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The Valley Foundation School of Nursing offers a program for a Bachelors of Science degree in nursing. Students are accepted to the nursing major for the Spring and Fall semesters. The program prepares the individual for professional nursing practice in a variety of institutional and community settings and also for continuing education and graduate study. Extended campus facilities include a wide variety of community health care agencies for clinical experience. The program has also integrated extensive simulation for an enhanced learning experience. Students must provide their own transportation to these extended campus facilities.

The program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education and by the California State Board of Registered Nursing. Graduates are eligible to take the registered nurse licensure examination (NCLEX-RN).

The School of Nursing has a separate application process from the University. Acceptance to San Jose State University is required to be accepted to The Valley Foundation School of Nursing (TVFSON), but not necessarily having University decisions finalized when the applicant applies to nursing. Students interested in attending the nursing program must start planning for the admissions process to San Jose State University 1 year in advance. To see current deadlines for University applications and to apply, please visit www.csumentor.edu. University deadlines are usually in October for the following Fall semester, and in August for the following Spring University application dates.

The Valley Foundation School of Nursing application deadlines are as follows: For Fall admission to the nursing major, submit all application materials by February 15. For Spring admission, submit by September 15. If either of these dates falls on a weekend, the deadline will be the Monday after that due date. Note: Students cannot enroll in any courses in the NURSING major until they have been accepted by the program.

Clarification of this information packet and updated information regarding admissions is discussed at monthly group advising sessions. Dates and times are posted at www.sjsu.edu/nursing. All interested parties are encouraged to attend (no reservations are needed).

Transfer Students:
Students may complete lower division prerequisites and general education requirements at other colleges and universities. Due to the nursing program’s current impaction status, international students without a green card are not eligible to apply to the nursing major (exception to this would be the AB 540 students). Courses taken at another educational institution must be transferable to SJSU and must be equivalent in content to those courses required by the major. Articulation agreements and course equivalencies between SJSU and other colleges in California are displayed at http://artic.sjsu.edu. Courses not specifically listed as articulated may be submitted to the nursing program using a “Prerequisite Course Substitution Form”. This form can be found at http://www.sjsu.edu/nursing under the Forms tab. This form can be submitted to the nursing office at any time during academic year prior to finals. Upon acceptance or denial of articulation, the form is mailed back to the student (if a self-addressed stamped envelope is provided) or it is placed in student pick up. This process generally takes three weeks.

Writing Skills Test (WST)
Contact Testing and Evaluation, http://testing.sjsu.edu/ or call (408) 924-5980, for information about taking the following tests: Entry Level Math (ELM) Test, Writing Skills Test (WST), the TEAS test, and English Placement Test (EPT). The WST is required for enrollment in the university’s upper division (Advanced) GE courses. The upper division writing requirement for nursing (advanced GE) includes admission to HPRF 100W or Nurs 100W and is restricted to majors in health professions. Nursing students may enroll in specific designated 100W courses (see co-requisites), after
admission to the major and satisfactory completion of the WST (Note: WST passing results must be recorded before applying to nursing). For this reason, the School of Nursing advises that students take the WST at least 5 months prior to applying to the nursing program. Test results may take 5-6 weeks for results to get posted. If enrolled at another CSU, and have taken the equivalent of the WST exam there, contact SJSU’s testing office.

**Admission to the Nursing Major**

The Valley Foundation School of Nursing became impacted starting Spring 2005. Impaction imposes supplemental criteria that all students must meet. The impaction criteria have changed from in the past, so PLEASE read this section closely. These changes are all conditional on the final CSU Chancellor's approval.

Minimum criteria include: Composite of minimum GPA for 5 prerequisite courses (Bio 65 (Anatomy), Bio 66 (Physiology), Micro 20, Eng 1A, and Statistics 95): **Minimum GPA is 3.0 in these 5 courses. NO course may be repeated, unless for academic forgiveness at the same school you received a C- or below the first time.**

1. Biol 65, Bio 66, and Micro 20 must be completed within 5 years of the application deadline for establishing eligibility and passed with a grade of C or better. Courses may be repeated only once, for academic forgiveness (or recency requirements only) to achieve a minimum C grade. The grades for these specific 3 courses will only include grades from the recent 5 years.

