

Nursing, B.S.N.

DEPARTMENT

Nursing

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The Master's of Nursing program is not accepting new students in Fall 2019

BS in Nursing, B.S.N.
BS in Nursing - R.N.-B.S.N.
MS in Nursing - Nurse Practitioner / Primary Care / Family, M.S.
DNP in Nursing, D.N.P.
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 with clinical decision-making skills based on evidence-based practice (EBP). Additionally, the School seeks to establish an academic foundation for Advanced Practice Nursing and Doctoral preparation. As life-long learners, graduates are prepared to deliver holistic health care to diverse populations across health care settings.

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.

REQUIREMENTS

Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree Program

Nursing Baccalaureate Degree 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. [18 units may be applied to G.E.]

Additional course requirements (12 units)

CFS 38; PHIL 20 or 120; PSYCH 10; NUTR 53. [9 total units may be applied to G.E.]

2. General Education requirements (49 units)

3. Other requirements (6 units)

Upper-division writing and Multicultural and International (MI)

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 "A" or "L") require a minimum of three hours of clinical work per unit of credit as a minimum to meet course objectives.
7. Prerequisite science courses are to be taken within five years from the time of application.

RN-BSN (Post-licensure) Degree Requirements

1. Major requirements (21 units)

NURS 138, 141, 141LS, 145, 152, 154

NCLEX Credit (20 units)

Prerequisite requirements (28 units)

(See prerequisites listed under Eligibility to Apply to the Program. (18 units may be applied to G.E.)

Additional course requirements (15 units)

PHIL 20 (C2) or PHIL 120 (IC); SOC 3 (A3); PSYCH 10 (D3); MATH 11 or PH 92 (B4)

2. General Education requirements (49 units)

3. Other requirements (6 units)

Upper-division writing and Multicultural and International (MI)

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. See advisor for details.

If SOC 3 is not taken, then SOC 1 or ANTH 2 must be completed.

Per Executive Order 1084 "one unit of academic credit for every unit of the required pre-licensure community college nursing course credits" (not transferred to California State University, Fresno) may be applied "toward the baccalaureate nursing degree" (maximum of 30 semester units) "through the NCLEX provision."

All California State University, Fresno graduation requirements must be met (e.g., Upper-Division Writing Exam or course, lower- and upper-division GE coursework).

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.atitesting.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 .
- A course with a **W** grade within the science prerequisite courses will be counted as a repeat.
- On-line, 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.

Admission to the RN-BSN Program

Program applicants must meet the following minimum criteria:

1. Graduate from a BRN approved, regionally accredited ADN program. Must be in good standing at last university attended.
2. Possess a current, active, and clear California RN license at the time of application.
3. Admission is contingent upon completion of eight prerequisite courses (see below) with a minimum prerequisite GPA of 3.0 or higher and a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher in ADN coursework.
4. Complete eight prerequisite courses (see below) with a minimum grade of C. CR/NC grades are not acceptable (excluding Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate).
5. Admission to California State University, Fresno either before or during the term RN-BSN application is accepted.
6. Submission of a completed RN-BSN application with official transcripts, copy of RN license and other requested materials before deadline.

Policies and Procedures for Direct Transfer into the Nursing Major

1. Students must have completed at least two semesters or 12 semester units of nursing courses in the major (all other students must follow the admission procedures for basic or advanced placement majors).
2. Students must submit all transcripts, course descriptions of nursing courses, and two letters of recommendation from their current school to be considered for transfer.
3. Students must meet all California State University, Fresno criteria for admission and continuation in the major to be eligible for transfer.
4. Students are admitted and placed in the major at the discretion of the chair of nursing.
5. Transfer students who have written notification of acceptance into the program enter the major on a space-available basis and must receive school permission to enroll in classes.
6. Applicant Deadline:

Fall Admission - February 1-28

Spring Admission - July 1-31

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.

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.