

DEGREES, CERTIFICATES, AND TRANSFER PREPARATION INFORMATION

NURSING

This program prepares students to meet the standards of the California Board of Registered Nursing. The program is approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing and accredited by the Accreditation Commission of Education in Nursing. Upon completion of the program, graduates receive an Associate in Science degree and are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) to become a Registered Nurse.

Students seeking admission to the Nursing program MUST meet the following criteria:

- An overall grade point average of 2.5 for the Human Anatomy, Human Physiology, and Microbiology prerequisite courses, taken in the last 5 years, with no grade less than C for each course.
- Only one repetition (excluding W) in the group of science prerequisite courses (Anatomy, Physiology, and Microbiology) is allowed within the last 5 years at the time of application.
- College-level English composition class (minimum 3 semester units) with a grade no less than C;
- Be in good standing at Santa Monica College (not on academic or lack-of-progress probation);
- Meet the minimum physical qualifications and essential functions (more information at smc.edu/nursing);
- Must have negative criminal background check and drug screening;
- Persons who have been convicted of misdemeanor or felony may not qualify for licensure to practice nursing in California.
- Must take and achieve the required score on an Admission Assessment; and
- Must have a valid Social Security Number or a valid Individual Tax Identification Number.
- Please visit the Nursing website (smc.edu/nursing) for additional application and admission information.

The estimated cost of the entire Nursing Program over two years is \$4,000 – \$5,000. Students should be prepared to spend approximately \$1,000 the first semester for books, equipment, uniforms, and tuition. For additional information, please visit smc.edu/nursing.

Programs Offered

- Transfer Preparation
- LVN-ADN Advanced Placement
- Non-Graduate 30-Unit Option

Degrees and Certificates

- Nursing Associate Degree (ADN)

Transfer Preparation

Many colleges/universities offer baccalaureate degrees in this field. Students planning to transfer to a four-year college or university should complete the lower-division major requirements and the general education pattern for the specific transfer institution. SMC has articulation agreements with the many UC and CSU campuses, as well as several private and out-of-state institutions.

Exact major requirements for UC and CSU campuses can be found online at assist.org.

A listing of private, nonprofit California colleges and universities can be found online at aiccu.edu. For articulation agreements between SMC and some of these institutions see smc.edu/articulation.

Nursing (ADN), Associate Degree

Program Learning Outcomes: Students who complete the Nursing program will use theoretical concepts of leadership and management to administer and design plans of care that integrate knowledge and skills pertinent to the role of manager of care of a group of patients and members

of the health care team. Graduates will also utilize delegation, priority-setting skills, and knowledge of legal-ethical issues and health care delivery systems to design and coordinate a plan of nursing care for a group of patients.

All prerequisites to the Nursing Program must be completed prior to application and posted on transcript.

Prerequisite Requirements (16 units)

ENGL 1 , Reading and Composition 1 (3)
ANATMY 1 , General Human Anatomy (4)
PHYS 3 , Human Physiology (4)
MCRBIO 1 , Fundamentals of Microbiology (5)

No online lab components are accepted. Graduation Major Requirements: These requirements can be completed prior to application:

NURSNG 17 , Pharmacological Aspects of Nursing (Prerequisite: Physiology 3) (3)
NURSNG 36 , Calculations in Drugs and Solutions (1)
COM ST 11 , Elements of Public Speaking (COM ST 11 completed summer 2013 or later) ()

or

COM ST 35 , Interpersonal Communication (3)
PSYCH 19 , Lifespan Human Development (3)

All courses in the approved nursing curriculum must be passed with a minimum "C" grade to remain in the program, progress to the next course, graduate, and apply for licensure.

General Education Requirements:

Nursing students who earned a Bachelor degree or higher at a U.S. regionally accredited institution are not required to complete the Associate Degree general education requirements below.

Social Science – Group A , (3)
Humanities , (3)
Rationality, (3)
Global Citizenship, (3)

Note: Many Global Citizenship courses are also in GE areas and can be used to satisfy both; refer to Associate Degree General Education Requirements.

SMC ADN requirements must be successfully completed prior to graduation.

Required Nursing Courses: (40 units)

First Semester

NURSNG 1, Fundamentals of Nursing Concepts 1 (2)
NURSNG 1L, Fundamentals of Nursing Concepts 1 Lab (2.5)
NURSNG 36, Calculations in Drugs And Solutions (1)
NURSNG 2, Fundamentals of Nursing Concepts 2 (2.5)
NURSNG 2L, Fundamentals of Nursing Concepts 2 Lab (2.5)

Second Semester

NURSNG 3, Adult Health Nursing Concepts 1 (2.5)
NURSNG 3L, Adult Health Nursing Concepts 1 Lab (2.5)
NURSNG 17, Pharmacological Aspects of Nursing (3)
NURSNG 4, Mental Health Nursing Concepts ()
NURSNG 4L, Mental Health Concepts Lab (1.5)

Third Semester

NURSNG 5, Adult Health Nursing Concepts 2 (2.5)
NURSNG 5L, Adult Health Nursing Concepts 2 Lab (2.5)
NURSING 6, Maternal Newborn Nursing Concepts (1.5)
NURSING 6L, Maternal Newborn Nursing Concepts Lab (1)
NURSING 7,, Pediatric Nursing Concepts (1.5)
NURSING 7L, Pediatric Nursing Concepts Lab (1)

Fourth Semester

NURSNG 8, Adult Health Nursing Concepts 3 (2.5)

NURSNG 8L, Adult Health Nursing Concepts 3 Lab (2.5)
 NURSNG 9, Nursing Leadership Concepts (1.5)
 NURSNG 9L, Nursing Leadership Concepts Lab (2)

Lvn-Adn Advanced Placement

Program Learning Outcomes: Students who complete the Nursing program will use theoretical concepts of leadership and management to administer and design plans of care that integrate knowledge and skills pertinent to the role of manager of care of a group of patients and members of the health care team. Graduates will also utilize delegation, priority-setting skills, and knowledge of legal-ethical issues and health care delivery systems to design and coordinate a plan of nursing care for a group of patients.

