

FAQ PRE-NURSING 2022-2023

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 (SCC GE, or IGETC or CSU GE). IGETC stands for Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (UC/CSU). Most SCC RN students choose IGETC or the CSU GE 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 version V or later 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, IGETC or CSU GE. SCC GE 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.

How long will the SCC RN Program accept online courses for Anatomy, Physiology and Microbiology?

Through Fall 2022, after this they will need to be in person.

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 2022 have the possibility of starting Fall 2023. We have one cohort 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?

Admission notices are sent by the end of February with a mandatory orientation the first week of May.

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.

LOTTERY

How does the lottery work?

Candidates who meet all criteria described above are entered into an objective randomized lottery (similar to pulling names from a hat).

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 Admissions and Records by September 30th 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 counts as a “C”, a score of 4 counts as a “B” and a score of 5 counts as an “A” in the composite score. In 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 affect on the score. Repeats that are older than 7 years do not count against the student in the composite score. For example: repeats from fall 2015 and prior will not count against the student for the September 2022 application cycle.

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”. The TEAS test has four sections: Reading (45 questions), Mathematics (38 question), Science (50 questions) and English and Language Usage (37 questions). It is recommended that students 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 a score of 62 or higher within either of your first two attempts of the TEAS V or later version. Taking the test two times unsuccessfully will disqualify you from the SCC Nursing Program Application and you are not eligible for our program.

If I took the TEAS at Solano Community College when it was offered in person, do I need to send it in?

No, the Health Science Department goes online and downloads the score.

What versions of the TEAS do you accept?

We accept TEAS V or later.

Do I need to pass the TEAS, Version 7 to apply in September 2022?

No, we accept the 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.