

**CYPRESS COLLEGE  
DEPARTMENT OF NURSING  
STUDENT SELECTION PROCEDURES**



Students seeking admission to the Cypress College Nursing Program are required to attend an information workshop. Information about these workshops can be found at:

<http://cypresscollege.edu/academics/academicprograms/healthscience> (Click on the link for “Free information Workshops Available”). The following is a summary of the Cypress College Nursing Program student selection procedures. Since selection criteria may change, it is recommended that you contact the Health Science Nursing Counselor periodically and/or visit our nursing website for current information. Initial application may be made after completion of the following prerequisite courses with a “C” or better

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| 1. Biology 231C – Anatomy *             | 4 units |
| 2. Biology 241C – Physiology*           | 4 units |
| 3. Biology 220C – Medical Microbiology* | 4 units |
| 4. English 100C – College Writing       | 3 units |

**\* Courses must be taken within five (5) years of application.**

All qualified applicants who meet the minimum requirements, supported by documentation, will be included on two applicant lists: the Chronological Waiting List and the Rank Order List.

Qualified applicants with all required application documents on file will be considered for admission to the Nursing Program twice a year: fall and Spring semesters. A minimum of 40 applicants will be selected each semester, 75% from the Rank Order List and 25% from the Chronological Wait list.

### **ENTRANCE EXAM REQUIREMENT**

Applicants **selected** for admission into the Cypress College nursing program are required to pass a national standardized, validated nursing entrance exam. The Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) is used by the Cypress nursing program. The TEAS is a multiple-choice assessment that covers English and Language Usage, Reading, Mathematics, and Science. The current required passing score is 62% of Version 5. For more information on the TEAS, applicants may go to :

<http://www.atitesting.com/global/students/teas-faq.aspx>

Applicants who fail to meet the required scores will be given one year to remediate. Admission to the nursing program will be deferred for one year until remediation is completed. Students who need to remediate will be required to meet with a nursing counselor to develop their plan.

### **CHRONOLOGICAL WAIT LIST:**

All applicants on the Chronological Wait List are positioned based on the date of initial application and Nursing Department Application number. Candidates with the longest continuous inclusion on this list will be afforded the available slots in seniority order. Applicants must maintain continuous eligibility status by updating their application once a year during the application period.

## **RANK ORDER LIST:**

A maximum of 30 points may be earned in accord with the procedures listed below. The Rank Order List will contain the names of all currently eligible applicants ranked by points from highest to lowest. In the event of applicants with identical points, rank order will be determined by assigning priority based on the higher overall GPA in required prerequisite and general education coursework. When ties still occur, rank is then determined by date of initial nursing program application. A candidate will be able to advance the position on the Rank Order List once a year by updating their application (during the application period) and submitting evidence for additional points in the categories that follow.

### **I. Grades in Prerequisite Science Courses**

**Maximum 15 Points**

Points will be awarded for each of the following three courses based on the grade achieved in that course. A minimum passing grade of “C” must be achieved and courses must be taken within five (5) years of application: “A” = 5 points, “B” = 3 points, “C” = 1 point.

1. Biology 231C – Anatomy 4 units
2. Biology 241C – Physiology 4 units
3. Biology 220C – Medical Microbiology 4 units

### **II. General Education Courses**

**Maximum 10 points**

Additional points may be achieved by the completion of one or more of the following courses. A grade of “C” or better must be achieved in these courses.

**Two points** each will be awarded for passing these two courses:

- a. Psychology 101C –Introduction to Psychology 3 units
- b. Math 040C – Intermediate Algebra or higher,  
or math Proficiency examination 4 units

**One Point** each will be awarded for passing these six courses:

- a. English 100C – College Writing 4 units
- b. Reading Proficiency Requirements  
(English 96C, 102C, 106C or Proficiency Exam);  
GE Certification or Bachelors degree from an accredited institution in the U.S.
- c. COMM 100C – Human Communications 3 units
- d. Sociology 101C – Introduction to Sociology 3 units
- e. Humanities 3units
- f. Art 3units  
(See Cypress College Catalog for specific courses that meet the requirements)

### III. Additional Criteria (1 point may be given for each item)

Maximum 5 points

#### **ACADEMIC DEGREE, DIPLOMAS, OR CERTIFICATES RELATED TO PATIENT CARE:**

If you have received a degree, diploma or certificate related to patient care, official transcripts from regionally accredited United States colleges or universities with degree posted, or verification of certification are required.

#### **PROFICIENCY OR ADVANCED LEVEL OF COURSEWORK IN A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH**

1. Official transcript from a United States regionally accredited college or university verifying two (2) years or (4) semesters of foreign language
2. Languages identified by California Community College Chancellor's Office will be accepted: American Sign Language, Arabic, Chinese (including dialect), Farsi, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog, Languages of India or Southeast Asia.
3. If you consider yourself a native speaker, describe your level of proficiency and the language you speak.

#### **PATIENT CARE EXPERIENCE – WORK OR VOLUNTEER – MUST INCLUDE 200 OR MORE DOCUMENTED HOURS**

1. **Work:** Letter from current/former employer verifying employment. The letter must be on organization letterhead with an original signature and must include the applicant's name, (must match name on application), start date and end date (if applicable), employment status (full-time/part-time), number of hours per week (or total hours worked to date), job title, department if applicable, and example of duties including patient interaction.
2. **Volunteer:** Letter from current/former organization verifying volunteer service. The letter must be on organization letterhead with an original signature and must include the applicant's name (must match name on application), start date and end date (if applicable), total number of hours volunteered, and example of duties including patient interaction.

#### **LIFE EXPERIENCES OR SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES**

1. Disabilities - Documented disability from college learning disability program or Disability Support Programs and Services
2. Low family income - Proof of eligibility or proof of receipt of financial aid e.g. BOGG fee waiver, Cal Grant, Pell Grant or other federal grant, CalWorks
3. First generation to attend college - Submit a letter which describes how you meet this criteria.
4. Need to work - Paycheck stub during period of time enrolled in prerequisite courses or letter from employer (must be on organization letterhead) verifying employment was at least part time while completing courses.
5. Disadvantaged social or educational environment - Participation or eligibility for Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS); submit a letter explaining your situation and circumstances.
6. Refugee Status - Documentation or letter from USCIS
7. Veteran Status - Copy of DD-214 or spouse of a deceased, MIA or disabled veteran (must be able to provide documentations)

#### **STUDENT SUCCESS COURSEWORK WITH TRANSCRIPT**

**Documentation of student success course work from any college or university. (Examples: Math (beyond intermediate algebra), chemistry w/lab, developmental psychology, nutrition, medical calculations, intro to nursing, counseling/study skills courses, interpersonal communications, cultural diversity for graduation, pharmacology) are student success courses)**

**Please list courses NOT already used in your Registered Nursing program application.**

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**Total Maximum Points 30**