



San Diego City College Nursing Education Program Information for Prospective RN and LVN-RN Students

Contact Information:

Website: <https://www.sdcity.edu/academics/schools-programs/math-sci-nurse/nursing/index.aspx>

Email: citynursing@sdccd.edu

This is the best way to reach us, emails will be answered within 2 business days. Office Phone Number: 619-388-3441

Counseling Link: <https://www.sdcity.edu/students/counseling/index.aspx>

Apply to the college and obtain a student ID number: <https://www.openccapply.net/gateway/apply?cccMisCode=071>

Associates Degree Nurse (Generic)

Upon successful completion of the two-year nursing curriculum, all nursing admission requirements, and college graduation requirements, the student is awarded an Associates of Science Degree and is eligible to take the National Council Licensure Exam for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN)

Associates Degree Nurse (LVN-RN)

Licensed Vocational Nurses who have graduated from accredited schools of vocational nursing may apply for this option which requires completion of a "transition" course in the spring semester before beginning in the fall. Upon successful completion of the second-year nursing curriculum, all nursing admission requirements, and college graduation requirements, the student is awarded an Associate of Science Degree and is eligible to take the NCLEX-RN

Must hold a current unencumbered LVN License

LVN Thirty Unit Option

Licensed Vocational Nurses who desire to complete the minimum number of units (30) required to take the licensure examination may apply for this option.

Students who complete this option (30/45 units) will take the NCLEX-RN as a non-graduate. This status will not change even if a student goes on to obtain a degree. This is a restriction to practice in California only. The student may have difficulty transferring to another state or territory. The student may also have difficulty applying to a college/university for an advanced degree.

The student must contact the Director of Nursing Education for more information.

General Information

ACCREDITATION

The San Diego City College Nursing Education Program is approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing

(BRN) & by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing

(ACEN), Questions or concerns regarding accreditation status may be addressed to the BRN (P.O. BOX 944210, Sacramento, CA 94244; Phone #: 916-322-33350) or ACEN (33343 Peachtree Rd. NE, Suite 500 Atlanta, GA30326).

The registered nursing curriculum prepares individuals to assume the responsibility of providing health care to clients with acute and chronic illnesses. Nursing theory is coordinated with laboratory experiences in local hospitals and healthcare agencies under the supervision of nursing faculty members. The Associate's Degree of Science in Nursing (ADN) Program prepares the graduate for employment as an entry-level staff nurse in a variety of healthcare settings, including acute care hospitals, long-term care facilities, home health agencies, outpatient clinics, and doctors' offices.

Admission is based on the Multicriteria Point System
Selection of applicants who meet the minimum qualifications is by lottery system

Expenses for the two year program is about 12,000 dollars

Program Demands:
The nursing program is a rigorous 2-year program

Health Requirements are to be completed after acceptance into the program

Grading:

Students must pass each course with a grade of 75% in order to continue in the nursing program. Each course after fundamentals has a dosage calculations quiz that must be passed at 100%

Program Demands:

The San Diego City College Nursing Education Program is a rigorous program. Student schedules vary depending on the assigned clinical days. Students must have (6-7 days a week) flexibility to provide adequate time for study, clinical preparation, and on-campus laboratory practice. To promote academic success, it is recommended that outside work, which supplements living and school costs, be limited.

The nursing education program is a 2-year program, with summer sessions off. The nursing program courses are 8-week courses (two per semester) that require 160-172 hours per course, including both lecture and clinical hours.

Nursing Course Grading:

A minimum grade of C (75%) is required in each nursing course for progression and satisfactory completion of the program. If a student is unsuccessful in achieving a grade of 75% in class, they may have the option to return one time the following year, provided they complete remediation and meet the requirements outlined in the exit interview.

Health Requirements, Background Check, and Drug Screen:

After acceptance into the program, the immunizations, TB QuantiFERON, background checks, and drug screening are required per the clinical partners in coordination with the Nursing Advisory Council (3CNAC)

Additional Information:

The estimated cost of the program is approximately \$12,000 over a two-year duration. A physical examination, necessary immunizations, laboratory tests, background checks, and a urine drug screen must be completed at the student's expense before beginning the nursing program. Currently enrolled students are eligible to use the Student Health Center. Designated uniforms, textbooks, instructional supplies, travel to clinical sites, gas expenses to and from clinical sites, and Assessment Technology Institute (ATI) learning resources are the major cost items.

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)

Current CPR certification (American Heart Association only) is required for admission to the program and must remain valid for the entire duration of the program, which is two years.

Transfer/Advanced Placement

Applicants who wish to transfer from another school of nursing or who are graduates of approved schools of vocational nursing must meet all general entrance requirements of the Associate's Degree of Nursing, including completion of designated prerequisites and the TEAS Exam. Acceptance of transferring students into the Nursing Education program is contingent upon space availability.

