

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.*