Health Services, Credential

DEPARTMENT

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BS in Nursing, B.S.N.
BS in Nursing - R.N.-B.S.N.
MS in Nursing - Accelerated Clinical Nurse Specialist/Nurse Educator, M.S.
MS in Nursing - Primary Care/Nurse Practitioner Option, M.S.
MS in Nursing - Primary Care/Nurse Practitioner & Clinical Nurse Specialist/Nurse Educator, M.S.
BS in Nursing, R.N.-B.S.N. - Continuing & Global Education
DNP in Nursing, D.N.P.
MS in Nursing - Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist, M.S.
MS in Nursing - Pediatric Clinical Nurse Specialist, M.S.
CRED in Health Services, Credential

Courses Offered

The mission of the School of Nursing is to offer quality nursing education to undergraduate and graduate nursing students. This education prepares nurses to make clinical decisions based on theory and research. As life-long learners, graduates are prepared to deliver quality health care for increasingly diverse populations. Graduates will lead, supervise, delegate, manage, and evaluate care outcomes, as well as demonstrate the ability to act as consumer advocates in promoting wellness and facilitating change.

The scope of nursing practice is changing significantly. The professional nurse uses theory and research-based knowledge to provide direct and indirect care to individuals, families, groups, and communities.

In the role as designer, manager, and coordinator of care, nurses collaborate with patients and interdisciplinary care teams.

Health Related Personnel. Medical corpsmen, psychiatric technicians, and others are eligible for credit by examination under the university’s policy as outlined in the current catalog. The curriculum is designed to emphasize theory-based practice in nursing and to provide the foundation for graduate study. While pursuing the degree, students are encouraged to select their area of interest. They are also encouraged to collaboratively care for patients in a variety of settings: acute care, critical care, long-term care, ambulatory care, and home care.

REQUIREMENTS

School Nurse Services Credential Program

Postbaccalaureate Health Services (School Nurse) Credential
The School Nurse Services Credential Program provides basic preparation for professional roles in school nursing. The program, approved by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing, leads to the School Nurse Services Credential. The School of Nursing, in conjunction with the School of Education and Human Development, recommends qualified candidates for credentialing as providers of health services in California public schools (preschool, K-12, adult). The program of study for credential students consists of a minimum of 27 units. Courses taken in CCNE/NLN accredited baccalaureate programs may be accepted for the credential at the discretion of the School of Nursing. The core school nursing classes are offered online. For more information, see the school’s Web site at www.fresnostate.edu/chhs/nursing.

Audiology coursework
CSDS 125 (3 units)

Special Education coursework
SPED 120 (3 units)

Counseling coursework (select one)
COUN 174 (3 units)
COUN 200 (3 units)

**Physical Assessment**
NURS 136* (3 units)

**Health Teaching**
NURS 137* (3 units)

**School Nursing**
NURS 184* (3 units)
NURS 185* (3 units)
NURS 186* (3 units)
NURS 187* (3 units)

Advanced pathophysiology and pharmacology courses are recommended.

* Courses only available through regular enrollment in the university following acceptance into the Credential Program.

**Note:** A minimum of 15 units in the credential program must be taken on this campus. The use of any comparable course is contingent upon departmental approval. Coursework taken more than 10 years ago is not acceptable to meet program requirements.

An introductory statistics course and nursing theory/research course are required for admission into the School Nurse Services Credential Program.

A 3-unit introductory statistics course and a 3-unit nursing theory/research course are required for admission into the Health Services Credential Program.

A maximum of 9 units is allowed through courses taken in Continuing and Global Education or concurrent enrollment.

Proof of current California RN license, malpractice insurance, current CPR certification, and current valid Student Health Center clearance are required prior to enrollment in NURS 186 and 187.

The student must hold either a Certificate of Clearance or a School Nurse Services Credential prior to enrollment in NURS 186 and 187. Contact the credentials analyst, Education Building, Room 100, 559.278.0300, or the county office of education in your area for application information.

All admission requirements (credential program application form, admission to the university, all documents, and prerequisites) must be completed prior to enrollment in any of the nursing courses.

**Admission Criteria**

1. Baccalaureate degree in nursing from a NLN accredited program
2. Admission to the university at the postbaccalaureate level
3. Current California Registered Nurse License
4. California Public Health Nurse Certificate or 5 units of university community health coursework
5. Overall GPA of 2.5 and 3.0 in nursing
6. Three satisfactory letters of recommendation (at least one from a recent employer or nursing faculty)

**Admission Procedures**

1. Complete application for admission to postbaccalaureate standing, Admissions Office, Joyal Building. Forward copy of application to School of Nursing, school nurse coordinator.
2. Complete Credential Program application, available online at www.fresnostate.edu/chhs/nursing.
3. Attach official transcripts of previous academic work.
5. Submit three letters of reference/recommendation (forms available online at www.fresnostate.edu/chhs/nursing).
6. Arrange appointment with School Nurse Services Credential Program coordinator for program planning and advisement.

**Note:** All candidates are required to sign a statement on the application form regarding conviction or plea of nolo contendere for any violation of law other than minor traffic offenses.
Candidates with a conviction may be refused a School Nurse Services Credential. For further information, contact the CCTC Professional Practices Division at (916) 445-0234.

**Time Restrictions.** All requirements for a School Nurse Services Credential must be completed within five years of the date of issuance of the preliminary credential.

**FACULTY**

For faculty phone numbers and e-mail, see the campus directory.

For more on the faculty, see the faculty pages.
The faculty pages are updated by the department or program.

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