

Palomar College

Registered Nursing Program and
LVN-RN Step-Up Program

Information Session





Accreditation

- ✓ Accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing
- ✓ Approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing
- ✓ Accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges





Palomar College NCLEX Pass Rates

2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025	2025/2026
# Taken: 67	# Taken: 69	# Taken: 72	# Taken: 39	# Taken: 86	# Taken: 75	# Taken: 63	# Taken: 65	# Taken: 68
Pass Rate: 96.00%	Pass Rate: 93.00%	Pass Rate: 90.00%	Pass Rate: 92.00%	Pass Rate: 86.00%	Pass Rate: 96.00%	Pass Rate: 98.00%	Pass Rate: 94.00%	Pass Rate: 97.6%





DID YOU KNOW?

Palomar Community College is one of the oldest community college registered nursing program in San Diego county



Our Program

- Course Topics:
  - Fundamentals: Essential concepts of nursing practice; critical thinking, the nursing process, therapeutic communication, health assessment, multi-cultural considerations, and managerial skills.
  - Medical-Surgical: The primary practice in the hospital setting. Requires broad knowledge of all body systems and a sweeping number illnesses.
  - Obstetrics: The practice of caring for pregnant persons and the delivery of babies.
  - Pediatrics: The practice of caring for children and adolescents in preventative and acute care settings.
  - Psychiatrics: The practice of caring for patients diagnosed with mental illnesses.
  - Geriatrics: The practice of caring for elderly patients and providing high quality of life.





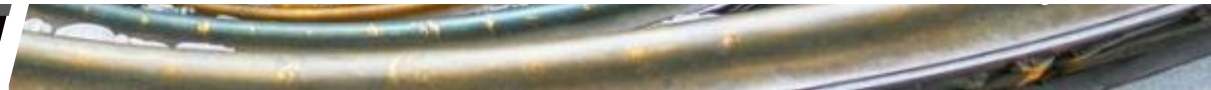
Generic RN Program:

4 Semesters after Prerequisites and General Education

SEMESTERS	COURSES	DESCRIPTIONS
1st Semester	NURS 117-MS	Fundamentals, Med/Surg Stable Adult Patient
2nd Semester	NURS 118-P / NURS 118-BH / NURS 118-OB	Pediatrics, Behavioral Health, and Obstetrics
3rd Semester	NURS 217-MS	Gerontology, Advanced Med/Surg
4th Semester	NURS 218-MS	Advanced Med/Surg, Rotation to Intensive Care, Preceptorship

**Students who take the LVN to RN Program path will complete the three semesters (2nd to 4th semester courses) after prerequisites and general education.*





Our Program

- The program is very rigorous with limited flexibility and students are required to be available Monday through Saturday for lab, lecture, and clinical hours.
  - Example: 1 day lab, 1-2 day lecture, 1 day clinical
  - Classes can start as early as 7:30 AM and end at 5:00 PM. Schedules are subject to change.
- Palomar provides an affordable and excellent education. Students are statistically hired within 6 months of graduating the program.
- The goal of our program is to prepare students to pass the National Council Licensing Examination for Registered Nursing (NCLEX-RN).
- We have multiple partnerships with RN to BSN programs at local San Diego area schools for those who want to pursue higher education.



117-MS / First Semester	
Enrollment Fees ($46/unit)	$ 460
Student Center Fee (up to $10 annually)	$ 10
Student Health Fee	$ 26
Parking Permit	$ 46
PIC /Activity Card	$ 15
Name Badge	$ 10
ADB background check & drug screening	$ 77
Complio Immunization Screening & Placement Matching (annually)	$ 49
Physical & Immunizations	$ 120
Uniforms/shoes	$ 150
*Supplies (e.g., scissors, stethoscope, bp cuff, watch w/second hand, kelly forceps)	$ 150
Textbooks	$ 523
Material Fees - ATI	$ 775
Approximate Total	**$ 2,411**

118 BH 118 OB 118P – Second Semester	
Enrollment Fees ($46/unit)	$ 417
Student Center Fee (up to $10 annually)	n/a
Student Health Fee	$ 26
Parking Permit	$ 46
PIC /Activity Card (*Optional*)	$ 15
Textbooks	$ 48
Material Fees - ATI	$ 775
Approximate Total	**$ 1,327**