Interested candidates must schedule an appointment with the Program Dean/Director to discuss eligibility. Applicants who may be eligible for advanced placement include those individuals who have satisfactorily completed within the last one (1) year:

1. Nursing courses from an accredited school of Registered Nursing
2. An accredited psychiatric technician program, or
3. Courses that the school determines as equivalent to the courses in the current nursing program.

Challenge/Advanced Placement

Applicants with health-related education experience within the last 2 years may be eligible to challenge nursing courses by examination. Students must meet all general entrance prerequisites and the TEAS exam. Challenge examinations for credit based on prior education or experience must be requested by the student at least six weeks before admission to the Associate Degree Program. Interested candidates must schedule an appointment with the Associate Dean/Director of the Nursing Education Program to determine eligibility.

Challenge/Advanced Placement for Military Personnel

CHALLENGE/ADVANCED PLACEMENT FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL POLICY: Individuals who have held Military Health Care Occupations, specifically: Basic Medical Technician Corpsman (Navy HM or Air Force BMTCP), Army Health Care Specialist (68W Army Medic) or Air Force Independent Duty Medical Technician (IMDT 4N0X1C) may achieve advanced placement into the 2nd semester of the nursing program with documentation of education and experience qualifying them for the specific Military Health Care Occupation and upon successful completion of the challenge exam and skills evaluation.

Please see the nursing student handbook

Prerequisite Science Courses

Anatomy
(Biology 230)

Prerequisite Biology 107
at City College

Physiology
(Biology 235)

Prerequisite Biology 107
at City College

Microbiology
(Biology 205)

Prerequisites: Biology
107 & Chemistry 100L at
City College

The three science courses are mandatory for admission to the nursing education program, as required by the California Board of Registered Nursing. If a class is a required prerequisite, it must be taken before the course.

Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 in Anatomy, Physiology, and Microbiology. All courses must have a lab. Courses may be taken online, but they must include a lab component. As of March 22, 2023, recency of the science courses is no longer required.

To be eligible to apply, you must complete all prerequisites and general education courses with a minimum grade of “C” or better and a combined grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher. The nursing team utilizes a GPA calculator to calculate the GPAs.

As of June 6, 2024, no recency of science courses is required.

Applicants who have repeated science courses, such as Anatomy, Physiology, or Microbiology, will have only their highest grade included in the calculation of their science GPA. This approach allows students to demonstrate their best performance in these subjects without being penalized for past attempts.

General Education Courses

English 101 or higher

Psychology 101 (General Psychology or higher)

Math 119 Statistics or Math 119X or higher

Sociology 101, 110 or Sociology 145 (highly recommended) or Anthropology 103

Communications 103 (Oral Communication) or Communication 135 Interpersonal Communication

Humanities 3 units and Ethnic studies 3 units to graduate from City College not needed to apply

Students must complete the General Education requirements for the Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) before taking the National Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN). Each student must complete these courses in a timely manner. Students must complete all general education requirements to receive the points in the fixed set category in the Multicriteria Point System. Additional courses may be needed for transfer or to obtain a higher degree. Please check with counseling for those requirements. A student must complete the general education courses with a GPA of 2.5 or higher with grades shown on the student's transcript. All general education courses must be completed to apply to the nursing program. Students must complete three (3) units of Humanities to graduate from City College.

Psych 258 Behavioral Science Statistics – will be accepted for Statistics

Additional Courses for Transfer

ADDITIONAL COURSE TO TRANSFER

California State Universities (CSUs)	Proprietary (Private Non-Profit) Universities
English 205 or Phil 100 Math 119 or Psychology 258 Two more courses in Area C (see CSU general education), American Institutions, are required to graduate from CSU, unless a student has a BA or BS degree.	Math 119 or Psychology 258, 1 more Humanities

TEST OF ESSENTIAL ACADEMIC SKILLS (TEAS) POLICY

The TEAS test should be taken after completing the science and general education courses and after the student has prepared for the test. It must be the TEAS 7 version.

Students must pass the TEAS with an overall score of 62% to be eligible to apply to the nursing program. If a student does not pass the TEAS exam on the first attempt, the student must wait 30 days to retake the exam and meet with the Nursing Student Success Advisor to develop a remediation plan. There is no limit to the number of attempts on the TEAS exam. However, after the first attempt without a successful score, the student must undergo remediation with the Nursing Student Success Advisor. The Nursing Student Success Advisor can be reached at citynursing@sdccd.edu to discuss a remediation plan during the Fall and Spring semesters when classes are in session.

