

CR REGISTERED NURSING APPLICATION FAQs

We understand that the recent changes to our RN program application have created some uncertainty and anxiety for students in our pre-nursing programs and on our RN waitlist. This FAQ hopes to answer a lot of your questions, but if you are still uncertain or need further clarity, please reach out to CR's Director of Nursing, Jessica Howard. Jessica-howard@redwoods.edu, 707-476-4251

What is the new application process?

We are no longer placing students on a waitlist. Instead, we are transitioning to a merit-based system wherein admission is offered to the highest-scoring applicants. If there is a tie among applicants, a computerized random selection will break the tie.

Points are awarded in the areas of academic performance; work or volunteer experience; proficiency in a language other than English; life experiences or special circumstances; and a diagnostic assessment test (TEAS). The points awarded in each of these categories are explained in the point allocation section of the application instructions.

How is this new system going to benefit students?

There will no longer be a waitlist, so the top ranked students who apply in spring will start in fall instead of being placed on a waitlist for 2-4 years.

What is happening to students currently on the waitlist?

If you are on the waitlist, you will be admitted to the program when your number reaches 1-30. We will not be adding any students to the waitlist moving forward.

Breakdown of waitlist and new application numbers over the academic years:

Academic Year	Students Admitted from Waitlist	Students Admitted from Merit-based Application
2023-24	30	14
2024-25	30	14
2025-26	*All remaining on wait list (N)	44-N

**By Academic Year 25-26, we expect to have fully exhausted the waitlist and will enroll 100% from the new application system.*

Will the new changes increase the wait time for students who are currently on the waitlist?

No. In most instances, students will now have a SHORTER wait time, but in no instance will these changes result in longer wait times. If you would like to know when you are expected to be admitted, please reach out to the nursing office. (Contact info above.)

Can students remain on the waitlist AND apply via the new process?

Yes, you **WILL NOT** be removed from the waitlist if you apply via the new process. If you do not get admitted with the point system, your place on the waitlist will remain the same.

Since there is no longer a waitlist, what can a student do if they apply and do not get admitted via the merit-based system?

You can work on increasing points by volunteering, gaining certification in the medical field (CNA, phlebotomy, EMT) and retaking the TEAS. See application for other options for increasing points. (Please see guidelines for retaking the TEAS.)

If you are not selected the first time you apply, you will be given 2 points for the first year you reapply and 5 points on subsequent applications.

Will the lottery system thresholds of a 2.5 science GPA, a 2.5 overall GPA, and a 62 TEAS score still be enough to get into the program?

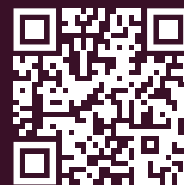
The GPA requirements have not changed. The higher your GPA, the higher you will score on the academic section of the point system. However, GPA and TEAS are not the only criteria for admission. You could get additional points in multiple other categories (Veteran, DSPS,

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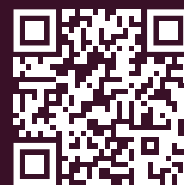
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volunteering, and proficiency in a foreign language are all examples). If you are not accepted, you can retake the TEAS to attempt to get a higher score.

Is there a limit to how many times a student can reapply?

No. Points are awarded to applicants who have previously applied and were not accepted into the program. Points are awarded as follows (maximum of 8):

- An additional 2 points will be awarded to applicants who submitted *eligible** RN program applications in the previous cycle and were not admitted.
- An additional 5 point will be awarded to applicants who have previously submitted 2 *eligible** RN program applications within the last 3 years without being admitted.
- 8 points will be awarded to applicants who have previously submitted 3 or more *eligible** RN program applications within the past 5 years *without being admitted*.

*See application page 4 **Program Ineligibility** to be sure your application will be accepted.

Will CR still pay for the TEAS test?

Past assistance with the TEAS fee was supplied through a long term grant that is no longer available. However, as we transition into the new application system, CR will pay your TEAS testing fee for your **first, regularly scheduled attempt** in the 2023-24 and 2024-25 academic years through CR Foundation funding.

Why don't local students get preference or additional points on the application?

The California Community College Chancellor's Office and the Board of Registered Nursing provide specific guidelines for points categories for merit-based applications. Giving points for place of residency is considered discrimination and is not permissible.

What, outside of CR, can I do to score more favorably on the application?

Volunteering or work experience in the medical field are great options for getting more points on the application. For a full list of points categories please see the application.

What if I still have questions or concerns about my application process and how to prepare for the new system?

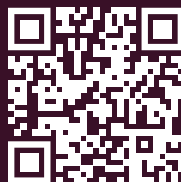
We recommend reaching out to us and discussing specific concerns they may have with faculty and nursing director Jessica Howard (contact info above). Our doors are always open, we timely respond to emails, and return phone calls throughout the day. Additionally, we are hosting two student information sessions where you will be invited to ask questions from faculty and advisors:

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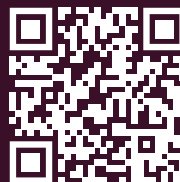
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