

# Nursing Department

## DEGREES

Registered Nursing (AS)

## JOB-DIRECT LOW UNIT CERTIFICATES

Certified Nursing Assistant

## COURSES

NURS (Nursing)

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## P.A.C.E. - HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES- A PATHWAY FOR ACADEMIC AND CAREER EXCELLENCE AT SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

### ARE YOU THE KIND OF PERSON WHO...

- ...desires to inform, enlighten, help, teach, counsel, or cure people?
- ...enjoys using your skills to serve people?
- ...Likes to work hands-on with objects, machines, and tools and/or use your physical or athletic abilities?
- ...is interested in working in a medical environment?

## P.A.C.E. - SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS - A PATHWAY FOR ACADEMIC AND CAREER EXCELLENCE AT SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

### ARE YOU THE KIND OF PERSON WHO...

- ...desires to observe, learn, analyze, evaluate, or solve problems?
- ...enjoys to question and explore physical or biological happenings?
- ...likes to work hands-on with objects, machines, tools, plants, or animals?
- ...is interested in math and/or thinking analytically to solve complex problems?

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## Registered Nursing

Associate in Science Degree

### Program Description

The Registered Nursing Program at Solano Community College is a 2-year Associate Degree Program fully approved by the CA Board of Registered Nursing and is subject to its regulations regarding the education and training of nurses. Successful completion of the program qualifies the student to apply to the National Council Licensing Examination (NCLEX-RN) to become a Registered Nurse. The practice of nursing requires knowledge of the biological, behavioral, and physical sciences, as well as knowledge of, and the ability to speak, to read, and to write the English language proficiently. This program follows the policy of non-discrimination set forth by the Governing Board of Solano Community College.

The Associate in Science Degree is awarded upon successful completion of the major and general education requirements. All courses in the major must be completed with a minimum grade of C or a P if the course is taken on a Pass/No Pass basis.

### Program Outcomes

Students who complete the Registered Nursing Associate Degree will be able to:

1. Synthesize principles of the nursing process and critical thinking to assist individuals, families and communities to achieve positive adaptation to change in health or a peaceful death.
2. Integrate technology and evidence-based concepts of nursing practice across the health care continuum to ensure quality patient centered care.
3. Educate patients, families, and communities in health promotion behaviors that increase health and wellness and decrease disease and illness in populations and communities

### Retention in Program:

1. Students are required to undergo criminal background checks and drug screens. The School of Health Sciences may be unable to place students in a clinical setting if they have a positive criminal background check or drug screen; therefore, the student may be dropped from the nursing program.
2. If a student's conduct poses potential harm to the well-being of clients or is disruptive to the classroom or lab environment, the student may be dropped from the nursing program.
3. If a student's physical or emotional health appears to be such that they cannot meet the objectives of the program in nursing, the student may be asked to drop the nursing program.
4. In order to remain in the program and to graduate, the student must maintain a minimum grade of C in the theory and the clinical portions of the nursing program. The student must maintain a median grade of 75% or higher for each course.
5. Maintain current CPR, TB screening, clear criminal background check and drug screen.

*In accordance with state law, the California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) may deny licensure to an individual for crimes substantially related to the practice of nursing. Upon acceptance to the nursing program, any student who has had a conviction related to sex crimes, drug crimes (including DUI) and crimes of violence may need to contact the BRN regarding his/her status.*

### REQUIRED COURSES

#### First Semester Courses (First Year) ..... Units

NURS 071A Foundations of Nursing I*	6
NURS 071B Foundations of Nursing II*	6
NURS 071S Nursing Simulation Skills Lab I	2

#### Second Semester Courses (First Year) ..... Units

NURS 072A Medical/Surgical I and Geriatrics*	5
NURS 072B Maternal/Neonatal Nursing*	5
NURS 072S Nursing Skills Lab II	2

#### Third Semester Courses (Second Year) ..... Units

NURS 073 Issues and Leadership in Health Care Today..	2
NURS 073A Medical/Surgical II*	5
NURS 073B Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing*	5
NURS 073S Nursing Simulation and Skills Lab III	1

#### Fourth Semester Courses (Second Year) ..... Units

NURS 074A Medical/Surgical III*	6
NURS 074B Pediatric Nursing*	5
NURS 074S Nursing Simulation and Skills Lab IV	1

*\*Concurrent enrollment in corresponding Skills Lab required.*

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## REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO THE PROGRAM

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.
  - Applicants 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.
  - Applicants 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.
  - Applicants 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 applicant's College GPA, Core Biology GPA, English GPA and the applicant's Core Biology Repetitions (This includes grades of D or less and W's on the applicant's transcript).

