

Prerequisites

Q1: Is there a 5-year recency on prerequisites?

A1: No. There is no recency on sciences or other prerequisites at this time.

Q2: Do I need math completed to apply to the Nursing program?

A2: No, math is not required to apply. Math needs to be completed by graduate from the Nursing program. It is advised to complete math before you start the program. Statistics is the recommended math course.

Q3: Which courses are needed to apply to the Nursing program?

A3: English C1000 (English 1A), Anatomy 1, Physio 1, Micro 5 or 60, FDNT 10 or 62 and Psych C1000 (Psych 1A), 4, 7, 8 or 56. All other prerequisites (Comms and Soc or Anthro) and GE need to be completed by graduation. All nursing prerequisites must comply with the semester unit values stated on the application and website. The TEAS test must be completed by application deadline. Information about the prerequisites for the ADN program is available at <http://adn.santarosa.edu>. Click the "Program Requirements" link on the left of the page. Please click on the link that says "[Major](#)". It is recommended that you meet with a Health Sciences counselor to develop a plan for completing the program prerequisites.

Q4: Are online science labs accepted?

A4: Online science/lab prerequisites will be accepted for application ONLY if they were completed in Spring 2020 through Summer 2022 and meet the program requirement unit values. Any lab taken outside this time, needs to be in-person.

Q5: Can I repeat English 1A if I received a C in the past?

A5: Yes, a student can retake English 1A (or equivalent) to try to earn a higher grade for the Nursing Chancellor's probability of success score. If you took English 1A at SRJC and passed with a C, you will need to re-take it at another college since you already passed it at SRJC. If you take it at another college, once you complete the repeated course, you will send official transcripts to Admissions and Records. You will also need an official, sealed, hard copy of that transcript to turn in with your Nursing application. The new grade will not replace your C on your transcripts, but Nursing will allow you to use the higher (most recent) grade on your Nursing application and in the Chancellor's probability of success score.

Q6: Do I need a prerequisite equivalency to be able to take certain courses?

A6: All prerequisites need to be met for any course you plan to take at SRJC. If a prerequisite was taken at another college, please send official transcripts to SRJC Admissions. Once transcripts are on file, complete the prerequisite equivalency form: <https://admissions.santarosa.edu/prerequisite-equivalency-form>

Q7: Are AP exams accepted for Nursing requirements?

A7: The Nursing program accepts AP scores for the Board of Nursing requirements and General Education. AP scores are not accepted for core sciences (Anatomy, Physio or Micro). If you took AP English Lang and/or Lit and received a score of 3 or higher, you can use this score for the English 1A requirement. PLEASE BE AWARE: a score of 3 or higher on AP English will count as a C in the Nursing Chancellor's probability of success score. Nursing allows these applicants to use their English 1B or 5 grade instead. Applicants that took English 1A in college are not allowed to use English 1B or 5. This is only for applicants that took AP English and received a 3 or higher since the Chancellor's probability of success score counts it as a C and most applicants want a higher grade in English to meet the 80% needed to qualify for the lottery.

Q8: Can I use P/NP grades for Nursing requirements?

A8: Student cannot use P/NP grades for the Nursing prerequisites (English 1A, Anatomy 1, Physio 1 and Micro 5 or 60). P/NP taken for General Education and/or Board of Nursing requirements are accepted.

Q9: How do I know if the courses I took at another college are equivalent to the prerequisites for SRJC's Nursing program?

A9: The only way to know for sure is to submit official copies of your transcripts to SRJC's Admissions and Records, and request a Transfer Credit Evaluation once you are an enrolled student at SRJC with this form: <https://admissions.santarosa.edu/transfer-credit-evaluation-form>. Be sure to select Nursing as the major, and a GE pattern (you can discuss the GE options with a Counselor). If you are not an enrolled student at SRJC, send official transcripts to SRJC and then meet with a Counselor to go over your coursework.

