

**SUPPLEMENTAL IMPACTION CRITERIA FOR 2018-2020  
TRADITIONAL B.S. NURSING PROGRAM  
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY SAN MARCOS**

**Supplemental Impaction Criteria: Admission to the Traditional BSN Program**

**First-Time Freshmen Applicants**

The Traditional Bachelor of Science in Nursing (TBSN) is an impacted program. This major is authorized to use supplementary admission criteria to screen applications. First-time freshman admission decisions will be based on college readiness and the Eligibility Index score. Local area applicants will be given priority over non-local applicants. This major is not eligible for early admission decision. Applicants admitted to their alternate major, and not accepted into the TBSN major by the start of the fall term, will **not** be able to switch majors or apply to the impacted major at a later date.

**Out-of-Area Transfer Students**

Prospective students from our **local admission area** will be accommodated first. However, out-of-area students are welcome to apply and will be admitted if space is available, based on supplemental admissions criteria outlined below.

**Transfer Applicants**

The TBSN major is an impacted program. This major is authorized to use supplementary admission criteria to screen applications. Transfer applications are rank-ordered pursuant to Supplemental Admission Criteria outline below. Applicants **MUST** complete a Supplemental Application in order to be considered for the Nursing major. Local area applicants will be given priority over non-local applicants.

Transfer applicants to the TBSN will be reviewed for admission and, if CSU Eligible, conditionally admitted to the alternate major of choice. Decisions for the TBSN & LVN to BSN major are completed and communicated in July. Transfer applicants should plan their Intent to Enroll and fee based on the alternate major of choice due to limited admissions into TBSN & LVN to BSN. Applicants not accepted into the Nursing major by the start of the fall term will **not** be able to switch majors or apply to the impacted major at a later date.

**Criteria for Transfer Admission to the Traditional BSN Program**

Transfer applicants will be rank ordered for admission according to the following point structure. Up to 68 possible supplemental criteria points can be earned. Students must still meet the minimum prerequisite course requirements and GPA to be eligible for admission to the Traditional Program. All transfer applicants are required to take the TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills) and achieve a minimum composite score.

Points will be awarded based on criteria being completed by the end of the spring semester prior to the fall admission cycle (or by mid-May for other criteria documentation).

**An Overview of the Total Points Possible**

**TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS: 68**

Supplemental Admission Criteria	Points	Approx.% of Total
<b>Total Maximum Points</b>	<b>68</b>	
<b>1. Pre-Nursing Core GPA</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>37%</b>
<b>2. Overall Cumulative GPA through Previous Fall Term</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b>3. TEAS Test Composite Score</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>18%</b>
<b>4. Language other than English Proficiency (optional)</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>5. Applicable Work Experience or Volunteer Experience (optional)</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b>6. Residency, based on college for majority of last 60 units</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12%</b>
<b>7. Completed 4 Core science Requirements in Consecutive 12-month Period</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4%</b>

**Supplemental Criteria Points for Fall applicants to our Traditional BSN program**

**Criteria 1**

**Grade point average in Pre-Nursing Core courses or equivalents:**

**Maximum Points: 25**

The cumulative grade point average (GPA) is computed for the eight Pre-Nursing Core courses (or their equivalents). You must earn a C or better in each course (a C- is not acceptable in any separate course, including labs), and you **must earn an overall minimum GPA of 2.75 in the Pre-Nursing Core in order to be considered for admission to this Nursing program. Courses with substandard grades (C- or below) can be repeated only once and grades earned will be averaged. The University does not allow for the repeating of courses with initial grades of C or better, and this applies to transfer coursework as well, for the Pre-Nursing Core.** Courses should not be taken Credit/No Credit. If a course has already been taken for Credit, and the Credit was equivalent to at least a grade of C or better, we will assume a grade of C for such course (s) in the calculation of the GPA. In addition, **students are limited to a maximum of two C's in the Pre-Nursing Core Science requirements.** If course credit was earned through AP or IB exams taken in high school, those exams meeting the CSU San Marcos requirements (<http://www.csusm.edu/academicadvising/ap/index.html>), will be accepted and will not be calculated into the Pre-Nursing Core GPA. **The Pre-Nursing Core must be completed by no later than the end of May, prior to the Fall admission cycle.**

