



**Santa Monica College ADN Generic Program Multi-Criteria Admission Requirements**

**Prerequisite Requirements:** Completion of Human Anatomy, Human Physiology, and Microbiology with a GPA of 2.5 or above (grade no less than a “C” in a course and no more than one repetition in any of these courses within the last 5 years at the time of application), and completion of college level transferable English, minimum of 3 semester units with a grade no less than a “C”.

Admission Criteria	Points	Point Distribution										
<p><b>Academic degrees:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>From regionally accredited U.S. colleges or universities or</li> <li>Foreign AS/AA or higher degree: To have foreign coursework credits evaluated- contact one of the SMC approved credential evaluation agencies and request a detailed equivalency report that indicates-for each course, its US semester equivalency, and the grade the student earned.</li> </ul>	<p>Maximum 5 points</p>	<p>Only 1 academic degree will be counted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AA/AS degree = <b>5 points</b></li> <li>BA or higher = <b>5 points</b></li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p><b>Please note:</b> Foreign coursework will NOT satisfy SMC AS/AA general education requirements for Area II, Social Science, Group A (American History/Government) and for Area IV, Language and Rationality, Group A (English Composition).</p>										
<p><b>Relevant work or volunteer experience</b> with direct human patient care within the past 5 years at time of application:</p> <p>Letter verifying employment/experience: <u>The letter must be on organization letterhead with an original signature and include:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The applicant’s name (must match name on application),</li> <li>Start and end date (if applicable),</li> <li>Employment status (full-time/part-time),</li> <li>Number of hours worked per week (or total hours worked from/to date),</li> <li>Job title, department if applicable, and</li> <li>Example of duties including human patient interaction.</li> <li>All information must be submitted by the applicant along with the application.</li> </ul>	<p>Maximum 10 points</p>	<p><b>Licensed Healthcare Worker</b>, e.g., LVN, Psych Tech, Paramedic, Respiratory Therapist, Radiologic Technician, Occupational Therapy Assistant, Physical Therapy Assistant, Medical Military Experience, etc.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work Experience ≥ 1000 hours = 10 points; 999-750 hours = 8 points; 749-500 hours = 6 points</li> <li>Submit copy of current license including your license number and date of expiration.</li> </ul> <p align="center"><b>OR</b></p> <p><b>Certified Healthcare Worker</b>, e.g., CNA, Home Health Aide, Medical Assistant, EMT, Phlebotomist, etc.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work experience ≥ 1000 hours = 8 points; 999-750 hours = 6 points; 749-500 hours = 4 points</li> <li>Submit copy of current certificate including your certificate number &amp; date of expiration.</li> </ul> <p align="center"><b>OR</b></p> <p><b>Other allied health employment/volunteer</b> with direct patient contact will be considered on a case by case basis, e.g., unit-based clerical, companion, healthcare volunteer program, etc.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work/Volunteer Experience ≥ 500 hours = 4 points; 499-200 hours = 2 points</li> </ul>										
<p><b>GPA in relevant course work Science Prerequisites:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anatomy, Physiology &amp; Microbiology are lecture &amp; lab courses only.</li> <li>Science lab courses must have an on ground component.</li> <li>All 3 science prerequisite courses must be completed within 5 years at the time of application.</li> <li>Courses attempted prior to 5 yrs from the time of application will not be considered in the science prerequisite GPA calculation and are excluded from science prerequisite repeat/withdrawal policy.</li> </ul>	<p>Maximum 40 points</p>	<p><b>Science Prerequisites</b> Anatomy, Microbiology and Physiology <b>GPA must be ≥ 2.5 (No rounding)</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>3.5 - 4.0</td> <td>40 points</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3.0 - 3.49</td> <td>35 points</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2.7 - 2.99</td> <td>20 points</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2.6 - 2.69</td> <td>10 points</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2.5 - 2.59</td> <td>0 points</td> </tr> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students may earn credit for course(s) completed at other accredited schools approved to be equivalent if course descriptions and syllabi are provided at the time of application.</li> </ul>	3.5 - 4.0	40 points	3.0 - 3.49	35 points	2.7 - 2.99	20 points	2.6 - 2.69	10 points	2.5 - 2.59	0 points
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<p><b>Withdrawal/Repeat Policy for Science Prerequisite Courses:</b> Only one repetition<sup>AB</sup> (excluding W) in the group of science prerequisite courses (Anatomy, Physiology and Microbiology) is allowed within the last 5 years at the time of application.</p> <p><sup>A</sup> A Nursing science prerequisite course repetition is defined as attempts in a course resulting in a grade or notation but not limited to P, CR, C-, D, F, AU, WF/FW, NP, IP, U or I.</p> <p><sup>B</sup> For any science prerequisite course in which a “C” or better was earned and repeated within the 5 year recency, the earliest course will be utilized.</p>	<p>Deducted Points: ____ # of W  ____ Points Deducted</p>	<p>Within the last 5 years at the time of application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For each Withdrawal (W) in a science prerequisite course = -3 points for each withdrawal</li> <li>Military Withdrawal (MW) is excluded from the point deduction</li> <li>Excused Withdrawal (EW) is excluded from the point deduction</li> </ul>										