Q10: Does SRJC have articulation agreements with other local California Community Colleges when it comes to Science Prerequisites?

A10: SRJC does have articulation agreements with a few local California Community Colleges. That information can be found on our articulation website: <https://articulation.santarosa.edu/california-community-colleges>

Applying

Q1: Do I need an Associate's Degree to apply to the Nursing program?

A1: No. An Associate degree is not required to apply.

Q2: Can I apply to the Nursing program with prerequisites still in progress?

A2: No, you must have a letter grade for English, Anatomy, Physiology, Microbiology, Psychology and Food and Nutrition before you can submit your application.

Q3: Do W's count as repeats in the Sciences?

A3: Yes, W's count just like D's and F's. If it's on your transcript, it's a repeat.

Q4: Do EW's count as repeats in the Sciences?

A4: No. EW's do not count as repeats in the Sciences.

Q5: When and how do I apply to the nursing program?

A5: The Nursing program has one application period per year, October 2nd through February 7th. Applicants are selected from the annual applicant pool for the fall and spring semesters of the next academic year. Applications must be received in the Health Sciences office by the application deadline of February 7th at 5:00pm. The application may be downloaded from <https://adn.santarosa.edu/getting-started>. Please note: Incomplete applications will not be processed. No exceptions are made to the due date.

Q6: If I wanted to plug in hypothetical scores is there a website to do that? Or do I do it with a counselor?

A6: We do not calculate Chancellor's probability of success scores. Our Chancellor's probability of success score is 80%. Please refer to the SAMPLE CHANCELLOR'S PROBABILITY OF SUCCESS SCORE table in the Handout section of this canvas page.

Q7: Are there bonus points?

A7: No. The program uses the California Community College Chancellor's office formula. See handouts page for the SAMPLE CHANCELLOR'S PROBABILITY OF SUCCESS SCORE table.

Q8: Do local applicants get priority for admission?

A8: No. There are no priority spots.

Q9: If I have a Bachelor's degree, do I still need General Education?

A9: You get credit for your general education from your Bachelor's degree if it was from a Regionally Accredited Institution. You would need to submit an official copy of your transcripts with your Nursing Application as well as an official copy to SRJC's Admissions and Records for a formal evaluation.

Q10: What if it's a foreign Bachelor's degree?

A10: Your transcripts from your foreign degree will need to be translated and evaluated by a transcript evaluation service. Typically, English and Speech classes are not accepted, but they may accept some courses on a foreign degree. You can find more information about foreign transcripts evaluation services on the SRJC Admissions page: <https://admissions.santarosa.edu/incoming-sending-transcripts-srjc>

Q11: Do I need a CNA license to apply?

A11: No. Applicants are not required to have a CNA license to apply.

Q12: I am disabled. Can I still be accepted to the ADN program?

A12: Absolutely. Applicants are encouraged to view our Technical Standards web page for guidance at <http://adn.santarosa.edu/technical-standards>.

Q13: Do you accept transfer applicants from another nursing program?

A13: Yes, we accept applications for transfer from September 1 through September 30 each year. Applicants that wish to transfer to the program must submit an application, transcripts, copies of the course syllabi for completed nursing classes, and a letter from their current Dean or Director stating that the student is in good standing and eligible for continued enrollment.

Q14: Do I need to send official transcripts to SRJC to apply to the Nursing program?

A14: To apply to the Nursing program, you will need to submit a hard copy of your transcripts with your Nursing application. For SRJC transcripts, you can submit an unofficial copy with your application. For transcripts from other colleges, you will need to submit official, sealed, hard copies with your application. If you took courses at other colleges, it is recommended that you also send official transcripts to Admissions and Records as soon as possible. Once you are accepted in to the program, Admissions will need your transcripts so you can request a transcript evaluation. This is important to make sure you meet all the general education, Associate degree and Nursing major requirements before you apply for graduation from the Nursing program. Be sure to meet with a Counselor to go over these requirements.

