a higher grade only if the repeat was completed no later than fall 2009. Beginning with the fall 2011 admissions process, a student may not repeat a course in which a grade of "C" or higher was earned for the purpose of College of San Mateo Nursing Program admissions eligibility.