The TEAS Individual Profile must be uploaded to the application. All TEAS exam scores must be uploaded to the application. For example, if you have taken the TEAS exam more than once, **all** TEAS scores must be uploaded to the application. An example can be found on the next page. Proof of remediation must be uploaded to the application, or the student will be considered ineligible. **All TEAS exam reports must be sent to San Diego City College from ATI.**

The TEAS exam can be taken online or in person at any institution as long as the test is proctored. Information about the TEAS exam can be found at www.atitesting.com or call 1-800-667-7531.

Individual Performance Profile ATI TEAS, Version 7



Individual Name: **First Last**
Institution: **Program**
Program Type: **BSN**
Student Number: **123456789**

Test Date: **01/01/2021**
Attempt: **1 of 1**
Days Since Last Attempt: **0**

Scores

Total Score:

76.7%

Academic Preparedness Level: **Proficient**

National Mean: 65.6% All BSN Programs Mean: 70.4%

Reading Score:

80.9%

Math Score:

87.5%

Science Score:

66.0%

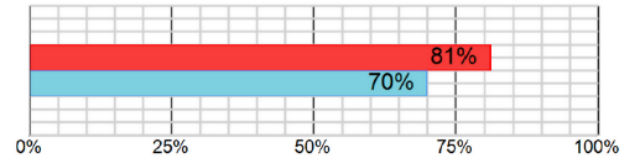
English and Language Usage Score:

79.2%

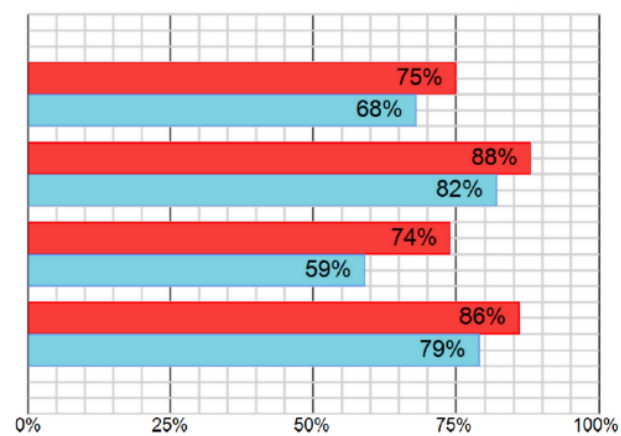
Content areas do not add up to the total score

Topics To Review

Percentile Rank: % of students who scored at or below your score



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National

All BSN Programs

Application Information

Students who meet the minimum requirements of the science courses (Anatomy, Physiology, and Microbiology) and the general education requirements (English, Statistics, Speech/Communication, Psychology, Behavioral or Social Science, or Anthropology) must fulfill all requirements to receive the points. The student must have a 2.5 GPA in the sciences and a 2.5 GPA in the general education to meet the minimum requirements. The TEAS exam with a score of 62% or higher will be eligible for the lottery system. Please see the multi-criteria point system on the following page.

The application is submitted online via the nursing education program website link. Applications are accepted online only; no paper documents will be accepted in person. No additional documents will be accepted after the applications close, with no exceptions. The application must be completed in full, as the system does not allow it to be saved. Always double-check to ensure that the application has been submitted with all required documents uploaded as a single PDF file. If a student submits two applications, only the most recent application will be reviewed. The committee will not combine scores from different applications.

All requirements submitted must be completed in its entirety, any document that is not complete, or does not have the students name will not be accepted and points will not be awarded.

- **City College Student ID:**

- **You must register with City College to obtain a student ID number, which is required to apply to the nursing program. Your City College student ID number is required on the application. Verify that your Student ID number is active before attempting to submit your application. The student ID you enter in the application must be a SDCCD student ID; otherwise, the application could be dismissed.**

- **Email:**

- Ensure the email address entered in the application is accurate, as this email will be used for all correspondence from the nursing education program.
- Please note that Yahoo email addresses often have compatibility issues with the school's system.

- **Transcripts:**

- Unofficial transcripts will be accepted for the application process. The transcript must include the student's name and the name of the college or university. If it does not include them, then official transcripts must be submitted.
- Transcripts from all schools must be uploaded to the application, including those from San Diego Community College District Schools: City, Mesa, and Miramar.
- All required courses must be completed and have a grade issued. Otherwise, the GPA cannot be calculated.
- No grade lower than a "C" will be accepted for all required courses.
- If you are using AP scores to fulfill a General Education (GE) requirement, please submit a copy of the score report. The nursing program does not accept college transcripts that include AP scores as credit.

ATI TEAS Exam

- The TEAS Version 7 was implemented on June 3, 2022. We only accept the TEAS 7 version.
- All copies of the attempted TEAS exams must be submitted, including prior expired versions and non-passing scores.
- You can download copies directly from your account on the ATI website.

