

Rancho Santiago Community College District
BOARD POLICY
Chapter 4
Academic Affairs

BP 4106 Nursing Programs

Reference(s):

Education Code Sections 66055.8, 66055.9, 70101-70107, 78260, 78261, 78261.3, 78261.5, 87482, 89267,89267.3, and 92645
Title 5 Sections 55060 et seq. and 55521
Health and Safety Code Section 128050

Nursing students who have already earned a baccalaureate or higher degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher learning are not required to complete any general education requirements that may be required for an associate degree. Instead, these students only need to complete the coursework necessary for licensing as a registered nurse.

If a waiting list for the program exists, the District shall consider length of time on the waiting list and prerequisite grades when screening nursing students.

If no waiting list exists or if the waiting list is depleted, the District shall consider all of the following when screening nursing students:

- Academic degrees or diplomas, or relevant certificates, held by the applicant;
- Grade point average in and completion of relevant coursework;
- Diagnostic assessment test results;
- Life experiences or special circumstances of an applicant;
- Any relevant work or volunteer experience; and
- Proficiency or advanced level coursework in languages other than English.

Loan assumption agreements may be awarded to individuals who at a minimum possess a baccalaureate degree in nursing or a field related to nursing who have agreed to teach nursing on a full-time or part-time basis commencing not more than 12 months after receiving a loan assumption award. The loan assumption program is referred to as the State Nursing Assumption Program of Loans for Education (SNAPLE). The loan assumption agreement will be considered no longer effective and deemed terminated if a program participant fails to complete a minimum of three academic years of teaching on a full-time basis or the equivalent on a part-time basis.

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