

# Merit-Based Scoring

## Merit-Based Admission Criteria

The [merit-based](#) admission criteria (based on Assembly Bill No. 1559 Section 78261.5 from the [State Chancellor's Office](#)) is utilized to score and rank program applicants according to a combination of their academic and personal achievements. This calculation results in a probability percentage. The higher the percentage, the more likely the student is to complete the program successfully.

## Previous Degrees or Training or Healthcare Experience

### Description

- Academic degrees or diplomas.
- Applicants may meet more than one qualifier in this category, but points will only be awarded once to highest points criteria.
- Official outside the YCCD district transcript(s) from regionally accredited U.S. colleges or universities with degree posted. For International transcripts see a Yuba College counselor.
- Degree **must** be posted to your Self Service Yuba College account.
- Unofficial transcript accepted for Yuba Community College District (Yuba College, Sutter County Center, Beale AFB Outreach Services, Woodland Community College, Lake County campus, Colusa County Outreach Facility). On application and YCCD transcripts do not have to be turned in before your application.
- IN PROGRESS Degrees or Trainings NOT ACCEPTED.

## **Documentation**

- Official transcripts must be on file with Admissions and Records by the deadline.

## **Point Distribution**

- BA/BS = 10 points
- AA/AS = 5 points

## **Maximum Points**

- 10

## **Grade Point Average**

### **Description**

- Grade Point Average (GPA) in relevant coursework.
- Minimum 2.0 GPA must be earned in all courses (aggregate) for sections a and b below to apply. GPA calculations will not be rounded.
- Unless courses are taken with in the Yuba Community College District official transcripts must also be on file and officially evaluated by the Yuba College Admissions & Records office.
- Any course(s) that have been petitioned for equivalency must have the completed, approved petitioned uploaded to their application.
- Application must include all college transcripts documenting completion of prerequisite courses as follows:
  - Unofficial transcripts from Yuba Community College District [YCCD] (Yuba College, Sutter County Center, Beale AFB Outreach Services, Woodland Community College, Lake County campus, Colusa County Outreach Facility). Yuba Community College District (YCCD) transcripts do not have to be submitted prior to applying. Outside YCCD

transcripts must be received by the Admissions and Records Office **BEFORE you can apply and had to meet the deadline.**

- Official (sealed) or electronic transcripts are required from schools outside YCCD for all required prerequisite courses. Electronic preferred.
- Applicant transcripts must also be on file and officially evaluated by the Yuba College Admissions & Records office prior to application submission. No in progress coursework accepted.
- **Official Transcripts outside YCCD must be received by Admissions and Records by the 3rd Monday in January prior to our application for the February application period.**
- **Official Transcripts outside YCCD must be received by the Admissions and Records by the 3rd Monday in August prior to your application for the August application period.**

## Documentation

- Transcripts

## Point Distribution

- a. Anatomy, Physiology, and Microbiology combined GPA (Cumulative GPA (grade point average))
  - 4.00 = 15 points
  - 3.5 – 3.99 = 13 points
  - 3.0 – 3.49 = 11 points
  - 2.5 – 2.99 = 8 points
  - 2.0 – 2.49 = 5 points
- b. English, Statistics, chemistry, Nutrition, Psychology, humanities, sociology/anthropology, speech combined GPA (Cumulative GPA (grade point average))

- 4.00 = 15 points
- 3.5 – 3.99 = 13 points
- 3.0 – 3.49 = 11 points
- 2.5 – 2.99 = 8 points

## Maximum Points

- 30
  - 15 points from section a and 20 from section b

## Life Experiences or Special Circumstances

### Description

- Disabilities
  - Same meaning as used in [Section 2626 of the Unemployment Insurance Code](#).
- Low family income
  - Measured in terms of a student's eligibility for, or receipt of, financial aid under a program that may include, but is not necessarily limited to, a fee waiver from the Board of Governors, the Cal Grant Program, the federal Pell Grant program or CalWORKs.
- First generation of family to attend college
  - You are the first person in your immediate family to attend college. In other words, neither of your parents has a college degree.
- Need to work
  - Student is working at least part time while completing academic work that is a prerequisite for admission to the nursing program.
- Disadvantaged social or educational environment
  - Includes but is not limited to the status of a student who has participated in EOPS.
- Difficult personal and family situations or circumstances

- Refugee or veterans status
  - Refugee, active military, reserve, or veteran status. Applicant only, not to include veteran spouses or children.

## Documentation

- Upload a completed [Life Experiences or Special Circumstances form](#) to application.

## Maximum Points

5

Applicants may meet more than one qualifier in this category, but points will only be awarded once to highest points criteria.