3. Completion of Registered Nursing Program Prerequisites

## REGISTERED NURSING PROGRAM PREREQUISITES

*A minimum grade of C in the following pre-major and general education courses*

BIO 004 Human Anatomy.....	4
BIO 005 Human Physiology .....	4
BIO 014 Principles of Microbiology .....	4
ENGL 001 College Composition.....	4
CDFS 070 Lifespan Human Development.....	3
NUTR 010 Nutrition.....	3
NURS 052 Pharmacology for Nursing.....	3
PSYC 001 Introduction to Psychology.....	3
One course from Critical Thinking .....	3-4
<b>Critical Thinking: (select one course) .....</b>	<b>Units</b>
COMM 001 Introduction to Public Speaking.....	3
COMM 002 Fundamentals of Persuasive Speaking.....	3
COMM 006 Argumentation and Debate .....	3
ENGL 002 Critical Thinking and Writing About Literature .....	4

*Complete all general education requirements (SCC GE, IGETC, or CSU) or hold an Associates or Bachelors degree from a regionally accredited institution in the United States.*

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 [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com) website regarding TEAS preparation, registration and testing.
5. First-time applicants are strongly encouraged to meet with an SCC counselor before August of the application year 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.

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## APPLICATION / ACCEPTANCE TO THE PROGRAM

Currently the Registered Nursing Program admits applicants once per year. Applications are accepted online. Check the SCC Nursing website for specific details and deadlines. <http://www.solano.edu/health/disciplines.php#nursing>

The Registered 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 a randomized lottery selection process. Returning qualified applicants will have their name included into the appropriate pool for each time they apply to SCC's Registered Nursing program for three (3) consecutive years. If an applicant who has not been selected after 3 years applies a fourth time, they will automatically be offered a spot, as long as they still meet the requirements for entry. Only applicants 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, they may apply during the following application period.

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 BLS for Healthcare Providers card.
- 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.

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## APPLICATION GUIDELINES

**COMPLETE:** All pre-major and General Education courses must be completed before submitting an SCC Registered Nursing Application. Transcripts with courses in progress at the time of application will be voided or not accepted. Please refer to the SCC nursing website for more information.

**APPLY:** Applications for admission to Solano Community College are submitted online via CCCApply.

- ✓ Applicants who have never attended SCC must submit a CCCApply application. Go to the SCC home page, [www.solano.edu](http://www.solano.edu), and click on the yellow "APPLY NOW!" button
  - **Note:** Returning SCC students who did not attend last semester must complete a new CCCApply application to SCC before accessing the Registered Nursing Application.
- ✓ **STUDENT ID NUMBER:** After submitting a CCCApply application, allow 30 minutes for processing. An email will be sent to the email address provided in the application and it will include the applicant's SCC ID number, username and password for the applicant's MySolano account. An SCC email address will then be available; this address must be used for all correspondence and when applying to the Registered Nursing program itself.
  - When completing a CCCApply application to Solano, if an applicant already has an SCC ID number, the system will re-activate the same ID number. After this step, the applicant can complete the online Registered Nursing application.
- ✓ **MYSOLANO EMAIL ACCOUNT:** All correspondence regarding SCC application status will be sent to the email address provided in the CCCApply application. The student's MySolano student email address is required when establishing the Registered Nursing application account online. Students must use the MySolano email address for all communications going forward and should check frequently for important messages from the College and/or the program.

