

ASSESSMENT TESTING FOR SCC NURSING PROGRAM ENROLLMENT IMPLEMENTATION BEGINS FALL 2008

The Governor has signed legislation that requires students who attend California Community College Nursing Programs to take assessment tests before or shortly after entering a nursing program. Only California Community College Chancellor's Office (CCCCO)-approved assessment tests may be used by registered nursing programs. The assessment tests are used to identify areas of academic weakness that require remediation prior to entering the program. The tests generally include reading, math, science, and English. The passing standard and parameters for implementation of assessment testing have been developed by the CCCCCO. Sacramento City College has developed the following processes to implement assessment testing utilizing the CCCCCO guidelines.

Sacramento City College (SCC) will be using the "Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)" developed by Assessment Technologies Institute, LLC (ATI). You may find out more information about the ATI TEAS test by viewing their website at www.atitesting.com. *SCC will be using the following process with the class entering Fall 2009.*

CHANGES TO ASSESSMENT TESTING CRITERIA FOR ENROLLMENT BEGINNING FALL 2009

1. All applicants will be screened for program eligibility.
2. The class plus alternates will be selected utilizing computerized random selection.
3. Students and alternates will take a proctored TEAS test at a location and date of their choosing. TEAS testing is provided at our Main Campus Nursing Division in Mohr Hall computer lab for students and alternates who have been provisionally accepted into the program. Please check website <http://wserver.scc.losrios.edu/~nursing/> for dates and times of TEAS testing. **PLEASE NOTE: The Assessment Center does not administer the TEAS test.**
4. An overall score of 67 will be required for program enrollment. This score is required for CCC Nursing Programs only. Private and California State Universities may have different requirements/passing scores.
5. Selected students who have already completed TEAS testing at the passing rate, do not have to retake the test. There is no recency requirement for assessment testing. SCC accepts the first attempt TEAS scores, therefore, there is no need to take multiple tests to improve scores. Students will be required to go onto the ATI website and have their TEAS scores sent electronically to SCC. Paper copies of test results will not be accepted. Please visit the ATI website for information on transferring scores.
6. Students are not responsible for the purchase of the TEAS test (\$20.00) or the TEAS study guide.
7. Only students who meet the overall score of 67 on their first test attempt will enroll in the nursing program. Alternates who achieve the overall score of 67 on their first test attempt will remain on the alternate list and will be guaranteed enrollment the following semester.
8. Students who do not achieve the 67 composite score on their first test attempt are encouraged to meet with a counselor/faculty to plan remediation work to strengthen deficient areas. Students will have one-year to complete the remediation plan and retake the TEAS test. Upon successful retaking of the test, students will be placed on alternate status. Timing of program entry depends upon when the remediation plan is completed with satisfactory results. Students who do not complete the remediation requirements within the one-year time frame, and achieve the 67 composite score, will forfeit their space in the nursing program and will be required to restart the application process as a new student.