## Healthcare Experience

### Description

- Work Experience
  - Proof of recent **hands-on patient care** is required to earn points.
  - Experience must be documented and verifiable
  - Recency applies to work experience, not licensure date.
  - The applicant must have worked for at least 1500 hours directly with patients within the last five years.
  - Training or clinical hours completed during healthcare training can't be included in the 1500 hours.
  - Examples of Work Experience- Point values will be assigned by the Nursing Department.
    - 20 Points – requires a license or certification via a licensing board. Occupations listed are examples only and are

not an exhaustive list of certifications/licenses that may be accepted: Licensed vocational nurse, Psychiatric technician, Radiologic technologist, Respiratory therapist, Physical Therapist assistant, Occupational therapist assistant, Paramedic, medic (military) corpsman, Certified nursing assistant

- 15 points- technicians. Occupations listed are examples only and are not an exhaustive list of certifications/licenses that may be accepted: Patient care technician, Emergency medical technician, Emergency room technician, Medical Assistant

- 10 Points

- Other relevant direct patient care experience

- Volunteer Experience

- The applicant must have volunteered for at least 200 hours directly with patients or worked in the healthcare setting in a non-direct patient care capacity within the last five years.

## **Documentation**

- Work experience
  - Completed [Healthcare Work Experience Form](#) AND
  - If applicable- Copy of license or certificate with license number, date of issue, and date of expiration
- Volunteer or Non-Direct Patient Care Experience
  - Completed [Volunteer Experience Form](#)

## **Maximum Points**

# Medically Underserved Area

## Description

- Attracting and retaining healthcare workers is a key strategy to address these disparities and improve access to essential care.
- Use the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) [tool](#) to identify these areas.

## Documentation

- When applying, upload, a screenshot from HRSA tool with the following: web address, your home address on file, and “yes” checked next to in a MUA/P.
- See example on [Forms](#)
  - Example of Uploading Proof of Living in a Medically Underserved Area

## Maximum Points

5

# Language Proficiency

## Description

- Applicant must be fluent in all aspects of the language (reading, writing, and speaking) to qualify for points.
  - Languages may include but not limited to: American Sign Language, Arabic, Chinese (including various dialects), Farsi, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog, languages of the Indian subcontinent and Southeast Asia, German, French, languages of the African continent.

## Documentation

Completed [Language Verification Form](#) which indicates Verification of Proficiency in a High-Frequency Language other

than English. This portion of the form must be completed by someone who can verify your proficiency. The person must be fluent in the identified foreign language, have observed your language skills over the last year, and not be a family member or friend.

- Note: The State Seal of Biliteracy (SSB) is not accepted, only a completed [Language Verification Form will be accepted.](#)

## Maximum Points

5

## Approved Diagnostic Tool, Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)

### Description

- Completion of Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) Version 6 or 7
- **The 6th version of TEAS will no longer be accepted starting February 15th, 2027.**
- \*A minimum cumulative score of 70% is required for the TEAS exam to be considered for admission. Overall percentages will not be rounded. [Official TEAS results](#) must be received directly from ATI for program application submission.

### Documentation

- All applicants must upload a copy of their unofficial TEAS result from atitesting.com into their application when prompted.
- If the TEAS result is from Yuba College, the uploaded a copy of your TEAS result when you apply is the only step needed.
- If the TEAS result is from another testing location in addition to uploading your TEAS result to the

application, you must request atitesting.com to [send an official result](#) of your result to Yuba College. You do not have to repeat this step if you have already sent the results you are using on your application to Yuba College in the past.

- It is the applicant's responsibility to upload and send the highest TEAS score. If you have taken and passed the TEAS exam more than once, please send the report with the highest "Adjusted Individual Total Score".
- TEAS scores from the 6 and 7 TEAS are accepted.
- **The 6th version of TEAS will no longer be accepted starting February 15th, 2027.**

## Point Distribution

- 90 – 100 = 25 points
- 82 – 89 = 20 points
- 74 – 81 = 15 points
- 70 – 73 = 10 points
- < 70 not qualified to apply

## Maximum Points

25

## Total Points are from the Prescreening Criteria

**Selection Process:** Each incoming class will be selected based on the ranking of total application points on the Merit Based Criterion. The applicants with the highest scores are selected for admission. There is no minimum [Merit-Based](#) Score needed to apply; however, you must achieve 70 or higher on your TEAS test. Ranking of the applicants for admission is based on:

- Application score highest score based on the Merit Based Criterion
  - If two or more applicants have the

same score, we rank secondly based on TEAS score

- TEAs score highest score
  - If two or more applicants have the same application score and TEAS score, we rank based on date of completed application
- Date of application- date of completed application, not the date of initiation of application, if same date time will be considered
- 2a Grade Point Average in anatomy, physiology, and microbiology
  - If two or more applicants have the same application score, TEAS score, and date of completed application