

CURRENT ADMISSION CRITERIA – FALL 2024

- Eligible for Admission to SDSU as Transfer or 2nd Bachelor’s Degree
- Admission Criteria Outlined Below: 80 Points Possible

Completion of 8 Prerequisite Course Requirements

Chemistry - CSU GE-Breadth Area B1, (B3)	(Minimum grade of C)
Microbiology with Lab – CSU GE-Breadth Area B2, B3	(Minimum grade of C)
Human Anatomy with Lab - CSU GE-Breadth Area B2, B3	(Minimum grade of C)
Human Physiology with Lab - CSU GE-Breadth Area B2, B3	(Minimum grade of C)
Oral Communication - CSU GE-Breadth Area A1	(Minimum grade of C)
Written Communication - CSU GE-Breadth Area A2	(Minimum grade of C)
Critical Thinking - CSU GE-Breadth Area A3	(Minimum grade of C)
Statistics - CSU GE-Breadth Area B4	(Minimum grade of C)

Applicants must complete **all eight** nursing prerequisites by the **end of the fall 2023 semester** in order to be eligible for fall 2024 admission consideration. Prerequisite courses may not be in progress during winter or spring 2024; **no exceptions will be granted.** Equivalency questions for the four science courses may be directed to the School of Nursing, while all other equivalencies are determined by the SDSU Office of Admissions. Virtual lectures and labs for the transferable science courses are acceptable, as long as they cover the same material and are transferable to SDSU.

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).

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

For a complete timeline of due dates for application materials, TEAS scores, and documentation for certified healthcare work experience, visit the School of Nursing website for Transfer Admissions, at <https://nursing.sdsu.edu/programs/bs-in-nursing/admissions/transfer-students/>.

The School of Nursing makes initial admission decisions based on data self-reported on the CSA application. Failure to provide accurate information may result in an applicant’s admission being rescinded.

Admission criteria is subject to change without prior notice.

PLEASE NOTE: Admission into programs leading to licensure and credentialing does not guarantee that students will obtain a license or credential. Licensure and credentialing requirements are set by agencies that are not controlled by, or affiliated with, the CSU, and requirements can change without notice. Students are responsible for determining whether they can meet licensure or credentialing requirements before admission to the SDSU BSN program.

Licensure or credentialing requirements can include evidence of the right to work in the United States (e.g., Social Security Number [SSN] or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number [ITIN]). It can also include successfully passing a criminal background check (pertinent information for the California Board of Registered Nursing [BRN] can be found on their [License Discipline and Convictions](https://www.rn.ca.gov/enforcement/convictions.shtml) website: <https://www.rn.ca.gov/enforcement/convictions.shtml>.)

Additionally, admission to SDSU's BSN program does not guarantee placements at clinical facilities. Facilities partnering with our program are requiring proof of COVID-19 vaccinations for all healthcare workers, including nursing students engaged in a clinical rotation. Our students are required to complete 742.5 in-person clinical hours at facilities, thus unvaccinated students will not be able to attend clinical hours and satisfy requirements for graduation. Many of the facilities with whom we partner also require evidence of the right to work in the United States.

The majority of healthcare facilities require that nursing students have a clear criminal background check in order to participate in clinical hours at the respective facilities. Background checks will be required of all students. Failure to pass a background check may result in dismissal from the BSN program.