



# SADDLEBACK COLLEGE

Division of Health Sciences & Human Services  
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, 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.
- Completion of \*[English 1A- Principles of Composition I](#) or the equivalent with a grade of "C" or better.

**Note:** \*These 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 retest approx. 365 days from previous attempt.

Recommend you wait to take the ATI TEAS exam AFTER you have completed all 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. The point cut off varies 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 as 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**

- **3 pts**

## ADN PROGRAM MULTI-CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION CONTINUED...

### 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.

**Note:** 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% or 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**

**Note:** 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.

**Note:** 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**

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

## **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 once it becomes available.
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 was completed, and you need to update. 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 to ensure you meet the requirements to apply to the RN program and to discuss any additional courses you may need to take, including GE requirements. You also want to verify course equivalencies to ensure that any relevant coursework taken outside of Saddleback is equivalent. If determined that a course has not been previously petitioned you may need to fill a [petition for course substitution or waiver](#). A counselor can help you fill this petition out and direct you on where to submit it. To set up a counseling appointment, please visit <https://www.saddleback.edu/counseling> or call (949) 582-4572.
4. Start gathering the documents that you may be using to submit 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 proficient in a 2<sup>nd</sup> language you want to include one of the [examples of verification](#). No self written letters will be accepted.
  - If licensed as an LVN, LPT, CNA, EMT, EMT-P, or Respiratory Therapist you will need to include a copy of your license (must 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, these must be completed concurrently with 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> semesters of the program as indicated in the [nursing program curriculum](#). \*The nursing core courses are in person, not online.

**Saddleback College**  
**Division of Health Sciences and Human Services**  
**ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM CURRICULUM**

**PREREQUISITE COURSES**

Course ID	Title	Units
BIO 11	Human Anatomy	4
BIO 15	General Microbiology	5
BIO 12	Human Physiology**	4
ENG 1A	English 1A*	4
	Total Units	17

\*\*Human Physiology must have been completed within 7 years of applying.

\*Freshman Composition 3-unit equivalent course will be accepted.

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

Sem	Course ID	Title	Units
I	• N 160*	Pharmacology	3.00
	• N 165*	Lifecycle I: Fundamentals of Aging	1.50
	• N 170	Nursing Process	7.50
	• N 171	Mental Health Nursing	3.00
		Total Units	15.00
II	• PSYC 1*	Introduction to Psychology	3.00
	• N 161*	Lifecycle II: Growth & Development	1.50
	• N 172	Medical- Surgical Nursing	8.50
		Total Units	13.00
II	• N 173	Nursing Care of Children & Families	3.50
	• N 174	Women's Health Nursing	3.50
		Total Units	7.00
IV	• COMM 1* (formerly Speech 1) OR COMM 5* (formerly Speech 5)	Communication Fundamentals	3.00
		OR	
		Interpersonal Communication	
	• N 176	Advanced Nursing	8.00
		Total Units	11.00
		Total Units	46.00

\*Courses can be taken prior to entry into the program.

**RECOMMENDED COURSES**

Course ID	Title	Units
HSC 104*	Medical Terminology	3
HSC 217*	Cardiac Dysrhythmias	2
HSC 222NC*	Basic Life Support-CPR for HealthCare Providers	0
HSC 223*	Basic Life Support-CPR for HealthCare Providers Renewal	0
HSC 227*	Pediatric Advanced Life Support	2
HSC 291**	Management of Aggressive Behavior in Healthcare Settings	0.5
N 202**	Success Strategies in Nursing	1
N 204*	Beginning Nursing Concepts	2
N 280**	Nursing Care Plans & Maps	1
MA 280*	Healthcare Organization Practices	3

\*Recommended for Pre-Nursing students.

\*\* Recommended once in Nursing program.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

(Minimum for ASN: This GE will NOT satisfy TRANSFER General Education: See a Counselor!)

Math 253- Intermediate Algebra OR above Math 10- Introduction to Statistics (for BSN)	3-5 units
* Fine Arts and Humanities (1 course)	3 units
The above two GE categories combined with Nursing Prerequisites (English 1A & Bio 11, 12, 15) & relevant CORE (N 161 & N 165, Psych 1, and Comm 1 or 5) will meet non-transfer Gen ED requirements for ASN. (If seeking a pre-nursing degree for points competition via THIS GE: additional requirement: "Cultures in U.S. course" may be satisfied with qualified Arts/Humanities selection) See a Counselor!	
If Psych 7 was taken prior to August 2007, it will be grandfathered into the program as a substitute for N 161.	