All prerequisites to the Nursing Program must be completed prior to application and posted on transcript.

Prerequisite Requirements (18 units)

ENGL 1, Reading and Composition 1 (3)
 ANATMY 1, General Human Anatomy (4)
 PHYS 3, Human Physiology (4)
 MCRBIO 1, Fundamentals of Microbiology (5)
 Nursing 19, Orientation to Advanced Placement (2)

Graduation Major Requirements:

These requirements can be completed prior to application:

NURSNG 17, Pharmacological Aspects of Nursing (Prerequisite: Physiology 3) (3)
 Social Science – Group A, (3)
 Speech 5, (3)
 Global Citizenship/ Humanities, (3*)
 Psychology 19, (3)
 Sociology 1, (3)
 Math Requirement, (3)
 COM ST 11, Elements of Public Speaking (COM ST 11 completed summer 2013 or later) (3)

or

COM ST 35, Interpersonal Communication (3)
 PSYCH 19, Lifespan Human Development (3)

Note: Many Global Citizenship courses are also in GE areas and can be used to satisfy both; refer to Associate Degree.

General Education Requirements:

SMC ADN requirements must be successfully completed prior to graduation.

All courses in the approved nursing curriculum must be passed with a minimum “C” grade to remain in the program, progress to the next course, graduate, and apply for licensure.

Required Nursing Courses: (24 units)

First Semester

Prerequisite: Nursing 19

Nursing 3, Adult Health Nursing Concepts 1 (2.5)
 Nursing 3L, Adult Health Nursing Concepts Lab 1 (2.5)
 Nursing 4, Mental Health Nursing Concepts (1.5)
 Nursing 4L, Mental Health Nursing Concepts Lab (1.5)

Second Semester

Prerequisites: Nursing 4/4L, Nursing 17, Nursing 36

Nursing 5, Adult Nursing Concepts II (2.5)
 Nursing 5L, Adult Nursing Concepts Lab II (2.5)
Prerequisites Nursing 5/5L, Psychology 19

Nursing 6, Maternal Newborn Concepts (1.5)
 Nursing 6L, Maternal Newborn Concepts Lab (1)
 Nursing 7, Pediatric Nursing Concepts (1.5)

Nursing 7L, Pediatric Nursing Concepts Lab (1)

Third Term/Semester

Prerequisites: Nursing 5/5L, Nursing 6/6L and Nursing 7/7L

Nursing 8, Adult Nursing Concepts III (2.5)

Nursing 8L, Adult Nursing Concepts Lab III (2.5)

Prerequisites: All other course work in approved nursing curriculum

Nursing 9, Nursing Leadership Concepts (1.5)

Nursing 9L, Nursing Leadership Concepts Lab (2)

Non-Graduate 30-Unit Option

Program Learning Outcomes: Students who complete the Nursing program will use theoretical concepts of leadership and management to administer and design plans of care that integrate knowledge and skills pertinent to the role of manager of care of a group of patients and members of the health care team. Graduates will also utilize delegation, priority-setting skills, and knowledge of legal-ethical issues and health care delivery systems to design and coordinate a plan of nursing care for a group of patients.

NOTE: The 30-Unit Option program is a two-semester program designed to prepare students for employment as a Registered Nurse in California only, with full practice rights as a Registered Nurse after passing the NCLEX. LVNs who select this option should be aware that they may not change their status as a 30-unit option RN with the California Board of Registered Nursing at any time after being granted a RN licensure. Individuals who become licensed as Registered Nurses using this option may not be eligible for licensure in states outside of California, and may have difficulty applying to a college/university for an advanced degree. The program is approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing. If more information is needed regarding the Non-Graduate 30-Unit Option, students should contact the Associate Dean of Health Sciences for further details.

Prerequisite Requirements (18 units)

ENGL 1, Reading and Composition 1 (3)
 ANATMY 1, General Human Anatomy (4)
 PHYS 3, Human Physiology (4)
 MCRBIO 1, Fundamentals of Microbiology (5)

Prerequisite: Nursing 19 Advanced Placement

First Semester

Nursing 6, Maternal Newborn Concepts (1.5)
 Nursing 6L, Maternal Newborn Concepts Lab (1)
 Nursing 7, Pediatric Nursing Concepts (1.5)
 Nursing 7L, Pediatric Nursing Concepts Lab (1)

Second Semester

Nursing 8, Adult Nursing Concepts III (2.5)
 Nursing 8L, Adult Nursing Concepts Lab III (2.5)
 Nursing 9, Nursing Leadership Concepts (1.5)
 Nursing 9L, Nursing Leadership Concepts Lab (2)