

Saddleback College
Division of Health Sciences and Human Services
Procedure for Application & Admission to the Nursing Program
INTERNATIONAL NURSE

ADMISSION TO THE NURSING PROGRAM

Students will be admitted to the nursing program from the wait list on a space available basis. To be qualified for admission, students must have met the following criteria:

- Completed with a grade of “C” or better, N162, *The Successful Transition to Professional Nursing*.
- Complete all the steps and requirements as stated below.
- Be at least 18 years of age at the time of admission
- Be in adequate health to perform the duties of a nurse. The student must have a physical examination within three months of the date of admission into the nursing program.
- Complete personal background check per program policy at least one month prior to entry.

APPLICATION TO THE NURSING PROGRAM

Step #1

Read the **Saddleback College Catalog**, especially the sections dealing with the Associate Degree nursing program. Catalogs are available for student review in Counseling, the Library, and catalogs are available for purchase at the **College Bookstore** (949-582-4715).

Step #2

Schedule an appointment with the **Director or Assistant Director of Nursing** (949-582-4701). The following should be brought to the appointment for review:

- **A copy of the letter from the California Board of Registered Nursing specifying what coursework is required to be completed.**
- If you have not contacted the California Board of Registered Nursing, they can be reached at their website www.rn.ca.gov or by calling 916-322-3350.

Step #3

Admission will only be considered when the following criteria have been met:

- Steps #1-2 above.
- Completion of N162 Successful Transition to Professional Nursing
- IV Therapy (if taking N173, N174 or N176)
- Application to the College and receipt of a student ID number.

PRE-ADMISSION TESTING

Prior to admission to the program, all applicants must:

- Pass a **math-medication exam with 85%****
 - Pass a practical **skills test** that includes simulated clinical situations and skills demonstration. Safety and proficiency regarding basic principles of nursing practice must be demonstrated. **
- ** This exam will be provided during N162 Successful Transition to Professional Nursing.
- ❖ After the skills test, students will be counseled regarding strengths and/or any recommended remediation for success in the program
 - ❖ Applicants may attempt satisfactory completion of the skills test a maximum of two times. Only one re-test is allowed each semester.

REQUIRED CERTIFICATION

- IV Therapy (if taking N173, N174 or N176)
- Management of Assaultive Behavior/ HSC 291 (if taking N171)

APPLICANT WAIT LIST

Once eligibility to the nursing program is reviewed, the applicant will be assigned to the wait list for the appropriate course(s). Names are placed on this list in the order that applications are received.

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

Students should notify the Health Sciences Division Office to:

- **Withdraw** as an applicant.
- **Change name, address, or telephone number.** This can be done through MYSite on the Saddleback College website. **Students are also required to notify the Health Science Division Office of any changes.**

Students in need of **financial assistance** should **immediately** contact the **Saddleback College Financial Aid Office** (949-582-4860). Scholarships are available for nursing students once they have been admitted to the 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. In the State of California, a convicted child abuser will never be allowed to obtain a RN license. Students who have concerns about these circumstances should contact the **Board of Registered Nursing** (916-322-3350) **before** starting the nursing program.

Students who are known to be a current child, spouse or elder abuser, or known to be dealing drugs, will not be admitted into the program. Students in the program who are found to be a current child, spouse or elder abuser, or found to be dealing drugs may not remain in the nursing program.

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Division of Health Sciences and Human Services INTERNATIONAL NURSE PROGRAM CURRICULUM

PREREQUISITE COURSES

Course ID	Title	Units
N 162	Successful Transition to Professional Nursing	1.5
Total Units		

REQUIRED CORE COURSES (AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSES)

(Effective August 2007)

Course ID	Title	Units
• N 171	<i>Mental Health Nursing</i>	<i>3.00</i>
• N 172	<i>Medical-Surgical Nursing</i>	<i>8.75</i>
• N 173	<i>Nursing Care of Children & Families</i>	<i>3.50</i>
• N 174	<i>Women's Health Nursing</i>	<i>3.50</i>
• N 176	<i>Advanced Nursing</i>	<i>8.00</i>
Total Units		26.75

RECOMMENDED COURSES

Course ID	Title
BIO 11	Human Anatomy
BIO 12	Human Physiology
BIO 15	General Microbiology
HSC 102	Comprehensive Health Assessment
HSC 217	Cardiac Dysrhythmias
HSC 226	Advanced Cardiac Life Support
HSC 228	Calculations for Medication Administration
HSC 291	Management of Assaultive Behavior
N 160	Pharmacology
N 161	Lifecycle II: Growth and Development
PSYC 7	Development Psychology – Childhood & Adolescence
N245	IV Therapy
FN 161	Nutrition for Health Occupations
FN 50	Fundamentals of Nutrition