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**Kern Community College District  
Board Policy  
Chapter 4 – Academic Affairs**

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**BP 4106      Nursing Programs**

**Rely Primarily Upon the Advice and Judgment**

**Reference:**

Education Code Sections 66055.8, 66055.9, 70101-70107, 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

**Note: This policy is legally advised.**

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 must only complete the coursework necessary for licensing as a Registered Nurse.

The District shall consider all of the following when screening nursing students:

- Academic degrees or diplomas, or relevant certificates, held by the applicant;
- Grade point average in relevant coursework;
- Life experiences or special circumstances of an applicant;
- Any relevant work or volunteer experience; and
- Proficiency or advanced level coursework in languages other than English.