Q15: If I have transcripts from another college, do I need a Transfer Credit Evaluations before I apply?

A15: No, it is not required to have your transcripts officially evaluated by the application deadline. If you are a current SRJC student taking courses, it is recommended to send your official transcripts from all colleges attended and then submit a Transcripts Evaluation Request. Once the evaluation is complete, please meet with a Counselor to go over it. If you are not a current SRJC student, it is still recommended that you to send your official transcripts from all colleges attended to Admission and Records and then meet with a Counselor to go over the courses you have taken. If you have taken a prerequisite needed to register for a course at SRJC, once your official transcripts are on file with Admissions and Records, please submit a Prerequisite Equivalency form. You can discuss this process when you meet with a Counselor. Links to forms below:

- Sending Official Transcripts: <https://admissions.santarosa.edu/incoming-sending-transcripts-srjc>
- Transcript Evaluation Request: <https://admissions.santarosa.edu/transfer-credit-evaluation-form>
- Prerequisite Equivalency: <https://admissions.santarosa.edu/prerequisite-equivalency-form>

Q16: What is the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)?

A16: All applicants will be required to submit a copy of their Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) with their application for admission OR if the first TEAS score was below 62%, there must be a minimum of 6 months between the first test and all subsequent tests taken to achieve a 62%.

*The ATI TEAS measures skills in the content area domains of Reading, Mathematics, Science, and English and Language usage and is **HIGHLY predictive for success in***

nursing programs. The ADN program requires a score of 62% as partial qualification for the lottery. However, ATI recommends that scores of 70-75% demonstrate the best predictor of success in nursing programs. Information on the study guide may be found at www.atitesting.com.

Q17: Is the TEAS required to apply?

A17: Yes, in addition to completion of course prerequisites, all applicants must meet eligibility requirements for admission including completion of a current version of the ATI TEAS 7 exam with a score of 62% or higher. It is suggested that applicants prepare seriously for TEAS testing.

- *An unofficial copy of the first TEAS test taken must be submitted with the application.*
- *If you are selected for admission to the Nursing program, but you do not have a 62% or higher score on your TEAS, you are required to follow a remediation plan contract developed by the Nursing department. Once you complete the remediation plan contract, you will re-test. If you earn a 62% or higher on the re-test, you will be admitted in to the next available semester cohort. There must be a minimum of 6 months between TEAS testing taken **if the first score is below 62%.***
- *More information about the test, books and practice tests are available at atitesting.com Links to an external site.*

Q18: What if I have a past Criminal Record, can I still apply to the Nursing program?

A18: It depends. Background issues are taken on a case-by-case basis. SRJC Counselors cannot advise applicants on criminal background issues for the Nursing program. If you have a background issue, you will need to contact the Nursing Program Director and the CA Board of Nursing.

From the Nursing Program webpage:

Any student having any concerns about drug screening, criminal background checks, or criminal convictions is encouraged to contact the Director of the ADN program for confidential advising.

****Please note:***

An additional background screening, Department of Justice and Fingerprinting is required by the California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) prior to licensure. In accordance with state law, the California Board of Registered Nursing may deny licensure for crimes substantially related to the practice of nursing. This includes convictions involving sex crimes, drug or alcohol related crimes (including DUI), and crimes of violence. It is the responsibility of the applicant to present sufficient evidence of rehabilitation to the BRN at the time of application for licensure. Questions related to

possible denial should be referred to the Board of Registered Nursing(<http://www.rn.ca.gov/index.shtml>Links to an external site.).

SRJC Nursing Program contacts:

- <https://adn.santarosa.edu/staff>

California Board of Nursing:

- <https://www.rn.ca.gov/Links to an external site.>

Acceptance

Q1: How are the applicants selected for admission?

