

## Why Pursue a BSN?

The rising complexity of acute health care and the shift toward a more community-based primary care and other ambulatory and home health care sites will create new patient-care opportunities for BSN-prepared nurses.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that employment for RNs will grow faster than the average for all occupations in the next century. Increasingly, positions are in non-hospital settings and employers are seeking graduates with additional education and skills. According to recent surveys, nurse executives in U.S. hospitals are seeking more staff nurses with baccalaureate-level preparation in order to meet the complex demands of today's health care environment. Other study outcomes suggest that patient morbidity and mortality may be reduced by increasing the number of BSN-prepared nurses on staff.

CSUN BSN graduates are working as school nurses, public health nurses, managers, staff educators, and clinical instructors in schools. Many have pursued graduate degrees and are now nurse anesthetists, nurse practitioners, faculty, and clinical specialists.

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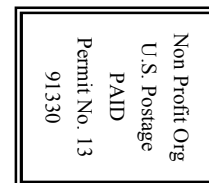
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## CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, NORTHRIDGE

California State University, Northridge (CSUN) is one of 23 campuses of the California State University System, and is one of the largest universities in California. The student enrollment of approximately 31,000 is served by approximately 3,300 faculty and staff.

The University is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. The program is accredited by the Collegiate Commission for Nursing Education (CCNE), and is administered within the Department of Health Sciences (HSCI).

### Program Information

The Accelerated Bachelor's of Science in Nursing (A-BSN) program prepares students to take the National Council Licensing Examination (NCLEX) upon graduation; passage of the exam is required to become a Registered Nurse. To date, all students who completed the program have passed the exam on their first attempt. The program of study, completed in 15 months, including Saturdays and Sundays, is an extremely intensive experience.

### Important Facts about the A-BSN Application Process

- The BA or BS degree and all prerequisite courses must be completed prior to application to the program.
- Acceptance to CSUN as a matriculated graduate student is required before the application to the A-BSN program can be submitted.
- Only 36 students are ever accepted (18 summer admits and 18 fall admits) and there are typically more than 400 applicants. The number of admitted students will NOT change.
- No application will be accepted past the deadline.
- There is no appeal process.
- Applicants not accepted may resubmit their application for the following year.

### Admission Requirements

The A-BSN program is designed for students who hold a BA or BS in any field from an accredited university, have successfully completed the necessary prerequisite courses, and meet CSUN admission and general education requirements. Students either begin the program in the summer or fall semesters.

### Prerequisite Courses for A-BSN Program

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** Chem103- General Chemistry <b>WITH</b> Lab	3-4
** Bio211 & 212 - Human Anatomy <b>WITH</b> Lab	3-4
** Bio 281 & 282- Human Physiology <b>WITH</b> Lab	3-4
** Bio 215 & 215L- Introductory Microbiology <b>WITH</b> Lab	4
Written Communication	3
Oral Communications	3
Soc 150- Introductory Sociology	3
Psy 150- Principles of Human Behavior	3
Psy 200- Introduction to Lifespan Psychology	3
Math 140- Introductory Statistics	3

**\*\* Must have been completed within (7) seven years prior to admission**

### Other Requirements (may complete after admission, but prior to beginning the program)

Title V US Government, US Constitution, Cali. Government	6
Critical Thinking, Logic, or Philosophy	3
Epidemiology	3

### The Cost of the Program and Financial and Scholarship Opportunities

- The cost of the program is approximately \$15,000, although this amount is subject to change due to the increase cost of living and tuition
- Financial assistance as well as a variety of scholarships are available to qualified students. For information, please contact the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships at (818) 677-3000, extension #3.

### Advisement

Individuals interested in the degree program should review the A-BSN website AT <http://www.csun.edu/~nursing/> and attend one of the scheduled workshops. For questions email [absn@csun.edu](mailto:absn@csun.edu).

### Profile of Students Accepted into the A-BSN Program

- Average BA/BS GPA: 3.56
- Average Prerequisite Science GPA: 3.92 (science courses include chemistry, anatomy, physiology and microbiology)

Required A-BSN Courses	Units
<b>1st semester</b>	
HSCI 302 Pathophysiology	3
HSCI 315 Pharmacology	2
HSCI 318/L Intro to Prof Nursing	3/4 (180 Clinical hr)
HSCI 319 Effective Communication	2
<b>2nd semester</b>	
HSCI 307/L Health Assessment/Lab	2/1
HSCI 321 Med/Surg	4
HSCI 321A/L Med/Surg Clinical	8 (360 Clinical hr)
HSCI321B/L Geri Clinical	1 (45 Clinical hr)
<b>3rd semester</b>	
HSCI 430/L Psych-Mental Health/Clini	2/1 (45 Clinical hr)
HSCI443/L Pediatrics/Clinical	2/1.5 (67.5 Clinical hr)
HSCI 444/L Childbearing Family/Clinical	2/1.5 (67.5 Clinical hr)
HSCI 310 Research	3
<b>4th semester</b>	
HSCI 426 Issues/Ethics	3
HSCI 427/L Leadership/Management	3/2 *(90 Clinical hr)
HSCI 428/L Community Health	3/2 *(90 Clinical hr)
HSCI 488 Epidemiology **	3

\*(90 clinical hours = 75 clinical hours + 15 hours of post conference)

\*\* May be taken any semester or prior to entering the nursing program

Please visit <http://www.csun.edu/~nursing/> for an application.

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