

## San Joaquin Delta College ADN Program - Frequently Asked Questions

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**Q. What are the prerequisites to the ADN program?**

**A.** The prerequisites are:

Course Number	Course Name	Semester Units
BIOL 31	Human Anatomy*	4.0
BIOL 32	Human Physiology*	5.0
BIOL 22 OR BIOL 23	Intro to Medical Microbiology OR General Microbiology	4.0 OR 5.0
ENG 001A OR ENG 001B OR ENG 001D	Written Communications Written Communications II Critical Composition	3.0 3.0 3.0
HS 019/FCS 019	Human Development	3.0
Math 92	Intermediate Algebra or higher <b>(Not used to calculate science score)</b>	5.0

\*including lab

**Math Requirements for the ADN Program:**

Math 92 or higher is a prerequisite for admission to the Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) program.

**General Information:**

Math 92 or higher has been a San Joaquin Delta College graduation requirement since catalog year 09-10. *Math 82 is not listed in the ADN degree requirements until catalog year 2010-11. ADN students who claim 2008-09 catalog rights, or prior to 2008-09 are not required to complete Math 82 in order to graduate from Delta with an Associate Degree in Nursing. Math 92 or higher remains a graduation requirement for ADN students who enter Spring 2011 and thereafter, depending upon a student's catalog rights.*

**Please note:** Students are encouraged to take statistics (MATH 12) to fill the Math requirement as it is a prerequisite to CSU Stanislaus and most other BSN programs. *Students are encouraged to take the CSU critical thinking requirement (COMST 5 OR ENG 1B OR ENG 1D OR PHILO 30) while at Delta in order to be ready to enter a BSN program.*

For detailed information, please refer to the ADN Admission Information link at

<http://www.deltacollege.edu/div/hs/adnhome.html>

**Q. How long is the ADN program?**

**A.** The nursing program is a two-year program offered in four semesters. There are no nursing classes during the summer Intersession.

**Q. How often are students accepted into the program?**

**A.** There are two application periods per year and students are accepted each fall and spring semesters.

**Q. What are the admission criteria for the ADN program?**

**A.** Due to changes in legislation and the Education Code, admission criteria has been changed to a multi-criteria screening which includes previous degrees/relevant health care licenses and certificates, science prerequisite GPA, other prerequisite GPA, science repeats, work/volunteer experience in health care with direct patient care, life/special circumstances, second language proficiency, and TEAS test score. For detailed information, please refer to the ADN Admission Information link at <http://www.deltacollege.edu/div/hs/adnhome.html>

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**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 Education Code calls for using the GPA from the "fixed set of required prerequisite courses that all applicants to the nursing program administering the multi-criteria screening process are required to complete." So, the law does not allow consideration of cumulative GPA in the multi-criteria selection 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 in Criterion 1A?**

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

**Q. If I have a degree from a foreign country, will I receive admission points for having this degree?**

**A.** San Joaquin Delta College does not evaluate foreign transcripts nor is credit granted for foreign coursework. Students with a degree (AA/AS, BA/BS or higher) from a school outside the United States must have their foreign transcript evaluated by a National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) approved independent agency (evaluation must be in a sealed envelope from the agency). The evaluation must specify equivalency to an AA/AS or a BA/BS degree or higher from a U.S. regionally accredited college. **The NACES evaluation will be used ONLY to award points as part of ADN admission criteria.**

**Q. How many students will be accepted in the spring and fall semesters, and how will students be selected?**

**A.** We anticipate admitting between 40 and 50 students, depending on the budget situation. Using the multi-criteria screening, 90% of the spaces will be filled by rank order (highest points); the remaining 10% will be selected by computerized random selection of qualified applicants.

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

**A. Yes.** Applicants applying for admission to the ADN program are required to have a current Application for Admission on file with our college. All applicants to the ADN program must know their Delta College student I.D. number and their Delta College email address. All correspondence from the college will be sent to the Delta College email account.

