**Why get a BSN?**

A Bachelor’s of Science in Nursing is fast becoming the required educational preparation for entry to nursing practice. With the BSN degree, you will be eligible to apply for the Public Health Nursing Certificate. This certification permits you to work in a public health department. The BSN degree is required for pursuing graduate nursing education.

**What will I take to complete the BSN?**

In order to complete a BSN, 3 sets of criteria must be met:

1. **General Education/CSU Graduation Requirements (12 or more courses needed to transfer):**
   - **Lower-Division GE:** Students should meet with their community college Counselor or Advisor and follow the GE Certification for Transfer to CSU in the current community college catalog. A Logic/Critical Thinking course should be taken before being admitted to the CSU along with all other transfer areas (Areas "A" through "D"). Students should also meet the Foreign Language and American Institutions (U.S. History & Political Science) requirements for graduation.
   - **Upper-Division GE:** These courses may be taken while in the RN to BSN Program, however, students are encouraged to take them prior to entrance.

2. **Prerequisites for Nursing (8 total):** Students must have official (sealed) transcripts showing completion of all of the following prerequisites within the last ten years in their completed application packet:
   - Anatomy including a laboratory (3 semester units)
   - Physiology including a laboratory clinic (4 semester units)
   - Microbiology (4 semester units)
   - Chemistry (general, integrated, inorganic, or organic) with lab, (4 semester units)
   - Statistics (3 semester units)
   - Written communication/English (3 semester units)
   - Public Speaking/oral communication (3 semester units)
   - Critical Thinking (3 semester units.)

3. **Nursing Courses (11 total):** Students will complete the following RN to BSN Program requirements as scheduled.

**Can I transfer my community college course work to CSUN?**

Yes. Your lower division General Education courses can be transferred, up to a maximum of 70 semester units. In order to fully utilize your maximum units, it is important to have your transcript CSU GE certified before sending it to CSUN. You will request this through your community college transcript office with your transcript request form (please note: student must submit an official paper transcript with the RN to BSN Program application and send the CSUN Office of Admissions and Records either a paper copy or an electronic copy).

You can check for course equivalency and articulation agreements for community colleges in California at [http://assist.org](http://assist.org). Students are encouraged to meet with their community college Advisor or Counselor one year prior to transferring to ensure completion of the **CSUN Transfer Requirements.**
How do I get started?

- Take necessary Prerequisites
- Complete the CSU General Education Transfer requirements at your local community college (preferably the college that you took the majority of your previous course work in). Please meet with your community college advisor or Counselor for a list of requirements.
- Attend an information session at the community college
- Apply to Community College Collaborative Pathway Program
- Check application deadlines and program status (open, closed or exceptions) in the Admissions Calendar.

What if a prerequisite course is in progress?

If a prerequisite course(s) is in progress at the time of application, proof of enrollment must be submitted to the School of Nursing. Proof of a final grade in the course must be on file in order to register. Once the course is complete, an official transcript must be submitted to the School of Nursing.

Upper Division Transfer- Eligibility Requirements:

All upper division transfer students need to meet all the criteria listed below:

- Have completed a minimum of 60 transferable semester units (90 quarter units) with a grade point average of 2.0 or better;
- Be in good standing at the last college or university attended;
- Have completed the CSU General Education Writing, Mathematics, Critical Thinking and Speech Communication courses with a C or better*; and
- Submit all official college transcripts, including work now in progress, to Admissions and Records.

Will my previous courses meet the Golden Four University Requirements?

If you are unsure if the courses you have completed meet the university requirements, you can use www.assist.org to double check. This website lists all the California Community Colleges and all transferable courses at those colleges. This is a very helpful resource for checking your Golden Four prerequisite classes.

To double check a course on www.assist.org, follow these steps:
1. Go to www.assist.org
2. From the drop down menu in the middle of the page, select the community college you attended.
3. When the next page opens, click “CSU GE Breadth Certification Courses”.
4. Then from the “Select a CSU GE Breadth Area” drop down menu, you can select which GE area you would like to look up (ex: A1 – Oral Communications).
5. The next page that opens will show you all the courses at that college that satisfy the GE area you chose.

If you need more guidance using www.assist.org, the website has a tutorial which will walk you through the process of checking your courses. Click the following link to access the tutorial: ASSIST Tutorial
Science Prerequisites include the following:

Courses must include lecture and lab (no online courses acceptable)

- Human Anatomy, with Lab
- Human Physiology, with Lab
- Microbiology, with Lab
- Chemistry
- Statistics
- Oral communication or public speaking
- English 101
- Critical Thinking course

Can prerequisites be waived if they were not part of an ADN program?
No; all prerequisites are required of all applicants.

Can Anatomy & Physiology be completed as combined or separate courses?
Yes; an applicant may have completed a combined anatomy and physiology course or separate courses for each requirement. Either way, a lab component must have been included for both anatomy and physiology content.

What if an applicant already has a Bachelor’s Degree from a regionally accredited US college or university?
An applicant with previous BA or BS degrees in other fields from regionally accredited US institutions is exempt from all CSU General Education requirements. An applicant in this situation must still complete all the School of Nursing prerequisite courses to be eligible for admission. Once admitted, second degree students only need to complete the 36 units of nursing courses required for the BSN.

Do I have to take the TEAS or other admissions test to apply to the collaborative program?
Contact the respective community college. Most community colleges require this exam.

How many sets of transcripts do I need?
You will need 2 sets of transcripts. One set will be submitted to the Admissions & Records Department once you apply online. The other will be included with your hardcopy application which is sent to the Department of Nursing.

Can I still apply to the nursing program if I won’t have all of my prerequisites completed by the application deadline?
As long as your prerequisites are completed by December 31st we will accept the application. It is your responsibility to ensure a final transcript is sent to both the Department of Nursing and the Admissions & Records Department.