Solano Community College – School of Health Sciences
Registered Nursing Program
GENERAL INFORMATION SHEET

MISSION OF THE NURSING PROGRAM

The mission of the Solano Community College (SCC) Associate Degree Nursing aligns with the College as a whole with the specific intent to prepare a diverse group of entry-level nurses who will provide quality, safe, evidence-based, ethically competent, and holistic/humanistic care with the use of information technology to deliver care to a culturally diverse community population across the lifespan that encompasses problem solving, critical thinking and communication skills acquired though the course of the nursing program. At the end of the nursing program, this diverse group of students will qualify to sit for the NCLEX-RN examination for licensure as a safe practice registered nurse. The preparation of the diverse group of students includes faculty advisors, mentoring by faculty and peers, provides support for lifelong learning, and additional support is also supported by the Program's Student Success program.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The nursing program consists of nursing courses with related laboratory experiences in local health agencies. Successful completion of the program qualifies the student to take the National Licensing Examination (NCLEX) to become registered as a nurse and eligible for employment. A grade of "C" or better is required in each nursing course for progression in the program and for an Associate of Science Degree in Registered Nursing. The nursing curriculum is a two-year program offered in four sequential semesters. Currently we only accept applications once per year and students are accepted to begin classes as part of a cohort that begins in the fall semester only. There are morning, afternoon, evening and weekend clinical experiences required which may change with limited notice. Estimated total program costs are $6000 to $6600.00 (as of September 2017). All costs / fees are subject to change.

The SCC nursing faculty and counselors offer informational sessions throughout the year. These sessions are designed to answer frequently asked questions regarding the program requirements and application process. Students are encouraged to attend one of these sessions where ample time is provided for individual questions at the end.

RN LICENSING CONSIDERATIONS

Reporting prior convictions: The California Board of Registered Nursing protects the public by screening applicants for licensure in order to identify potentially unsafe practitioners. The law provides for denial of licensure for crimes or acts, which are substantially related to nursing qualifications, functions or duties. At time of licensure application, all convictions must be reported except for minor traffic violations. (Business and Professions Code 480 and Nurse Practice Act Article 3 Section 2761).

Providing a Social Security Number (SSN): Pursuant to Section 30(c) of the Business and Professions code the Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) will not process any application for licensure unless the applicant provides a U.S. SSN. The Nursing Practice Act provides for a unified examination and licensing application. Once an applicant passes the examination, a license is automatically issued. Under these circumstances the BRN cannot accept applications for the examination and licensure without a U.S. SSN.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO THE PROGAM

1. Graduation from an accredited high school in the United States or successful completion of the General Education Development (GED) or California High School Proficiency Exam (CHSPE) per requirements of the Nurse Practice Act, Title 16, California Code of Regulations, Section 1412, prior to time of application.
   - Students with a high school diploma from a school outside the United States must have transcripts evaluated by a National Association of Credential Evaluation Service (NACES) approved independent agency.
   - Students who possess an Associate or Arts / Associate of Science degree or higher from a regionally accredited college in the U.S. are exempt from the educational requirements stated above.
   - Students who have attended college outside the United States must have transcripts evaluated by a NACES approved independent agency, demonstrating equivalency to an AA/ AS degree or higher from a U.S. regionally accredited college.

2. A Composite Score of 73% or greater. This is calculated using the applicants' College GPA, Core Biology GPA, ENGL 001, and the applicant's Core Biology Repetitions (This includes grades of D or less and W's on the applicant's transcript.

3. A minimum grade of "C" or better in the following pre-major and general education courses:
   - BIO 004
   - BIO 005
   - BIO 014
   - ENGL 001
   - NUTR 010
   - PSYC 001
   - CDFS 070
   - Critical Thinking (3 units from COMM 001, COMM 002, COMM 006,COMM 012, ENGL 002)
   - All GE Graduation Requirements
   - NURS 052 (may be completed after admission, but before the 2nd semester of the program (effective 1/1/19, must be completed PRIOR TO APPLICATION.)

4. Students are required to take the "Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)" developed by the Assessment Technologies Institute. A minimum passing composite score of 62% is required within the first two (2) attempts. Further information can be found on the http://www.atitesting.com/solutions/pre-program/TEAS-Discover.aspx website regarding TEAS preparation, registration and testing.

5. First-time applicants are strongly encouraged to meet with an SCC counselor to obtain a **NURSING PRE-MAJOR AND GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENT CHECK SHEET** and document completion of all eligibility requirements. Call (707) 864-7101 or go online to schedule an appointment.

COURSES REQUIRED FOR THE ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN REGISTERED NURSING

Prerequisites	Course Sequence for Degree	Additional Graduation Requirements.
BIO 004	**Semester 1** NURS 071A, NURS 071B, NURS 071S	Social and Behavioral Science
BIO 005		Humanities
BIO 014	**Semester II** NURS 072A, NURS 072B, NURS 072S	Natural Science
ENGL 001		Math 104 or higher
NUTR 010	**Semester III** NURS 060, NURS 061, NURS 058C (Class of 2019 only) NURS 073, NURS 073A, NURS 073B, NURS 073S	Cross Cultural Studies
PSYC 001		Kinesiology
CDFS 070		*Pharmacology (NURS 052)
Critical Thinking (3 units)	**Semester IV** NURS 063, NURS 064, NURS 065, NURS 058D (Class of 2019 only) NURS 074A, NURS 074B, NURS 074S	*(effective 1/1/19, must be *completed prior* to application)

APPLICATION / ACCEPTANCE TO THE PROGRAM

Currently the Nursing Program admits students once per year. Applications are available online. Check the SCC Nursing website for specific deadlines. http://www.solano.edu/health/disciplines.php#nursing

The Nursing Program at Solano Community College is impacted; there are more students who apply than can be accepted into the program. Selection is based on multiple criteria. Selection is based on a randomized lottery selectin process. Only students who meet and complete the application criteria will be considered for admission. Meeting these requirements *does not* guarantee acceptance into the program. If a qualified applicant is *not* chosen, he/she may apply during the following application period. Returning qualified applicants will have their name included into the appropriate pool for each time they applied to the SCC nursing program. If a qualified applicant has applied 3

consecutive years and is not selected, he/she will automatically be offered a position the 4th year in the Fall nursing class, as long as he/she still meets the requirements.

Once accepted to the Nursing Program, students, **at their own expense**, must provide the following:
- Health History and Report of Medical Examination with required titers / inoculations.
- Background check and drug screening
- Current American Heart Association CPR card for Healthcare Providers.
- Compliance with specific healthcare partner requirements.

Students accepted for entry into the Nursing Program are required to attend a mandatory information meeting. Date, time and location will be provided in the acceptance packet.