A1: The selection process for admission is a "qualified" lottery:

Requirements for applicants to qualify for the lottery: (1) The application materials must be complete as instructed, with all official sealed transcripts and a copy of the official ATI TEAS score included. (2) All applications are individually screened using the California Community College Chancellor's probability for success composite formula to determine eligibility for admission, and applicants must achieve an 80% score (see Getting Started for description of scoring). (3) Applicants must have earned a 62% on their first ATI TEAS test to accept immediate provisional admission. NOTE: If the submitted TEAS score is less than 62%, and the applicant has a composite formula score of 80%, they will qualify for the lottery, however, if selected they will be offered a TEAS remediation/retesting contract and a deferred admission space upon completion of the contract, and an earned re-test TEAS score of 62% or more.

Selection for provisional admission by random lottery: All qualified applicants (above) are entered into a random lottery and the first 120 selected are offered conditional admission pending completion of all admissions requirements. Provisional admission offers must be formally accepted by the deadline or offers will be made to the next applicants in the lottery by number. Lottery numbers are not revealed to applicants. Please refer to the "Getting Started" page for specific information on the program selection process: <https://adn.santarosa.edu/getting-started>

Q2: How many applicants are chosen from the lottery?

A2: 120 are selected from the lottery. 60 applicants start in Fall and 60 applicants start in Spring

Q3: Are there any statistics online on how many applicants apply each application period?

A3: There are no statistics online, but there are about 350 applicants on average. You want to remember that there are many people that apply that do not qualify for the lottery or are applying to several other nursing programs.

Q4: Is there a waitlist?

A4: No. It is a random selection lottery. Applicants must apply every year to be considered for admission.

Q5: Can I decide which semester I want to start the ADN program?

A5: No, you are assigned to fall or spring based on your lottery number.

Q6: Can I defer my acceptance?

A6: No. If you cannot attend when you are accepted, you will need to reapply the following year.

Q7: Can I attend the program part-time so that I can work?

A7: The Nursing program is not offered part-time. Some applicants are able to work part-time if they have flexible work schedules. The Nursing program cannot work around applicants' schedules.

Q: What is required once I am accepted?

A: Provisional acceptance into the program means that you have a space in the program pending completion of all health requirements, background and drug checks, and immunization verification. Additionally, provisionally accepted applicants must possess a clear background check, drug screen, complete American Heart Association BLS for the Healthcare Providers, and must complete all health requirements by the established deadline. Please refer to the "Getting Started" page for specific information on the qualifications and eligibility: <http://adn.santarosa.edu>

Health and Safety Requirements

Q1: Are there health and safety requirements?

A1: Yes, there are physical, health, and immunization requirements for being admitted to the ADN program. Additionally, applicants must clear a background check and urine drug screen. Please see the general requirements and clinical site requirements below and on the ADN webpage.

Requirements For Entrance/Continuation In The ADN Program

Initial health and safety requirements completed upon entrance into the program must be submitted by the deadline listed on the provisional admission letter in order for the student to be officially enrolled in the program. Each student is responsible for maintaining current requirements for the ADN program. Applicants who do not have the current requirements will not participate in clinical and therefore will not be able to continue in the nursing program.

HEALTH/IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

The immunization requirements are recommended by the Centers for Disease Control for Health Care Workers, the Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices (ACIP) and are established by the individual clinical facility requirements.

A. Physical Exam

Documentation of a physical exam by a licensed healthcare provider must be completed no more than three (3) months prior to the deadline date given on provisional acceptance letter. Instructions for the provider are included in the Health Evaluation form. Santa Rosa Junior College applicants can make an appointment with the Student Health Services for immunization and TB screening. Please check the [Student Health Services](#) site for dates and times they are open.

B. Tuberculin Skin Test- Purified Protein Derivative (PPD) –

Applicants must complete a two-step PPD test within six months prior to starting the program. With a two-step skin test the PPD is completed, and if negative, a second PPD test will be performed one week after the first test. This two-step Mantoux test needs to be done only once. AND students must complete an annual PPD or Quantiferon Gold blood test each year thereafter.