2. **Supplemental criteria:** Composite minimum GPA for remaining the 3 pre-requisites: Chem 30A, Communications 20, and an Area A 3 Critical Thinking Course (i.e., courses listed below, under item 4 of this section below are acceptable, as is any critical thinking course in A3 of SJSU's schedule of classes) and the GPA must be 3.0 or above. Suggested courses for critical thinking from GE-area A3 are as follows, and we will include the first of these courses you took only for calculations:

   - **COMM 041** Critical Decision Making (or)
   - **ENGL 007** Critical Thinking (or)
   - **PHIL 057** Logic and Reasoning

**NOTE:** All courses should be taken for a letter grade.

No required pre-requisite courses for nursing may be "in progress". Sealed transcripts are required to be submitted with the application. These transcripts must be up to date with grades for all completed coursework.

**IMPACTION SCORE CALCULATIONS:** All scoring of the identified 5 prerequisites used for impaction calculations at SJSU’s School of Nursing will include the grade for the first time a course is taken; these grades are all entered as part of the overall impaction prerequisite scoring system. They are considered discreet course grades, but are weighted as a GPA (i.e., thus, not averaged). Additionally, these courses count as the SJSU equivalent unit dispersion, regardless of where the course was taken. Either the course has a published articulation agreement ([http://artic.sjsu.edu](http://artic.sjsu.edu)) between SJSU and the accredited California University/College/Community College or the student has received written prerequisite course substitution approval prior to submitting the application. Thus, the applicant's scores are calculated as: a 4-unit BIO 65 Anatomy course; a 5-unit BIO 66 Physiology course; a 5-unit MICRO 20 Microbiology course; a 3-unit STAT 95 Statistics course, and a 3-unit English 1A course. None of the 8 required prerequisite courses may be repeated if the initial grade received is a C or better. Call SJSU’s Nursing Advisor for further clarification, if needed. The tie impaction cut score(s) for that last spot, in applicant pools for TVFSON (for deciding the last one spot of who gets in or not) will be broken with the individual having the highest GPA for the supplemental criteria required by the School (i.e., GPA for Comm 20; Chem 30 A; and Area A 3 (or English 1 B course, if they petition to use this one due to changes this past yr. in changing impaction criteria); (If those supplemental scores are also tied for that last spot, then we will use the overall University GPA form those who tied on the supplemental... No prerequisite course may be "in Progress". None of the 8 required prerequisite courses may be repeated if the initial grade received is a C or better. Call SJSU’s Nursing Advisor for further clarification, if needed.

**IMPACTION SCORING:** Students meeting the above minimum criteria will be ranked according to the following:

1. **GPA in composite of 5 prerequisite courses (Bio 65, Bio 66, Micro 20, Eng 1A, Stats 95). They cannot be repeated (unless for academic forgiveness) or if one or more of the 3 sciences have expired for the 5-year recency requirement stated above, under item 2 of admission criteria.**

2. Score on Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS). Initially, the applicant goes to the ATI website (see below) and gets a paper and pencil identification number that they bring to the exam. You may take the TEAS test in other approved non-SJSU sites, after making arrangements with those sites. The School of Nursing is using only the 5.0 version of the TEAS exam. The TEAS exam results are cited as a composite score of the 4 areas tested: English, reading comprehension, mathematics, and basic science. It will be available through the SJSU Testing Center ([http://testing.sjsu.edu](http://testing.sjsu.edu)) . Refer to the hyperlink on School of Nursing Web Page for further information. There will be a fee (approximately $50). **There is a minimum TEAS score of 75 on the 5.0 version (we take this version only).** This test may be repeated only one time. The highest score will be used in the impaction scoring. To sign up for the TEAS exam, please see the SJSU Testing website at [http://testing.sjsu.edu/teas/](http://testing.sjsu.edu/teas/). An optional “Study and Review Guide” is available for purchase at [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com) to assist in preparation for the TEAS. Results are usually available on the TEAS website within 7 working days. Print off a copy of your TEAS results from the ATI website and include with your application packet. You do not need to be a matriculated SJSU student to take this test, but you must have the identification number from ATI. For impaction scoring purposes, your TEAS...
score is divided by the department, to use a score that is similar to a number of a GPA. For impaction calculations, your TEAS 5.0 score is divided by 23 to create a GPA to be included in the final “impaction” score.

