California State University SAN MARCOS | College of Education, Health & Human Services

Traditional Bachelor of Science in Nursing (TBSN) | 2026 – 2027 SUPPLEMENTAL IMPACTION CRITERIA

The CSUSM Traditional Bachelor of Science in Nursing (TBSN) program is a **direct-entry admission major**. Students may only enter the major at the time of admission to the university. There are two levels of supplemental impaction criteria:

1. First-Time Freshman Supplemental Impaction Criteria
2. Transfer Supplemental Impaction Criteria

Students admitted to CSUSM in a different major or students currently enrolled are not able to apply or change majors to the TBSN. CSUSM no longer has a Pre-Health Sciences pre-major.

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1. First-Time Freshman Supplemental Impaction Criteria

First-time Freshman applicants to CSUSM are rank ordered according to the following criteria:

a. Multiple Measures as determined by the CSUSM Office of Admissions (https://www.csusm.edu/admissions/how-to-apply/freshman/index.html)

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2. Transfer Supplemental Impaction Criteria

Transfer applicants to CSUSM are ranked according to seven criteria. Each criterion carries a point value for a total of up to 68 points. Applicants must meet the minimum prerequisite course requirements and GPA to be eligible for admission to TBSN program.

SUPPLEMENTAL IMPACTION CRITERIA	POINTS	% OF TOTAL POINTS
Total Points	**68**	**100%**
1. Pre-Nursing Core (Prerequisite Courses) GPA (Except In-Progress Courses)	**25**	**37%**
2. Overall Cumulative GPA through Previous Fall Term	**5**	**7%**
3. TEAS Test Composite Score (Minimum 71)	**12**	**18%**
4. Language other than English Proficiency (optional)	**10**	**15%**
5. Applicable Work Experience or Volunteer Experience (optional)	**5**	**7%**
6. Residency (last school attended)	**8**	**12%**
7. Completed 4 Core Science Requirements in Consecutive 12-month Period (optional)	**3**	**4%**

a. Criteria 1: Pre-Nursing Core (Prerequisite Courses) GPA

Maximum Points: 25

Grade point average (GPA) in Pre-Nursing Core (Prerequisite) courses or equivalents (except in-progress courses)

i. Methodology:

- The cumulative grade point average (GPA) is computed for the eight Pre-Nursing Core courses (or their equivalents) using a 4.0 grading system.
- A grade of C or better is required in each course (a C- is not acceptable in any separate course, including labs).
- Only two science courses may be completed with a grade of B- or less.
- An overall minimum GPA of 2.75.
- Courses must be completed on an A-F grading basis.
- Courses in progress are not calculated in the Pre-Nursing Core GPA.

Pre-Nursing Core Requirement	CSUSM Course	Transfer Coursework
Oral Communication	GEO 102	CSU GE 1C course
English Composition	GEW 101B	CSU GE 1A course
Critical Thinking	GE 1B course	CSU GE 1B course
Math	MATH 200	CSU GE 2 Statistics course
Anatomy or Anatomy/Physiology I	BIOL 175	A 4-5 unit Human Anatomy or Anatomy/Physiology I course with lab
Physiology or Anatomy/Physiology II	BIOL 176	A 4-5 unit Human Physiology or 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).

i. Notes:

1. Courses with substandard grades (C- or below) can be repeated only once and grades earned will be averaged.
2. Initial grade of C or better cannot be repeated and will not be accepted.
3. Course equivalents from Community Colleges are determined using http://www.assist.org. When there is no articulated course the School of Nursing determines course equivalence for admission to the major.
4. An Integrated Chemistry course is recommended. Please note: An Introduction to Chemistry course does not meet the requirement.
5. Course credit earned through AP or IB exams taken in high school meeting the CSUSM requirements will be accepted and will not be calculated into the Pre-Nursing Core GPA.
6. Pre-Nursing Core courses must be completed no later than the end of the Spring semester prior to enrollment.
7. Courses In Progress during the Spring semester prior to enrollment are not calculated into the Pre-Nursing Core GPA.

