SADDLEBACK COLLEGE

School of Health & Wellness
Associate Degree in Nursing Information Packet

PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATION & ADMISSION

Applicant Eligibility occurs when the following has been met:

➢ **Be at least 18 years of age at time of admission.**

➢ **Possess a social security card or ITIN (Individual Taxpayer Identification Number), to enable a background check to be completed and to be eligible to apply for NCLEX licensure upon program completion.**

➢ **Completion of all three science prerequisites: *Bio 11- Human Anatomy, *Bio 12- Human Physiology (must be completed within 7 years upon applying), *Bio 15- General Microbiology, with a 2.8 GPA or above. We only accept online courses from 2020-22 due to the pandemic. Otherwise, the prereqs cannot be taken online. They can be hybrid-lecture online, but the lab has to be in person.**

➢ **Completion of *English 1A- Principles of Composition I or the equivalent with a grade of "C" or better.**

*The prerequisite courses cannot be in progress and must be COMPLETED with a grade reflecting on your transcript at time of application, to be eligible to apply.

➢ **Taken and passed the ATI TEAS exam version 7 with a 62% or higher (either proctored online or in seat does not matter which institution you take it with). No longer accepting version 6. If you do not pass the exam, you should remediate and wait to retest approx. 365 days from previous attempt. If you pass the exam but want to earn a higher score you need to wait to approx. 365 days from previous attempt to retest.**

We recommend you wait to take the ATI TEAS exam AFTER you have completed all of your RN prerequisites and the math requirement for an AA/AS degree.

How are students selected for admittance into the RN Program?

The multi-criteria for enrollment is used to determine who will enter the RN program. Students are ranked according to their points. The criteria consist of 100 total points. The top 50-55 students with the highest points will be invited into the program. We average anywhere from 200-300 applications each application period (Spring/Fall). The point cut off varies with each application period. In the event of a tiebreaker, candidates will be ranked from highest to lowest in the following order:

1. Completion of relevant Nursing coursework:
   - N 160- Pharmacology
   - N 161- Lifecycle I, Fundamentals of Aging
   - N 165- Lifecycle II, Growth & Development
   - Psychology I
   - Communication Studies (formerly Speech) 1 or 5
   - Math requirement for AA/AS or higher
2. GPA of three science pre-requisites (Anatomy, Microbiology, Physiology)
3. Overall ATI TEAS score
4. Work Experience

SADDLEBACK COLLEGE ADN PROGRAM MULTI-CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION

Work Experience / Maximum Points = 15 pts

Must have some work experience in the last 5 years with a current license in ONE of the following:

- **LVN** (Licensed Vocational Nurse)
- **CNA** (Certified Nurse Assistant)
- **EMT-P** (Paramedic)
- **EMT** (Emergency Medical Technician)
- **Respiratory Therapist**
  = 15 pts

Must have BOTH some work experience in the last 5 years and current license to earn full points (no partial points will be given).

Include with your application:

1. Copy of valid current license.
2. Letter from employer verifying employment dates on our template.

GPA of Biology Prerequisites (Anatomy, Physiology, and Microbiology)/ Maximum Points = 30 pts

Must have a 2.8 GPA or higher to qualify (No Rounding). We encourage students to meet with a counselor to ensure they meet the requirements.

- **4.0 GPA = 30 pts**
- **3.6-3.9 GPA = 25 pts**
- **3.3-3.5 GPA = 20 pts**
- **3.0-3.2 GPA = 15 pts**
- **2.8 GPA = 5 pts**

Note: Official transcript must be on file with Admissions & Records where prerequisite courses were taken.

Life experience (All students receive) / Maximum Points = 3 pts

Academic Degrees/ Maximum Points = 5 pts

Academic Degrees from regionally accredited program. International transcripts must be evaluated by 3rd party.

- **BS/BA or higher = 5 pts**
  OR
- **AS/AA = 2 pts**

Include with application:

1. A copy of unofficial transcript where degree was earned.

Official transcript must also be on file with Admissions & Records where Degree was earned.

Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) Score/ Maximum Points = 25 pts

Must have a score of 62% of higher to qualify. We accept the first passing score within approx. 365 days.

- **85-100% = 25 pts**
- **78-84.9% = 20 pts**
- **71-77.9% = 15 pts**
- **64-70.9% = 10 pts**
- **62-63.9% = 5 pts**

Official transcript must be on file with Admissions & Records where prerequisites were taken.

Completion of relevant Nursing Coursework/ Maximum Points = 20 pts

No in work in progress will be awarded points:

- **Pharmacology = 5 pts**
- **Lifecycle I, Fundamentals of Aging = 3 pts**
- **Lifecycle II, Growth & Development = 3 pts**
- **Psychology I = 3 pts**
- **Communications studies (Speech I or 5) = 3 pts**
- **Math requirement for AA/AS or higher = 3 pts**

To verify course equivalencies, speak with a counselor prior to applying to determine if you need to fill out a course petition. If course not on approved list, student will need to fill out a petition for course substitution/ waiver form. These should be submitted early to allow time to be processed.

