



**Cottage Health System  
Supplemental Criteria**

Admissions 2012

**SUPPLEMENTAL CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION TO THE GENERIC/BASIC NURSING PROGRAM AT COTTAGE HEALTH SYSTEM**

Student applicants will be rank ordered for admission according to the following point structure. Up to 45 possible supplemental criteria points can be earned. Students must still meet the minimum prerequisite course requirements for admission to be eligible for admission to the Generic/Basic Program. Points will be awarded based on coursework and volunteer/work experience hours completed **at the time nursing application is submitted.**

**Grade point average in Pre-Nursing Core course or equivalents: 10 points maximum**

The cumulative grade point (GPA) is required for six of the eight Pre-Nursing Core courses (or their equivalents):

Course #	Class
BIOL 210	Human Anatomy & Physiology I
BIOL 211	Human Anatomy & Physiology II
BIOL 217	Medical Microbiology
CHEM 110	Chemistry of Life
COMM 101	Public Speaking
ENGL 105	Composition and Rhetoric I

The GPA is computed by averaging the grades earned in the courses with all courses equally weighted. If a course is repeated, both grades are averaged in computing GPA. Prerequisites may be in progress during semester application is submitted and will be calculated as a B pending receipt of final transcript. Courses cannot be taken more than twice. The minimum acceptable GPA is 2.5.

GPA	Points
2.50 - 2.75	0 points
2.76 - 2.99	2 points
3.00 - 3.24	4 points
3.25 - 3.49	6 points
3.50 - 3.75	8 points
3.76 - 4.00	10 points

**Overall Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA): 6 points maximum**

<b>GPA</b>	<b>Points</b>
2.50 - 2.75	1 point
2.76 - 2.99	2 points
3.00 - 3.24	3 points
3.25 - 3.49	4 points
3.50 - 3.75	5 points
3.76 - 4.00	6 points

**English Language Proficiency: 6 points maximum**

Completion of the standardized Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) produced by Assessment Technologies Inc (ATI) is mandatory for all applicants. Currently, we are only accepting version V. Points will be assigned for the earned scores for reading and English skills according to the following point structure. Students are expected to score above the 40th percentile in all four content areas (reading, English, math, and science), but points are awarded on percentile score in Reading, English and Math.

*Point Subscale scores for English & Reading:*

<b>National Percentile Rank</b>	<b>Reading</b>	<b>English</b>
< 40	0	0
41 - 64	1	1
65 - 79	2	2
80 or above	3	3

**Basic Math Proficiency: 5 points maximum**

Completion of the standardized Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) produced by the Assessment Technology Inc (ATI) is mandatory. Points will be assigned using the following point structure.

*Point Subscale for Math:*

<b>National Percentile Rank</b>	<b>Math</b>
< 40	0
41 - 47	1
48 - 54	2
55 - 62	3
63 - 70	4
> 70	5

**Proficiency in a Second Language: 4 points maximum**

Four (4) points are earned by meeting any of the following criteria in Spanish. A maximum of two (2) points are earned for meeting the following criteria in one or more languages other than Spanish.

- Completion, (**Not in progress**) of the equivalent of an intermediate-level course in a language other than English at the college level with a grade of C or better. This course must have been completed within five (5) years of the proposed semester of admittance. (Must be completed by August deadline).
- Completion of the equivalent of three (3) years of high school second/foreign (non-English) language or American Sign Language (ASL) with a grade of B or better. The last year or equivalent must have been completed within three years of the proposed semester of admittance.
- Successfully receiving a score of 3 (three) or better on the Advanced Placement (AP) Foreign Language Examination in Language or Literature (e.g., Spanish Language or Spanish Literature). (Must have completed within five (5) years of the proposed semester of admittance).
- Successfully receiving scores of 68 (scaled) and 78 (raw) on the College Board CLEP (College-Level Examination Program).
- A diploma of high school equivalency of one semester of course work from a university outside the U.S. from an institution in which the instruction of the courses completed was provided in language other than English.
- Native Speakers must provide verification of language proficiency. Proof must be in writing, by one of the following, clergy, employer, community leader or faculty.

**Previous Education: (4 points)**

Previously completed a baccalaureate or higher degree: 4 points

**Work Experience: (4 Points)**

Military Service, discharged under honorable conditions within the last five years: 4 points

**Or**

Previous experience in a health care setting as an employee, minimum of 200 hours: 4 points

**Or**

Previous volunteer experience in a related health care setting:

Hours	Points
50-100	1 point
101-200	2 points
>200	3 points

Students may use work experience as a volunteer or employee but not both.

Acceptable work experience includes employment in fields such as: Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN), Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), Respiratory Therapist (RT), Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Medical Assistant (MA) or a Psychiatric Technician. Other work experience will be evaluated on an individual basis.

Previous work experience or volunteer service must be verified by a letter from the employer or volunteer coordinator and include the amount of volunteer hours served, by the August deadline.

**Residency in preferred geographic areas: 6 points**

Residency in Santa Barbara County.