San Diego City College Nursing Education

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

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Apply to the college and obtain a student ID number: https://www.opencccapply.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)

Licenses 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 completed 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.

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. Students who meet the minimum qualifications with 75 points will be placed in the lottery.

Expenses for the two-year program are about 8000-10,000 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. Ifa 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 by the clinical partners in coordination with the Nursing Advisory Council (3CNAC)

Additional Information:

The estimated cost of the program is approximately $8000-1000 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

Currently, we are not accepting transfer students from other nursing programs. 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

Anatomy (Biology 230) Prerequisite Biology 107 If taken at City College	Physiology (Biology 235) Prerequisite Biology 107 if taken at City College	MIcrobiology (Biology 205) Prerequisites: Biology 107 &Chemistry 100L if taken 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. It is the students' responsibility to ensure that the San Diego City College District approves the institution. As of March 22, 2023, recency of the science courses is no longer required.

To be eligible to apply, you must complete all prerequisites science courses with a minimum grade of "C" or better and a combined grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher.

Per the district policy, only the letter grade will be counted in the G.P.A calculation; the + or – will not be factored in the G.P.A calculation.

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. Courses completed must be from accredited institutions approved by the San Diego Community College District. It is the student's responsibility to check with the district to ensure that the course will be accepted.

English C1000
(formerly English 101)

Psychology C1000
(formerly Psych 101)

Statistics C1000
(formerly known as Math 119 and 119x)or
Psych 258

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

Communications 103 (Oral Communication) or Communication 135 Interpersonal Communication

Not required to apply

Humanities 3 units and Ethnic studies 3 units to graduate from City College

. Students must complete all general education requirements to receive points in the fixed-set category of 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 required general education course. **To be eligible to apply, you must complete all prerequisites science courses with a minimum grade of "C" or better and a combined grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher**. All general education courses must be completed to apply to the nursing program.

Per the district policy, only the letter grade will be counted in the G.P.A calculation; the + or – will not be factored in the G.P.A calculation

Psych 258 Behavioral Science Statistics – will be accepted for Statistics

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.

1. Students must pass the TEAS with an overall score of 62% to be eligible to apply to the nursing program.

2. If a student does not pass the TEAS exam on the first attempt, it is mandatory that the student must wait 30 days to retake the exam and do remediation. Students may self-remediate and must upload it to the application. If the remediation is not uploaded to the application, the applicant will be disqualified. Self-remediation is using the ATI TEAS study guide, using Khan Academy to study, taking a TEAS course at another college or university, using the San Diego Library, and other resources. If you used KhanAcademy.org, you would write a statement in a Word document about what you did to study and upload it to the application in the TEAS section.

Students can request to 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. 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.

3. All TEAS 7 results must be sent to San Diego City College from ATI directly; they will not be accepted in the application. All TEAS 7 versions must be sent directly from ATI. The student will upload the ATI receipt showing that the reports were requested to be sent to San Diego City College to the application. The receipt from ATI must be an official payment receipt. If the receipt does not look official, and the results have not been sent directly from ATI, the application will be disqualified.

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.

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 submitted requirements must be completed in full; any incomplete document or one without the student's name will not be accepted, and institution name 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 submitting your application. The student ID you enter in the application must be an 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. The student will be notified by email before the end of the semester in December of acceptance or non-acceptance to the nursing 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
- o The TEAS Version 7 was implemented on June 3, 2022. We only accept the TEAS 7 version. The student must send the TEAS transcript to San Diego City College from ATI.
- o The student will upload the receipt for payment to ATI to the application.

Work/Volunteer Experience
- o 100 hours minimum healthcare-related, within the last three years.
- o Multiple experiences may be used to obtain the 100-hour minimum.
- o Verification must be on the verification form and be signed by the supervisor or lead person.
- o No W-2 or paycheck stubs will be accepted.

Language Certification
- o 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.
- o Three upper-division courses in the same language would be counted toward the points.

Application Processing
- o 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.
- o 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.
- o 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.
- o No letters of recommendation will be accepted.

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 that all documents are submitted and readable.

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

- o Government-issued photo identification
- o All unofficial transcripts. The transcript must include the student's name and the institution's name to be accepted.
- o Current LVN License if applicable. Must be current with expiration date. Must have the State of California on the license.
- o Current California CNA license, or allied health license, or medical assistant certificate. All licenses must have an expiration date.
- o Send all TEAS 7 reports to San Diego City College directly from ATI. No reports are to be uploaded to the application. The ATI receipt will be uploaded to the application.
- o Language Proficiency Form
- o □ Work or volunteer experience- Must be 100 hours within the past 3 years in the healthcare setting, documented on the work certification form. Official letters from human resources are accepted.
- o No letters of recommendation will be reviewed.

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 below.

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: **Disabilities** **Difficult Personal** **Family Circumstances** **(Optional)**	0 points	
Total Points	100	