Saddleback College
Division of Health Sciences and Human Services

Procedure for Application & Admission to the Saddleback College Nursing Program

Applicant Eligibility occurs when the following have been met:

- Completion of all three science pre-requisites: BIO 11, BIO 12, BIO 15, with a GPA of 2.8 or above, and completion of English 1A or the equivalent with a grade of “C” or better
- Be at least 18 years of age at the time of admission
- Pass the TEAS test Version 5.0 at 62% or higher. If you have taken the TEAS test at another proctored location, we will need the scores sent to us prior to application. The first score is the only score that will be accepted within a calendar year (365 days)-see page 3 for more information.
- Submit all official (unopened) transcripts from other colleges/universities other than Saddleback/IVC/ATEP to Admissions & Records prior to applying to the program.

After invitation into the program students must:

- Be in adequate health to perform the duties of a nurse. Students are required to have a physical examination within three months of the date of admission into the nursing program when invited into the program.
- Complete a personal background check & drug test at least one month prior to entry, and obtain liability insurance

Students are selected using the multi-criteria admission process. Students are ranked according to their points. See the reverse side for specific information. Additional information and protocol is on the nursing webpage of the Saddleback College website, www.saddleback.edu/hs/rn.

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# Saddleback College ADN Generic Nursing Program

**Multi-Criteria for Admission**

(Revisions effective June 2014)

## Work /Volunteer Experience, N204 course

Work Experience (recent within 5 years) in direct patient care > 1000 hours as:

- Licensed LVN, PM, EMT, CNA, Medical Military, Respiratory Therapist = **15 points**
- OR
- Phlebotomists, Hospital unit based clerical or telemetry staff, Health care therapists such as Physical/Respiratory or Occupational, Medical Assistant = **8 points**
- OR
- Physical Therapy Aide, Medical Scribe, Dental Hygienist, Radiology, CV, Licensed CNA Athletic Trainer = **5 points**
- OR
- Completion of N204 Beginning Nursing Concepts class at Saddleback College with a "B" or better = **3 points**
- OR
- N 204 at Saddleback College with a "B" or better + volunteer activity with direct patient care > 200 hours = **5 points**
  
  (No other combination allowed)
- OR
- Clinical Care Extender, Adapted Kinesiology Assistant, or other programs of volunteering with direct patient care > 200 hrs. = **2 points**

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## Proficiency or advanced coursework in 2nd language other than English

2 points

(see website for more information)

## Completion of relevant course work

- Pharmacology = **5 points**
  - N 165(GERO)Lifecycle I and N161 Lifecycle II, Psychology & Speech, and a course that fulfills Math requirement for AA/AS = **3 points**
- Math* requirement for BA/BS = **3 points**
  - (*BA/BS or higher degree are exempt from GE Math requirement

## Academic Degrees(from regionally accredited colleges)

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

## Life Experiences

- 3 points
  - (everyone will receive these points)
PRIOR TO APPLICATION TO THE NURSING PROGRAM

- Read the Saddleback College Catalog sections dealing with matriculation services, academic regulations, graduation requirements, (insure understanding of general education catalog year rights) and the Associate Degree nursing program. Catalogs are available for student review in Counseling, the Library, and are available on-line.

- It is strongly recommended that students attend one of the information sessions, but not mandatory. There are usually 2 sessions per semester. Dates are published on the website, www.saddleback.edu/hs/rn.

- If you are not a student at Saddleback College or IVC, complete an Application Form to the college, available on the website or personally in Admissions and Records. You will need a student ID to apply to the nursing program.

- Submit official all(unopened) transcripts from other colleges/universities other than Saddleback/IVC/ATEP to Admissions & Records prior to applying to the program. Also submit official AP scores. Students with Bachelor’s or higher degrees from originally accredited colleges/universities satisfy associate degree requirements for Saddleback College.

- Get approval for N165 (formerly GERO 101), N160 and N161 in Health Science Division using Petitions for Course Substitution/Equivalency if course(s) was taken at another college or university. Have approved petitions on file in Admissions and Records. Petition forms are available on Admissions and Records webpage, www.saddleback.edu/admissions.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY TO THE NURSING PROGRAM OCCURS WITH:

- Completion with a 2.8 GPA or better in the following science pre-requisites: BIO 11, BIO 12, BIO 15. Completion of English 1A or the equivalent with a “C” or better.
- Passing the TEAS test Version 5 at or above 62%. Students taking the TEAS test at other schools must send scores to Saddleback College. The 1st score is the only score accepted during a calendar year (365 days). No re-testing allowed within one calendar year if 1st score is passing score. If student does not receive a passing score, student may re-take the test once the remediation is complete after the 365 day period. Test may also be re-taken within a calendar year if newer version is required.
- Official transcripts need to be on file in Admissions and Records prior to the date of submission of application, otherwise the application will be considered ineligible. It is advisable to keep an unofficial copy of transcripts for your personal use.

