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 three 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 2.7 for the Human Anatomy, Human Physiology and Microbiology pre-requisite courses (at least 4 semester units of each) 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”.
- Completion of Nursing 19 at SMC with a “C” grade or better.
- A cumulative grade point average of 2.7 for ALL college coursework taken.
- Good standing status at Santa Monica College (academic and in-progress)
- Meet the minimum physical qualifications & essential functions of Nursing students [www.smc.edu/nursing/majorpreparation.htm](http://www.smc.edu/nursing/majorpreparation.htm)
- Must have a negative criminal background check and drug screen.
- Must take and achieve the required score on a CA Chancellor’s Office approved Admissions Assessment.
- Students must have a valid Social Security Number or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN).
- Must have valid CA LVN license, IV Certification and one year’s experience in direct patient care within the past two years.

Students should be prepared to spend approximately $1,000-$2000 for the entire Nursing Program.

**Requirements for Admission are subject to change**
# Associate Degree in Nursing Major Curriculum

## Pre-Preparation

Chemistry 10* or Chemistry 19

## Required Prerequisites (18 units)

- English 1 (3 units)
- Anatomy 1 (4 units)
- Physiology 3 (4 units)
- Microbiology 1 (5 units)
- Nursing 19 (2 units)

## Graduation Requirements (21 units)

- Nursing 17, Pharmacological Aspects of Nursing (3)
- Sociology 1 (3)
- Communication Studies 11 or 35 (3)
- Nursing 17, Pharmacological Aspects of Nursing (3) +
- Math Requirement (3) (See * below)

## Math Requirement (3) (See * below)

- Sociology 1 (3)
- Group A (3) (See ** below)
- Math Requirement (1) (See *** below)

### LVN 30-Unit Option

No degree granted; Limitations outside CA; IV Therapy Certification Required

## REQUIRED PREREQUISITES

Nursing 19 (2 units); Physiology 3 (4 units); Microbiology 1 (5 units)

### Nursing 25, Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing (1.5)

Nursing 25L, Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing Lab (1.5)

### Nursing 28, Community-Based Nursing (1) +

### Nursing 16, Physical Assessment (1) +

### Nursing 35, Advanced Medical-Surgical Nursing (2.5)

### Nursing 35L, Advanced Medical-Surgical Nursing Lab (2.5)

### Nursing 40, Nursing of Children (1.5)

### Nursing 40L, Nursing of Children (1.5)

### Nursing 45, Women’s Health Care (1.5)

### Nursing 45L, Women’s Health Care Laboratory (1.5)

### Nursing 50, Professional Role Transition (1)

### Nursing 50L, Professional Role Transition Lab (2)

### 30 TOTAL UNITS

- Prerequisite to Physiology & Microbiology at SMC
- Must be completed by the end of 1st Term

### 60 TOTAL UNITS

- Prerequisite to Physiology & Microbiology at SMC
- Must be completed by the end of 1st Term

### 3rd Term/Semester

- Prerequisite: Psychology 19, Nursing 35 & 35L

### Nursing 35, Advanced Medical-Surgical Nursing (2.5)

### Nursing 35L, Advanced Medical-Surgical Nursing Lab (2.5)

### Nursing 40, Nursing of Children (1.5)

### Nursing 40L, Nursing of Children (1.5)

### Nursing 45, Women’s Health Care (1.5)

### Nursing 45L, Women’s Health Care Laboratory (1.5)

### Nursing 50, Professional Role Transition (1)

### Nursing 50L, Professional Role Transition Lab (2)

### 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 310.434.3453
- 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.
- After successful completion of Nursing 19, applicants must meet with the Associate Dean of Health Sciences.
- Once a student has officially applied, their name will be placed on our waitlist for the appropriate Nursing course.
- 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.
- 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.
- Students with foreign course work completed may require additional transcript evaluation. Please check with a nursing counselor.

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**Enrollment in the Nursing Program is open to persons regardless of sex, age, marital status, disability, ethnic group, religion or national origin.**

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