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<p><b>Points for completed ADN relevant coursework:</b>  <b>ENGL 1, NURSNG 17, NURSNG 36</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Each course must be successfully completed with a grade of “C” or better.</li> <li>▪ For any course in which a “C” or better was earned and repeated, the earliest course will be utilized.</li> <li>▪ +/- will not be used in determining points.</li> <li>▪ Students may earn points for course(s) completed at other accredited schools approved to be equivalent if course descriptions and syllabi are provided at the time of application.</li> <li>▪ Course(s) in progress will not be used to determine points but may be used in the case of ties as one of several criteria in ranking.</li> </ul>	<p>Maximum 15 points</p>	<p><b>Grades earned:</b> “A” = 3 points; “B” = 2 points; “C” = 1 point  <b>Advanced Placement (AP)- English Score:</b> “5” = 3 points; “4” = 2 points; “3” = 1 point</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>ENGL 1</b> = grade/AP score_____/ points_____</li> <li>▪ <b>NURSNG 17</b> (Pharmacological Aspects of Nursing) = grade_____/ points_____</li> <li>▪ <b>NURSNG 36</b> (Calculations in Drugs and Solutions) = grade_____/ points_____</li> </ul> <p><b>Completion of required ADN relevant coursework areas:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ All areas completed = 6 points</li> <li>▪ 1 area remaining = 4 points</li> <li>▪ 2 areas remaining = 2 points</li> <li>▪ 3 areas remaining = 1 point</li> <li>▪ 4+ areas = 0 point</li> </ul>
<p><b>Life experience include:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Disabilities</li> <li>B. Low family income</li> <li>C. First generation of family to attend college</li> <li>D. Need to work</li> <li>E. Disadvantaged social or educational environment</li> <li>F. Difficult personal or family situations or circumstances</li> <li>G. Refugee</li> <li>H. Veteran status or eligible spouse</li> </ol> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Points will only be awarded in one area.</li> <li>▪ Applicants must be able to perform the Essential Functions for Student Nurses as defined in the SMC Nursing Student Handbook.</li> </ul>	<p>Maximum 3 points</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Proof of receiving college disability services from Disabled Student Services.</li> <li>B. Proof of eligibility or proof of financial aid, e.g., Board of Governors Fee Waiver (BOGW), Cal Grant, Pell Grant or other federal grant, CalWORKS. (DO NOT SUBMIT FAFSA applications or tax returns).</li> <li>C. Enter information explaining situation or circumstances on the SMC Nursing Program Application.</li> <li>D. One (1) paycheck stub during period enrolled in prerequisite course or letter from employer on letterhead stationary verifying employment at least part-time while completing prerequisites.</li> <li>E. Participation or eligibility for Extended Opportunity Programs and Services.</li> <li>F. Enter information explaining situation or circumstances on the SMC Nursing Program Application.</li> <li>G. Documentation of United States Citizens Immigration Service, e.g., I-94 card with Refugee Asylum Stamps or I-797 Notice of Action.</li> <li>H. Submit copy of DD-214 honorable discharge or alternate documentation per veterans and eligible spouses.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Proficiency in a second Language other than English:</b></p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Maximum 2 points</p>	<p>Student will self-identify on the SMC Nursing Program Application.  <b>Please note:</b> if at any time it is uncovered that the Nursing applicant/student is not proficient in the identified language during the course of the application process/program the student will be disqualified from consideration/dismissed from the Nursing program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 1 point = proficiency in speaking</li> <li>▪ 1 point = proficiency in reading and writing</li> </ul>
<p><b>Assessment and Readiness testing:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>NLN NEX testing-</b> First time NLN testing will be available through Santa Monica College.</li> <li>▪ <b>Only the first passing score of (≥160) will be counted for points.</b></li> <li>▪ NLN NEX may only be repeated one time following remediation.</li> </ul>	<p>Maximum 25 points</p>	<p><b>NLN NEX:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ NEX: 282-294 or higher      25 points</li> <li>▪ NEX: 238-281                      20 points</li> <li>▪ NEX: 185-237                      15 points</li> <li>▪ NEX: 160-184                      10 points</li> </ul>

Students seeking admission to the nursing program must meet ALL requirements for admission. All verification and proof must accompany application to be considered. Changes to the admission criteria may occur. Updates will be posted on the nursing program website as soon as possible after a change has occurred. [www.smc.edu/Nursing](http://www.smc.edu/Nursing).