- Background and Drug clearances are part of the admission eligibility.
- (NOTE : we will no longer use the last 30 units in the impaction calculations, effective August 2013.

**PREPARING FOR THE APPLICANT POOL**

- Be accepted as a student in good standing at SJSU (GPA 3.0 or above)
- Attend one of the monthly group advising sessions at least 9 months prior to applying to the nursing major
- Declare pre-nursing undeclared as a major
- Complete all prerequisites with a grade of C or better. All co-requisite courses must have a final grade of C or better. Submit a Prerequisite Course Substitution form for any course that is not equivalent per http://artic.sjsu.edu.
- Pass the WST (Writing Skills Test) at SJSU or approved equivalent. Remember to sign up 3-4 months ahead to take this exam and allow 6-7 weeks minimum for results. A passing score on the WST exam (and completion of, or waiver for, 60 units lower GE) will allow you to register for the required corequisite HPROF/NURS 100W course. This course must be completed prior to or within the first 2 semesters of the nursing program.
- Pass the TEAS exam with a score of 75 on version 5.0. You may repeat this test only one time. The highest score will be used for impaction scoring.
- Several weeks in advance of applying, request official transcripts from all colleges attended and AP exam official scores (if applicable) to be sent to your mailing address so that they may be included as part of your complete applicant packet. Official, sealed, unopened transcripts are required to verify all coursework, including SJSU. Transcripts submitted as part of the admission process for the University will not be sufficient as they will not be shared with the School of Nursing. Mailing transcripts directly to the School of Nursing is not recommended.
- Verify that your Driver’s license and United States passport, United States birth certificate, or Permanent Residency Card are current and have not expired. These documents will be required for your application packet and must be available for copies to be made. Those AB 540 “Dream Act” students should meet with the nursing adviser in person, for necessary documentation.
- Application and documentation deadline for entry in Fall semester is **February 15**. Those attending a quarter system school that ends by March 31st are eligible, but must submit application packet in early March (call nursing adviser for clarification). Application and documentation deadline for entry in Spring semester is **September 15**. [Note: if these deadline dates occur on a Saturday or Sunday or School holiday, they must be in to the office by Monday, or on the day following that weekend/ holiday].
- Due to the School of Nursing’s impacted status, admission priorities will be to California residents.

**SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION MATERIALS AS A PACKET**

General information about the nursing program is provided through group information sessions held monthly during the semester. The schedule of advising sessions is listed at [www.sjsu.edu/nursing](http://www.sjsu.edu/nursing) under the Advising tab. Candidates who are ready to submit their completed folder should submit the packet of materials to the Undergraduate Coordinator:

1. Completed School of Nursing cover sheet. Be sure to check off each item to ensure a complete packet.
2. Completed School of Nursing Applicant Checklist (this is the application).
3. Documentation of acceptance into SJSU and Official SJSU Transcript (if enrolled).
4. Documentation of a passing score on the SJSU Writing Skills Test (WST) exam.
5. Official transcripts from all colleges attended and AP score results (if applicable).
6. Copies of approved prerequisite course substitution forms, if any were required.
7. Documentation of first and, if taken, the second TEAS exam scores only. No additional scores will be considered.
8. Completed Functional Competencies Form (see [www.sjsu.edu/nursing/forms](http://www.sjsu.edu/nursing/forms)).
9. Copies of current documentation of California residency: Driver’s license and one of the following: passport or birth certificate, or permanent residency card. If your documentation is set to expire, please submit an updated copy as soon as it is available to the Nursing office. Those dream act students under AB 540 will need to get a notarized statement ( see Undergraduate Coordinator)

