

# Nursing

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### Bachelor of Science in Nursing

The mission of the Registered Nurse (RN) to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree is to develop professional nursing leaders in all areas of practice who can apply new and past nursing knowledge and build upon existing competencies. The B.S. in Nursing is designed to enable registered nurses to expand their scope of practice, function both independently and interdependently with other professionals in a wide variety of settings, and assume greater responsibility in meeting present and future health care needs of society. The program is designed to articulate with community college programs and provide a baccalaureate completion program for licensed registered nurses with an associate degree in nursing or its equivalent.

The BSN framework emphasizes the practice of professional nursing including the design of nursing systems to provide assistance to individuals, families, groups, communities and populations who are unable to meet either self-care and dependent-care needs without nursing intervention. Students are individuals already licensed by the state to practice as registered nurses who are seeking to advance their nursing knowledge and education. Baccalaureate education in nursing prepares for the practice of professional nursing in multiple sites and with a variety of clientele. The curriculum provides students an opportunity to broaden their base of liberal education through Upper Division general education and elective courses. In addition, nursing courses will enhance knowledge of human development, assessment skills, theories of nursing, ethics and current issues in the practice of professional nursing, community health, leadership and research. Students may attend full-time or part time with nursing courses 1-2 days per week. Several nursing courses combine live and on-line instruction. Students may take General Education and elective courses as they choose. Program values include integrity, advocacy, excellence, lifelong learning, respect for others, and competence.

### RN to BSN Program Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the RN-to-BSN Program, graduates will use critical thinking, therapeutic interventions and communication across a wide variety of settings in order to:

1. Acquire, develop, critique and convey ideas and information in the professional context.
2. Guide decision-making using scientific, ethical, and humanistic perspectives.
3. Demonstrate leadership skills in providing care to individuals, families, groups, communities and populations in a variety of settings.
4. Demonstrate the ability to manage, organize, implement and evaluate the delivery of nursing services in a variety of settings.

### Requirements for Admission to the Program

1. Associate Degree in Nursing, or its equivalent, from a regionally accredited program.
2. 56 to 70 transferable units; a maximum of 32 units of nursing courses are transferable.
3. Completion of one lower division course in each of the following: anatomy, physiology, chemistry and microbiology, each with lab. A minimum grade of C must be attained in each course.
4. Current licensure as a Registered Nurse in California.
5. Completion of separate applications to the University and the nursing program.
6. Verification of clinical competency
7. COMP 100 or equivalent or demonstrated computer competency.

### Requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing

#### 1. Lower Division Required Courses (25 Units)

|      |       |   |
|------|-------|---|
| BIOL | 211   | Human Anatomy (2)                       |
| BIOL | 212   | Lab Studies in Human Anatomy (1)        |
| BIOL | 215/L | Introductory Microbiology and Lab (2/2) |
| BIOL | 281   | Human Physiology (3)                    |
| BIOL | 282   | Lab Experiments in Human Physiology (1) |
| CHEM | 103/L | Introductory Chemistry I and Lab (3/1)  |
| PSY  | 150   | Principles of Human Behavior (3)        |
| SOC  | 150   | Introductory Sociology (3)              |
| MATH | 140   | Introductory Statistics (4)             |

#### 2. Upper Division Required Courses (39 Units)

|      |             |   |
|------|-------------|---|
| HSCI | 302         | Basic Pathophysiology (3)   |
| HSCI | 303         | Professional Nursing (3)  |
| HSCI | 304         | Parent/Child Self Care Agency (3)   |
| HSCI | 305         | Adult/Aged Self Care Agency (3)   |
| HSCI | 306         | Supportive/Educative Nursing Systems (3)                                    |
| HSCI | 307/L       | Health Assessment in Self Care Agency and Lab (2/1)                         |
| HSCI | 310         | Principles of Nursing Research (3)  |
| HSCI | 426         | Nursing Systems Issues and Ethics (3)                                       |
| HSCI | 427/L       | Dynamics of Nursing Leadership and Lab (3/2)                                |
| HSCI | 428/L       | Community Health Nursing and Lab (3/2)                                      |
| HSCI | 488         | Epidemiology, Study of Disease (3)  |
| HSCI | 495AA or AB | Clinical Advances in Health Sciences: RN to BSN Senior Project (1/1) or (2) |

