CSM NURSING PROGRAM PREREQUISITE POLICY
Fall 2024 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, 2019, to be accepted for Fall 2024 applications.

2. A student may not repeat a general (non-BIO) prerequisite if a grade of C or better was earned. The cumulative grade point average (GPA) for the non-BIO prerequisite only is 2.0. BIO prerequisite minimum is 2.5 GPA.

3. Within the 5-year Biology recency (January 1, 2019 to February 1, 2024), the BEST passing letter grade of a 'C' or higher earned will be applied and counted on an applicant’s program application. 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.

4. 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 within the 5-year recency.

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

6. 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 13, 2023, for Fall 2023 admissions.

7. Online prerequisite Biology lab courses will only be accepted through Summer 2022.

8. Pass / No Pass grades will be accepted only through Summer 2022.

9. Note: Cal State SF Nursing requires a 7-year recency for Chemistry.