<b><u>Pre-Nursing Core Requirement</u></b>	<b><u>CSUSM Course</u></b>	<b><u>If Completed Elsewhere</u></b>
Oral Communication	GEO 102	Any CSU A1 course
Written Communication	GEW 101	CSU A2 course equivalent to our GEW 101
Critical Thinking	Any A3 course	Any CSU A3 course
Math	MATH 200	Any CSU B4 Statistics course
Anatomy or Anatomy/Physiology I	BIOL 175	A 4-5 unit Human Anatomy course with lab or a 4-5 unit Anatomy/Physiology I course with lab
Physiology or Anatomy/Physiology II	BIOL 176	A 4-5 unit Human Physiology course with lab, or a 4-5 unit Anatomy/Physiology II course with lab
Microbiology	BIOL 160	A 4-5 unit Microbiology course with lab
Inorganic, Organic and Biochemistry	CHEM 105/105L	Chemistry course: General, Inorganic, Organic, or *Integrated (with associated lab if required at the institution where the course was taken). *An Integrated Chemistry course is recommended. <i>Please note:</i> An Introduction to Chemistry course does not meet the requirement.

Points Assigned Based on cumulative **GPA for Pre-Nursing Core**

<b><u>GPA</u></b>	<b><u>Points</u></b>	<b><u>GPA</u></b>	<b><u>Points</u></b>	<b><u>GPA</u></b>	<b><u>Points</u></b>
2.75 – 2.80	1	3.21 – 3.25	10	3.66 – 3.70	19
2.81 – 2.85	2	3.26 – 3.30	11	3.71 – 3.75	20
2.86 – 2.90	3	3.31 – 3.35	12	3.76 – 3.80	21
2.91 – 2.95	4	3.36 – 3.40	13	3.81 – 3.85	22
2.96 – 3.00	5	3.41 – 3.45	14	3.86 – 3.90	23
3.01 – 3.05	6	3.46 – 3.50	15	3.91 – 3.95	24
3.06 – 3.10	7	3.51 – 3.55	16	3.96 – 4.00	25
3.11 – 3.15	8	3.56 – 3.60	17		
3.16 – 3.20	9	3.61 – 3.65	18		

**Criteria 2**

**Overall Cumulative GPA**

**Maximum Points: 5**

The overall cumulative GPA of CSU-eligible coursework, completed by the end of the previous fall term prior to the TBSN Program admission cycle, will be used to assign these points.

<b><u>GPA</u></b>		<b><u>Points</u></b>	<b><u>GPA</u></b>	<b><u>Points</u></b>
Less than 2.75	=	0 points		
2.75 - 2.87	=	0.5 points	3.40 - 3.52	= 3.0 points
2.88 - 3.00	=	1.0 point	3.53 - 3.65	= 3.5 points
3.01 - 3.13	=	1.5 points	3.66 - 3.78	= 4.0 points
3.14 - 3.26	=	2.0 points	3.79 - 3.91	= 4.5 points
3.27 - 3.39	=	2.5 points	3.92 - 4.00	= 5.0 points

### Criteria 3

#### Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) Composite Score

**Maximum Points: 12**

All applicants to our Traditional BSN program are **required to take the TEAS exam**, produced by Assessment Technologies, Inc. (Web Site: [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com)). No other assessment will be accepted in lieu of the TEAS exam. **You must score a minimum of 71.0% for your composite score on this exam in order to be considered for admission to this program. We will only accept ATI TEAS scores.** It is recommended that you wait to take this exam until you have completed at least some of the science pre-nursing core requirements. Study materials are available through the ATI Testing Web site or online book stores. You must have your TEAS score sent to us electronically via ATI Testing.

This exam includes the following four subtests:

1. The MATH subtest covers whole numbers, metric conversions, fractions and decimals, algebraic equations, percentages, and ratio/proportion.
2. The READING subtest covers paragraph comprehension, passage comprehension, and inferences/conclusions.
3. The ENGLISH subtest measures knowledge of punctuation, grammar, sentence structure, contextual words, and spelling.
4. The SCIENCE portion of the exam covers science reasoning, science knowledge, biology, chemistry, anatomy and physiology, basic physical principles, and general science.

Your overall composite score is a predictor of your likelihood of success to complete the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program. **You must score a minimum of 71% for your overall, composite score** based on the four subtests, as noted above. Your composite score is located between the headings of "Assessment" and "National Percentile" on your copy of the TEAS results and is labeled as "Your Score" or "Score". Refer to the scale below to determine the number of points awarded for your score.