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|---|------------|
| Total Units in the Major                      | 64         |
| General Education Units                       | 48         |
| Additional Units                              | 8          |
| <b>Total Units Required for a B.A. Degree</b> | <b>120</b> |

### Academic Policies

1. All upper division nursing courses must be completed within 5 years after taking the first nursing course or students may be required to meet current program requirements.
2. A minimum grade of C is required in each upper division nursing course. Students receiving a C- or below are required to repeat the course and earn a C or better. A course may only be repeated once, with a maximum of 15 repeat units.

3. Students must pass both components of each of the following courses to successfully meet requirements for both courses: HSCI 307/L; HSCI 427/L; HSCI 428/L.
4. Students are required to maintain current California Registered Nurse licensure while enrolled in nursing courses. It is the student's responsibility to notify the program director immediately, in writing, of any changes in licensure status.
5. Students are responsible for obtaining at their sole cost any necessary health exams, immunizations, evidence of a TB test, titers, or other requirements, etc. necessary to meet OSHA requirements, and maintain compliance with requirements by the University and affiliating agencies. Documentation of the requirements is to be submitted to the designated person, upon request. Before the first clinical course, each student is required to complete a pre-clinical checklist and provide proof that requirements are currently met.
6. After admission and prior to clinical placements all CSUN nursing students are required to obtain their own criminal background checks at their sole cost and to supply that information to designated approving agencies or persons. In order to meet accreditation standards many clinical agencies are requiring background checks on all students placed at their facilities and have the right to refuse a student clinical placement based upon information from these background checks. Students will be unable to complete degree requirements if clinical placements are refused. Further information on background checks and where to obtain them is available from nursing advisor.
7. Students in nursing courses are also responsible to obtain and maintain at their own cost nursing liability insurance, CPR certification, and if needed fire safety card or evidence of other indicators of particular competencies as required by professional standards or affiliating clinical agencies.
8. Access to reliable transportation is required for clinical courses off campus.
9. Prior to and during clinical placements, students are required to demonstrate professional maturity, physical, emotional, ethical, and moral fitness for clinical practice.
10. The faculty reserves the right to make program modifications as necessary to meet current professional standards and accreditation criteria.
11. RN to BSN students may petition for credit by exam in selected courses. (See nursing advisor for challenge exam information and registration.)

### Public Health Nurse Certificate

Section 2818(a) of the Business and Professions Code requires that in order to be employed as a public health nurse or use the term "public health nurse" in California, an individual must possess a valid California Public Health Nurse Certificate. The CSUN Nursing Program curriculum is approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing to prepare eligible applicants for certification in public health nursing in California.

### Eligibility Requirements

1. Evidence of a permanent California RN license that is current, clear, and active. (A temporary license or interim license is not acceptable.)
2. Possession of a baccalaureate degree documented by one of the following:
  - a. Official transcripts from a school accredited by the National League of Nursing (NLN) or the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), which includes course work in

public health nursing.(Graduates of the CSUN RN to BSN Program, see Nursing Advisor.)

- b. Official transcripts for a degree in a field other than nursing, and completion of required CSUN coursework with a minimum of C in each course.
  - c. Official transcripts from an accredited BSN foreign institution and completion of required CSUN coursework with a minimum of C in each course. Foreign transcripts need to be evaluated by an approved international evaluation service.
3. Basic computer skills.

