

CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION OF LICENSED VOCATIONAL NURSES TO THE NURSING PROGRAM

NOTE: Review the Nursing Program website for updates

PLAN I: ADMISSION TO ASSOCIATE DEGREE OPTION

- A.** A Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) with a current California license receives credit for the first year of the nursing program and may enter the second year of the program if there is **SPACE AVAILABLE**. Priority will be given to LVNs who have recent clinical experience (please include a current resume`).
- 1.** The space available is dependent on attrition and students exiting the program. For the past few years there has not been space available for LVNs entering at the second year. Please consider applying for the generic program (ADN).
 - 2.** The LVN must have completed all of the following prerequisites and required courses that any regular third semester ADN student would have completed:
 - a. Completed with a grade of "C" or higher the following required courses:
 - i. Math 200 (Statistics)
 - ii. English Composition (Engl 100/105)
 - iii. Chem 410 (Health Science Chemistry)
 - iv. Anatomy with lab (Biol 250) * Within the last 5 years
 - v. Physiology with lab (Biol 260) * Within the last 5 years
 - vi. Microbiology with lab (Biol 240) * Within the last 5 years
 - vii. General Psychology (Psych 100)
 - viii. Developmental Psychology (Psych 200)
 - ix. Public Speaking (COMM 110) or Interpersonal Communications (COMM 130)
 - x. Cultural Anthropology (ANTH 110) **OR** Introduction to Sociology (SOCI 100)
 - b. Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher for the nursing major prerequisites.
 - c. GPA of 2.5 in Anatomy, Physiology and Microbiology
 - 3.** To complete an A.S. Degree in Nursing, certain General Education requirements must be met before graduation. Consult the CSM college catalogue for courses in Humanities, American Institutions, California State and Local Government, and Physical Education, which are required to complete the Associate Degree.
 - 4.** Complete and pass the **HESI** test with a minimum composite score of **70%**.
 - 5. Complete the Bridge Course N620 (or N815) prior to entry into the program.**
 - 6.** From the input of previous students, we recommend you take the Reading Placement Test and complete all classes up to College level reading.
- B.** An LVN completing the AS Degree requirements may also choose to enter the second semester (Pediatric or Maternity Nursing) if there is **SPACE AVAILABLE**. For entry at this level, the LVN must have completed all prerequisites and supporting course work that a regular second semester ADN student has achieved.

***PLAN II: ADMISSION TO 30 UNIT OPTION**

Any California LVN may select the "30 Unit Option" to complete the minimum requirements for eligibility for the Registered Nurse licensure exam. This option includes 9 units of science and 21 units of nursing courses. An LVN choosing this option enters the nursing program at the beginning of the second year on a **SPACE AVAILABLE]** basis. Requirements to enter the nursing program under this option include:

- Physiology (Biol 260), 5 units (completed with "C" or higher at the time of admission) **and**
- Microbiology (Biol 240), 4 units (completed with "C" or higher at the time of admission)

Students completing this option will **NOT** receive an Associate of Science degree from the College of San Mateo. However, they will be eligible to take the NCLEX-RN licensing examination.

***NOTE: Disadvantages** - 30 Unit option **does not** provide an A.S. degree required to transfer to a 4 year college and/or university - **This RN license is unique to California and may not be accepted for licensure in other states.**

REQUIREMENTS FOR R.N. LICENSING EXAM

1. Graduation from high school, GED, or college graduate.
2. Completion of the courses listed in either Plan I or Plan II and NURS 231/232/235/808, NURS 241/242/245/808 with a grade of "C" or higher.
3. The Board of Registered Nursing evaluates each background check on a case-by-case basis when applying for licensure.

APPLICATION TO THE NURSING PROGRAM

NOTE: If you have other questions regarding entering the program as an LVN, call the Nursing Department at (650) 574-6218 for an appointment.

1. Download the application from the nursing department website and complete it. Applications are accepted between December 1st. and February 1st.
2. Order transcripts from any previous colleges attended to be sent to Admissions & Records before February 1.
3. Review the articulation grid located on the nursing website for course equivalence.
4. For courses taken outside of any California public college or university, please follow the instructions in Section 2 of the Nursing Information Sheet on the website: www.collegeofsanmateo.edu/nursing/
5. Submit all materials and *unofficial transcripts* to CAS no later than **February 1st**
6. All applicants will be notified of their admission status before June 1st.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

Priority will be given in the following order:

1. Applicants who have completed the greatest number of the required courses.
2. Applications from LVNs will be considered based on **SPACE AVAILABILITY**.
3. Degree option candidates (PLAN I) have priority.
4. Applicants who are equally qualified will be admitted by computerized random number selection.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. You must be physically able to function as a registered nurse as verified by a physician's statement after you are accepted.
2. Approximate cost for the required items and books for second year of the nursing program is \$7,000.00 (second year only).
3. You will be responsible for your own transportation to your assigned hospitals and clinical agencies.
4. Nursing classes and lab hours vary each semester; as a result you may need to vary your work schedule each semester.
5. After acceptance into the program, students will be required to complete a Self Assessment of Skill Competency.
6. All students will be required to take the Bridge Course, N620, which includes basic medication administration competency. If there are fewer than 3 LVNs, they will be integrated into the N815 course.
7. You must submit a clear background check and drug screening in order to register for nursing courses.