OVERALL TEAS SCORE	Points	OVERALL TEAS SCORE	Points	OVERALL TEAS SCORE	Points
71.0 – 73.5	1	81.1 – 83.5	5	91.1 – 93.5	9
73.6 – 76.0	2	83.6 – 86.0	6	93.6 – 96.0	10
76.1 – 78.5	3	86.1 – 88.5	7	96.1 – 98.5	11
78.6 – 81.0	4	88.6 – 91.0	8	98.6 – 100	12

### Criteria 4

#### Proficiency in a language other than English

**Maximum Points: 10**

To receive points in this area, students must meet the requirement in full by the end of the spring term prior to the fall admission cycle. The criteria can be met through AP/IB/CLEP credit or completing college intermediate level coursework in any language other than English. **We will not award points for partial completion of this criteria area.**

### Criteria 5

#### Work Experience OR Volunteer Experience

**Maximum Points: 5**

**A total of 5 points can be earned for either Applicable Work experience OR Applicable Volunteer Experience.**

**Applicable Work experience** will generally only be accepted if completed in an acute care, long-term care, or clinic setting providing direct patient care. Work at a private residence will only be accepted if complies with one or more of the work categories below and if you are employed by a health care agency or are trained and supervised by a physician or RN. Documentation must be provided before points are awarded according to the following structure. Link for Verification of Employment Letter Template:

<http://www.csusm.edu/nursing/current/prehealthscience/work-experience.html>

Amount of Experience	Points for Part-time*	Points for Full-time*
Less than 6 months experience	0.5	1
6 months – 1 year	1	2
Over 1 year – 2 years	1.5	3
Over 2 years – 3 years	2	4
Over 3 years – 4 years	2.5	5

\* Part-time is based on 20 hours/week or less; full-time is 40 hours/week

Applicable work experience categories include:

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
8. Surgical Technician
9. Occupational Therapy Assistant
10. Cardiovascular Technician
11. Respiratory Therapy Technician
12. Orthopedic Technician

13. Clinical Laboratory hours as part of previous healthcare occupation education may be used for work experience credit.

**Applicable Volunteer Experience** will only be accepted if completed in an acute care (hospital), skilled nursing facility, or hospice facility and must involve personal interaction with patients or residents. We do not accept volunteer work at private residences unless you are trained and supervised by a physician or RN. Volunteer hours can be accumulated from multiple locations, and they can include volunteer hours performed during high school and anytime thereafter. Documentation must be provided before points are awarded according to the following structure.

Link for Verification of Volunteer Hours Letter Template: <http://www.csusm.edu/nursing/current/prehealthscience/volunteer.html>

50 hours or less	1 point
51– 100 hours	2 points
101 – 150 hours	3 points
151 – 200 hours	4 points
201 or more hours	5 points

### **Criteria 6**

#### **Residency, Based on Last School Attended**

**Maximum Points: 8**

Residency will be based upon the last 60 CSU-eligible units completed as of Spring semester prior to the Fall admission cycle. Within these 60 units, if you attended more than one institution, your points will be based on where you completed the majority of those 60 units. For CSUSM students who complete less than 60 units by the end of Spring semester, your points will be based on where you completed the majority of your units.

#### **Point Structure**

1. Majority of last 60 units completed at CSU San Marcos, Palomar College, MiraCosta College, or Mt. San Jacinto College. College located in North San Diego County or Southwest Riverside County, per description below: 8 points

Description of the eligible regional boundaries and school districts earning 8 points:  
North San Diego County includes the contiguous region north of State Highway 56, served by MiraCosta Community College District and Palomar Community College District; Southwest Riverside County includes the contiguous region of Riverside County bordering San Diego County and served by the Mt. San Jacinto Community College District.

2. Last school attended elsewhere in San Diego County, Imperial County, Riverside County or Orange County 4 points
3. Last school attended outside of San Diego County, Imperial County, Riverside County or Orange County 0 points

### **Criteria 7**

**Maximum Points: 3**

Points will be awarded for completion of the 4 Core Science Requirements (Chemistry, A & P I or Anatomy, A & P II or Physiology, Microbiology) within a consecutive 12-month period.

#### **Secondary Criteria to be Applied in the Case of a Tie**

1. Applicants who are U.S. Veterans would be given first priority.
2. A Lottery will be held for those remaining applicants who earn the same number of points.