

Q. Have the prerequisites to the ADN program changed for Spring 2010?

- A.** No. The prerequisite courses remain the same and include:
English 001A (Written Communications)
FCS 006 (Nutrition)
Biology 022 (Intro to Medical Microbiology) or Biology 023 (General Microbiology)
Biology 031 (Human Anatomy)
Biology 032 (Human Physiology)

Q. Has the admission criteria changed?

- A.** Yes. Due to changes in legislation and the Education Code, enrollment criteria have been changed to a multi-criteria screening which includes previous degrees/relevant certificates, science prerequisite GPA, other prerequisite GPA, degrees, science repeats, work/volunteer experience in healthcare, life/special circumstances, second language proficiency or advanced coursework, and TEAS test score. All first semester spaces will be awarded by rank order (highest points).

Q. Why has the admission criteria changed for Spring 2010 admittance?

- A.** On October 14, 2007, AB 1559 (Berryhill) was signed by the governor and chaptered. Section 78261.5 was added to the Education Code, and it states that a school may admit nursing students under a random draw (lottery) process, a multicriteria screening, or a combination of both. Delta chose to use the multicriteria screening process rather than return to a lottery system. In addition to the need to implement the new criteria, and because the budget crisis has left Delta with many cuts to staff, Delta decided to go to an online application process to reduce the number of personnel required to handle paper applications. Entering an application process into an online format is very labor intensive and it was decided to enter the new criteria prescribed by law to save resources. The Chancellor's office has approved this change.

Q. Doesn't Delta need to advertise any change for a period of time?

- A.** No. It is always desirable to advertise changes, but there is no law or statute that requires this. The change is made in order to bring Delta into compliance with the Education Code.

Q. Were other options available instead of changing the application process for Spring 2010?

- A.** No. The Health Sciences Division personnel, Deans and representatives from all affected college departments have worked diligently to bring Delta's ADN admission process into compliance with the law in the face of massive budget cuts. Other options were: 1) Admit from an existing pool therefore eliminating the need for taking applications for Spring 2010, or 2) go back to a lottery. The decisions were made in order to benefit the maximum amount of students. No process will always benefit everyone. When laws are enacted, choices are often limited.

Q. How many students will be accepted into the Spring 2010 ADN class?

- A.** At this time we are anticipating an admission of between 60 and 80 students.

Q. How do I apply for the ADN Program?

- A.** There will be **one** online application for all programs. The application will be available from September 21 through October 5, 2009 at <http://nursing.deltacollege.edu/>. Students will be able to apply for the generic ADN Program (all 4 semesters) and any upgrade option that the student is qualified to apply for: CNA to ADN, LVN to ADN and Psychiatric Technician to ADN.

Students may use the same online application for the generic Vocational Nursing Program and/or generic Psychiatric Technician Program and any upgrade option that the student is qualified to apply for: CNA to VN, Psychiatric Technician to VN, or CNA to Psychiatric Technician with the same application.

Q. Do I need to submit a Prerequisite Verification form?

- A.** No. The Prerequisite Verification form has been replaced by our online application.

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Q. If I start the online application and then need to stop, will I need to start over?

A. No. The online application allows a student to Save for Later.

Q. Can I update my online application once it has been submitted?

A. No. Once the online application has been submitted, no changes may be made.

Q. Who can I contact if I have questions about the online application?

A. Starting September 21, questions regarding the online application may be sent to healthscienceapps@deltacollege.edu

Q. Do I need to be a Delta College student to apply to the ADN program?

A. Yes. Students submitting the online application are required to have a current Application for Admission on file with our college. All students must have their Delta College student I.D. number and must have a Delta College email address. All correspondence from the college will be sent to the Delta College email account.