### Requirements for the Public Health Nurse Certificate

#### 1. Required Courses: (32 Units)

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|------|-------|---|
| HSCI | 302   | Basic Pathophysiology (3)                           |
| HSCI | 304   | Parent/Child Self Care Agency (3)                   |
| HSCI | 305   | Adult/Aged Self Care Agency (3)                     |
| HSCI | 306   | Supportive/Educative Nursing System (3)             |
| HSCI | 307/L | Health Assessment in Self Care Agency and Lab (2/1) |
| HSCI | 310   | Principles of Nursing Research (3)                  |
| HSCI | 390/L | Biostatistics and Lab (3/1)                         |
| HSCI | 426   | Nursing Systems Issues and Ethics (3)               |
| HSCI | 428/L | Community Health Nursing and Lab (3/2)              |
| HSCI | 488   | Epidemiology, Study of Disease (3)                  |

Visit the Website for application procedures.

### Health Services Credential Program: School Nurse Services Program

This credential may be issued to the qualified R.N. who holds a baccalaureate degree. A fifth year of study (24-unit minimum) is required for a Professional (Ryan) School Nurse Credential. A minimum of 12 units of course work is required in residence at CSUN (regular session, extension, concurrent enrollment or summer session). HSCI 475 and HSCI 476 **must be taken after formal admission to CSUN** as a School Nurse Credential student and cannot be taken through the College of Extended Learning.

For information, please refer to Credential office section of this catalog (Health Services Credential Authorizing Services as a School Nurse). Immediately upon acceptance at CSUN, all students must meet with the nursing faculty to have their academic records evaluated and to plan an individualized program that will meet state standards for the School Nurse Credential. School Nurse Credential students are responsible for keeping abreast of all requirements applicable to their desired credential, including requirements specified in the CSUN catalog under Credential Program requirements. This includes the requirement that courses must be completed within seven calendar years of the student admission date.

### Requirements for the School Nurse Credential

|      |            |   |
|------|------------|---|
| COMD | 496NS      | Audiometry and Hearing Conservation for School Nurses (3) |
| FCS  | 330        | Child Growth and Development I (3)                        |
|      | or FCS 431 | Child Growth and Development II (3)                       |
| HSCI | 170/L      | Emergency Health Procedures (2)                           |
| HSCI | 307        | Health Assessment in Self Care Agency (2)*                |
| HSCI | 307L       | Health Assessment in Self Care Agency Lab (1)*            |
| HSCI | 336        | Health Aspects of Drug Abuse (3)                          |
| HSCI | 337        | Nutrition and Health (3)                                  |
| HSCI | 353        | Fundamentals of Environmental Health (3)                  |
| HSCI | 428        | Community Health Nursing (3)                              |
| HSCI | 428L       | Community Health Nursing Lab (2)*+                        |
| HSCI | 433        | Counseling of Health Problems (3)                         |

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| HSCI 306                  | Supportive/Educative Nursing System (3)     |
| (Recommended) or HSCI 435 | Health Sciences for Children and Youth (3)  |
| HSCI 475**                | Principles of School Nursing Practice (3)   |
| HSCI 476**                | School Nurse Field Experience (6)           |
| HSCI 488                  | Epidemiology, Study of Disease (3)          |
| SPED 508                  | Special Education Training for Teachers (4) |
| or SPED 400               | Introduction to Special Education (3)       |

\*Must be taken concurrently.

\*\*HSCI 475 and 476 must be taken at CSUN as an admitted credential student.

+ Recommended (not required) that students take both HSCI 428 and 428L. HSCI 428L is required only for the California Public Health Nursing Certificate and MUST be taken concurrently with HSCI 428. If only HSCI 428 is taken then students must repeat HSCI 428 if they later choose to take HSCI 428L. Students should notify the School Nurse Credential advisor on (1) semester in advance of when they plan to take that course to assure availability of clinical placement.

Candidates for this credential must complete twelve semester units in CSUN courses, meet the required GPA hold a Preliminary School Nurse Credential and have two years of successful service as a school nurse. See Health Sciences Department section of this catalog for course descriptions (e.g. HSCI 302, HSCI 303, etc.).

### Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (A-BSN):

The Accelerated BS in the Nursing program prepares students to take the National Council Licensing Examination (NCLEX) upon graduation and to become Registered Nurses. This option for earning the BSN is designed for second-degree students who hold a minimum of a BA or BS degree in any field and who have completed necessary prerequisite courses and admission requirements. The program of study is intense, and nursing courses required for licensure are completed within one year. This BSN option builds on previous learning and provides specific clinical education that prepares nursing professionals who can practice in a wide variety of settings. The BSN framework emphasizes the practice of professional nursing including assessment, promotion, maintenance, restoration, and evaluation of the health of individuals, families, groups, communities, and populations. Nursing courses include classroom instruction and clinical laboratories in patient care settings.

### Accelerated BSN Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the Accelerated BSN option, graduates will use critical thinking, therapeutic interventions and communication in order to:

1. Acquire, develop, critique, and convey ideas and information in the professional context.
2. Guide decision-making using scientific, ethical, and humanistic perspectives.
3. Demonstrate leadership skills in providing care to individuals, families, groups, communities, and populations in a variety of settings.
4. Demonstrate the ability to manage, organize, implement, and evaluate the delivery of nursing services in a variety of settings.

### Requirements for Admission to the Accelerated BSN:

1. An earned bachelor's degree from an accredited institution.
2. Undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or better.
3. All prerequisites course grades must be C or higher. All science prerequisites must have been completed within the past 7 years. Courses that have been taken at an upper division undergraduate level or that combine prerequisite content (e.g., single course of 5 semester units in anatomy and physiology course with lab) will be considered on a case by case basis as potentially meeting minimum requirements.
4. Earning a minimum grade of C in prerequisite courses.
5. A personal interview may be requested of all applicants.
6. Apply to CSUN no later than December 1. When December 1 falls

on a Saturday or Sunday the application deadline is the first Monday after December 1.

7. Apply to the Accelerated BSN option by January 1. This is a separate application procedure from admission to the University.
8. COMP 100 or equivalent or documented computer competency. (See nursing advisor.)

### Requirements for the Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing

#### 1. Prerequisite Courses

Any of the following courses or their equivalents that were completed as part of the first degree program do not need to be repeated. Course equivalencies can be checked at <http://assist.org> or with the help of an advisor.

|              |   |
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| BIO 211/212  | Human Anatomy and Lab (2/1)             |
| BIOL 215/L   | Introductory Microbiology and Lab (2/1) |
| BIOL 281/282 | Human Physiology and Lab (3/1)          |
| CHEM 103     | General Chemistry and Lab (4)           |
| MATH 140     | Introductory Statistics (3)             |
| PSY 150      | Principles of Human Behavior (3)        |
| PSY 200      | Introduction to Lifespan Psychology (3) |
| SOC 150      | Introductory Sociology (3)              |
| HSCI 488     | Epidemiology (3)*                       |

General Education courses from the following sections:

- Oral Communication (3)
- Written communication (3)
- Critical thinking (3)\*
- Title 5 (3)\*

TOTAL UNITS: 37

\*May be taken before or concurrently with nursing courses.

#### 2. Required Courses for the BSN Program

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| HSCI 302   | Basic Pathophysiology (3)  |
| HSCI 307/L | Health Assessment and Clinical lab (2/1)                         |
| HSCI 315   | Pharmacology and Self Care Agency (2)                            |
| HSCI 318/L | Introduction to Professional Nursing and Clinical lab (3/4)      |
| HSCI 319   | Effective Communications in Professional Nursing(2)              |
| HSCI 321/L | Adult/Aged Medical Surgical Nursing and Clinical lab (4/8)       |
| HSCI 321AL | Nursing Care of Older Adults Lab (1)                             |
| HSCI 310   | Nursing Research (3)   |
| HSCI 430/L | Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing and Clinical lab 2/1           |
| HSCI 434/L | Nursing Care of the Childbearing Family and Clinical lab (2/1.5) |
| HSCI 443/L | Nursing Care of Children and Clinical lab (2/1.5)                |
| HSCI 426   | Nursing Systems Issues and Ethics (3)                            |
| HSCI 427/L | Dynamics of Nursing Leadership and Clinical lab (3/2)            |
| HSCI 428/L | Community Health Nursing and Clinical lab (3/2)                  |

