MEMO TO: All Potential Nursing 110 Students  
FROM: Professor Barbara Dicicco-Bloom, Interim Chairperson, Department of Nursing  
DATE: February 17, 2022  
SUBJECT: Selection of NRS 110 Candidates

Selection of NRS 110 candidates will be done in June. **You must submit an application online from March 15, 2022 to May 18, 2022.**

**GUIDELINES FOR ADMISSION TO NURSING CURRICULUM**

- **Minimum of one semester’s residency at CSI.**
- **Successful completion of CUNY assessment examinations.**
- **Meet Nursing eligibility requirements:**
  - **Provide residency documentation in one of the following categories:**
    1. U.S. Citizenship
    2. Permanent Residency
    3. International Student with F1 Status
    4. Granted Asylum, Refugee Status, Temporary Protected Status, Withholding or Removal, Deferred Enforced Departure; or Deferred Action Status by the U.S. Government

Submit residency documentation only to Elaine Rocco at elaine.rocco@csi.cuny.edu by **Wednesday, May 18, 2022.**

- **GPA**
  Students must have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 in the prerequisite courses, and a minimum of a 2.5 cumulative GPA, with a minimum grade of C in Bio to be considered for admission to the clinical phase of the Nursing Program.
  Prerequisite courses: (GPA is calculated using original grades only):
  - Eng 111
  - Phl 130
  - Psy 100
  - Bio 150 (Minimum grade of C is required)

**NOTE:** For transfer and second degree students who have already taken SOC 100, it may be an alternate to PHL 130. In situations where the student has both courses, the PHL 130 grade will be calculated in the pre-requisite GPA.
• **Pre-admission Exam Scores (NLN)**
  Pre-admission exam scores are equally important as GPA, NLN Admission scores vary each semester. Students are advised to review for the exam. Admission is based on composite percentile score and percentile score in each test section.
  Register for the Pre-admissions Registered Nurse exam (E-PAX-RN) through the NLN.
  Submit a copy of NLN Pre-admissions RN Exam scores or SAT and SAT II Bio scores by email to nursing@csi.cuny.edu by the deadline date, **Wednesday, May 18, 2022**.

All applicants are required to provide Urine Drug Screen (UDS), Physical Examination (NPE) and vaccine status documentation (see below).

• **Urine Drug Screen (UDS).** Urine Drug Screen must be done through Castlebranch only. Urine drug screen must be done no earlier than **March 1, 2022**. A copy of the UDS report will need to be attached with the medical form and received by the College Health Office by **May 18, 2022**.
  NOTE: Some clinical agencies require additional Urine Drug Screens (Castlebranch only) before first day of clinical. Students will be notified through Navigate.

• **Physical Examination (NPE).** Forms must be submitted and accepted by **May 18, 2022**. A copy of the Urine Drug screen through Castlebranch along with the completed nursing physical form (NPE) must be emailed to the Health Center at healthcenter@csi.cuny.edu in PDF format or upload via CUNYfirst by May 18, 2022. Upload notification email to the Health Center.

• **Vaccine Status.** All students must fully vaccinated for all required vaccines, including full COVID-19 vaccine and booster. Students who are not in compliance will not be accepted into the Nursing program.

Accepted students ONLY are required to complete a criminal background check (see below).

• **Criminal Background Check.** Students who are accepted into the program are required to complete a background check through Castlebranch. Once applicants confirm that they have been accepted to the Nursing Program (June 17, 2022), they must order their Castlebranch criminal background check ASAP. Criminal background report will be available to the Nursing Department and must be received from Castlebranch to the Nursing Department Administrator by **June 21, 2022**.

Students who do not submit the required residency documentation, Pre-admission Exam Scores (NLN), Urine Drug Screen, Physical Examination forms and vaccine status documentation by the specified deadlines will not be considered for acceptance into the Nursing Program.
Accepted students who do not complete the required criminal background check by the specified deadline will not be able to enroll into nursing courses.

NOTE:
In order to advance into nursing clinical, all students must successfully maintain documentation and criminal background check and Urine drug screen requirements.

Students accepted or returning to the Nursing Program are required to submit a completed physical with associated labs and Urine drug screen each semester to the Health Center.

On Friday, June 17, 2022, students are required to check their acceptance status online. Students are NOT notified by mail or in person of acceptance. On Monday, June 20, 2022, students who are admitted will be given permission to register for nursing courses. Registration may be done online. Specific registration instructions will be available with the admission acceptance notification. If accepted, students must complete the required Castlebranch background check. If requirements are not met, students will be removed from the course. All accepted students are expected to participate in the Nursing 110 orientation. BLS Healthcare Provider CPR certification from the American Heart Association and N95 Fit-testing from CSI’s approved vendor must be obtained prior to start of classes. More information will be available with the admission acceptance notification.