Note: \* N 160, \* N 161, \* N 165, Psych 1, and \*Comm 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.

## **About Our Program:**

- Established in 1971 and has an outstanding reputation in the health care community.
- Associate Degree- 2 year program (4 semesters)
- Accredited by [ACEN](#) (Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing) & [BRN](#) (California Board of Registered Nursing)
- 95.12% [NCLEX Pass Rate](#)

## **Our Mission is to:**

- Provide high quality, innovative education
- Support student success
- Instill in the learner the need for long-life learning and professional development
- Prepare competent entry level registered nurses to provide patient-centered care

## **Application Dates**

Applications are accepted twice a year, typically in **February for fall entry** and in **July for spring entry**. Check website <https://www.saddleback.edu/hs/Saddleback-College-Nursing> 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. 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.

## **College Vaccination Requirement**

If you are planning to take an in-person or hybrid class this semester and are not seeking a religious or medical exemption, you will need to verify your vaccination status.

You will need your **Saddleback College email address** to log into the vaccination verification upload site. This email address is found in your MySite. The secure email will NOT be sent to your forwarding email address.

This email address is activated 24-72 hours after you submit your application. To verify your vaccination status, click on the online [link](#). Students who do not verify their vaccination status will not be allowed to enroll in any in-person or hybrid classes in which they have enrolled, until verification has been confirmed by the college. For more information, please visit <https://www.saddleback.edu/vaccination>

## 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 3 months of admission and should get started on these right away:

- ❖ Measles
- ❖ Mumps
- ❖ Rubella
- ❖ Varicella
- ❖ TDAP
- ❖ Hepatitis B
- ❖ TB Skin test
- ❖ COVID-19 (full immunity)
- ❖ Annual Physical
- ❖ Annual Seasonal Flu shot

More details can be found on the [Mandatory Health Assessment packet](#). Students will also need to complete a background/drug test, obtain liability insurance, and have health insurance, BLS CPR card through American Heart Association and more.

## 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 weekend and or holiday time only, preferably in a field that can be flexible with your schedule.

**RN Program Estimated Costs**

First Semester	Background/Drug Test	\$82.00
	Compliance Tracker	\$38.00
	Liability Insurance	\$27.00
	Physical/Immunization/Titers	\$350.00
	HESI payment	\$210.43
	N 170/N171 lecture + lab	\$483.00
	Student Health Fee	\$23.00
	Parking Fee	\$40.00
	Uniform	\$200.00
	Books	\$557.00
	Equipment- Stethoscope/BP Cuff/Pen light/misc.	\$200.00
	BLS/CPR Card	\$55.00
	<b>Total approx. cost =</b>	<b>\$2,225.43</b>
Second Semester	HESI payment	\$215.06
	Student Health Fee	\$23.00
	Parking Fee	\$40.00
	N 172 lecture + lab	\$391.00
	Books	\$600.00
	<b>Total approx. cost =</b>	<b>\$1,269.06</b>
Third Semester	HESI payment	\$210.43
	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
	<b>Total approx. cost =</b>	<b>\$670.43</b>
Fourth	HESI payment	\$210.43

	Student Health Fee	\$23.00
	N 176 lecture + lab	\$368.00
	Parking Fee	\$20.00
	NCLEX Licensing fees/live scan DOJ/FBI	\$600.00
	<b>Total approx. cost =</b>	<b>\$1,221.43</b>
	<b>Grand approx. total =</b>	<b>\$5,386.35</b>

### **Financial Assistance**

Students who are in need of financial assistance should apply for financial aid online at:  
<https://www.saddleback.edu/fao/Apply-Financial-Aid>

For scholarship information, you may contact the Foundation office at:  
<https://www.saddleback.edu/foundation>

### **Helpful Links:**

- [2022-2023 Nursing Student Handbook](#)
- [About ATI TEAS Test](#)
- [ATI TEAS Prep Products](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [GPA of Biology Pre-requisite computation table](#)
- [Petition for Course Substitution or Waiver](#)

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