N217G 217 S 217 M / Third Semester	
Enrollment Fees ($46/unit)	$ 414
Student Center Fee (up to $10 annually)	$ 10
Student Health Fee	$ 26
Parking Permit	$ 46
PIC /Activity Card (*Optional*)	$ 15
Renew Complio Immunization Screening & Placement Matching	$ 49
Material Fees - ATI	$ 775
Approximate Total	**$ 1,335**

N218 / Fourth Semester	
Enrollment Fees ($46/unit)	$ 1,173
Student Center Fee (up to $10 annually)	n/a
Student Health Fee	$ 26
Parking Permit	$ 46
PIC /Activity Card (*Optional*)	$ 15
Material Fees - ATI	$ 775
Graduate Pin *(optional)*	$ 55
Approximate Total	**$ 2,090**

4 Semester Approximate Total	**$ 7,163**

After Graduation/Licensure	
NCLEX Exam approx. cost	300
Fingerprinting approx. cost	89
Approximate Total	**$389**

How much does the Palomar College Nursing Program cost?

The ATI Resource Fee is collected as a materials fee by Palomar College, and is due at the time of registration. It is non-refundable, even if a student drops before the add/drop deadline.



What makes you eligible to apply?

#1: Science Coursework

- Anatomy (BIOL 210) taken within the last 10 years
- Physiology (BIOL 211) taken within the last 7 years
- Microbiology (BIOL 212) taken within the last 7 years

A minimum of 2.5 GPA is required for eligibility. Online lab science coursework will not be accepted. Lecture/Lab course must be 4.0 semester units or greater.







What makes you eligible to apply?

#3: Fixed Set General Education Courses

All fixed set general education courses must be completed with a grade issued before you submit your application

- English Composition
- Speech/Communication
- Math: Intermediate Algebra or higher (Statistics recommended if you want to pursue BSN)
- Psychology
- Sociology

*Note: Palomar does not require Chemistry as a prerequisite, but most RN-BSN programs require Chemistry as part of their prerequisites.

ENGLISH COMPOSITION

ENG 100 English Composition / ENGL C1000 Academic Reading and Writing
ENGL C1001 Critical Thinking and Writing
ENGL C1003 Critical Thinking and Writing through Literature
ESL 110 College Composition for Non-Native Speakers (taken Fall 2020 or later)

SPEECH, PUBLIC SPEAKING, INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION

SPCH 100 Oral Communication / COMM C1000 Introduction to Public Speaking
SPCH 115 Interpersonal Communication
SPCH 120 Human Communication

MATHEMATICS (Intermediate Algebra or a higher transfer-level course)

MATH 56 Beginning/Intermediate Algebra
MATH 60 Intermediate Algebra
MATH 100–245, excluding MATH 197, including:
- MATH 110 College Algebra
- MATH 115 Trigonometry
- MATH 120 Elementary Statistics / STAT C1000 Elementary Statistics

BUS 204
PSYC/SOC 205 Statistics for Behavioral Sciences
SOC 180 Social Justice Statistics



PSYCHOLOGY

PSYC 100 Introduction to Psychology / PSYC C1000 Introduction to Psychology
PSYC 110 Developmental Psychology – Child Through Adult
PSYC 115 The Psychology of Personal Growth and Development

We will accept the following courses taken through the Fall 2026 semester:
PSYC 105 Marriage, Family, and Intimate Relationships
PSYC 120 Social Psychology
PSYC 125 Human Sexuality
PSYC 130 Psychology of Women

SOCIOLOGY

SOC 100 Introduction to Sociology / SOCI C1000 Introduction to Sociology
SOC 130 Introduction to Sociology of Health
SOC 145 Psychology and Sociology of Aging
ANTH 105 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (or Cultural Anthropology from another accredited college)

We will accept the following courses taken through the Fall 2026 semester:
SOC 105 Marriage, Family, and Intimate Relationships
SOC 110 Social Problems
SOC 125 Human Sexuality
SOC 135 Gender and Society



How to Calculate Your GPA

Grade Point Values

A	4.0
B	3.0
C	2.0

Converting Quarter Units to Semester Units

Quarter	Semester
1.0	0.7
1.5	1.0
2.0	1.0
3.0	2.0
4.0	2.7
4.5	3.0
5.0	3.3
6.0	4.0

Make sure your science courses are at least 4 semester units



How to Calculate Your GPA

Step One: Calculate total course units and total grade points

Course	Units	Grade	Grade points
Anatomy	4.0	3.0 (B)	12.0
Physiology	4.0	3.0 (B)	12.0
Micro-Lec	3.0	2.0 (C)	6.0
Micro-Lab	1.0	4.0 (A)	4.0
Totals	**12.0**		**34.0**

