

Frequently Asked Questions – FAQs

Nursing: Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN = RN Registered Nursing)

Q. What are the ADN program prerequisites?

A. http://www.sbccc.edu/nursing/adn/application_requirements.php

Q. Do I have to complete the prerequisites prior to applying?

A. Yes, and the grades must be posted on the transcripts at the time of application.

Q. Where can I find more information regarding the multi-criteria selection process?

A. <http://www.sbccc.edu/nursing/adn/MulticriteriaADNProgramAdmission.pdf>

Q. Can I retake Nursing prerequisites to try to earn a higher grade?

A. Yes. We will accept the highest grade earned. We do not average grades. We only accept coursework completed at regionally accredited institutions.

Q. Can I retake Nursing prerequisite (s) at SBCC if I have already completed the prerequisite (s) at SBCC with a grade of C or better?

A. There are only a few circumstances that may be approved to allow a student to retake a class that they have already earned a C or better at SBCC. Please go to this link for instructions: <http://www.sbccc.edu/admissions/files/Petition%20for%20Course%20RepetitionCorBetterMar2012.pdf>

Q. Do you have a recency policy for the Nursing prerequisites or general education?

A. No.

Q. I have completed several qualifying college level Math. Which Math will be used as part of the multi-criteria point system?

A. We will use the highest grade earned in a qualifying Math class (Math 107 Intermediate Algebra OR higher college level Math).

Q. I have completed SBCC Math assessment test and scored at college level Math (e.g. Math 117, 114, Math 120, etc.) can this be used or in place of completing a college level Math class?

A. Yes, but only the first or second Math assessment test score is considered. One year (365 days) has to have passed since your first Math assessment test. If your first or second Math assessment test score places you into college level Math, then it is calculated as an A grade.

Q. Which English class do you used as part of the multi-criteria point system?

A. We only use English Composition/Reading college level class or the equivalent. We do not use any other college level English class.

Q. Can I use AP score for Criteria #6 Languages other than English ?

A. We only accept AP scores of 3 or higher. However, the AP score may need to be higher than score of 3 to show completion of fourth level/semester of a particular language. For example, for Spanish you would need a AP Spanish score of 5 for equivalency of SBCC Spanish 104.

Q. Is an W (withdraw) counted as a repeat for the Nursing prerequisites?

A. No. Only the following substandard letter grades are counted: D, F or FW.

Q: Can I retake the TEAS TEST?

A: No. Results from the first TEAS attempt only are accepted. The SBCC ADN program currently receives a grant from the California Community College Chancellor's Office. The conditions of the grant require us to follow these regulations. The grant stipulates that we are required to accept the first ATI TEAS attempt. Therefore, additional TEAS attempts taken with the intent to raise an applicant's score will not be accepted.

Q: Which version of the TEAS test are we accepting?

A: The sixth version, which is called ATI TEAS is the only version accepted. Note: Only the first TEAS taken is accepted. This is a condition of a grant received to pay for the TEAS tests taken at SBCC.

Q. Can I use AP scores for Nursing prerequisites?

A. Yes, but only score of 3 or higher. We will use the AP in place of a completed equivalent college class for a Nursing prerequisite. The AP will be calculated as an A grade.

Q. Do I need to make an appointment in order to submit my application?

A. No. Applications may be mailed to: SBCC, School of Nursing, 721 Cliff Drive, Santa Barbara, CA 93109, or brought in person to the Health Technologies Office during open hours, which are Mondays through Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Note: during the summer months, the office may be closed at times due to staff vacations, etc. In that case, applications may be brought to the Information Desk/mail room located in the Administration building in the main hallway on the first floor.

Q. Do I have to complete general education requirements prior to applying?

A. It is highly recommended to complete all general education requirements before you apply. If you are offered admittance you will begin the program the following semester. It is not recommended to complete your general education requirements during the nursing program. There is no wait list nor deferment.

Q. Which general education courses do I need to complete?

A. Please go to this link for more information; page two lists the general education courses: <http://www.sbcc.edu/articulation/aa-as/nursing.pdf>

Note: Specific general education to SBCC's ADN: Intro to Sociology-Soc 101 or Cultural Anthropology 103-Anth 103, Intro to Psychology-Psy 100, and Oral Communication-Comm 131, Comm 121 or Comm 141. Please review the general education sheet for other areas of general education required for the Associate Degree: <https://catalog.sbcc.edu/degrees-certificates-awards/>

Q. What can I do if I am not offered admittance?

A. Application evaluation results from applicants who are not selected for the specified entry cohort will be retained for a period of two years. If you wish for your application to be included during each subsequent application period, the applicant must submit to the Health Technologies Office a signed "Intent to Be Included in Selection Pool" form, new ADN application, and supporting documentation form, if applicable, in order to be included in the selection pool for that specified entry cohort. This form is available on the website: http://www.sbcc.edu/nursing/adn/application_requirements.php

Q. When can I apply?

A. Applications are accepted during two application cycles per year:
For Fall cohort entry, the application cycle is January 15 through February 15
(both generic ADN and LVN to ADN)
For Spring cohort entry, the application cycle is June 15 through July 8
(generic ADN only)

Q. Do you offer information meeting?

A. Yes, the dates are found here: http://www.sbcc.edu/nursing/adn/info_meetings.php

Q. Are information meetings required in order to apply?

A. No.

Q. What is the program cost?

A. Cost is estimated at about \$6,500.