

Nursing, B.S.N.

DEPARTMENT

BS in Nursing, B.S.N.
BS in Nursing - R.N.-B.S.N.
MS in Nursing - Nurse Practitioner / Primary Care / Family, M.S.
BS in Nursing, R.N.-B.S.N. - Continuing & Global Education
DNP in Nursing, D.N.P.
CRED in School Nurse Services, Credential

REQUIREMENTS

School of Nursing

Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree Program Requirements

1. Major requirements (58 units)

NURS 10, 10L, 110, 110A, 110L, 112, 114, 121, 121L, 124, 131, 131L, 132, 132L, 140A, 140L, 141, 141LS, 142, 145, 150, 150AL, 151, 155

Prerequisite requirements (28 units)

(See prerequisites listed under Eligibility to Apply to the Program. [19 units may be applied to G.E.]

Additional course requirements (15 units)

CFS 38; PHIL 20 or 120; PSYCH 10; NUTR 53. [12 total units may be applied to G.E.]

2. General Education requirements (49 units)

3. Other requirements (9units)

American Government and Institutions (PLSI 2), Multicultural and International (MI), and Upper-division writing

4. Sufficient elective units to meet required total units (varies)

5.Total (120 units)*

* G.E. and MI courses can be double-counted with major requirements. The writing requirement may be met by taking the upper-division writing exam. If students choose to take a writing course, ANTH 116W is recommended because it meets both the writing requirement and G.E. ID area requirement. If students choose a different writing course, they need to take a separate G.E. ID course to meet G.E requirements. See advisor for details.

Advising Notes

1. Students must complete CFS 38 and NUTR 53 no later than the first semester of the nursing major.
2. Please see www.fresnostate.edu/nursing for specific G.E. classes and recommended elective classes designated for nursing.
3. Introduction to Psychology (PSYCH 10) and SOC 3 must be completed no later than the second semester of the nursing major.
4. Major courses must be taken for a letter grade; CR/NC grading is not permitted in the nursing major.
5. Students are strongly encouraged to seek academic advising every semester.
6. All practicum courses (with suffix "AL" or "L") require a minimum of three hours of clinical work per unit of credit as a minimum to meet course objectives.

In compliance with Federal Requirements for Posting Licensure and Certification Eligibility, please see the CSU Chancellor's Office calstate.edu website.

Policies and Procedures for B.S.N. Admission

Admission to the program is a two-step process: (1) admission to the university and (2) admission to the nursing major. For fall entry all prerequisites must be completed by the preceding fall semester and for spring entry all prerequisites must be

completed by the preceding spring semester. Applicants must meet all criteria for admission to the university and to the nursing major.

Specific health criteria must be met. Students with recurrent infections or physical limitations who cannot meet clinical course objectives may be unable to satisfactorily complete the requirements for a B.S. in Nursing. Contact the Nursing Department regarding specific requirements.

Background Checks

All state Boards of Nursing require an individual to possess a professional license to practice as a registered nurse (RN). Students are advised to investigate all background requirements for RN licensure (e.g., criminal background checks, verification of employment eligibility, and verification of citizenship or immigration status). Likewise, clinical nursing courses require criminal background checks and drug screening for clinical placement and course enrollment.

Eligibility to Apply to the Program

Students must have an overall and prerequisite GPA of 3.0 Prior to applying to the Nursing Program, students must pass the ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) with a score of 75%. Students receiving a score of less than 75% will be allowed to retake the exam once, but this must be done prior to their application. For TEAS information, see www.atitest.com.

The following eight prerequisite courses must be completed prior to entry into the nursing program.

G.E. Area A1 (COMM 3, 7, or 8) (3 units)

G.E. Area A2 (ENGL 5B or 10) (3 units)

G.E. Area A3* (SOC 3) preferred (3 units)

G.E. Area B4* (MATH 11 or PH 92) preferred (3 units)

Chemistry (CHEM 3A) (4 units)

Microbiology (BIOL 20) (4 units)

Human Anatomy and Physiology I (BIOL 67A) (4 units)

Human Anatomy and Physiology II (BIOL 67B) (4 units)

Total (28 units)

* See G.E. list for approved courses.

- Each prerequisite must be completed with a minimum C grade - CR/NC grades are not acceptable. (Excluding AP and IB credit)
- A GPA of 3.0 is required in the eight prerequisite courses .
- online, Web-based or distance learning science and laboratory courses taken at other institutions must be approved by the nursing admissions coordinator.

Selection Criteria

The program is on impacted status (the number of applications received is greater than the number of vacancies for the program). Therefore, admission into the nursing major is very competitive; there is no waiting list. Applicants must reapply each time and compete with the entire applicant pool if not selected.

(a) Students will be ranked by grade point average in the prerequisites courses (prerequisites GPA).

(b) Preference will be given to U.S. military veterans who meet minimum requirements for admissions and who submit a DD214 showing an honorable discharge status prior to submission of application. Remaining applicants will be ranked by prerequisite GPA and admitted as enrollment quotas allow.

Application Filing Period

Fall admission: School of Nursing applications are available February 1-28; university applications are available October 1.

Spring admission: School of Nursing applications are available July 1-31; university applications are available August 1.

Dates are subject to change. Additional information and applications can be obtained online at www.fresnostate.edu/chhs/nursing or by calling nursing admissions at 559.278.5027.

The two program applications (both university and nursing) include additional instructions.

Note: Students who have been admitted to the major, have made no arrangements with the school, failed to attend the nursing orientation, and fail to attend the first day of class will be dropped administratively from the major and not considered for future admission.

International course credit and admission eligibility

No prerequisite courses taken at an international institution are accepted to fulfill the Nursing Admissions prerequisites.

Equivalent prerequisite courses and nursing additional requirements must be taken and/or repeated at domestic institutions in the United States.

Leave of Absence from Nursing Program

1. Request for university leave of absence:

- a. Students must also request a leave of absence (LOA) in writing from the chair of nursing. Students who do not request LOA will not be readmitted into the major.
- b. Leaves will be granted only for students who have completed at least one semester in the program and are in good standing.

2. Request to return from leave of absence:

- a. Students must request in writing to be reinstated in the program specifying:
 - Date of LOA
 - Reason for LOA
 - Disposition of circumstances requiring the LOA
- b. Students will be notified in writing of requirements for returning to program, denial, or reinstatement.
- c. Requirement for return will include the following, based on the discretion of the chair of nursing:
 - Letters of recommendation from individuals such as counselors or physicians
- d. Students who receive written notice of reinstatement in the major return on a space-available basis and must receive permission from the school to enroll in classes.

Progression in the Major. Criteria for retention, progression, and graduation from the program include a minimum grade of C in each required course and each nursing course offered for a grade, and credit in courses offered for CR/NC grading only. Nursing and required courses may be repeated only once to achieve a C or credit grade. Any student who receives less than a C grade (or no credit) in two nursing courses will not be permitted to continue in the major. Refer to the Student Handbook, Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program, for complete progression and retention policies.

Expenses. Students must be prepared to incur any additional cost such as uniforms, malpractice insurance, health insurance, stethoscopes, course materials, lab fees, background check, drug screening, etc., and be responsible for transportation to clinical facilities. A current CPR certification, a physical examination, and specific immunizations are required.

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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.