Application deadlines: February for fall admission and September for spring admission (check website for exact dates, any changes or updates). No applications are accepted on the weekends or holidays. All applications must be hand delivered to the Health Science Division Office, HS 235, 8:30am - 4:30 pm. You may have someone else deliver the application for you if you are unable to do so.

If subsequent applications are submitted, and updated transcripts are indicated on the new application, those transcripts for courses taken at other colleges must be sent directly to the Saddleback College Office of Admissions & Records, Attention Nursing Transcript Evaluator. Any other documentation for work experience, volunteer experience, language proficiency, etc. must be re-submitted with subsequent applications.
The Nursing Program is impacted, therefore, we will not be accepting international students with F-1 visas into the program.

Counseling and Admissions & Records evaluate the applications to verify qualifying GPA of prerequisite science courses, English 1A, and confirmation of completion of relevant courses with Petitions for Course Substitution on file.

Qualified applicants will be ranked by multi-criteria points from the application pool (see page 2).

Points are earned for the following pre-requisite sciences for 2.8 or above GPA relevant coursework

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<td>BIO 12</td>
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<td>BIO 15</td>
<td>General Microbiology (5 units)</td>
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It is to the student’s advantage to complete the following required courses prior to entry into the program as they can be used to earn points.

* N 165 (formerly Gerontology 101)
* N 160 Pharmacology
* N 161 Growth and Development
* Speech 1 or 5
* Psychology 1

Math 205, Math 253, (Intermediate Algebra)

*These must be completed concurrently with 1st, 2nd and 4th semesters of the program as indicated in the curriculum, if not taken prior to admission.

ACCEPTING OR DECLINING ADMISSION

- All students will be notified by letter **approximately** by end of May for fall admission and end of October for spring admission. Students must accept or decline admission within 2 weeks as indicated in the letter of invitation. If a student declines the invitation into the program, he/she must re-apply. **A student is allowed only one declination of invitation.**
- Only official transcripts on record in Admissions & Records are included in the multi-criteria scoring at the time of application. Eligible courses from other colleges will only be considered if official (unopened) transcripts have been received. There will be no exceptions. Work in progress will not be included or considered. Transcripts become the property of the college.

PRIOR TO ENTRY INTO THE PROGRAM

- Make an appointment with a counselor in Counseling Services (949-582-4572) to determine the status of **non-nursing courses completed elsewhere**. If you have taken additional courses since applying to the nursing program, bring the updated official (unopened) transcripts to your counseling appointment. Matriculation testing should be completed as soon as possible so that English & Math placement can be determined and that any suggested remediation can be completed prior to entry into the nursing program. An Education Plan may be completed at this time.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
The expenses for the first semester nursing student average $2500 or more. Students in need of financial assistance should immediately contact the Saddleback College Financial Aid Office (949-582-4860). Scholarship information from various agencies and companies are provided for nursing students once they have been admitted to the program. The entire program may cost approximately $5000. At the completion of the program, the cost for the Board of Registered Nursing application, licensure exam, Interim Permit, and Live Scan is approximately $500 or more.

The following immunizations/titers are required before enrolling in the nursing classes: Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Varicella, TB skin test and TDap. Influenza vaccines are required. If flu shots are declined, the student must sign a declination form, and will need to wear protective mask while working with patients in the hospitals. Hepatitis B is highly recommended. If a student declines Hep B, a declination form must also be signed.

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 contact the Board of Registered Nursing (916-322-3350) or www.rn.ca.gov 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 allowed to enroll in the program. A background check/drug test will be completed prior to enrollment into the program.

Students withdrawing from the program who plan to re-enter, must complete a re-entry petition. If a student is unsuccessful or withdraws from N170/Fundamentals of Nursing, first semester course, the student must also complete a re-entry petition PRIOR to re-applying to the program. The Enrollment Management Committee will review the petition for re-entry. There is no waitlist maintained for N170.

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.
**Human Physiology must have been completed within the last 7 years.**

* Freshman Composition 3 unit equivalent course will be accepted

**REQUIRED CORE COURSES (Effective August 2007)**

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*Courses can be taken prior to entry into the program

**GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS** *(may vary depending on catalog year rights)*

*American Institutions* 3 units

*Fine Arts and Humanities (1 course each from Group A and Group B) 6 units

*Life Skills* Waived

*Survey and Assessment of Fitness (KNES 107)* 1 unit

Total 10 units

Demonstration of Mathematics and Reading Competency required as listed in the College Catalog. Information Competency for Nursing is met with N176. Math competency is Math 205, Math 253, Intermediate Algebra, unless the student has catalog rights to a catalog prior to Fall ’09. For more information please see the Catalog Rights and Continuous Enrollment in the Saddleback College catalog.

*If Psych 7 was taken prior to August 2007, it will be grandfathered into the program as a substitute for N161.

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**NOTE:** *N160, N161, N165 *(GERO 101), *Psych 1, and *Speech 1 or 5 must be completed with a minimum grade of “C” or better prior to or concurrent with the semester for which they are listed.*