SDSU College of Health and Human Services School of Nursing

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING PROGRAM (PRE-LICENSURE)

ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR TRANSFERS – FALL 2026

- Applicants must meet SDSU's minimum eligibility criteria to transfer (2nd bachelor's degree students included).
- Second bachelor degree applicants must have earned their first bachelor's degree from a college or university that is accredited by a regional accrediting association.
- Applicants must meet the SDSU School of Nursing's minimum eligibility criteria outlined below.

80-Point Ranking System

Applicants to the SDSU School of Nursing's pre-licensure Bachelor of Science in Nursing program will be selected for admission using the 80-point ranking system. No additional criteria are considered nor accepted including letters of recommendation, personal statements, and volunteer service.

Application Timeline

Action Item	Due Date
Cal State Apply Application	**October 1 - December 1, 2025**
Test of Essential Academic Skills (Must be taken prior to or by the time of Cal State Apply Application Submission)	**October 1 - December 1, 2025**
Completion of 8 Nursing Prerequisites	**December 31, 2025**
Admission Status Notifications Sent to Applicants	**Mid/Late March, 2026**
Submit Test of Essential Academic Skills Score to the SDSU School of Nursing	**Only if offered admission, send a pdf attachment to BSNAdvisor@sdsu.eduby May 30th, 2026**
Submit Verification for Certified Health Care Work Experience to the SDSU School of Nursing	**Only if offered admission, send a pdf attachment to BSNAdvisor@sdsu.eduby May 30th, 2026**

Completion of Nursing Prerequisites for Admission

Applicants must complete all 8 nursing prerequisites for admission by the end of the Fall 2025 semester (December) in order to be eligible for Fall 2026 admission consideration. Prerequisite courses can be in progress at the time of application in Fall 2025.

Prerequisite courses may not be in progress during Winter or Spring 2026. No exceptions will be granted.

The SDSU School of Nursing will accept science prerequisite courses (e.g. Human Anatomy, Human Physiology, Microbiology, and Chemistry) that were completed at any institution of higher education that holds accreditation from a regional accrediting association.

All other prerequisite courses (e.g., Written Communication, Oral Communication, Statistics, and Critical Thinking) will be evaluated by the SDSU Office of Evaluations after the Cal State Apply application closes on November 30, 2025. The School of Nursing will accept these courses upon evaluation and approval by the Office of Evaluations.

Nursing Prerequisite Requirements

1. Chemistry (any chemistry course that satisfies CSU GE-Breadth Area B1, B3)
2. Microbiology with Lab – CSU GE-Breadth Area B2, B3
3. Human Anatomy with Lab - CSU GE-Breadth Area B2, B3
4. Human Physiology with Lab - CSU GE-Breadth Area B2, B3
5. Oral Communication - CSU GE-Breadth Area A1
6. Written Communication - CSU GE-Breadth Area A2
7. Critical Thinking - CSU GE-Breadth Area A3
8. Statistics - CSU GE-Breadth Area B4

Online/virtual coursework including laboratories will be accepted contingent upon the institution where the courses were completed is accredited by a regional accreditation association.

Cumulative GPA (30 Points Possible)

SDSU defines the Cumulative GPA as: "An average based on all courses attempted at SDSU and transferable courses at other universities, liberal arts colleges, and community colleges."

GPA	Points	GPA	Points
3.90 – 4.00	30	3.50 – 3.54	14
3.85 – 3.89	28	3.45 – 3.49	12
3.80 – 3.84	26	3.40 – 3.44	10
3.75 – 3.79	24	3.35 – 3.39	8
3.70 – 3.74	22	3.30 – 3.34	6
3.65 – 3.69	20	3.25 – 3.29	4
3.60 – 3.64	18	3.20 – 3.24	2
3.55 – 3.59	16	Below 3.20	Not Eligible for Admission

Prerequisite Course GPA (30 Points Possible)

The following **5** courses will be used by the School of Nursing to calculate a Prerequisite Course GPA: Human Physiology, Human Anatomy, Microbiology, Chemistry, and Oral Communication.

GPA	Points	GPA	Points
3.96 – 4.00	30	3.49 – 3.54	14
3.91 – 3.95	28	3.43 – 3.48	12
3.85 – 3.90	26	3.37 – 3.42	10
3.79 – 3.84	24	3.31 – 3.36	8
3.73 – 3.78	22	3.25 – 3.30	6
3.67 – 3.72	20	3.19 – 3.24	4
3.61 – 3.66	18	3.00 – 3.18	2
3.55 – 3.60	16	Below 3.00	0

If prerequisite courses are repeated, a maximum of two courses will be used to score the application. For any repeated course, applicants who do not receive the minimum qualifying grade by the second attempt will not be eligible for admission. The School of Nursing will use the highest grade of the two attempts to compute the Prerequisite GPA. The grades for the two attempts will not be averaged. **Prerequisite courses may not be taken Credit/No Credit**, unless satisfied by the appropriate Advanced Placement (AP) score. The School of Nursing does not implement a recency policy for the four science prerequisites (i.e., completed coursework does not expire).

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Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) Score (15 Points Possible)

Score	Points	Score	Points
98.7 – 100	15	87.8 – 89.0	7
97.3 – 98.6	14	86.5 – 87.7	6
95.9 – 97.2	13	85.2 – 86.4	5
94.5 – 95.8	12	83.9 – 85.1	4
93.1 – 94.4	11	82.6 – 83.8	3
91.7 – 93.0	10	81.3 – 82.5	2
90.4 – 91.6	9	80.0 – 81.2	1
89.1 – 90.3	8	Below 80.0	Not Eligible for Admission

A minimum Individual Score of 80.0% is required to apply. The School of Nursing will not round up a score percentage to the nearest whole number to meet the minimum score requirement (e.g., an individual score of 79.7% will not be rounded up to 80.0%). **Scores earned after the Cal State Apply (CSA) application deadline will not be reviewed.** The School of Nursing will accept the higher of the **first two attempts** occurring within three years of submitting the CSA, and both attempts must be reported.

The School of Nursing does not conduct TEAS testing and does not require the TEAS to be taken at SDSU. However, you can find information about testing at SDSU on the SDSU Testing Services website (http://studentaffairs.sdsu.edu/STAAR/). ATI Testing oversees all aspects of the exam itself, information for which can be found at http://atitesting.com/. HESI is not accepted in lieu of the TEAS.

Paid Certified Health Care Work Experience (5 Points) – Not Required for Admission

The School of Nursing will allocate 5 points to applicants with 100 hours or more of **paid certified work** experience in a clinical/healthcare setting coupled with one or more of the valid licenses/certifications listed below. Volunteer work is not accepted in lieu of the paid work experience. **Applicants must have the valid license/certification at the time the hours are earned, and the hours must be reported by the CSA deadline.**

If an applicant is offered, and accepts, admission to the program, documentation must be provided on the employer's letterhead verifying the hours earned. In addition, applicants must also provide a copy of the valid license/certification (front and back, if appropriate). Students must be licensed or certified as one of the following to be eligible to receive points for paid work experience (**no other licensure/certification is accepted**):

1. Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA)
2. Medical Assistant (MA)
3. Military Experience as a designated Corpsman
4. Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)
5. Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN)
6. Psychiatric Technician
7. Phlebotomist

The SDSU School of Nursing makes initial admission decisions based on data that is self-reported by applicants in the Cal State Apply application. Inaccurate information or misrepresentation of credentials may result in an applicant's admission being rescinded.

Admission criteria is subject to change without prior notice.