Step Two: Calculate the average total points

Total grade points / Total course units = GPA

Total grade points = 34.0

Total course units = 12.0

GPA = 34/12 = 2.83



Science GPA

Weighted

Minimum 2.5 GPA in Anatomy, Physiology, and Microbiology

GPA = 4.00 = 30 points
GPA = 3.85 - 3.99 = 29 points
GPA = 3.70 - 3.84 = 28 points
GPA = 3.55 - 3.69 = 27 points
GPA = 3.40 - 3.54 = 25 points
GPA = 3.25 - 3.39 = 23 points
GPA = 3.00 - 3.24 = 20 points
GPA = 2.50 - 2.99 = 15 points

Not eligible; GPA too low

- BIOL 210 **B** in 4 units 12
- BIOL 211 C in 4 units 8
- BIOL 212 C in 4 units 8

- Total points 28 and divide by 12 units attempted to get GPA = 2.33

Eligible; earns 15 points

- BIOL 210 **B** in 4 units 12
- BIOL 211 C in 4 units 8
- BIOL 212 **B** in 4 units 12

- Total points 32 and divide by 12 units attempted to get GPA = 2.67

Eligible; earns 20 points

- BIOL 210 **A** in 4 units 16
- BIOL 211 **B** in 4 units 12
- BIOL 212 C in 4 units 8

- Total points 36 and divide by 12 units attempted to get GPA = 3.00
- What if grade for Microbiology was an A? The GPA would be 3.67. Now earns 27 points.





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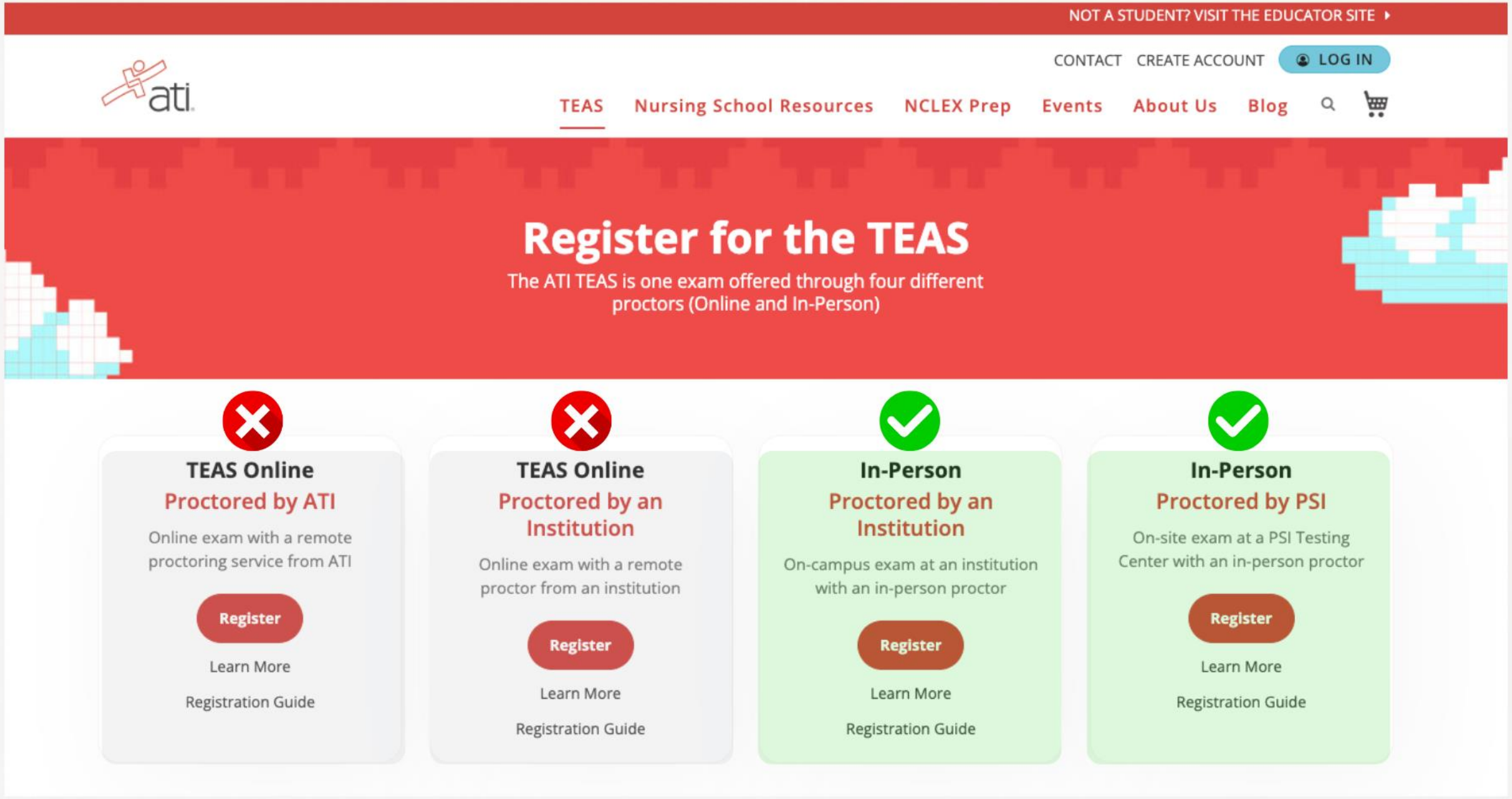
#2: TEAS Exam