**For Fall admission to the Major, submit by February 15. For Spring admissions, submit by September 15.**

Completed applications are submitted at **The Valley Foundation School of Nursing Office**, Room 420 in the Health Building, marked to the attention of the Undergraduate Coordinator. If mailed, send certified/registered and **postmark 3-4 days prior to the deadline:**

The Valley Foundation School of Nursing- APPLICATION  
San Jose State University  
Attn: Undergraduate Coordinator  
One Washington Square  
San Jose, CA 95192-0057 (Include extended ZIP)

**GENERAL INFORMATION/ADVISEMENT GROUP MEETINGS**
You may come to any monthly General Group B.S. Information Advising Session to get more information about the School of Nursing (see www.sjsu.edu/nursing for dates/times). No appointment is needed (Parents, friends, and others are welcome). Group advising will start on time, so allow ½ to 1 hr. for parking and walking to the location. Parking is usually available in either the 7th or 10th street garages.

PREREQUISITES TO THE NURSING MAJOR

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<td>STATISTICS 95</td>
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(CHEM 30 B is required for those graduating prior to Fall 2014; Pending final approval, CHEM 30 B will not be required for those graduating Fall 2014 or after).

The following courses are co-requisites and may be in progress at the time of the application submission. However, with the exception of CD 67, the remaining 3 courses must be completed within one year of admission to the nursing major (i.e., by the completion of Nursing’s Semester 2). CD 67/ HUP 67 is done the first semester of the nursing program or before.

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<td>KIN/CHAD/HUP 67</td>
<td>Development of Human Potential</td>
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<td>HPROF 100W</td>
<td>Writing for Health Professions</td>
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HPRF 100W / NURS 100W Writing Workshops (or an approved alternative, listed as follows) must be completed prior to, or concurrent with, the first or second semester of courses in the Nursing Major. Approved alternatives are RECL 100W, BIOL 100W, PSYC 100W, KINES 100W, HRTM 100W. The asterisk (*) courses on the applicant checklist meet general education requirements. NOTE: Core GE, Area B, is satisfied by completing nursing laboratory science prerequisite courses (Pre-agreement with the Admissions & Records dept.).

ACCEPTANCE TO THE SCHOOL OF NURSING

- **Clearance of the Background Check and Drug Screening.** All students must complete both processes. Both of these processes are completed once you receive a letter from the School of Nursing regarding your status (concerning conditional admission). Your acceptance into the nursing program is conditional until you have completed and cleared the Background Screen and Drug Screening, and the Health Statement clearance process. The procedure for each is posted on the School of Nursing website, under “Policies”. Background checks must be done via the approved vendor listed on the School of Nursing website. Drug screenings are always done by the SJSU Student Health Center. However, you must wait to do this until you are a currently enrolled student at SJSU. Results from these screenings will be provided to the School of Nursing. If you need to make the School aware of an issue with regard to these checks and screenings, please contact the office 408-924-3131 for an appointment with the Director/designee.

- **Order ATI exams and textbooks on www.atitesting.com.** (You will get further direction in writing about this process from the School). You should receive information in your acceptance packet that will assist you with this task. Remember, these books are separate from the books you will also need to purchase at the bookstore.

- **Follow the Immunization requirements/titers** as outlined on the School of Nursing website. It is important to begin the Hepatitis B vaccinations upon notification of acceptance to Nursing. The SJSU Student Health Center, in the Health Building, offers reasonable fees (by appointment). Once accepted to Nursing, you will receive specific guidelines on what immunizations are due, and by when. Please do not get these until you receive these guidelines. Serum blood titers are required following most immunizations, to be in compliance for agency contracts.

