

Admissions Criteria	Points	Comments
GPA		Points will be given according to GPA calculated from nursing prerequisite courses.
TEAS test		Points will be broken down starting at the 50th percentile and above. The TEAS results will be valid for one year.
Admissions Essay	<p>Students will be asked to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Describe reasons for becoming a professional nurse.</li> <li>2. Discuss personal characteristics they believe will assist them in being a quality professional nurse.</li> <li>3. Address study skills and time management skills in relation to their potential success in the nursing program.</li> <li>4. Describe and ethical situation that they faced in the last 5 years and what steps they took to resolve the situation.</li> <li>5. Explain their future professional and academic goals.</li> <li>6. Address a problem solving situation (presented by the committee) to demonstrate critical thinking.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The essay must be typed, double-spaced and no longer than 5 pages</li> <li>2. A grading criteria will be used by the committee</li> <li>3. Essay instructions will be included in the admissions packet</li> <li>4. Committee members will grade essays using the developed criteria</li> <li>5. At least 2 committee members will review essays to manage interrater reliability. If essays are graded within 5 points of each other=<b>valid</b>.</li> <li>6. If there is a lack of interrater reliability, then a third member of the committee will review the essay=<b>valid</b>.</li> <li>7. Essays will only be read if applicant file is complete and carries a 3.0 prerequisite GPA</li> </ol>
Group pre-advising		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Group pre-advising required for points awarded</li> <li>2. Lecture of knowledge of what a nurse's role is in healthcare will be addressed in group advising</li> </ol>
Service		Paid or volunteer work in a healthcare or community related setting documented via letters, certificates and/or time sheets. Please omit SSN from all submitted documents
Previously considered application (on wait list)		Student must have been on the wait list for the previous admission cycle. Points to be verified by office staff.
Bilingual Language Proficiency		<p>To qualify, the student must complete one of the following prior to the clinical major:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 3 years of high school course work (high school transcripts are acceptable)</li> <li>2. Two years of college course work or the equivalent of the second semester of an intermediate level course (unofficial college transcripts are acceptable)</li> <li>3. Bilingual credit will be given to a native language by submission of letter of validation from clergy, co-worker, school administrator and/or instructor.</li> </ol>
Letters of Recommendation		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.Character</li> <li>2.Academic</li> <li>3.Professional</li> </ol> <p>If students are without professional experience, they may obtain 2 academic letters of recommendation</p>
Residence		Coachella Valley Area residents have a higher priority.