**STEP 1 - START HERE** check and complete the CSM Nursing Program prerequisites

**FIRST:**  [Apply to the College](#), get a student ID and then set up an appointment with [counseling](#) to review the Nursing Program admissions requirement

**THEN, check and/or complete the Program Prerequisites:** need to be completed at time of application:

All courses must be satisfactorily completed at an accredited college/university prior to submitting the application.

1. **All Non-BIO Prerequisites** must be a cumulative [2.0 GPA or higher](#), with no course grade lower than C.
2. **All three Biology** courses must have a cumulative of [2.5 GPA or better](#), with no course grade lower than C.
3. The three Biology courses have a **5-year recency**.
4. Students may repeat a Biology course [ONE TIME](#) to improve the grade (within the 5-year recency). Two

**STEP 2 – If prerequisites were taken outside of the SMCCCD**

If you have taken courses outside of the San Mateo Community College District (SMCCD), check the [Nursing Articulation Grid](#) to see if your courses are equivalent to the San Mateo County Community College District (Skyline, CSM and Canada) courses.

If your coursework does not appear on the grid, please fill-out the [Prerequisite Evaluation Form](#). Do not forget to attach the course description(s) and official transcript(s). Submit all documents to Marsha Ramezane ramezane@smccd.edu. **Deadline** is no later than Jan 12, 2024.

[Foreign transcripts](#) must be evaluated by a credited agency:


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**STEP 3: Watch the Online Program Information Video – TAKE THE QUIZ!**

[IMPORTANT](#) You are required to watch the online CSM Nursing Program Information Video. Then you must complete the online quiz and submit with a minimum score 16 or higher by the time applications are due on FEBRUARY 1st 2024.

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5. Points will be deducted for each repeated Biology course.

**Required CSM Nursing Program Prerequisites:**

**BIO COURSES**
*Microbiology* with lab (BIO 240)  
*Anatomy* with lab (BIO 250)  
*Physiology* with lab (BIO 260)  
**May repeat each BIO prerequisite **ONE** time for improved grade. 2 points deduction (maximum 6 points) from Merit score.**

**NON-BIO COURSES**
*Statistics* (Math 200)  
*Health or Gen. Chemistry* (CHEM 210  
OR CHEM 410)  
*Cal State SF Nursing requires 7-year recency for Chemistry*  
*English Composition* (ENG 100)  
*Introduction to Psychology* (PSY 100)  
*Developmental Psych* (PSY 200)  
*Communication Studies* (COMM 110, or 130, or 140, or 150)  
*Introduction to Sociology* (Soc 100)  
OR Cultural Anthropology (Anthro 110)

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| CSM Nursing uses Merit-Based Criteria selection system Submit ALL application documents to our FREE Nursing Application Link (TBA) | A HESI score will be accepted with a minimum composite score of 70% prior to applying to CSM Nursing A TEAS score will be accepted with a minimum composite score of 62% prior to applying to CSM Nursing NOTE: CSM Nursing will accept either HESI or TEAS for the 2024 application cycle, thereafter CSM Nursing will only accept TEAS (Beginning Fall 2025) Assessment Tests must be taken within last five years (after January 1, 2019). Students will only be allowed to take either exam twice. **CSM Nursing will take the highest score on the select exam** Exams will be available from July 15th 2023 to Jan 31 2024 | The CSM Nursing program recommends the following CSM nursing program electives prior to application as they are beneficial and are awarded points for Merit: **N610** Basic Dosage Calculation - summer course **N615** Pharmacology for Nurses - summer course **N630** Medical Terminology - summer course **N666** Career Exploration in Nursing

*Similar courses offered at other institutions will be considered (for Merit points).* Applicants are also recommended to complete their AS degree General Education requirements prior to starting the Nursing Program. Please refer to CSM catalog to check the complete list of [Associate Degree](#) requirements. |
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<td>• Approximate cost of the program (including books and required supplies) is $8,000 for the 1\textsuperscript{st} yr. and $7,000 for the 2\textsuperscript{nd} yr.</td>
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<td>• Students are responsible for their own transportation to/from the hospital and clinical agencies.</td>
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<td>• Nursing classes and lab hours may vary. Your employment and personal schedule will need to be flexible around your school schedule.</td>
<td>• Critical Thinking Course Required; 7-year recency on all science courses (Bios and Chemistry)</td>
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<td>• Students are responsible in keeping their immunization records up to date. Most clinical agencies require: MMR. Varicella, Tdap, Hep B, 2steps TB test, influenza vaccine &amp; COVID-19.</td>
<td>• All nursing prerequisites completed with a minimum grade of C Must be CA resident or be eligible for in-state tuition</td>
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