SJSU School of Nursing’s guidelines for requesting to change to “Pre-nursing” status from undeclared or other majors (as of May 15, 2011)

All determinations of who is allowed to change into the pre-nursing major, will be made by the School of Nursing and will be based on both impaction criteria and whether there is space available (as per the ‘Presidential Directive 2009-05’ noted on page 2). (See 2010-2012 SJSU catalog- pg 459).

For Freshmen – Undeclared: submit change of major application (from the SJSU Registrar’s web site) to the School of Nursing by Sept 15th or March 10th
(Decisions are made by Oct. 30 and April 30, and students can pick up paperwork).

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For Undergraduate Transfers: Undeclared and other Majors to Pre-nursing

Submit applications with unofficial transcripts, must be completed prior to 90 units for ongoing and 30 units for transfer students

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Change of major information for SJSU students who want to change to the pre-nursing major:

Based on the University’s Enrollment Management policies, the SJSU School of Nursing is not only an impacted major for the B.S. in Nursing program, but also is impacted for pre-nursing students.

- Presidential Directive 2009-05: [www.sjsu.edu/president/directives/pd0905](http://www.sjsu.edu/president/directives/pd0905)

Guideline 4.0 of this Presidential Directive 2009-05 addresses change of majors. “Student requests for changes in major will not automatically be approved.” Students wishing to switch to an impacted major should closely read the guidelines in section 4.3 of this Presidential Directive:

4.3 Impacted Majors: If a student wants to change to a major that is impacted, the student must apply to the impacted major no later than November 1 in order to register for Spring semester (or April 1 for Fall semester). Students changing to an impacted major must meet the minimum eligibility criteria for the impacted major. (Note: local or non-local status at time of admission plays no role in decisions after admission.) A departmental or college admissions committee will decide admissions into impacted majors. If the student meets the impaction eligibility criteria, and will not increase the time to graduation by more than 15 units by changing into that major, the student will be allowed to add the major if the committee determines that there is space available.

Note: Students wishing to change into the major with more than 90 units should closely read the additional guidelines.

4.4 Appeals: If either the Associate Dean or AARS denies the application for a change to an approved program, the student may choose to appeal the decision, following the process outlined in 7.0 of the Presidential Directive.

APPLYING TO PRE-NURSING MAJOR:

Commencing February 2010, the SJSU School of Nursing will only be reviewing in batches… Students should return to the HB 420 office 2 weeks after submitting for student pickup. All students interested in changing majors are required to attend one of the monthly group advising sessions and sign in on the roster. The School of Nursing has determined that freshman and transfer students must complete at least 1 semester of grades at SJSU, and have an SJSU Cum GPA of 2.6 to be considered for the “pre-nursing” designation, if not originally admitted as a pre-nursing major (the course load must include at least 9 units of graded courses in at least 1 semester; this includes having completed English 1A with a C or better grade). Applicants appealing to change their major do not need to have the 9 required nursing prerequisite courses completed in order to apply to change to a pre-nursing designation. However, the grades in the already completed 9 nursing prerequisites will be reviewed to see whether the student’s grades meet the minimum for admission to the Nursing major ( GPA of 2.75 in 5 specified nursing prerequisites for the School’s impaction scoring (Biol 65/Biol 66/Micr 20/Engl 1A; and Stats 65) and a GPA of 3.0 in other 4 prerequisites (Chem 30A/Chem 30B/Engl 1B/Comm 20). All determinations of who is allowed to change into the pre-nursing major, will be made by the School and based on impaction criteria and “whether there is space available” (as per the presidential directive noted above). Students may come to Heath Building nursing office Room 420 b/t 2-4 pm, about 2-3 weeks after submitting, where their change of major forms will be available. Individuals must submit current unofficial transcripts from all colleges, at the time the change of major form is submitted.

APPLYING TO NURSING MAJOR: Students applying to the Nursing Major (NOT Pre-Nursing): There are many requirements to be completed to apply to the Major. Students wishing to know more about the nursing major are strongly encouraged to first carefully review the School of Nursing’s materials on the web site, and attend a monthly School of Nursing group advising session (see the School of Nursing’s web site, [www.sjsu.edu/nursing](http://www.sjsu.edu/nursing) under hyperlink for “advising” at the top of the page, for dates, locations and times). Read the “BS information packet” for specifics about the nursing major.