FAQ PRE-NURSING

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

What do I need to complete in order to apply to the lottery?

- Complete all of the Nursing Pre-Major courses and General Education requirements including a cross-cultural studies course (Opt. A, or IGETC Opt. B or CSU GE Opt. C). Most SCC RN students choose Option B or C as they plan to complete a RN to BSN program upon graduating from the SCC RN Program. If you earned an AA/AS or BA/BS from a regionally accredited institution, your general education requirements (including cross-cultural studies) are met.

- ATI TEAS with a score of 62 or higher (within first 2 attempts).

What are the General Education Requirements to apply to the Registered Nursing Program?

Solano has three different general education patterns (GE) to fulfill the GE requirements for the AA/AS degrees: SCC GE (Opt. A), IGETC (Opt. B) or CSU GE (Opt. C). SCC GE (Opt. A) is for those students who plan on earning the AS only, this pattern has a Health and Kinesiology (PE) requirement. The CSU GE pattern also fulfills the GE requirements for transfer to a California State University, the IGETC (Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum) also fulfills the GE requirements for transfer to a California State University or University of California system.

Do I have to take Physical Education (KINE) courses to earn my degree from Solano?

No, if you fulfilled the CSU GE or the IGETC pattern, you do not need to take Physical Education (KINE) classes at Solano.

Does Solano have any recency requirements?

No, your classes do not expire.

Can I apply upper division units from my university to fulfill my pre-major and/or GE requirements?

Yes, work with a Counselor to submit a substitution petition.

What grades are most important?

Applicants want to do especially well in English, Anatomy, Physiology and Microbiology as these are weighted heavily in the composite score.

TIMELINES/APPLICATION

How long does it take to finish the prerequisites and general education to apply to the program?

This varies for each student. At a minimum two years. We strongly recommend that you pace yourself so that you can earn good grades and have a solid foundation for the rigors of Nursing School.

When is the application and when can I start the program?

We open the application each September to enter the lottery for a start in the Fall of the following year. Students applying in Fall 2021 have the possibility of starting Fall 2022. We have one class per year.

How long is the actual Nursing Program?

Two years (fall and spring terms). There are no summer classes.

After I apply in September, how long will it take to determine if I got into the program?

Typically by March of the following year.

Does the Solano Community College Registered Nursing Program have a waitlist?

No, we no longer have a waitlist. Qualified applicants' names are entered into a lottery.

How many students does Solano accept each application cycle?

Typically a cohort of 48 students will be invited and 30 alternates selected.

What if I don't get selected for the lottery?

Anyone who is qualified but doesn't get selected may reapply the next year, and they are added to the lottery twice. If the applicant is not selected the third year, they will be automatically accepted after applying the fourth year.

When I apply, when do I submit official transcripts?

Submit official transcripts to A & R by September 30 and an official TEAS score to the school by September 30th.

COMPOSITE SCORE

How does Solano use AP/CLEP/IB credit for English in the composite score?

AP with a score of 3, 4 or 5 counts as a "C" in the composite score. It many cases it is better to repeat ENGL001 for a letter grade as a "C" lowers the composite score. CLEP/IB is not allowed for ENGL001. Make sure that your official AP scores are on file with Admissions and Records.

How does a withdrawal "W", "D" or "F" grade affect the composite score?

"W", "D" or "F" grades only affect the composite score if those grades are in Anatomy, Physiology or Microbiology. These repeats dramatically lower the score. Repeats in other courses have no effect on the score.

COMPOSITE SCORE continued

If I took Anatomy/Physio/Micro and earned a "C" the first time then take it again at another college and earn a better grade, how will it affect my composite score?

> Solano will use the first passing grade of "C" and we do not count this as a repetition of Anatomy/Physio/Micro in the composite score.

If I have a higher composite score do I have a better chance of getting into the program?

> No, once you earn the score of 73 or better and TEAS of 62 or higher, your name goes into the lottery pool (if all other requirements have been met).

TEAS TEST

What is the TEAS test?

> TEAS stands for "Test of Essential Academic Skills", there are sections which test English Writing, English Reading, Mathematics and Science. It is recommended that the student consult the TEAS study manual and online practice assessment which can be ordered at: www.atitesting.com/onlinestore and is also available at the SCC Bookstore or on Amazon.

How many times can I take the TEAS test?

> You must earn the score of 62 or higher within either of your first two attempts. Taking the test two times unsuccessfully will disqualify you from the SCC Nursing Program Application.

If I took the TEAS at Solano, do I need to send it in?

> No, we go online and download the score.

Do you take earlier versions of the TEAS?

> No, we accept TEAS V or later.

OTHER

Does Solano have an LVN to RN Program?

> SCC no longer has a guaranteed annual class of LVN to RN Advanced Placement students. We have changed our admission policy and LVNs are now able to apply directly to our generic Associates Degree in Nursing (ADN) program where the chances of actual matriculation during the first year of application are more than three times greater than the LVN to RN pathway.

How much does the RN two year program cost?

> $7,000-7500 (as of May 2021) for the total program.