As the baby-boomer generation ages and retires, nurses are needed more now than ever before. As a profession that is in high demand nationally and in New York State, nurses command high salaries and prestige in their communities. In just the state of New York there is a projected need for an additional 100,000 nurses by the year 2020. This high demand has resulted in increased salaries and attractive compensation plans for nurses; in fact, more than three-quarters of nurses working in New York City make more than $70,000 per year, and one in four makes more than $80,000 per year. (Source: salary.com)

From its earliest inception, and continuing today, the College of Staten Island has maintained a powerhouse Nursing Department recognized for its academic rigor and superlative standards. Staten Island Community College, a forerunner of the College of Staten Island, began offering a Nursing Associate’s degree in 1965. Shortly thereafter the program became fully accredited by the National League for Nursing (NLN.) Today, CSI offers accredited Associate’s, Bachelor’s, and Master’s degrees in Nursing.

Pre-Admissions Nursing Requirements for the AAS Degree
Admission to the CSI Nursing program is highly competitive. Students must first:

- Successfully complete the CUNY Assessment Tests;
- Have a minimum of one semester’s residency at CSI prior to applying;
- Submit their National League for Nursing Pre-Admission Exam (NLN PAX-RN) score; OR the SAT I and SAT II Subject Test in Biology scores;
- Submit all completed Nursing health and immunization records to the CSI Health Center before you register for classes;
- Submit documentation of legal residency in the United States by virtue of citizenship or the granting of a legal immigration status by the appropriate immigration authorities.

Before applying, students must successfully complete the following:

**Prerequisite Courses:** 13 credits

BIO 150* Human Anatomy and Physiology I 4 credits
ENG 111 Communications Workshop 3 credits
PHL 130 Introduction to Ethics 3 credits
PSY 100 Introduction to Psychology 3 credits

* BIO 106 and BIO 107 (Principles of Biology and Lab) are prerequisites for BIO 150. Students may be exempt from taking BIO 106 & BIO 107 by earning a score of 37 on the Biology Placement Exam offered through the CSI College Testing Office.

Transfer Student Requirements
Students transferring from other colleges must be in good academic standing. Students who are on academic probation, or who have been academically or administratively dismissed from a Nursing program at previous school(s) are not eligible for admission to Nursing at CSI.

Eligibility
A minimum grade of C is required in BIO 150.

**Students who repeat any of the prerequisite courses may not be considered for admission to the Nursing program.**

Students are eligible to be considered for admission to NRS 110, the first clinical Nursing course, with the following:

Applications to NRS 110 become available only twice a year in April and November. Students must meet all requirements prior to applying.
• a GPA of 3.00 or higher in the pre-Nursing sequence;
• at least a 2.50 overall academic average;
• high scores on the NLN PAX exam or SAT I and SAT II BIO.

If there are more applicants eligible for admission than available seats in the program, students will be admitted starting with those who have the highest GPA and NLN PAX percentile scores.

**Applying to the Nursing Program**

Applications to NRS 110 become available only twice a year in April and November. Students must meet all requirements outlined above prior to applying. Such students, who already meet the criteria above, may then complete a NRS 110 Application (available online): [www.csi.cuny.edu/nursing/110pack.htm](http://www.csi.cuny.edu/nursing/110pack.htm)

Deadlines are rigid—students who do not submit the required online application, health documentation, NLN PAX results, and do not complete the required legal residency check by the stated deadline will not be considered for admission.

Clinical experience will be provided at health-care facilities in Staten Island or Brooklyn. While the Department can attempt to accommodate a location preference in truly extraordinary circumstances, the reality is that all students may not receive their preferred placement. It is incumbent on the student to complete the clinical phase of the program at the location where placement is available or to consider delaying progress in the program until they are able to do so.

At the start of each clinical course, students are required to do the following:

• Submit completed health documentation that is current (within 1 year) and on file with the College Health Office.

  • Wear the required uniform and have the necessary equipment. Information about uniforms and equipment are provided after admission to the program.

  From pediatrics to geriatrics, nurses are an important part of our health care infrastructure, and most importantly Nursing is no longer confined to the bedside. From law to teaching to research and private entrepreneurial ventures nurses today have a whole world of opportunities open to them.

For information regarding the baccalaureate and/or graduate programs, visit the nursing website at [www.csi.cuny.edu/nursing](http://www.csi.cuny.edu/nursing).

At the new state-of-the-art Nursing labs, students practice on mannequins which talk, breathe and exhibit vital signs.

Nursing students at their graduation and pinning ceremony.

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