



Bilingual Nursing Fellowship Program (BNFP) Frequently Asked Questions

How Can I get an application?	You can obtain an application and information packet by attending one of our information sessions. We only distribute one application per person and all those who are interested must attend a session to receive an application
When does the program start?	Our next cohort will begin January 2011
Do I have to be a citizen?	Yes, you must be a citizen or eligible non-citizen of the United States with a valid social security number
Do I need to have taken any prerequisite classes before getting into the program?	No, you do not need to have taken any prerequisite classes before entering the program, but you do need to be prepared to take college level courses, including ENG101, MAT120, and CRE101.
Do I need to take a test to get into the program?	If you have completed all general education courses and are ready to take nursing courses you must take the HESI-A2 test. If you have not completed all general education courses you will not be required to submit the HESI-A2 scores in the application.
What if I've already completed all of my nursing prerequisites? Will I be placed in an advanced placement group?	<p>The Selection Committee will not be accepting placement in 2nd or 3rd year of the BNFP. We will only accept students who have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants with little or no general education college courses completed. • Applicants who are ready for college level courses • Applicants with CNA or LPN courses completed but have no general education courses completed. <p>Once placed, the Fellow must proceed in his or her assigned cohort <u>and</u> cannot take courses out of order <u>and</u> cannot drop back and repeat courses while remaining a Fellow.</p>
What do you mean by attending classes "fulltime?"	In order to attend the program, students need to be able to take classes between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday. Once you are in the Nursing courses you may have clinical on the weekends. All schedules are set and must be taken with cohort.
Does the program pay for my tuition?	The student is responsible for all individual program costs, including tuition, books, uniforms, immunizations and finger printing.
How will I know if I'm accepted into the program?	You will receive a letter by mail notifying you of acceptance or non-acceptance into the program.
What are retention meetings and will I be required to attend them?	These sessions will instruct the students on strategies to solve personal and family problems, learn new study skills and time management techniques, and how to maximize their nursing profession opportunities. All students in the program are required to attend all retention meetings.
Where do I submit my application?	<p>Bring your application and all other completed documents in a <u>9"x12"</u> envelope to SMCC's Student Enrollment Services Building, and place in the Welcome Center Application Collection Box.</p> <p>Or mail to:</p> <p>South Mountain Community College Attn: Bilingual Nursing 7050 South 24th Street Phoenix, AZ 85042</p>
What is the estimated cost of the program?	The estimated cost of the program for a Maricopa County resident student is \$6,381 (tuition, courses, fees), plus books (approximately \$2,200.00), health and safety requirements (\$310), and clinical supplies and uniforms (\$250)

What type of financial assistance can I receive?	All students who are applying for the BNFP must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and general scholarships every academic year. Once you are in the nursing courses students who qualify will be given a BNFP scholarship for the semester.
How proficient in Spanish do you have to be?	The program does not look for perfect spanish they look to see that you are able to communicate (verbally and written)in both languages.
Is BNFP Still in Partnership with Banner Health?	Banner Health has eliminated all scholarship programs for future students with the BNFP program and other colleges.
Do I need to turn in my high school transcripts with my application?	Yes, you need to turn in your high school transcripts if: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. You have no college history and are a recent high school graduate. 2. If you have taken high school biology and/or chemistry for a year and have received a C or better and would like to waive the introduction biology and chemistry course.