Total Units in the Major 56

GE units fulfilled as part of original B.A./B.S. 6

Upper Division Writing Proficiency Exam (UDWPE)

Total Units Required beyond Original B.A./B.S. 62

## Academic Policies

1. Nursing courses from other programs may be considered non-equivalent and not be transferred into this program with the exception of HSci307/L.
2. Students are admitted as a cohort. Should progression through the curriculum be interrupted, students whose progress is interrupted will need to reapply to the program and will be considered on a space available basis. All nursing courses must be completed within 5 years after taking the first nursing course.
3. A minimum grade of C is required in all prerequisite and nursing courses. A C- will require the student to repeat the course or concurrent theory/lab courses. All nursing courses may be repeated only once with a maximum of 15 repeated units. Students progressing on schedule through the program will be given priority space in classes, and students repeating courses will be considered only on a space available basis. The need to repeat some courses may interfere with the repeating student's ability to complete the degree.
4. Students must enroll and pass concurrently both theory and clinical laboratory components of each area of study that contains these components.
5. Students are responsible for obtaining at their own cost any necessary health insurance, health examinations, immunizations, TB testing, titres, or other requirements needed to maintain compliance with University and affiliating clinical agency requirements. Documentation is to be submitted to the designated person upon request and before the first patient care experience.
6. Students in nursing courses are responsible for obtaining at their own cost any necessary criminal background checks. Documentation is to be submitted to the designated person in the requiring affiliating clinical agency upon request and before the first patient care experience. Faculty may require only proof that students have requested the required check, but students should not submit outcomes of such checks to CSUN faculty or staff. If an affiliating clinical agency notifies faculty that they are refusing clinical placement to a student based on background check the student will be unable to complete required clinical laboratory course work, unable to progress in the program, and thus unable to meet degree requirements.
7. Students in nursing courses are responsible to obtain and maintain at their own cost nursing student liability insurance, CPR certification, and if needed fire safety card or evidence of other indicators of particular competencies as required by professional standards or affiliating clinical agencies.
8. Access to transportation is required for clinical courses off campus.
9. Due to the clinical requirements imposed by external clinical partners, students must be prepared to attend clinical rotations in the community settings any day of the week including weekends and at various times of the day including evenings. No reasonable student accommodation can be made given the cohort nature of the program and the external limitations placed upon the Department by hospitals and other clinical settings. Clinical rotations can change each academic year given external assignments of times and days.
10. The faculty reserves the right to make program modifications as necessary to meet current professional standards, Board of Registered Nursing requirements, and accreditation criteria.

## Licensed Vocational Nurses

LVNs seeking an upgrade to BSN or LVN 30-unit option should contact the Nursing Program regarding options, objective counseling, and individual evaluation.

### The LVN 30-Unit, Non-degree Option

This option will prepare LVNs to take the RN licensing exam. LVNs will take BIOL 215/L (2/2) and BIOL 281 (3) or their equivalents, and then will be eligible take an additional 23 units including the following:

|      |       |   |
|------|-------|---|
| HSCI | 321   | Adult/Aged Medical-surgical nursing (4 units) |
| HSCI | 321AL | Adult Medical-surgical lab (8 units)          |
| HSCI | 321BL | Geriatrics lab (1 unit)                       |
| HSCI | 440   | Psychiatric/mental health nursing (2)         |
| HSCI | 440L  | Psychiatric/mental health nursing lab (1)     |
| HSCI | 443   | Nursing care of children (2)                  |
| HSCI | 443L  | Nursing care of children laboratory (1.5)     |
| HSCI | 444   | Nursing care of childbearing family (2)       |
| HSCI | 444L  | Nursing care of childbearing family lab (1.5) |

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| <b>Total Units.</b> | <b>30</b> |
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