

Note: This policy is **legally required**, if the District uses a multi-criteria screening for Nursing Programs. **New – GCCCD Policy**

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AP 4106 Nursing Programs

Reference: ***Education Code Sections 66055.8, 66055.9, 70101-70106, 70120, 70124, 70125, 70128.5, 78260, 78261, 78261.3, 78261.5, 87482, 89267, 89267.3, and 92645; Title 5 Sections 55060 et seq. and 55521; Health and Safety Code Section 128050***

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[No CCLC template language provided for AP, except this Note: BP 4106 titled Nursing Programs contains the minimum necessary to meet statutory requirements, and may be repeated here, with additional procedures on awarding grants or participating in a loan assumption agreement]

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The Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District (District) uses a multi-criteria screening process for admittance into the District's Nursing Programs. The Chancellor shall ensure that these administrative procedures are in compliance with Education Code and Title 5 Regulations.

The State Chancellor's Office multi-screening criteria is listed on the nursing website under Admission Procedures and is referenced in the Grossmont College Catalog. The District shall consider, but may not be limited to, the following criteria when screening prospective nursing students:

High school graduation, high school equivalency or a higher degree

- *Academic degrees or diplomas, or relevant certifications, held by the applicant*
- *A minimum requirement of a 2.5 grade point average in the required sciences and general education Nursing major course requirements*
- *Life experiences or special circumstances of an applicant*
- *Any relevant work or volunteer experience*
- *Proficiency or advanced level coursework in languages other than English*
- *The Individual Composite Score for the Test of Essential Academic Skills exam*

Nursing students who have already earned a baccalaureate or higher degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher learning are not required to complete any general education requirements that may be required for an associate degree. Instead, these students only need to complete the coursework necessary for licensing as a registered nurse.

Loan assumption agreements may be awarded *through the California Student Aid Commission* to individuals who at a minimum possess a baccalaureate degree in nursing or a field related to nursing who have agreed to teach nursing on a full-time or part-time basis commencing not more than 12 months after receiving a loan assumption award. *However, minimum qualifications for teaching Nursing full-time or part-time at Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community*

College District must be met; and may differ from the minimum qualifications required through the California Student Aid Commission's Nursing Loan Assumption Program for education.

The loan assumption program is referred to as the State Nursing Assumption Program of Loans for Education (SNAPLE). The loan assumption agreement will be considered no longer effective and deemed terminated, if a program participant fails to complete a minimum of three academic years of teaching on a full-time basis or the equivalent on a part-time basis.

Loan assumption payments will not be made on behalf of the participant until the participant has completed one academic year, or the equivalent of full-time teaching nursing studies at one or more regionally accredited, eligible Districts. The commission can assume liability for loans incurred by the participant to pay for the participant's undergraduate and graduate degrees.

The terms of the loan agreement program can be extended for one academic year, unless extended by the commission on a case-by-case basis, for the following reasons:

- Pregnancy
- Serious Illness
- Natural causes
- Being called to military active duty status

In addition, when an interruption of instruction because of a natural disaster prohibits a loan program participant from completing one of the required years of teaching service, the term of the loan assumption agreement shall be extended for a period of time equal to the period of interruption of instruction.