- **Verify functional competencies compliance and health status.** Any change in health/and/or medications, with respect to functional competencies, must be resubmitted for clearance to the Undergraduate Coordinator. This is a requirement during all aspects of application and/or admission into the program, and while in the program.

- **Check www.mysjsu.edu for updates and messages regarding your status with the University.** Many important messages that require immediate attention are only sent via my.sjsu.edu. Keep yourself informed!

- **Once you are accepted into Nursing,** you will receive further guidelines on how to obtain personal health insurance, be CPR-certified (annual requirement), and that you must secure reliable personal transportation to all clinical sites. Additional information is listed on the SJSU Nursing website.

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• **Secure a current issue of the Nursing Student's Handbook.** This is a required purchase for entering students in the Nursing major. It may be purchased at the Associated Students Print Shop, under the Nurs 33 and Nurs 124 courses, and is also listed on the website for download.

What if I am an RN already?
Please contact Dr. Deepika Goyal the Advanced Placement Coordinator for more information: -email deepika.goyal@sjsu.edu.

**Nursing Curriculum**

What will I study in the generic baccalaureate program for nursing majors?
The first semester of nursing, which is known as "semester 1", courses taken include pathophysiology, pharmacology, nursing process, and nursing skills/assessments. The course pattern in the second semester (Semester 2) includes theory, process, clinical/practicum, and skills laboratory. Skills lecture/lab courses which completed prior to Semester 3 (see sequence plan that follows). Once the student begins the nursing curriculum, the Student Handbook is purchased from the A.S. Printshop under the NURS 33 course /or NURS 124 Bridge RN-to BSN course, or it is also the web site, and is updated frequently. The Student Handbook for Nursing Students provides an explanation of the focus for each semester, as well as the safety policy and other student issues/policies. Below is the sequence of nursing courses, once a student is admitted to the nursing major for the following semester. General education courses may be taken in any order, but lower division courses are completed prior to entering the major. SJSU Nursing (NURS) courses will be taken in the following sequence.

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Please note that every course in a semester must be completed with an initial grade of C (73%) or better, before progression to any course in the next semester. Practicum courses are graded as a credit/no credit option and these grades also must be satisfactory (CREDIT) to progress. (This is different form graded nursing major classes, if repeating a course in the major that previously received less than a C grade). Any nursing course in the actual nursing major (Not prerequisites) may be repeated only once;

**However, other progression policies may override this guideline.** Other specific criteria for progression and disqualification from the major are included in the Student Nursing Handbook, and under “policies” on the nursing web page. Prior to graduation, all students must complete all university lower division requirements, 12 units of advanced general education at San Jose State University only, and 2 units of Physical Education (see SJSU University catalogue). NOTE: The 2 units of Required PE are pending approval to be “optional” (as of Fall 2013). Students may go to my.sjsu.edu to review their degree progress report.

How do I keep myself in good standing as a student in the School of Nursing?
All students in the program must do all of the following:

1. Complete nursing courses in the prescribed sequence.
2. Maintain a minimum grade of a C or "credit" in each nursing course - exceptions to this policy may apply, as in repeated graded courses, and repeated clinicals, as outlined in the "Progression and Disqualification Policies" listed in the SJSU School of Nursing student nursing handbook. Electronic copies of policies are also available on the nursing web site. All prerequisite nursing courses must have an overall minimum GPA of 3.0. The four nursing co-requisite courses must have a letter grade of C or above (and are not taken for Credit/No Credit).
3. Maintain current annual CPR certification.

