

Department of Nursing

RN to BSN Program

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, NORTHRIDGE

California State University, Northridge (CSUN) is one of 23 campuses within the California State University System, and is one of the largest universities in California. The student enrollment of nearly 42,000 is served by approximately 5,000 faculty and staff. The University includes eight (8) colleges and is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, and other professional associations. The College of Health & Human Development consists of nine (9) departments, including the Department of Nursing.

NURSING OVERVIEW

The Nursing Program includes one post-licensure BSN (RN to BSN) pathway and one pre-licensure pathway (Accelerated BSN), as well as two non-degree programs that prepare students for certificates in Public Health Nursing & Nurse Education. The BSN is nationally accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

RN to BSN OVERVIEW

Mission & Values: The mission of the CSUN Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN to BSN) degree is to develop professional nursing leaders in all areas of practice, who can apply new and/or past nursing knowledge and build upon existing competencies. The program is designed to prepare nurses to function both independently and interdependently with other professionals in a wide variety of settings, and to meet present and future health care needs of society. We value integrity, advocacy, excellence, life-long learning, competence and respect for others.

Framework: 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.

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.

GUIDANCE, COUNSELING AND SUPPORT

An important component of this RN to BSN is the extensive counseling and guidance that faculty provide to each student. Each student is assigned a nursing faculty advisor, who will provide one-on-one assistance to ensure that the student understands the graduation requirements.

THE ADMISSION CRITERIA

Students are admitted into the RN-to-BSN each fall and may attend part-time or full-time.

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REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY TO NURSING PROGRAM

1. Current license as a Registered Nurse in CA from a fully accredited program
2. Minimum of 60 transferable units– maximum 70
3. Must meet minimum requirements for admission to CSUN
4. Completion of separate applications (1)Cal State Apply and (2)Department of Nursing
5. Completion of the following prerequisites, each with a minimum of “C” grade earned in each course

Course Number	Course Title	Units
Biol 211/212	Human Anatomy & Lab	2/1
Biol 215/215L	Intro Microbiology & Lab	2/2
Biol 281/282	Human Physiology & Lab	3/1
Chem 103/L	Introductory Chemistry I & Lab	3/1
Math 140	Intro Statistics	4
Critical Thinking		3
Written Communication		3
Oral Communication		3

Please use ASSIST.org to help find course equivalency.

RECOMMENDED:

Complete General Education (G.E.) certification at the associate degree level, or its equivalent. A certification in mathematics and science at the associate degree level is strongly recommended. Consult with a local community college advisor about requirements.

BACKGROUND CHECKS/DRUG SCREENING:

Students may be required to obtain, at their own cost, a criminal background check and/or drug screen or other similar testing as required by clinical agencies where students are placed. Students must meet background check standards required by clinical agencies. Failure to meet such standards may result in the inability to complete clinical course objectives and thus the inability to complete the BSN.

*Students are required to show proof of immunity to measles (Rubella) and German measles (Rubella) within the first semester at CSUN.

Students will broaden their base of liberal education through upper division general education and elective courses. In addition, nursing courses build on existing knowledge & skills.

CURRICULUM

The BSN major course work totals 3 semester units. Six units may be challenged by examination. In addition, nine (9) units of upper division residency and HSCI 488 Epidemiology (3) are required. A total of 120 units are required for the BSN. An advisor will help determine exactly what general education course work and electives are needed. Students will be required to pass the Upper Division Writing Proficiency Essay (UDWPE) before graduation. Students are advised to take this requirement early in their senior year.

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RN—TO-BSN REQUIRED COURSES

HSCI 488	Epidemiology	3
NURS 302	Pathophysiology	3
NURS 303	Professional Nursing	3
NURS 306	Educative Nursing Systems	3
NURS 307/L	Health Assessment/Lab	2/1
NURS 308	Family Systems	3
NURS 310	Research	3
NURS 426	Issues/Ethics	3
NURS 427/L	Leadership/Management	3/2
NURS 428/L	Community Health	3/2
NURS 495AA	Clinical Advances in Nursing	2

FINANCIAL AID:

Financial aid and scholarship information is explained in the California State University, Northridge catalog and online at <http://www.csun.edu/financialaid/> Students, who meet specific criteria, can apply for various scholarships.

OPPORTUNITIES IN HEALTH EDUCATION

Nationally and internationally, Health Education is one of the fastest growing, most dynamic, and necessary professions. It offers energetic, creative, and enterprising individuals a host of entry-level career options. Career opportunities continue to grow in such community health settings as hospitals, schools, public health agencies, mental health facilities, health maintenance organizations, long-term care facilities, and business and industrial organizations. Students graduating from the Bachelor of Science Program specializing in Health Education are in an excellent position to be competitive in the healthcare career market place.