*To be current as a Delta College student, an "active application" must be on file with Delta College Admissions and Records. If a student has not attended Delta College for two or more semesters, then they do not have an "active application" and must reapply to Delta College. Any student who does not have an "active application" on file **prior to the ADN online application opening date** will be unable to submit an application to the ADN program.*

**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. number and a Delta College email address. To complete the application, go to:

[http://www.cccapply.org/applications/CCCApply/apply/San\\_Joaquin\\_Delta\\_College.html](http://www.cccapply.org/applications/CCCApply/apply/San_Joaquin_Delta_College.html)

*Applications are processed 3-5 days after submission, once processed, Delta College will assign a student e-mail account to each new student. All correspondence from the Nursing Program, Admissions and Records, Financial Aid, and other important campus information is e-mailed to students at their Delta College e-mail address.*

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After processing, students must login to Online Registration to obtain their Delta ID number. Students should use their social security number as the login and their date of birth entered as mmddyy as the password. Students should record both their Delta ID number and student email address for the online ADN Program application. Read more information on [how to find your email address](#).

**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). To check your status, go to <http://www.deltacollege.edu>. In the top right hand corner, you will see MyDelta. Click on that link. Once you log in, you will see at the top left hand side of the page "Student Holds". If you have a 95 hold there, you must reapply for admission. If you have any other holds, they will be listed in this section of "MyDelta." Students must be in good standing at the college and all fees owed must be paid in full. Any of the following holds will disqualify an applicant:

14 or 15 = Progress Probation; 34 or 35 = Academic Probation; 70 = Fees owed; 95 = Need to reapply.

**Q. When do I submit my application for the ADN program?**

A. The application submission dates will be posted at <http://www.deltacollege.edu/div/hs/adnhome.html>.

**Q. How do I apply for admission to the ADN Program?**

A. There will be an online application for the ADN program. The application will be available at <http://www.deltacollege.edu/div/hs/adnhome.html>

**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 their application and return to it if done before the application deadline date.

**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. Do need to send my transcripts to the college after I submit my online application for the ADN program?**

A. You do not need to submit documentation at the time of application. You should, however, have all the required materials available in case you are invited to submit all required documentation. If you have attended other U.S. regionally approved colleges/universities you should order an official transcript(s). Have the transcript sent to your home because if you are invited to submit documentation, everything must be submitted at one time.

**Q. What happens after I submit my online application?**

A. After the closing date, all information reported in the online applications will be reviewed and points awarded according to the ADN Admission Criteria. 90% of the spaces will be filled by rank order (highest points); the remaining 10% will be selected by computerized random selection of qualified applicants. Applicants will be invited to submit required documentation in support of the information provided in the online application. All correspondence regarding the status of applications to the program will be sent to the applicant's Delta College student email address.

**Q. I have sent all my college transcripts to Delta College in the past. Do I need to send them again?**

A. Yes, every applicant is required to submit official transcripts from all U.S. regionally approved college/university attended, regardless of applicability to nursing requirements, even if the Evaluations Department has received your transcript(s) in the past.

**Q. What happens after I submit supporting documentation?**

A. The documentation must confirm all information provided in the online application. Late documentation will not be accepted and any missing or insufficient documentation will result in disqualification. Once an applicant's documentation has been reviewed and all information has been verified, an email will be sent to the student's Delta College address with final program status.

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**Q. I've been offered a space in the program, now what?**

**A.** Students officially offered a space in the program will be sent an email (Delta College student email address only) along with the ADN Student Information Packet. Students will be required to either accept or decline their space in the program by a specified deadline. 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 filled. 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. How will I know that my application was processed?**

**A.** An email will be sent to all applicants informing them of the status of their application. **Do not call the Health Science Division regarding the status of your application.**

**Q. The admission criteria references "regionally-accredited." What does that mean?**

**A.** For another college's courses to be considered for transfer to Delta – that college must have a "regional accreditation" just as Delta has. This means that the other college must be accredited by one of the following:

MSA: Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools

NASC: The Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges

NCA: North Central Association of Colleges and Schools

NEASC-CIHE: New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc./Commission on Institutions of Higher Education

NEASC-CTCI: New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc./Commission on Technical and Career Institutions

SACS-CC: Southern Association of Schools and Colleges/Commission on Colleges

WASC-Jr.: Western Association of Schools and Colleges/Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges

WASC-Sr.: Western Association of Schools and Colleges/Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities

**Q. How do I figure my GPA?**

**A.** The basic formula is Grade Points divided by Attempted Units = GPA

Grade Points are determined by using the following values: A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1 and F=0. Multiply the value for the letter grade received by the number of units for that class. For example: if you earned a "B" in a four unit class – you have earned 12 grade points (3 times 4). Classes taken on a "Credit/No Credit" or "Pass/No Pass" basis do not have attempted units or grade points – only classes with a letter grade have these. (Units earned for a class with "Credit" or "Pass" are counted only in "Completed Unit" totals)

Example:

	Units Attempted	Units Completed	Grade	Grade Points
Class 1	3.0	3.0	A (4)	12.0
Class 2	4.0	4.0	C (2)	8.0
Class 3	0.0	2.0	P	0.0
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TOTALS =	7.0	9.0		20.0

So the cumulative GPA would be 20/7 which is 2.857

**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. All students accepted to the program will be required to provide a copy of their Social Security card. For more details:

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

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**Q. What are the most common reasons applicants are disqualified?**

**A.** The most common reasons students are disqualified are:

**Prerequisites were taken at another college/university and the course descriptions were missing or the descriptions submitted were the wrong course description.**

Course descriptions are required for all prerequisite coursework completed at regionally accredited college/universities, other than San Joaquin Delta College.

**Wrong course and grade listed for the prerequisite in the online application.**

We use the FIRST passing grade for prerequisites. If you took Eng 1A at University ABC in Fall 2001 and passed with a "C" and then repeated the same course at XYZ Community College in Spring 2008 and passed with an "A", we will use the first passing grade (C) from Fall 2001. That is the course description you would need to submit.

**Incorrect or incomplete information reported on the application.**

**Documentation is missing or is insufficient to support application information.**

**Official transcript missing or transcript is not "official".**

An official transcript means the transcript is submitted in a SEALED envelope from the college/university. If the envelope has been opened or the seal broken, the transcript is not "official." Applicants invited to submit documentation will be required to submit official transcripts for ALL lower and upper division courses completed at any and all regionally accredited U.S. institutions, regardless of applicability to nursing requirements. All required official transcript(s) must be submitted as part of the ADN Supporting Documentation packet even if transcripts have been previously sent to the college for any purpose or at any other time. **Do NOT send official transcripts to the Health Science Division.**

**Prerequisite course is not equivalent to San Joaquin Delta College course(s).**

Many students presume the course they took at another school is equivalent to Delta College prerequisite. If you are unsure, ask for assistance from a counselor before you complete your online application or request that your transcript be evaluated for equivalency by San Joaquin Delta College before you apply to the program. If you chose this option, be sure you allow several months for your transcript to be evaluated by our college!

**Prerequisite courses are "In Progress" or final grade not posted to the official transcript.**

We do not accept "In Progress" coursework. If you completed a course but your final grade is not posted to your transcript, you will be disqualified.

**Q. I have already earned a baccalaureate degree from a U.S. regionally accredited college/university. Do I still need to take all the general education courses required for graduation from the ADN Program?**

**A.** You will be required to take coursework that is unique and exclusively required to earn a nursing degree from our program. *That means you will be required to take COM ST 001A (Fundamentals of Speech), PSYCH 001 (Introduction to Psychology), and SOCIO 001B (Problems of a Changing Society).*

**Q. Does your program offer advance placement/upgrades for Licensed Vocational Nurses (LVN) and Psychiatric Technicians?**

**A.** Yes, We do have advance placement/upgrade opportunities (**space available only**) for LVN to ADN and Psychiatric Technicians (PT) to ADN. However, we do not have designated space for advance placement/upgrades; space becomes available if a current ADN student withdraws or fails out of the program. Advance placement/upgrade applicants are required to satisfy the prerequisites to the ADN program, have completed HS 043 Nursing Synthesis, have a valid TEAS test score and if chosen to submit documentation, will be required to provide copies of their official transcripts and course descriptions from a regionally accredited college and a copy of their current LVN or PT license.

**Q. Does your program offer advance placement/upgrades for CNAs?**

**A.** No, we no longer offer an upgrade for a CNA to ADN.

**Q. After reading the above information and meeting with a Delta College counselor, who do I contact if I still have questions?**

**A.** After reading all the information provided on the ADN web site and after meeting with a Delta College counselor if you still have questions, please email your detailed questions to [hs-adn@deltacollege.edu](mailto:hs-adn@deltacollege.edu).