Additionally, the student must send the TEAS transcript to San Diego City College from ATI.

Work/Volunteer Experience

- 100 hours minimum healthcare-related.
- Multiple experiences may be used to obtain the 100-hour minimum.
- Verification must be on the verification form and be signed by the supervisor or leadperson.
- No W-2 or paycheck stubs will be accepted.

Language Certification

- Must be on the Language Certification Form to be counted. Must be signed by a supervisor, a counselor, or a professor. Family signatures will not be accepted.
- Three upper-division courses in the same language would be counted toward the points.

Application Processing

- Application dates are on the website. All applications must be submitted prior to the date and time on the website. Applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.
- All documents must be in PDF format. No screenshots, no zip files, no Google Docs, or links from websites will be accepted. If the document is unreadable or cannot be opened, the points will not be applied.
- The application process takes several weeks to finish. Once your application is reviewed, you will be notified of your acceptance or denial through the email address you provided. To ensure you receive these notifications, please double-check that the email you entered is correct.

Application Checklist

The following is a list of documents required for the nursing education program application. Use this list as a guide to prepare and submit your documents, and double-check to ensure that all documents are submitted and readable.

The email address provided in the application is correct; this email will be the primary contact for all correspondence from the nursing education program.

- Government-issued photo identification
- Unofficial transcripts of academic degrees. The transcript must have the degree awarded to receive credit. A diploma will be accepted.
- Current LVN License if applicable. Must be current with expiration date.
- Current CNA license, or allied health license, or medical assistant certificate. All licenses must be current with an expiration date.
- All TEAS exams, including expired and unsuccessful attempts, must be uploaded to the application. Please see the example in this packet of the correct TEAS report and send it to San Diego City College.
- Language Proficiency Form
- ☐ Need to work during pre-requisites- Signed Work/Volunteer form, no written statements accepted
- ☐ Work or volunteer experience- Must be 100 hours within the past 3 years in the healthcare setting, documented on the work certification form- no written statements or letters.



CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN COORDINATION WITH NURSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (3 CNAC)

Admission to the program is determined by the multi-criteria point system established by the California Community College Chancellor's Office. Students must meet the minimum requirements to apply, after which their applications will be evaluated based on this point system.

The San Diego City College Nursing Program will utilize a lottery system for applicants. The minimum points required to apply are 75, and students must fulfill all required prerequisites as well as the TEAS exam qualifications. For more details, please refer to the informational packet.

Please refer to the multi-criteria admission system outlined on page 16.

CRITERIA	100 POINTS POSSIBLE	EXAMPLE OF POINT DISTRIBUTION
Academic degrees or college diplomas, or relevant certificates held by the applicant	10 POINTS MAXIMUM	Points are awarded for degrees earned in the United States from a regionally accredited college only. Academic degree (Associate's, Bachelor's, or Master's) = 5 points College diploma (3-year degree) = 5 points Current LVN License (downloaded from Breeze.gov) = 5 points Current CNA License or Current Allied Health License (EMT, Respiratory Therapist) or Allied Health Certificate (Phlebotomy, Medical Assistant) = 5 points Corpsman = 5 points (must provide transcripts) A Current License must be uploaded to the application. Certificates must be uploaded to the application.
Grade Point Average in relevant coursework (Science Prerequisites)	30 points maximum	Minimum 2.5 GPA in Anatomy, Physiology, and Microbiology. GPA 4.0 = 30 points GPA 3.5-3.99 = 28.5 points GPA 3.0-3.49 = 27 points GPA 2.5-2.99 = 25.5 points
Grade Point Average in "fixed set" coursework (General Education)	30 points maximum	Fixed set minimum GPA of 2.5: (English, Statistics, Speech/Communication, Psychology, Behavioral or Social Science/Anthropology) Must have all requirements to receive the points. GPA 4.0 = 30 points GPA 3.5-3.99 = 28.5 points GPA 3.0-3.49 = 27 points GPA 2.5-2.99 = 25.5 points
TEAS Exam (Test of Essential Academic Skills) Version 7 only	20 points maximum	Points will be awarded for a TEAS exam with an overall score of 62 % or higher.
Documented proficiency or advanced level of coursework in languages other than English.	5 points maximum	Proficiency in communicating in languages other than English, including American Sign Language. Provide upper-division language course information. Proof must be submitted on the SDCC language certification form, which can be obtained from the nursing education website. No letters will be accepted.
Relevant health-related work or health-related volunteer experience. Must be a minimum of 100 hours in the past three years.	5 points	This must be documented on the work/volunteer certification form on the website.
Life experience or special circumstances of an applicant, including but not limited to the following: a. Disabilities b. Difficult Personal c. Family Circumstances (Optional)	0 points	
Total Point	100	