Santa Monica College ADN Generic Program Multicriteria Admission Requirements

Prerequisite Requirements: Completion of Human Anatomy, Human Physiology, and Microbiology with a GPA of 2.3 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
Academic Degrees ▪ From regionally accredited U.S. colleges or universities **or** ▪ 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 each course, its U.S. semester unit equivalency, and the grade the student earned. Note, foreign coursework will NOT satisfy all general education requirements.	Maximum 5 points	Only 1 academic degree will be counted: ▪ AA/AS degree = 5 points ▪ BA or higher = 5 points
Relevant Work or Volunteer Experience with direct human patient care within the past 5 years at time of application. Letter(s) verifying employment/experience is required. The letter(s) must be on organization letterhead with an original signature and include: ▪ The applicant's name (must match name on application), ▪ Start and end date (if applicable), ▪ Employment status (full-time/part-time), ▪ Number of hours worked per week (or total hours worked from/to date), ▪ Job title, department if applicable, and ▪ Example of duties including human patient interaction. ▪ All information must be submitted by the applicant along with the application.	Maximum 10 points	**Licensed Healthcare Worker**, e.g., LVN, Psych Tech, Paramedic, Respiratory Therapist, Radiologic Technician, Occupational Therapy Assistant, Physical Therapy Assistant, Medical Military Experience, etc.: ▪ Work Experience ≥ 1000 hours = 10 points; 999-750 hours = 8 points; 749-500 hours = 6 points ▪ Submit copy of current license including your license number and date of expiration. **OR** **Certified Healthcare Worker**, e.g., CNA, Home Health Aide, Medical Assistant, EMT, Phlebotomist, etc.: ▪ Work experience ≥ 1000 hours = 8 points; 999-750 hours = 6 points; 749-500 hours = 4 points ▪ Submit copy of current certificate including your certificate number & date of expiration. **OR** **Other allied health employment/volunteer** with direct patient contact will be considered on a case by case basis, e.g., unit-based clerical, companion, healthcare volunteer program, etc.: ▪ Work/Volunteer Experience ≥ 500 hours = 4 points; 499-200 hours = 2 points
GPA in relevant course work Science Prerequisites ▪ Anatomy, Physiology & Microbiology are lecture & lab courses only. ▪ Science lab courses must have an on-ground component. ▪ All 3 science prerequisite courses must be completed within 5 years at the time of application. ▪ 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.	Maximum 40 points	**Science Prerequisites** Anatomy, Microbiology and Physiology **GPA must be ≥ 2.3 (no rounding)** 3.5 - 4.0 40 points 3.0 - 3.49 35 points 2.7 - 2.99 20 points 2.5 - 2.69 15 points 2.3 - 2.49 10 points ▪ 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.
Withdrawal/Repeat Policy for Science Prerequisite Courses ▪ Students may repeat only one science prerequisite course (Anatomy, Physiology, or Microbiology) within the last 5 years at the time of application. Withdrawals (W) are not counted as a repeat. ▪ A repeat is defined as any additional attempt in the same course that results in a grade or notation (including but not limited to P, CR, C, C-, D, F, AU, WF/FW, NP, IP, U or I). ▪ If a student uses their one allowed repeat to retake a science prerequisite in which they originally earned a C, the higher grade from the repeat may be counted in the GPA calculation. ▪ If a student earns a C or higher in another science prerequisite and repeats it within the 5-year period, the first attempt will be counted, since their one allowed repeat has already been used.	Deducted Points: _____ # of W _____ Points Deducted	Within the last 5 years at the time of application: ▪ For each Withdrawal (W) in a science prerequisite course = -3 points for each withdrawal ▪ Military Withdrawal (MW) is excluded from the point deduction ▪ Excused Withdrawal (EW) is excluded from the point deduction

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Completed ADN Relevant Coursework ENGL C1000, NURSNG 17, NURSNG 36 ▪ Each course must be successfully completed with a grade of "C" or better. ▪ For any course in which a "C" or better was earned and repeated, the earliest course will be utilized. ▪ +/- will not be used in determining points. ▪ 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. ▪ 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.	Maximum 15 points	(9 points) Completion of required ADN relevant coursework, which include: ▪ **ENGL C1000** (Academic Reading and Writing) = grade/AP score_____/ points_____ ▪ **NURSNG 17** (Pharmacological Aspects of Nursing) = grade_____/ points_____ ▪ **NURSNG 36** (Calculations in Drugs and Solutions) = grade_____/ points_____ ▪ Grades earned: "A" = 3 points; "B" = 2 points; "C" = 1 point ▪ Advanced Placement (AP) English Score: "5" = 3 points; "4" = 2 points; "3" = 1 point (6 points) Completion of additional required ADN relevant coursework areas, which include: ▪ **COMM C1000** (Introduction to Public Speaking) or **COM ST 35** (Interpersonal Communication) *Note: COMM C1000 (formerly known as COM ST 11) must be completed Summer 2013 or later* ▪ **PSYCH 19** (Lifespan Human Development) ▪ **SMC General Education Areas 1B, 2, 3, 6,** and **7** ▪ All area completed = 6 points | 1 area remaining = 4 points | 2 areas remaining = 2 points 3 areas remaining = 1 point | 4+ areas remaining = 0 point
Life Experience A. Low family income B. First generation of family to attend college C. Need to work D. Disadvantaged social or educational environment E. Difficult personal or family situations or circumstances F. Refugee G. Veteran status or eligible spouse H. Living in a medically underserved area or population, as designated by the federal Health Resources and Services Administration ▪ Points will only be awarded in one area. ▪ Applicants must be able to perform the Essential Functions for Student Nurses as defined in the SMC Nursing Student Handbook.	Maximum 3 points	A. 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). B. Enter information explaining situation or circumstances on the SMC Nursing Program Application. C. One (1) paycheck stub during period enrolled in prerequisite course or letter from employer on letterhead stationery verifying employment at least part-time while completing prerequisites. D. Participation or eligibility for Extended Opportunity Programs and Services. E. Enter information explaining situation or circumstances on the SMC Nursing Program Application. F. Documentation of United States Citizens Immigration Service, e.g., I-94 card with Refugee Asylum Stamps or I-797 Notice of Action. G. Submit copy of DD-214 honorable discharge or alternate documentation per veterans and eligible spouses. H. View if your permanent address is designated as a medically underserved area designated by the federal Health Resources and Services Administration using THIS ONLINE TOOL.
Proficiency in a second Language other than English	Maximum 2 points	Student will self-identify on the SMC Nursing Program Application. **Please note**: 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. ▪ 1 point = proficiency in speaking ▪ 1 point = proficiency in reading and writing
Assessment and Readiness testing: ▪ **NLN NEX testing** - available through Santa Monica College. ▪ Applicants are allowed **one attempt during the admissions cycle**. Reapplicants are allowed a second attempt only. The highest score of the first two attempts will be counted for points. ▪ Applicants that do not achieve a passing score will be required to complete Readiness.	Maximum 25 points	**NLN NEX:** ▪ NEX: 282-294 or higher 25 points ▪ NEX: 238-281 20 points ▪ NEX: 185-237 15 points ▪ NEX: 160-184 10 points NLN NEX **passing score of 160 or higher** is required for admissions consideration

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).