Nursing Major FAQ

Q. Does admission to CSB/SJU mean that I am accepted into the nursing major?
A. Admission to CSB/SJU does not mean you are accepted into the nursing major. Nursing students apply for admission to the major after their first year. (CSB/SJU offers a Nursing Early Admission Program to select incoming students based on standardized test scores. Please see additional information below.)

Q. What are the minimum requirements to be qualified for admission to the nursing program?
A. Completion of five prerequisite courses with at least a grade of C in each course and a prerequisite GPA of at least 2.75: BIOL 101, BIOL 212, CHEM 125, PSYC 111 and NUTR 125. See Application to the Nursing Major webpage for additional detail about requirements for final acceptance.

Q. Will I be accepted into the nursing program if I meet the minimum qualifications?
A. Not necessarily. CSB/SJU can accept up to 72 students in each class. Students must meet the minimum qualifications to be considered for admission to the nursing major. However, the admission process is very competitive.

Q. How many students typically apply to the nursing major and how many are accepted?
A. The number of students applying to the nursing major varies from year to year, but has been rising. As in most nursing programs, it is likely we will have significantly more qualified applicants than available spaces.

Q. Can I transfer college credits into CSB/SJU?
A. High school students graduating with advanced placement (AP) or college credits can request these courses be evaluated for acceptance as transfer credits. You may contact the Admission Office to determine if these courses will be accepted for credit.

Q. Is it easier to be admitted to the nursing major at other colleges?
A. Most nursing programs are facing the same challenges as CSB/SJU. It is important that you contact each of the colleges you are considering to make sure you have the facts so you can make a well-informed decision.

Q. Can I be accepted to the nursing major if I am not admitted to the Early Admission Program?
A. CSB/SJU will offer the Early Admission Program to those with an ACT of 27 or above at the time of acceptance, retaining the majority of positions for students who apply to the major through the regular process.

Q. How can I get more information?
A. Please contact the Admission Office at 800-544-1489 or 320-363-2196. You can also find more information online at www.csbsju.edu/nursing.

Nursing Early Admission Program (EAP)

The nursing department has found ACT/SAT scores are strong predictors of success in the nursing curriculum. CSB/SJU will guarantee admission to the nursing major at the time of enrollment to the college for students who meet the following qualifications.

Qualifications:
- ACT composite score of 27 or higher, combined SAT two-subject score of 1280 or higher, or combined SAT three-subject score of 1820 or higher at time of application to the college.
- The ACT or SAT composite score is not superscored for EAP qualification. The Nursing Early Admission Program will accept ACT/SAT scores taken before March 1 of the applicant’s senior year of high school.
- Must have indicated nursing at the time of application to the college. Must be a new, entering first-year student.

To retain eligibility in the Early Admission Program a student must:
- Maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher in prerequisite courses by the end of spring semester in the first year. The student must also attain a minimum of a BC in each prerequisite course. (The CSB/SJU grading scale is as follows: A, AB, B, BC, C, CD, D, F).
- Not withdraw from any prerequisite course.
- If a student does not retain EAP eligibility, they can still apply to the nursing program and be considered for acceptance.

The most current information about the Nursing Program can be found at: www.csbsju.edu/nursing