Include with your application:

1. Copy of unofficial transcript where relevant Nursing coursework was completed.

Official transcript must also be on file with Admissions & Records where relevant nursing coursework was taken.

Second Language Proficiency/ Maximum Points = 2 pts

May use **ONE** of the following for verification & must include with application to earn points:

- Letter from professor, supervisor, or clergy on formal letterhead verifying 2nd language proficient in.
- If native/fluent in 2nd language, you may attach unofficial transcripts from foreign school.
- Unofficial high school transcript showing completion of 3 years in the same language with a "C" or better.
- Unofficial college transcript showing completion of 2 years in the same language with a "C" or better.
- Official AP score of 3+

  = 2 pts

Cannot combine HS/College transcripts. Do not accept self-written letters as verification.

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Steps to take prior to applying to the ADN Program

Students who have been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony are required to disclose this information on their application to take the RN licensure exam. A conviction may affect your eligibility to take this exam. Students who have concerns about these circumstances should speak with the Nursing Program Director or contact the Board of Registered Nursing before starting the nursing program.

1. If you are not student at Saddleback College or IVC, complete an application online. You will need a student ID to fill out the nursing application.

2. Submit all official (unopened) relevant transcripts from other colleges/universities other than Saddleback/IVC/ATEP to Admissions & Records before you submit your nursing application. This includes any high school AP scores being used for course credit. Previously submitted transcripts are kept on file and do not need to be resubmitted unless additional relevant nursing coursework is completed. International transcripts must be evaluated by an acceptable third party, at https://www.naces.org/member

3. Set up an appointment to speak with a counselor at (949) 582-4572 to ensure you meet the requirements to apply to the RN program and to discuss any additional courses you may need to take.

    Nursing Application Support is available if you would like assistance with:
    ➢ Completing your Nursing Application
    ➢ Submitting or confirming course substitutions for nursing prerequisites and supplemental courses.
    ➢ Confirming equivalent courses for nursing prerequisites and supplemental courses.
    ➢ Confirming the number of points, you currently are eligible for.

Join Counselors either in person or on zoom Tuesdays & Thursdays 9am-7pm: 1/23, 1/25, 1/30, 2/1, 2/6, 2/8.

In Person: Come to the Counseling Office SSC 167 (until 1/25) they will be moving to Gateway 201 as of 1/30 and a counselor will be able to support you.

Via Zoom: Zoom Link / Meeting ID: 856 7098 9309 / Passcode: 545931

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4. Start gathering the documents that you will be submitting with your application, such as:
    -   Unofficial copy of your transcripts showing where you took the prerequisites and any relevant coursework, including where your degree was earned if applicable, (official transcripts should also be on file with A&R if taken outside of Saddleback/IVC)
    -   Unofficial copy of your ATI TEAS score (can obtain a copy through your ATI account)
    -   If you are proficient in a 2nd language, you will need to upload proof of verification. Examples of documentation we accept can be found on the multicriteria for enrollment.
    -   If licensed as an LVN, LPT, CNA, EMT, EMT-P, or Respiratory Therapist you will need to include a copy of your license (must be valid). No other licenses will be accepted.
    -   If you have some work experience within the last 5 years as any of the job duties listed above, please have your employer fill out our employment verification form.

It is to the student's advantage to complete the following required courses prior to entering the RN program as they be used to earn points:

5. N 165 (formerly Gerontology 101) Fundamentals of Aging
6. N 160 Pharmacology
7. N 161 Growth & Development
8. Communications (formerly Speech) 1 or 5
9. Psychology 1
10. Math requirement to fulfill AA/AS degree or higher.

If these courses are not completed prior to entering the program, they must be completed concurrently with 1st, 2nd and 4th semesters of the program as indicated in the nursing program curriculum.

Application

Applications are accepted twice a year, typically January for Fall entry and June for Spring entry, check website for exact dates. No application will be accepted via email, by mail or in person. A link to apply will become available on our website once the application period has arrived. We are using Submittable, an online platform to accept applications. Students will have the ability to access the application and upload the necessary documents required in various file formats. Students will also be given the opportunity while the application period is active to work on the application little at a time and save their work, until ready to submit. Once submitted, should a student need to make a change they can request to open the application for editing.

All communication regarding the application will be sent through the student's Submittable account, including the status of your application. **Make sure when you register to create an account with Submittable during the application period, that you use a personal valid email address as all communication regarding the application and acceptance will be sent there.** It is the student's responsibility to ensure they are checking their account for updates. If not accepted into the program, we encourage students to re-apply. We do not have a waiting list.