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4. Meet health requirements/immunizations/titers, and functional competencies, as specified by the School of Nursing and agencies used for clinical experience, and the applicant/student must meet the requirements for drug and background checks. Malpractice Insurance is provided as a “blanket” CSU coverage policy for all School of Nursing students.
5. Behave consistently with standards for professional nursing practice, including skills in oral, written, and therapeutic communication; accountability; ethics; and legal responsibility in actions with clients, their families, peers, and faculty (as outlined in the current version of the School of Nursing’s "Professional Practice and Safety Policy") - purchased on admission, within the Student Nursing Handbook, and on the nursing web site.
6. Present documentation for California residency status (CA Driver’s license) and a U.S. Birth certificate or U.S. Passport or a green card indicating U.S. residency status.
7. Notify the School of Nursing in writing, if situations prevent you from attending classes for a specific semester; A policy for “leave of absences” specific to those already in the Nursing major is available in the current student handbook and the Nursing web site; It is discussed under “special progression.” Students will be updated as changes are made.

Are there any other fees or costs at the School of Nursing?

Yes. In addition to University tuition and fees (see schedule of classes under “fees”), there are additional fees for students enrolled in the two skills laboratory courses. Skills lab kits are purchased for all skills labs. Various vendor-offered SJSU School of Nursing, mandated examinations also will have fees (~$680, for ATI exams, divided over the entire 6 semesters). Further information will be accessed in the Nursing Student Handbook and on the School’s web site. Nursing students will have additional expenses for transportation (an automobile is needed for clinical practicum courses, once the student is enrolled in clinical courses), mandatory health insurance (approx.$1400-$1600/semester, if taken through Associated Students, but can be purchased privately), uniforms, and other equipment. Costs include: immunizations ($190), Serum blood titers ($100). Drug clearance screening and background checks ($100); Semester 5 students in Community Health/Community-based Mental Health clinicals will not be able to carpool with fellow students but they can arrange their own transportation in taxicabs, if they do not have access to a car.

NOTE: The California Nursing Students Association (CNSA) has an office in the Health Building where some supplies are sold. Examples of other costs are CNSA/National dues - optional ($40-45/year), blood pressure cuff ($85), stethoscope ($95 & up), and bandage scissors ($9); prices are subject to change and some of these items are lower for CNSA members.

What is the approximate cost of textbooks needed for the 6 semesters of nursing courses?
University tuition, and fees are listed on the main www.sjsu.edu web page (www.sjsu.edu/bursar/fees). Beginning Semester 1 students incur extra expenses tied to uniforms, stethoscopes, BP cuffs, and a heavy textbook cost. The cost for required textbooks for the 6 semesters is approximately $2500-$2800, if purchased as new books. However, textbook prices do change so this cost is only approximate. Used texts are often available at the Spartan Bookstore on campus, and/or at Roberts Bookstore, located on 330 South 10th Street in San Jose (One block from campus), or at online web sites.

Student Success Competency Testing Program
Additional fees will be assessed throughout the program for competency testing. The specifics are noted on the School of Nursing website, under ATI testing and the “fees” hyperlink (upper right on web page). These fees are approximately $130- $140/semester. Separate skills videos are part of the curriculum and purchased through the ATI vendor.

What about health insurance?
Students in practicum, skills, and physical assessment courses are required to have immunizations and health insurance. SJSU students may purchase health insurance through Associated Students (office in the Student Union). Health insurance must cover emergency admissions to a hospital.

How can I find out about housing? For information concerning residence halls or other housing, contact the: Housing Office, Student Services Division at www.housing.sjsu.edu.

What about scholarships?
Information regarding scholarships, grants and loans is available through the Financial Aid and Scholarship Office located in the Student Services Center, (408) 924-6100, www.sjsu.edu/faso. Students should always consider completion of the FAFSA form, in early Spring (? March), to be eligible for any University administered scholarships. A few small scholarships and emergency loans are available through the School of Nursing; see Student Handbook for criteria. This information is available through the School of Nursing’s Recruitment and Retention Coordinator.

Where do I get the course catalog?
For detailed information about University services and requirements, go online to www.sjsu.edu, or purchase a SJSU Catalog and a Schedule of Classes booklet from the Spartan Bookstore, SJSU, San José, CA 95192-0148, (408) 924-1800 or go to www.sjsu.edu or http://info.sjsu.edu for catalog and schedule of classes.

What web sites can I check for more information?
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