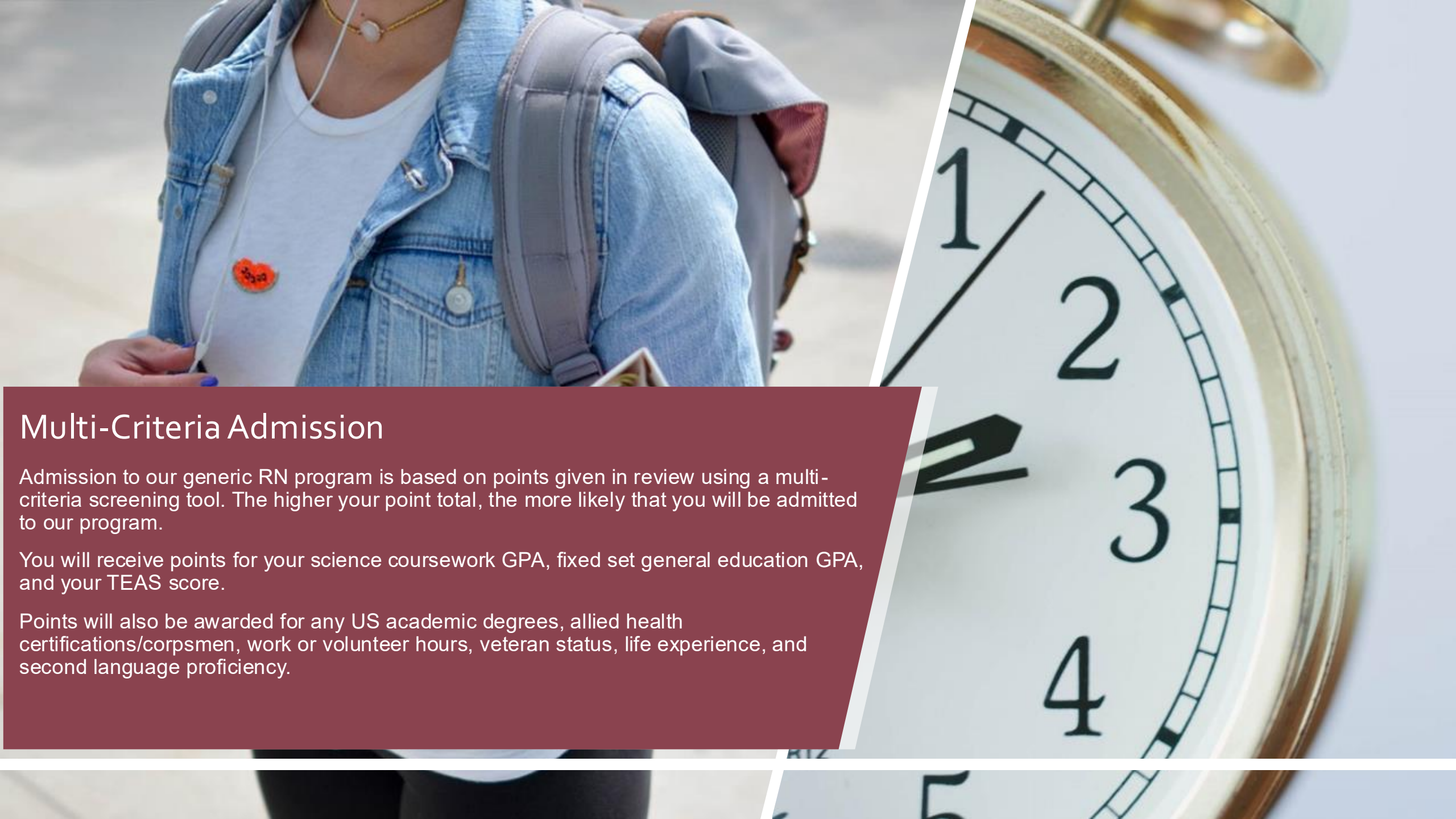
A composite score of 62% or greater must be met before applying