ii. Points Assigned Based on Cumulative Pre-Nursing Core GPA

GPA	Points	GPA	Points	GPA	Points
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		

b. Criteria 2: Overall Cumulative GPA

Maximum Points: 5

Overall Cumulative GPA of CSU-eligible coursework completed by the end of the Fall term prior to entry (e.g. courses through Fall 2022 if applying for Fall 2023):

GPA	Points	GPA	Points	GPA	Points
Less than 2.75	0.0	3.14 – 3.26	2.0	3.66 – 3.78	4.0
2.75 – 2.87	0.5	3.27 – 3.39	2.5	3.79 – 3.91	4.5
2.88 – 3.00	1.0	3.40 – 3.52	3.0	3.92 – 4.00	5.0
3.01 – 3.13	1.5	3.53 – 3.65	3.5		

c. Criteria 3: Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) Composite Score

Maximum Points: 12

All Transfer applicants are required to take the TEAS exam Version 7 produced by Assessment Technologies, Inc. (ATI) and earn a minimum score of 71.0%. No other assessment will be accepted in lieu of the TEAS exam. The TEAS may be repeated a total of three (3) times and the highest score will be used for application to the TBSN program.

The exam includes four subtests:

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

Composite Score	Points	Composite Score	Points	Composite 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

d. OPTIONAL Criteria 4: Language Other Than English

Maximum Points: 10

Applicants may demonstrate proficiency in a language other than English in one of the following ways:

i. Intermediate or above college language course (e.g. SPAN 201 Intermediate Spanish) with a grade of C or better

ii. Modern Language Studies (MLS) Proficiency Exam
- The MLS Written Proficiency Test (WPT) offers 20 languages through Language Testing International. If for some reason a language is not offered, there will be an option for an oral proficiency exam. For more information, please email testingservices@csusm.edu
- You must pass with an intermediate mid or above.

e. OPTIONAL Criteria 5: Work and/or Volunteer Experience

Maximum Points: 5

Applicants may demonstrate work and/or volunteer experience by providing a letter (for each employer or volunteer organization) on organization letterhead detailing the type of work, hours completed, whether the work was on a part- or full-time basis, and whether the hours were completed as an employee or volunteer. If organization letter does not indicate part- or full-time status part-time will be considered anything less than 32 hours per week and full-time will be considered anything over 32 hours per week.

Work at a private residence must be in one of the work categories below, employed with a health care agency, and trained and supervised by a physician or registered nurse.

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

Work Experience	Points | Part-time	Points | Full-Time
Less than 6 months	0.5	1.0
6 months – 1 year	1.0	2.0
1 – 2 years	1.5	3.0
2 – 3 years	2.0	4.0
Over 3 years	2.5	5.0

Volunteer Experience	Points
50 hours or less	1.0
51 – 100 hours	2.0
101 – 150 hours	3.0
151 – 200 hours	4.0
Over 200 hours	5.0

a. Criteria 6: Residency (Last School Attended)

Maximum Points: 8

Local Admission Area is determined by CSUSM Office of Admissions.

Note: For the past three admissions cycles, CSUSM has not had the space available to accommodate non-local area applicants to the nursing program. Although we cannot always predict future enrollment trends, we do anticipate this level of impaction to continue.

Region	Points
Last school attended in Local Admission Area as determined by the Office of Admissions. Local Admission Area community colleges include Palomar College, MiraCosta College, Mt. San Jacinto College, and Imperial Valley College	8
Last school attended is outside the Local Admission Area, but within San Diego County, Imperial County, Riverside County, or Orange County.	4
Last school attended is outside of San Diego County, Imperial County, Riverside County or Orange County	0

b. OPTIONAL Criteria 7: Pre-Nursing Core Science Courses

Maximum Points: 3

Applicants who complete the four Pre-Nursing Core Science Requirements (Chemistry, A & P I or Anatomy, A & P II or Physiology, Microbiology) within a consecutive 12-month period receive 3 points.

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

1. Applicants who are U.S. Veterans would be given priority.
2. Lottery for applicants with same number of points.