Applicants who cannot have a PPD or have a history of a positive PPD must have a negative chest x-ray within one year prior to entrance into the ADN program. An annual TB Symptom Review must be documented and on file each year thereafter. Applicants that have not completed these requirements will not be allowed to participate in clinical.

C. Immunizations

Applicants must provide proof of vaccination or immunity for the following:

1. Hepatitis B• Documentation of receipt of three doses of Hepatitis B vaccine and a documented seropositivity following the third dose or completion of the Hepislay two-dose vaccine with a documented seropositive lab result following the second dose.• The first two doses must be completed prior to beginning clinical.**2. Tetanus/Diphtheria**

- Booster vaccination within previous ten (10) years

3. Measles Mumps Rubella

- Two doses of vaccine since 1980 or a positive titer

4. Varicella

- Vaccination or a positive titer
- History of disease is not accepted

5. Influenza

- Annual influenza immunization each fall is required by hospital partners. The only exception is a documented medical contraindication to the vaccine.

6. COVID-19 and Variants

- At present clinical agencies are strongly recommending the COVID-19 two-dose vaccine and boosters for nursing applicants to be safely placed in off-campus clinical rotations. As clinical rotation hours are a BRN mandate, and cannot be substituted, documentation of COVID status is required for application for admission.

7. Other vaccinations as recommended or required by the CDC.

BASIC LIFE SUPPORT (BLS) REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must obtain certification in basic life support and maintain currency while in the ADN program. The ADN program only accepts **American Heart Association BLS for the Healthcare Provider certification.**

Applicants who do not complete or submit the admission requirements by the admission deadlines will forfeit their provisional admission.

It is the student's responsibility to insure that these health care requirements are met and copies of documentation are submitted to the Certified Background Health Screening before registering for each course. NOTE: Applicants should keep a personal file of all their health documentation for future employers.

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS AND DRUG SCREENING

In accordance to the Joint Commission (2008) standard, clinical facilities may require criminal background checks and urine drug screens for all individuals providing patient care, including

nursing applicants. The clinical affiliation agreements that the SRJC ADN program has with clinical agencies require that we conduct background checks and urine drug screens on all applicants prior to placement in a clinical environment. The background checks and urine drug screening are done by a designated independent service. Applicants are responsible for costs associated with the background check/s and urine drug screen/s. Applicants will register and self-pay online for this service. The results are maintained and protected as confidential documents by the nursing program director.

All applicants entering the program are required to obtain a criminal background check and a urine drug screen before entering the first nursing course. If the student remains in continuous enrollment in the ADN program only one background check may be required, however, some clinical facilities are requiring subsequent background checks for clinical placements. All readmitted applicants must complete a background check and drug screen prior to the readmission into the nursing course.

If the drug screen result comes back as dilute, adulterated, or non-negative, the student may be allowed one retest at the student's expense. A urine drug screen may be required at any given time during the nursing program if required by an affiliated clinical agency or program policies.

If a student cannot be cleared for clinical due to a background check infraction or a positive drug screen, the student will not be able to participate in clinical, which is a program requirement. In the event that a student is found ineligible for clinical placement by the clinical facility after admission to the nursing program, they shall be subject to dismissal from the program, as they will be unable to complete the mandatory clinical course objectives.

In the event that convictions are discovered that were not identified in the background check and those convictions are of such an age or nature that they preclude the student from participating at all clinical sites, the student will be dismissed from the nursing program. A student convicted of a criminal offense while enrolled in the nursing program must report the conviction to the Director of Nursing within five days of the conviction. **Updated Information Regarding Changes to California State Laws:** Despite the recent change to California state laws regarding marijuana usage our clinical facilities still require a clean urine drug screen from all applicants. Clinical agencies must uphold federal laws and therefore cannot accept a positive urine drug screen, including applicants with medical marijuana authorization. **Any student having any concerns about drug screening, criminal background checks, or criminal convictions is encouraged to contact the Director of the ADN program for confidential advising.**

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Miscellaneous

Q1: How much does the program cost?