Retake Policy: The exam can be repeated once if you fail to get a composite score of 62% or higher. However, for a second ATI TEAS attempt to be valid, the following guidelines apply:

- If unsuccessful the first time, you must complete remediation and provide documentation of such. After 30 days from the first exam, you can retest. The second successful test score will be used to award points.
- If successful the first time, but you want a higher score, **WAIT FOR 30 DAYS** from the first exam and then you can retake the exam. **THE BEST SCORE FROM THE TWO SUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS WILL BE USED.**

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Multi-Criteria Admission

Admission to our generic RN program is based on points given in review using a multi-criteria screening tool. The higher your point total, the more likely that you will be admitted to our program.

You will receive points for your science coursework GPA, fixed set general education GPA, and your TEAS score.

Points will also be awarded for any US academic degrees, allied health certifications/corpsmen, work or volunteer hours, veteran status, life experience, and second language proficiency.

CRITERIA		EXAMPLE OF POSSIBLE POINT DISTRIBUTION
1. Academic degrees earned (United States only) 2. Relevant health certification 3. Relevant work or volunteer experience (within the past 3 years, 100 hrs minimum)	15 points maximum	1. Points awarded for the highest degree earned. *Provide a copy of the transcript including the degree and date conferred.* • BS/BA/MS/MA = 10 points • AS/AA = 5 points 2. Points awarded for one current certification only. *Provide a copy of your certification or DD214.* • LVN = 10 points • Military Healthcare Occupation = 5 points • Allied Health Certification = 5 points 3. Points awarded for work or volunteer experience = 5 points. *Provide a letter signed by employer or volunteer coordinator or complete Section A of Work/Volunteer Form.*
4. Science GPA: • Anatomy • Physiology • Microbiology 5. "Fixed Set" GPA • English • Speech • Math • Psychology • Sociology	45 points maximum	4. **Science GPA must be 2.5 or higher**. Science courses must be at least 4 semester units and be taken in person. Follow the 10/7/7 expiration rule. Excluding withdrawn, failed, or expired courses, only ONE science course can be retaken for an improved grade. *Provide unofficial transcripts documenting your coursework.* GPA = 4.00 = 30 points GPA = 3.85 - 3.99 = 29 points GPA = 3.70 - 3.84 = 28 points GPA = 3.55 - 3.69 = 27 points GPA = 3.40 - 3.54 = 25 points GPA = 3.25 - 3.39 = 23 points GPA = 3.00 - 3.24 = 20 points GPA = 2.50 - 2.99 = 15 points 5. Please refer to the Prerequisite Coursework list for course details. Repeated courses are accepted. Courses do not expire. AP exam scores are accepted and used to calculate GPA (Letter grade equivalent: 5 - A, 4 - B, 3 - C). A Humanities course is required but not used to calculate GPA. *Provide unofficial transcripts documenting your coursework.* GPA = 4.00 = 15 points GPA = 3.85 - 3.99 = 14 points GPA = 3.60 - 3.84 = 13 points GPA = 3.35 - 3.59 = 12 points GPA = 3.15 - 3.34 = 11 points GPA = 3.00 - 3.14 = 10 points GPA = 2.50 - 2.99 = 9 points

