

## Selective Admissions FAQ

### Q: What are Selective Admissions programs?

A: Selective admissions programs require applicants to meet additional admissions criteria and submit a separate application (portfolio) to be considered for their program of choice.

Meeting or exceeding all admissions ranking requirements for your program of choice does not mean automatic acceptance to the program. Each program can accept one cohort of students per academic year, so admission is competitive!

### Q: What programs at RCSJ are considered Selective Admission?

A: Rowan College South Jersey offers a total of ten selective admissions programs across both campuses:

- ✓ **Gloucester:** Generic Nursing (RN), Practical Nursing (LPN), Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Nuclear Medicine Technology, Physical Therapist Assistant, Certified Clinical Medical Assistant, Automotive Technology, Nursing LPN-RN Track, and Veterinary Technology
- ✓ **Cumberland:** Generic Nursing (RN), Practical Nursing (LPN), Radiography, Nursing, LPN-RN Track

### Q: What is the cost for a Selective Admission program?

A: There is not one flat cost for any Selective Admission program. RCSJ uses our [regular tuition and fee structure](#) for the cost of tuition for each program. Each program will have additional fees included: program fees, clinical fees, uniforms, textbooks, supplies, travel, etc. We cannot give a rough estimate of how much the total degree program will cost.

Selective Admission programs are eligible for Financial Aid, so long as the applicant meets all institutional, state, and federal requirements. Students can also enroll in payment plans for the program.

### Q: How do I apply to a Selective Admissions program?

A: Each program follows a two-step application process. Step 1 is the completion of a general admissions application to the College. Step 2 is the creation and submission of a portfolio for the program of choice.

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### Q: What is a portfolio?

A: The portfolio is the unique application to a selective admissions program. It typically consists of the program application, standardized exam scores, and supporting documentation (including transcripts). All documents must be in a manila envelope and

submitted in the program's dedicated submission window to be considered for the program that year.

**Q: Do Selective Admission programs have a rolling application deadline?**

A: No, the portfolio submission deadline is firm. Applicants can submit their completed portfolio only during the posted portfolio submission window for that application cycle. No portfolios are accepted after the deadline.

**Q: What transcripts do I have to submit in my portfolio?**

A: Students are required to submit, or re-submit, official, physical transcripts from any college or university where they generated an academic record. Applicants using their high school grades to apply to their program of choice, if applicable, need to resubmit an official, physical copy of their high school transcript as well. Full transcript policies are available in each program's admissions packet.

**Q: I am a current student at Rowan College South Jersey. Do I still need to submit a portfolio for a Selective Admissions program?**

A: Yes! The portfolio is the formal application to your Selective Admission program of choice. Students cannot be considered for admission to their program of choice without submission of a completed portfolio.

**Q: Can I transfer credits from another college to a Selective Admission program?**

A: Yes! General education courses (non-program specific courses) are eligible so long as they meet the following criteria:

- ✓ Course is equivalent in content to what is required at RCSJ
- ✓ Course has the required final grade for the program of choice
- ✓ Taken within the past 5 academic years (Anatomy I, Anatomy II, and Microbiology only)

Students enrolled in another college's selective admission program should be advised their program specific coursework cannot transfer to the Selective Admission program at RCSJ.

Please make sure to review the Transfer Course Equivalency guides ([found on our website here](#)) for what general education courses can transfer to RCSJ from surrounding area colleges and universities.

**Q: What is the difference between the Health Science degree and Selective Admissions? Do I have to be a Health Science major to apply to a Selective Admissions program?**

A: The Health Science degree is used by many students to prepare for an application to one of our Selective Admissions programs. The AAS Health Science degree is designed to introduce and enhance career opportunities in various Allied Health disciplines.

It is not required to be a Health Science major at RCSJ before applying to a Selective Admissions program, although it can certainly be helpful! Students interested in Selective Admissions programs who declare a Health Science major can benefit in the following ways:

- ✓ Connected with an academic advisor who is knowledgeable about your selective admissions program and application process
- ✓ All general education coursework can be covered under your program of study
- ✓ Earn an associate degree while completing general education courses related to your career of interest

Each Selective Admissions program combines general education coursework with lecture, skills lab, and clinical experiences for students to be eligible for board licensure. Board licensing exams vary depending on the program of study.

Health Science majors, like all other students, must submit a portfolio and go through the selective admission process to be considered for their program of choice. Health Science majors are not given any preference in admissions ranking.

**Q: Do I have to have a degree to be able to apply to a Selective Admission program?**

A: Nope! A college degree is not required to apply to any of our Selective Admissions programs. High school seniors are allowed and encouraged to apply to a Selective Admission program in the spring of their senior year, so long as they meet all admissions ranking requirements and general admissions requirements.

Our DMS and NMT programs do allow students who hold an advanced degree (associate degree or higher) the option to use their degree in place of the SAT/ACT requirement for admission. All other selective admissions programs do not allow an advanced degree to waive any of the testing requirements.

**Q: What happens if I don't get accepted to a Selective Admissions program? Can I apply again?**

A: Students can reapply for their program of interest in the next application cycle and be reranked with the incoming pool of applicants. Students who are denied from a program in one year are not given any preference in admissions for a next year.

Meeting or exceeding all admissions ranking requirements for your program of choice does not mean automatic acceptance to the program. Each program can accept one cohort of students per academic year, so admission is competitive! Students who are denied from their program of choice are encouraged to work with their academic advisor to develop a plan to improve their application for the next cycle.

**Q: If I was accepted to a Selective Admission program and would like to decline my offer of admission, do I need to reapply?**

A: Yes! Selective Admission programs do not offer the option to defer your seat in the program to a following year. Students who choose to decline their offer of admission must submit a new portfolio for the year in which they wish to apply and will be ranked with the incoming pool of applicants.

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**Q: Who can I contact if I have questions about the Selective Admission application process?**

A: Interested applicants can contact the Selective Admissions team with questions about the application and portfolio submission process for their program of choice. The Selective Admissions Office can be reached at [selectiveadmissions@rcsj.edu](mailto:selectiveadmissions@rcsj.edu).