

PREPARATION FOR THE MAJOR

Coursework in social/behavioral/biological sciences, humanities, language/rationality forms the broad educational base for the practice of nursing. Coursework in the nursing major, taken in four semesters, prepares the student in skill acquisition and nursing knowledge in the care, support, and management of illness states as well as the promotion of health. Nursing coursework includes clinical nursing laboratory experiences in a variety of clinical settings.

Students seeking admission to the Nursing Program must meet ALL of the following criteria:

- ✓ An overall grade point average of 2.5 for the Human Anatomy, Human Physiology and Microbiology prerequisite courses, taken in the last 5 years, with no grade less than "C" for each course and no more than one repetition/withdrawal of any of these courses. You may repeat one of these courses.
- ✓ College level, transferable English, minimum of (3) semester units with a grade no less than a "C".
- ✓ A cumulative grade point average of 2.5 for ALL college coursework taken.
- ✓ Good standing status at Santa Monica College (academic and in-progress)
- ✓ Meet the minimum physical qualifications & essential functions. *
- ✓ Must have a negative criminal background check.
- ✓ Must take and achieve the required score on a CA Chancellor's Office approved Admissions Assessment.
- ✓ Students must have a valid Social Security Number.

* See Essential Functions Required of Nursing Students
www.smc.edu/nursing/majorpreparation.htm

Students should be prepared to spend approximately \$1,000 the first semester for books, equipment and uniforms. The estimated cost of the entire nursing program over two years is \$3,000-\$4,000.

Requirements for Admission are subject to change

ENROLLMENT IN THE NURSING PROGRAM IS OPEN TO PERSONS REGARDLESS OF SEX, AGE, MARITAL STATUS, DISABILITY, ETHNIC GROUP, RELIGION OR NATIONAL ORIGIN.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Main campus and mailing address:

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For information regarding the LVN-ADN Program, please see specific brochure.

PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY MAY NOT QUALIFY FOR LICENSURE TO PRACTICE NURSING IN CALIFORNIA. FOR FURTHER DETAILS, STUDENTS MUST CONTACT THE ASSOCIATE DEAN OF HEALTH SCIENCES.



Associate Degree in Nursing Program

*Changing Lives Through
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Santa Monica College offers an Associate Degree Nursing Program that prepares students to meet the standards of the California Board of Registered Nursing. This program is approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing and accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission.

Upon completion of the nursing program, graduates receive their Associate in Arts Degree - Nursing Major and are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) to become a Registered Nurse. Santa Monica College Nursing Majors are encouraged to follow a transfer curriculum course of study that will enable the student to transfer to BSN Programs.

Tel: 310-434-3450
www.smc.edu/nursing

ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN NURSING MAJOR CURRICULUM

PRE-PREPARATION

High School Chemistry/Chemistry 10*

REQUIREMENT

12TH grade reading level

PRE-REQUISITE REQUIREMENTS (16 units)

- ◆ English 1 (3)
- ◆ Anatomy 1 (4)
- ◆ Physiology 3 (4)
- ◆ Microbiology 1 (5)

All science courses must be completed in the last 5 years

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS (19 units)

- ◆ Nursing 17 (3)
- ◆ Nursing 36 (1)
- ◆ Speech 5 (3)
- ◆ Psychology 19 (3)
- ◆ Sociology 1 (3)
- ◆ Social Science -Group A (3) (See * below)
- ◆ Global Citizenship/Humanities (3) (See ** below)
- ◆ Math Requirement (3) ***

REQUIRED NURSING COURSES

1st Term/Semester (8 units)

First 8 weeks

Nursing 10, Nursing Skills (2)
Nursing 10L, Nursing Skills Laboratory (2)
Nursing 36, Dosage Calculations -
(see Grad Requirements)

Second 8 weeks

Prerequisites: Nursing 10/10L, Nursing 36
Nursing 15, Nursing Fundamentals (2)
Nursing 15L, Nursing Fundamentals Laboratory (2)