A1: For a detailed list of estimated costs please see the ["Program Costs" page on the ADN website](#). It is recommended that applicants apply for Financial Aid and research scholarship opportunities.

Total Estimated Cost for ADN Program: \$5240 (resident)/\$19,224 (non-resident)

Financial Aid Office: <https://financialaid.santarosa.edu/>

Scholarship Office: <https://scholarships.santarosa.edu/>

Q3: Can I work while I am in the program?

A3: The ADN program requires full-time attendance and studies. Generally, you will be expected to be in class about 32 hours a week with an additional 20-30 hours a week of study time. Most applicants find it difficult to work while in the program. Courses in the ADN program require applicants to be available five days per week (which may include weekends) and to be available during both day and evening hours for clinical rotations. Some applicants are able to work part-time if they have flexible work schedules. The Nursing program cannot work around applicants' schedules.

Q4: Do you have a weekend or evening program?

A4: Currently we do not offer an evening or weekend program.

Q5: Do you have a LVN to RN program?

A5: No. We do not have an LVN to RN program.

Q6: Do you offer the 30-unit option for VNs?

A6: Yes, we offer the 30-unit option; however, space is limited and this admission cohort receives the lowest priority for admission. It is uncommon for the ADN program to have space available for student enrollment in the 30-unit option program.

Q7: I am an internationally trained student and the BRN is requiring me to take additional classes in a specific subject. Can I take the classes in your program?

A7: Unfortunately, we do not accept applicants for individual courses. We have a very impacted program and only admit applicants that will complete our full program.

Q8: What is the CNECM program (SSU Concurrent AND to BSN Bridge program)?

A8: CNECM (Collaborative Nursing Education Continuum Model), is a concurrent ADN to BSN bridge program offered by SSU to five local participating Community Colleges. The five community colleges that participate are: SRJC, College of Marin, Napa Valley College, Mendocino College and Solano College.

- *The CNECM is an “early start” to Upper Division Nursing coursework toward the BSN.*
- *Current ADN applicants enrolled at CNECM partners apply while in ADN programs.*
- *Applicants need to have the CSU GE completed by the time they graduate from SRJC and start at SSU.*
- *Applicants need to have Statistics completed for the math requirement.*
- *Applicants apply after they complete their first semester in the Nursing program (fall starts) or after their third semester in the Nursing program (spring starts).*
- *Applicants interested in CNECM should meet with an SRJC Counselor to review requirements and application process.*
- *Please review CNECM information Session PowerPoint and attend an information Session if you are interested in this program. <https://nursing.sonoma.edu/academic-programs/post-licensure-bsn-cnecm>Links to an external site.*

Q9: Are there other ADN to BSN programs?

A9: Yes. There are many ADN to BSN programs available to applicants. Along with the CNECM program, SRJC has partnerships with several institutions that offer concurrent ADN to BSN Bridge programs.

SRJC Concurrent Enrollment Brochure

Beyond concurrent bridge programs, there are also Post Bridge programs at other CSUs, Private and Out-of-State Universities. Applicants are encouraged to research and speak with a Counselor about their options.

Here is a link to CSU Post Bridge programs: <https://www.calstate.edu/attend/degrees-certificates-credentials/adn-rn-to-bsn-degree-program>Links to an external site.

Q10: What is the NCLEX pass rate for SRJC's ADN program?

A10: NCLEX pass rates for all California Colleges can be found here: <http://www.rn.ca.gov/education/passrates.shtml>Links to an external site.

Q11: Do you offer advanced placement for people with military health care related experience?

A11: Yes. Visit this link for more information: <https://adn.santarosa.edu/advance-placement-military-experience>