

APPROVED SUPPLEMENTAL CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION THE BASIC NURSING PROGRAM (NON-RNS)

Supplementary applications will be available September 3 - December 1, 2008

Students must complete the minimum prerequisite courses, ATI test, and GPA requirements to be eligible for admission into the Basic program. There are a maximum of 31 possible *supplemental criteria for admission points* which can be earned.

Applicants are ranked based on their points earned according to the supplementary criteria. See the Supplementary Criteria which follow and the ranking form used by the committee. The top-ranked students will be sent letters of admission.

Students will be ranked in order for admission according to the following point structure:

Supplemental Criteria Points

Grade point average (GPA) in prerequisite courses **10 points max**

The prerequisite GPA is computed using the following **six prerequisite courses**: Chemistry 151*, Biology 200A & 200B*; English 101*, Psychology 150*, and a *General Education Critical Thinking Course, or the equivalent courses taken elsewhere.

A C-minus (C-) grade in these courses is **not acceptable**. The School Of Nursing **will not recognize repetition of a course when the original grade was a C or better**.

** The above six prerequisite classes must be completed by March 23, 2009.*

The prerequisite GPA is computed by averaging the grades earned in the courses, with each course equally weighted. If a course is repeated because of an **unsuccessful first attempt, the grades are averaged** in computing the GPA. **No more than 1 repetition of any course is allowed.** The minimum acceptable GPA for the prerequisite courses is **2.75**.

2.75 - 2.99	=	1 point
3.00 - 3.19	=	2 points
3.20 - 3.39	=	4 points
3.40 - 3.59	=	6 points
3.60 - 3.79	=	8 points
3.80 - 4.00	=	10 points

**Note: The entire list of 8 prerequisite courses for the CSULA's School of Nursing (SON) appears below:*

*BIOL 200A & 200B	Human Anatomy & Physiology	minimum 4 Sem/5Qtr Units each
*CHEM 151	Fundamentals of Chemistry (inorganic chemistry)	minimum 4 Sem/5 Qtr Units
*ENGL 101	Composition	minimum 3 Sem/4 Qtr Units
*PSY 150	Introductory Psychology	minimum 3 Sem/4 Qtr Units
*Critical Thinking	(PHIL 160 or PHIL 250 or POLS 155 or COMM 176)	minimum 3 Sem/4 Qtr Units
**COMM 150	Public Speaking	minimum 3 Sem/4 Qtr Units
**MICRO 201, 202	Microbiology with lab	minimum 4 Sem/6 Qtr Units

**Must be completed by June 22, 2009

Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA)

5 points max

The cumulative GPA for ALL college-level work completed is assigned points:

2.75 - 2.99	=	1 point
3.00 - 3.19	=	2 points
3.20 - 3.39	=	3 points
3.40 - 3.69	=	4 points
3.70 or higher	=	5 points

English Language Proficiency

12 points max.

Completion of the standardized Assessment Technologies Incorporated (ATI) **Test of Essential Academic Skills is mandatory** for all applicants. Points will be assigned for the above earned scores for Reading and English subscale scores according to the point structure below. Students are expected to have a **National Percentile Rank above the 40th percentile in all four content areas (to be considered eligible for admission to CSULA's Basic Nursing program).**

Individual Percentile Rank National Subscale Score	Points for subscale scores	
	Reading	English
40 -49	0	0
50 -59	1	1
60 -69	2	2
70-79	3	3
80-89	4	4
90 -99	5	5
100	6	6

Previous Education or Health-Related Work Experience

4 points max.

Previous baccalaureate or higher degree or*	4 points
Previous experience in a <u>health-care setting</u> as an employee or*	3 points
Volunteer experience in patient-related situation or student experience in a patient related situation	
>100 hours	2 points - max.
50-100 hours	1 point

Acceptable health care experience options include employment as a Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN), Respiratory Therapist (RT), Psychiatric Technician, Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)etc.

Note: *Points will be awarded for only one category. In order to earn points for previous work experience in a health-care setting and/or patient-related volunteer work hours or ROP programs, these must be verified with a letter from the employer or the volunteer coordinator and **received in the CSULA SON Advisement Office by March 23, 2009.**