2nd Term/Semester (9 units)

First 8 weeks

Prerequisites: Nursing 15/15L; Corequisite: Nursing 17
Nursing 20, Introduction to Med/Surgical Nursing (2)
Nursing 20L, Introduction to Med/Surgical Nursing
Laboratory (2)

Second 8 weeks

Prerequisites: Nursing 20/20L
Nursing 25, Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing (1.5)
Nursing 25L, Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing
Laboratory (1.5)
Nursing 28, Community-Based Nursing (1) Concurrent
with N25/25L +
Nursing 16, Physical Assessment (1) Concurrent with
N25/25L +

3rd Term/Semester (10 units)

First 8 weeks

**Prerequisites: Nursing 25/25L, Nursing 16,
Nursing 28, Nursing 17**
Nursing 30, Intermediate Med/Surgical
Nursing (2.5)
Nursing 30L, Intermediate Med/Surgical
Nursing Laboratory (2.5)

Second 8 weeks

Prerequisites: Nursing 30, Nursing 30L
Nursing 35, Advanced Medical/Surgical Nursing
(2.5)
Nursing 35L, Advanced Medical/Surgical
Nursing Laboratory (2.5)

4th Term/Semester (9 units)

Prerequisites: Psychology 19, Nursing 35/35L
Nursing 40, Nursing of Children/ Pediatrics (1.5)
Nursing 40L, Nursing of Children/Pediatrics
Laboratory (1.5)

Nursing 45, Maternal/ Infant Nursing (1.5)
Nursing 45L, Maternal/Infant Nursing
Laboratory (1.5)

Prerequisites: All other coursework in approved nursing curriculum

Nursing 50, Professional Role Transition (1)
Nursing 50L, Professional Role Transition
Laboratory (2)

71 TOTAL UNITS

- Prerequisite to Physiology & Microbiology at SMC
- + Must be completed by the end of 2nd sem
- * Hist 10 (may also satisfy Global Citizenship requirement)/11/12/15/45/46; Econ 15; Pol Sci 1
- ** Art 72/Dance 2/English 10/Music 33/Music 37/Cinema 7/Speech 4
- *** Could be met by Math Assessment or Math Proficiency Test. For details, visit: www.smc.edu/transfer/articulation/aa_degree.pdf or see a Counselor

All courses in the approved nursing curriculum must be passed with a minimum "C" grade to remain in the program, progress to the next course, graduate and apply for licensure. Prerequisites to a nursing course must be completed prior to entry into designated class. Some courses can be taken prior to entry into designated class.

SMC ADN requirements must be taken prior to graduation.

Visit SMC Counseling Department's website for detailed articulation information:

www.smc.edu/transfer/articulation

APPLICATION & ACCEPTANCE PROCEDURE

- ✓ Students may apply for admission to the SMC Nursing Program **after they have successfully completed all of the prerequisites.** Contact the Health Sciences Dept or check the website for an appointment to apply 310.434.3450
- ✓ Official college transcripts from ALL colleges attended, including high school or GED equivalence, must be sent directly from the colleges to Admissions & Records -1900 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica, CA. 90405.
- ✓ Once a student has officially applied, their name will be placed on our waitlist.
- ✓ Once placed on the waitlist, applicants must take and achieve the required Admissions Assessment score.
- ✓ Accepted applicants will receive an acceptance letter for Fall or Spring. Approx 50 students are accepted each semester and are notified by mail.
- ✓ Applicants are responsible to notify the Health Sciences Department of any changes that may affect their eligibility status. This includes official transcripts, change in address or phone, and any documentation that is essential for determination of readiness to begin the nursing program. Inactive files are destroyed after four semesters.
- ✓ **Advanced Placement/Transfer students** must schedule an appointment with a nursing counselor in order to discuss their eligibility. Transfer students are required to meet the same standard for admission in addition to successful completion of Nursing 19. There are limited spaces for this type of entry.