6. Life Experience & Special Circumstances a) Veteran/Active military b) Disabilities c) Low family income d) First generation to attend college (no degree yet) e) Need to work during prerequisites f) Social or educational disadvantages g) Difficult personal or family circumstances h) Refugee	5 points maximum 1 point each	6. *Provide documentation for each category that applies to you.* a) Provide a copy of DD214 or military ID. This applies to military spouse. b) Provide a letter from a Physician or from the Veterans' Affairs. You may use our Disability Certification Form. c) Provide a letter of award for Financial Aid, CCPG, Federal Pell Grant, EOPS, Cal Works, EDD, or Medi-Cal granted within the last four (4) years. d) Check the boxes in the application form to verify this qualification. e) Provide a letter signed by employer on company letterhead verifying dates of employment or submit this Optional Form. (Pay Stubs and W-2's are not accepted.) f) Provide a written statement or a concise paragraph in your own words (no AI) to support it. g) Provide a written statement or a concise paragraph in your own words (no AI) to support it. Examples include: being a single parent, having a deployed spouse, being a family caregiver, recent death of a family member, personal medical or financial issues. h) Provide a copy of the card indicating refugee status granted within the last 10 years.
7. Documented proficiency or advanced level coursework in languages other than English.	3 points	7. *Provide documentation that best applies to you* a) Unofficial college transcripts showing advanced language coursework or 3 semesters of the same language taken within the last five (5) years. b) Letter from employer, volunteer supervisor, professor, and fluency teaching centers verifying languages spoken at work, *or* Language Certification Form
8. Test of Essential Academic Skills = TEAS We will only accept TEAS 7 taken IN-PERSON starting January 2027 Application for the Fall 2027 semester.	32 points maximum	9. **Composite score must be 62% or higher.** *Provide documentation of all version 7 exam attempts. Submit the INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE PROFILE.* If unsuccessful on the first exam attempt or doing another attempt for a higher score, we will consider the next passing attempt taken 30 days after the previous attempt. 95 - 100% = 32 points 90 - 94.9% = 30 points 85 - 89.9% = 28 points 80 - 84.9% = 26 points 75 - 79.9% = 24 points 70 - 74.9% = 21 points 65 - 69.9% = 18 points 62 - 64.9% = 15 points



LVN to RN Step-Up Program

The LVN to RN Program is available to those who have:

- A current and active California LVN license in good standing
- Have graduated from an accredited LVN/LPN program
- Have 6 months of work experience as an LVN

Things To Know

- The program is one year and a half (three semesters).
- **Students are admitted on a space available basis only**
- Students are selected using the Multi-Criteria Point System
- All prerequisite coursework must be completed to be eligible to apply. No in-progress coursework is accepted.



Clinical Agency Requirements and Immunizations

Admitted students will complete a background check once directed by instructor.

Students must complete a background check and drug screen prior to participating in clinical experiences at health care facilities.

- Background check covers the past 7 years
- 10-panel drug screen

Students must complete a physical and verify all vaccinations are up to date for clearance when admitted into the program.

These items should only be completed upon admission to the Palomar Nursing program after additional directions from first semester instructor.



APPLICATION PERIOD

GENERIC RN PROGRAM (Twice a year)

JAN 10 – FEB 10 FALL SEMESTER

JUL 10 – AUG 10 SPRING SEMESTER

LVN-RN PROGRAM (Once a year starting 2027)

MAR 1-10

How to Prepare



- Get your Palomar ID number on the main Palomar website.
  https://www.palomar.edu/enrollmentservices/ccc-apply/



- Meet with a counselor! A counselor will let you know what requirements you have met and what courses you still need to complete before applying. Your degree is granted by Palomar College, not the Nursing Education Department. Book your appointment or call (760) 891-7511. Speak with a counselor regarding any academic planning issues which may arise during your time at Palomar College. Counselors can assist you with creating a semester by semester education plan to achieve your goals.
  https://www.palomar.edu/counseling/



- Apply for FAFSA! Even if you don't think you are eligible for federal aid, you could still qualify for state aid or loans. The FAFSA is how the College will check your eligibility for other financial aid options. Check in with the Financial Aid Office on campus for additional details.
  https://www.palomar.edu/fa/



- Review the Application Checklist. If you are ready to apply and have additional questions with your documents and the multi-criteria points, you may book a one-on-one advising session with one of our staff.



HOW TO PREPARE

JOIN PPNC

Palomar Pre-Nursing Club

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Interested?