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## COUNSELING SERVICES FOR FIRST-TIME NURSING APPLICANTS

An appointment with an SCC Counselor is strongly encouraged to obtain and complete a *Nursing Pre-Major and General Education Requirement Check Sheet* to document completion of all eligibility requirements. This check sheet is especially important when coursework by the applicant has not been completed at SCC. A copy of this document can be found at <http://www.solano.edu/health/disciplines.php#nursing>

NOTE: If the applicant has earned an Associates or Bachelors degree from a regionally accredited institution in the US or Canada, their General Education (GE) requirements are complete. A Counselor can help determine if they have met all the requirements.

✓ **COUNSELING APPOINTMENT:** To book an appointment use the online booking system at [http://www.solano.edu/counseling/counseling\\_locations.php](http://www.solano.edu/counseling/counseling_locations.php) or call (707) 864-7101 to schedule an appointment with a Counselor. If the applicant has 15 or more units from other colleges, they will need to schedule a one-hour appointment with an SCC Counselor. During the appointment, the Counselor will work with the applicant to review the *Nursing Pre-Major and General Education Requirement Check Sheet*, petitioning of course equivalencies and degree completion requirements. The applicant must bring all transcripts from other colleges to this appointment, if they have not been submitted previously. While this appointment is not required, it is strongly encouraged so that the applicant can be confident they have met the requirements prior to application.

✓ **GENERAL COUNSELING:** For general counseling questions, go to [www.solano.edu/counseling/](http://www.solano.edu/counseling/)

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## APPLY TO THE REGISTERED NURSING PROGRAM AT SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

- ✓ Complete the Nursing Application available on the Registered Nursing website during an open application period (September 1 through September 30 every year for a Fall start the following academic year).
  - Applicants must have SCC ID number, *Nursing Pre-Major and General Education Requirement Check Sheet* – signed and dated by an SCC Counselor if met with one, MySolano email address, and proof of high school graduation.
  - All required information for admission to the Registered Nursing program **MUST** be uploaded to the application.

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## ONCE THE APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED

- ✓ **EMAIL ACCOUNT:** All correspondence regarding the application status will be sent to the applicant's MySolano email address. It is required that the applicant's MySolano student email address be used when establishing an application account online and for all communications going forward. Applicants should check their MySolano email frequently for important messages from the College and/or the Program. Applicants will not receive phone verification regarding their status. Send any changes of address to [registered.nurse@solano.edu](mailto:registered.nurse@solano.edu) and update online in MySolano.
- ✓ **PERMANENT ADDRESS:** The Program may send letters via U.S. Postal Service to the applicant's permanent address as provided in their application. Send any changes of address to [registered.nurse@solano.edu](mailto:registered.nurse@solano.edu) and update online in MySolano.
- ✓ New applications will be evaluated following the close of the open application period. Applicants should expect to receive notification of their status in February.

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## LVN to RN Program

The policies and procedures for the Solano Community College LVN to RN program are currently under revision. Interested individuals can obtain more information and future updates at:

<http://www.solano.edu/health/disciplines#mobility>

### *LVN to RN Thirty-Unit Option*

#### **Thirty-Unit Option**

By choosing this option students would:

- complete a total of 29-30 units.
- not be a graduate of an Associate Degree Program.
- not be a graduate of the Solano Community College Nursing Program and may not wear the school pin.
- be eligible for licensure in California and may not be eligible for licensure in other states.

#### **Prerequisites**

- BIO 004 - Human Anatomy (5 units)
- BIO 005 - Introductory Physiology (5 units)
- BIO 014 - Principles of Microbiology (4 units)

Additional information will be posted on the Program website:

<http://www.solano.edu/health/disciplines#mobility>

Please note: LVNs wishing to become RNs are also eligible and encouraged to apply to the generic RN Program or A.D.N. track where matriculation would begin during the 1st semester with A.D.N. cohort at Solano Community College. Interested individuals can obtain more information about the A.D.N. program at:

<http://www.solano.edu/health/disciplines#nursing>

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## Certified Nursing Assistant

*Job-Direct Low Unit Certificate*

Required Courses .....	Units
NURS 103 Certified Nursing Assistant .....	6.5
<b>Total Units .....</b>	<b>6.5</b>