CSM NURSING PROGRAM PREREQUISITE POLICY
Fall 2022 Applications

1. Microbiology (Biology 240), Anatomy (Biology 250), and Physiology (Biology 260) (or equivalents) are the only three prerequisite courses with a 5-year recency requirement for the CSM Nursing prerequisite courses. These three prerequisite Biology courses need to be completed with a 'C' or higher after January 1, 2017, to be accepted for Fall 2022 applications.

2. A student may not repeat a program prerequisite course in which a grade of "C" or higher was earned for the purpose of College of San Mateo Nursing Program admissions eligibility, unless retaking the three Biology prerequisite courses to meet the 5-year recency requirement.

3. Within the 5-year Biology recency (January 1, 2017 to February 1, 2022), the first passing letter grade of a 'C' or higher earned will be applied and counted on an applicants NursingCAS application.

4. No more than 2 attempts total are permitted for the three required Biology courses: Microbiology (Biology 240); Anatomy (Biology 250); and/or Physiology (Biology 260) (or equivalents) within the 5-year recency.

5. If a student has repeated Anatomy (BIOL 250), Microbiology (BIOL 240), and/or Physiology (BIOL 260) within the 5-year recency, 2 points are deducted from the application for each repeated course. (Reference: Merit-Based Acceptance Criteria) This includes two attempts with passing letter grades of a 'C' or higher. A total of 6 points can potentially be deducted if all three Biology courses have been repeated twice within the 5-year recency.

6. Withdrawals for the biology prerequisite courses (Anatomy, Microbiology, and Physiology) do not count as attempts.

7. All AP scores or college-level honors courses need to be approved by the CSM Nursing Department to be applied towards fulfilling a prerequisite course requirement. An applicant must submit a Nursing Prerequisite Course Evaluation Form to the CSM Nursing Department by the deadline date of January 14, 2022, for Fall 2022 admissions.

8. Online prerequisite courses and Pass grades accepted only for Spring 2020, Summer 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Summer 2021, and Fall 2021 semester/quarter coursework due to COVID-19. (Refer to CSM Nursing website homepage for policy)