Email me from your student email:
aislas2602@student.palomar.edu

Please Include:
-Your interest (member or officer) and student ID

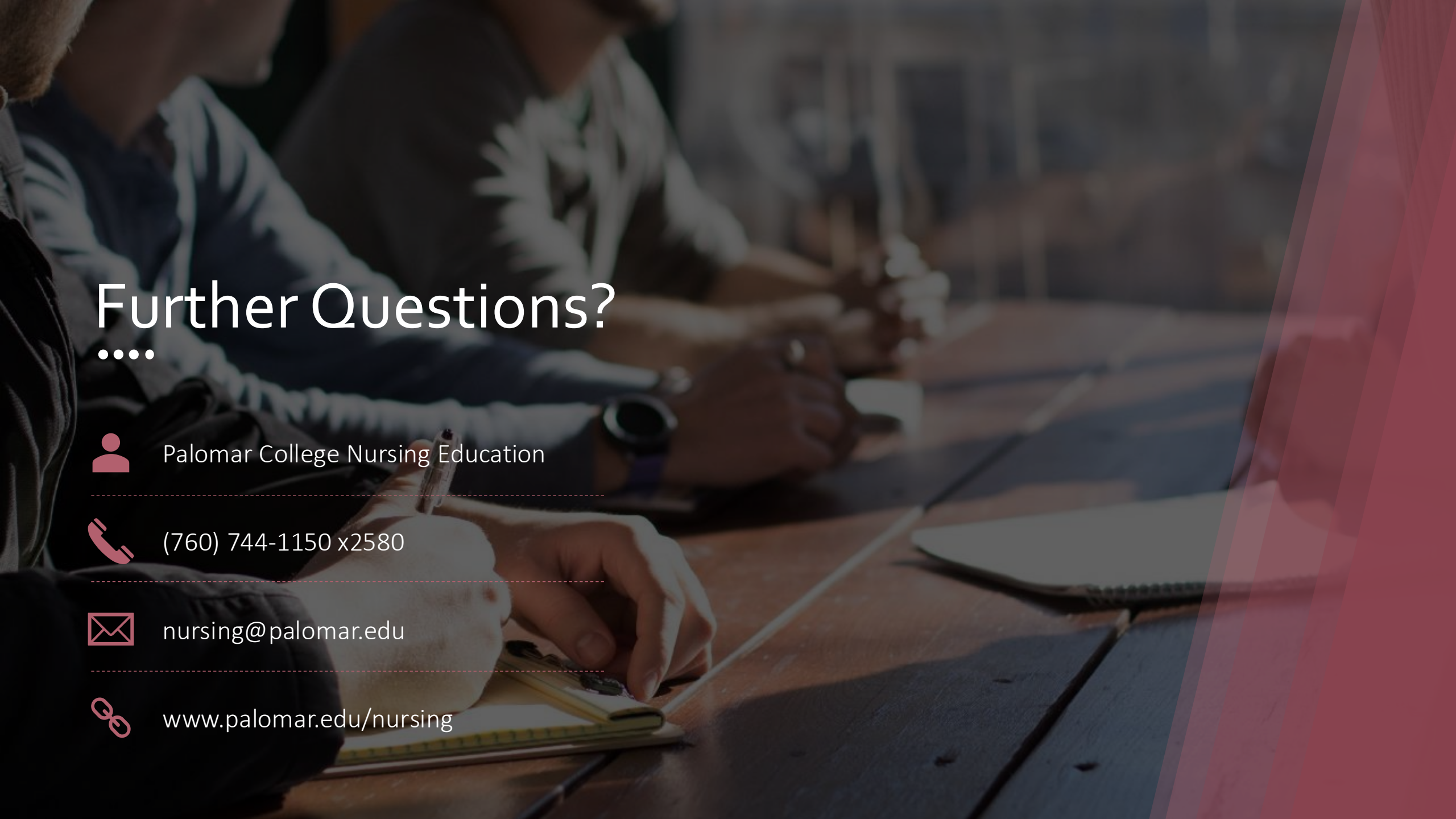
Welcoming any students who are passionate or have interest in nursing or healthcare field

Coming this fall 2026
-1 meeting per month

RN to BSN Bridge Programs

School
Arizona State University
Azusa Pacific University
Boise State University
Cal State San Marcos
Grand Canyon University
National University
Point Loma Nazarene
Sacramento State University
San Diego State University
Western Governors University





Further Questions?

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