What to Expect Once Invited into the Program

Once invited into the program, the student must accept or decline admission during the required response time as indicated in their letter. If a student declines the invitation into the program, he/she must re-apply. A student is allowed only one declination of invitation.

If invited as an alternate, the student must accept or decline admission during the required response time and complete the same requirements being asked as the invited student to remain an alternate.

Those invited into the program must be in adequate health to perform the duties of a nurse. Students will be required to obtain the following titers/immunizations/vaccines **within 2 months of admission** and should get started on this right away to ensure deadlines are met:

- ❖ **Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)- $85/dose**
- ❖ **Varicella- $160/dose**
- ❖ **TDAP- $75/dose**
- ❖ **Hepatitis B- $135/dose**
- ❖ **TB Skin Test- $20**
- ❖ **COVID-19 (full immunity)**
- ❖ **Annual Physical- $20**
- ❖ **Annual Seasonal Flu shot- $20**

The health requirements packet can be found on the Nursing website, under Nursing Resources it's titled "Mandatory Health Assessment Packet".
Students accepted into the program will have to attend a paperwork session where we will go over all of the health requirements and deadlines to enter the program. Students accepted into the program will be expected to complete a background/drug test, obtain liability insurance, have current health insurance, and have current BLS CPR card through American Heart Association and more.

- **Financial Aid:** https://www.saddleback.edu/apply-pay/financial-aid
- **Apply for Scholarships:** https://www.saddleback.edu/administration/office-president/saddleback-college-foundation/apply-scholarships
- **Foundation:** https://www.saddleback.edu/administration/office-president/saddleback-college-foundation
- **EOPS/CARE:** https://www.saddleback.edu/student-support/specialized-programs/extended-opportunity-programs-and-services-eopscare-nextup-0

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Eligibility Requirements for RN Licensure Exam

In order to take the NCLEX-RN licensure exam, one of the following curriculum options must be completed:

1. Associate Degree in Nursing (graduate)
   - Prerequisite courses
   - Required core courses
   - General education requirements

2. Registered Nurse Certificate (non-graduate)
   - Prerequisite courses
   - Required core courses

Students who complete only the registered nurse certificate will take the NCLEX-RN as a non-graduate. Some states require an Associate Degree ("graduate") status before allowing licensure by reciprocity. *In other words, non-graduates may not be allowed to practice nursing as an RN in another state with their California license.* For that reason, completion of the associate degree in nursing is highly recommended.

Hours

	Theory Hours	Clinical Hours
N 170 *(10 weeks)*	49.8	224.1
N 171 *(6 weeks)*	33.2	49.8
N 172 *(16 weeks)*	56.1	249
N 173 *(8 weeks)*	24.9	99.6
N 174 *(8 weeks)*	24.9	99.6
N 176 *(10 weeks + 6-week preceptor)*	49.8	249

It is recommended that you work less than 20 hours a week. If work is financially necessary, it should be planned for the weekend or holiday time only, preferably in a field that can be flexible with your schedule.

Lectures will be held on Wednesdays on campus 1 day per week. Simulation days will be held on campus approx. 2 days out of the week. Clinical days will vary depending on the day of the week/clinical site you are assigned to.

A google form is sent out to incoming students prior to the start of the semester to get clinical placement accommodation requests. We do our best to not place you on a day of the week that you are unable to attend, although it cannot be guaranteed.

RN Program Estimated Costs

First Semester	Background/Drug Test/Compliance Tracker/CB Bridges	$135.00
	Liability Insurance	$27.00
	Physical/Immunization/Titers	$350.00
	Elsevier 360 (Sher path, Adaptive Quizzing, e-book/textbook/shadow health/Simulation/Case Studies/etc.)	$892.24
	N 170/N171 lecture + lab	$483.00
	Student Health Fee	$23.00
	Parking Fee	$40.00
	Uniform	$200.00
	Equipment- Stethoscope/BP Cuff/Pen light/misc.	$200.00
	BLS/CPR Card	$55.00
	Total approx. cost =	**$2,405.24**
Second Semester	Elsevier 360 Payment #2	$552.34
	Student Health Fee	$23.00
	Parking Fee	$40.00
	N 172 lecture + lab	$391.00
	Total approx. cost =	**$1,006.34**
Third Semester	Elsevier 360 Payment #3	$552.34
	Student Health Fee	$23.00
	Parking	$40.00
	Renew Liability Insurance	$25.00
	Annual TB/Physical	$40.00
	N 173/N 174 lecture + lab	$322.00
	Total approx. cost =	**$1002.34**
Fourth	Elsevier 360 Payment #4	$552.34
	Student Health Fee	$23.00
	N 176 lecture + lab	$368.00
	Parking Fee	$20.00
	NCLEX Licensing fees/live scan DOJ/FBI	$600.00
	Total approx. cost =	**$1,563.34**
	Grand approx. total =	**$5977.26**

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