If you've never attended Delta College: Complete the New Student Application for Admission which is only available online. Be sure to allow adequate time for your application to be processed and for you to be assigned a student I.D. and Delta College email address. To complete the application, go to:

http://www.cccapply.org/applications/CCCApply/apply/San_Joaquin_Delta_College.html

Current students: You must have a current application on file (if you have not attended for more than one semester, you must reapply online at the address listed above). **All fees owed to Delta College must be paid in full and you must be in good standing at the college.**

Q. Do I need a Social Security Number (SSN) to apply to the program?

A. Yes. Hospitals and other clinical settings require that Delta College nursing and psychiatric technician students have completed a criminal background clearance. In addition, a SSN is required for licensing. For more details:

<http://www.rn.ca.gov/pdfs/schools/edp-i-33.pdf>

Q. I have a degree from a foreign country. Do I get points for having a degree when I fill out the online application?

A. Delta College does not have a policy for foreign degrees or those that have been evaluated by an evaluation agency. Degrees obtained from a regionally accredited college are accepted. Foreign degrees and evaluated foreign degrees are not accepted by Delta College and will not receive points in the application process.

Q. I have finished my degree (AA, AS, BA, BS) but it has not posted to my academic records yet. May I still receive the points?

A. No. In order to receive points for a degree, all degrees must be posted to your academic records and an official transcript is required as documentation.

Q. Why do I need a 2.5 GPA in my prerequisite courses?

A. Studies performed at Delta and other colleges in California correlate the 2.5 GPA in the prerequisites to greater than 70% chance of success in the ADN program. This is also the recommended minimum GPA from the Chancellor's Office as a result of the prerequisite validation study conducted by the Center for Student Success. Some schools require higher than 2.5 GPA in prerequisite courses for admission.

Q. Why are points taken away for D, F, I and/or W?

A. Again, in the prerequisite validation study, the numbers of repeats in the science courses negatively impacted a student's chance of success in the ADN program.

Q. Why not consider my cumulative GPA?

A. The new Education Code calls for using the GPA from the "fixed set of required prerequisite courses that all applicants to the nursing program administering the multicriteria screening process are required to complete." So, the new law does not allow consideration of cumulative GPA in the multicriteria selection process.

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- Q. May I get points for certificates other than those listed?**
- A. No. At this time only CNA, HHA, and EMT certificates will be allowed points under "certificated health care worker" criteria. However, your work may qualify for points under work or volunteer hours.
- Q. Do I get to count my CNA certificate AND my CNA work hours in both categories?**
- A. No. You will receive 5 points for your current California CNA certificate only. Points for work/volunteer experience are for those individuals who do not have a degree or certificate.
- Q. Which ATI TEAS score will be used in my application?**
- A. Delta will use the first passing ATI TEAS score that is recorded.
- Q. What happens after I submit my online application?**
- A. All applications will be processed, points awarded and ranked from highest to lowest points.
- Q. What happens if two or more applicants have the same ranking score and tie for admission?**
- A. Ties will be broken by the science GPA.
- Q. When will applicants be notified of their status?**
- A. Applicants with the highest scores will be notified on or about October 15, 2009 and required to submit all documentation verifying information on the application.
- Q. What happens after I submit supporting documentation?**
- A. Once an applicant's documentation has been reviewed and all information has been verified, a confirmation will be sent to the student's Delta College email with further instructions.
- Q. I've been offered a space in the program, now what?**
- A. Students officially offered a space in the program will receive an email at their Delta College student email address, and asked to pick up an ADN Student Information Packet from the Health Science Division Office in Locke Center, Room 213. Students must provide photo I.D. and are required to sign either accept or decline their space in the program. The ADN Student Information Packet includes all required forms (physical, immunizations, etc.) with information and deadlines.
- Q. I was notified that I am an alternate to the program. What does this mean?**
- A. Being an alternate means that all spaces have been offered to student's with higher scores than you. If a qualified applicant declines their space in the program, we will contact those students on the alternate list. We do not maintain the alternate list after classes start. Alternates who are not offered a space in the program will need to reapply during the next application period.
- Q. Do you keep a waiting list for admission to the next semester?**
- A. No. Students who are not offered a space in the program will need to reapply during the next application period.
- Q. I was not selected but how do I know that my application was processed?**
- A. A complete list of rankings will be posted at <http://nursing.deltacollege.edu/> Students who are disqualified will be notified at their Delta College student email account why they were disqualified.
- Q. I still have a question about the application process. Who can I contact?**
- A. You may send an email to hs-adn@deltacollege.edu