Entry Level Masters
Clinical Nurse Specialist/Nurse Educator Admission Criteria

This unique graduate program offers non-nurses the opportunity to enter the nursing field with a Master of Nursing Science degree. Students will be able to take the registered nurse licensure examination after 18 months of study and will graduate with a Masters of Science degree in Nursing as a Clinical Nurse Specialist/Nurse Educator in May 2015. This intensive graduate program will require a full-time commitment and will include courses scheduled during the summer and on some evenings and weekends. Clinical rotations will include rural health care settings, and students from rural areas and diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply. This application will represent a commitment on your part to complete the registered nurse (RN) preparation and the subsequent master’s program as a clinical specialist/nurse educator. More information is available at http://www.csufresno.edu/nursing/ELM/ELM.html

UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Application for graduate admission to the University will occur after acceptance to the program by the Department of Nursing. Upon acceptance, you will be notified of the procedure for application to the University.
2. File official transcripts from all post-baccalaureate schools; Graduate Admissions will verify a cumulative GPA of 2.50 on the last 60 units.
3. The Graduate Admissions Office will verify information and forward the file to the Department of Nursing.
4. If you are enrolled at CSU, Fresno as a post-baccalaureate student, you must submit a Change of Major form to the Graduate Studies Office in the library before your application can be processed by the Department of Nursing. You do not need to submit an application to the University.

DEPARTMENT OF NURSING APPLICATION PROCESS

File Department of Nursing Graduate Program Application by April 1, 2012. To facilitate the admission process, you must send copies of the following:
A. Department Application - See Page 4 - Be sure to sign where indicated.
B. ATI TEAS test scores. Call the University Testing Center at 278-2457 for information.
C. Official transcripts from all post-secondary schools. Transcripts must indicate:
   1. All Core 8 Prerequisites completed (minimum 3.00 GPA in those 8 courses) by the end of the Spring 2012 semester.
D. File three letters of reference attesting to your qualifications as a potential graduate student. These letters should be from a work colleague, supervisor, or instructor and addressed to Mary Barakzai at the address below.
E. Complete the Department of Nursing’s Graduate Program Written Essay (see Page 3).

Mail signed application and copies of the above material to:
Dr. Mary Barakzai, Chair
Department of Nursing, M/S MH25
2345 E. San Ramon Ave.
Fresno, CA 93740-8031.
SELECTION

The Department will review the files for all documents. All material submitted including the Written Essay, letters of recommendation, work experiences, TEAS scores, and transcripts will be considered in selection of the candidates. Candidates selected for admission will be notified by May 1, 2012. The new student orientation will be scheduled prior to the start of the 2012 Summer session, and selected candidates will be notified as to the date, time, and location of orientation.

GRADUATE PROGRAM WRITTEN ESSAY

The written essay is an important element for evaluation of your application and for admission into the Department of Nursing’s Graduate Program. This essay will provide an opportunity for the selection committee to assess your writing ability and professional strengths and to evaluate your chances for success in advanced practice graduate work. This written essay is a major component of the selection process, and you need to give this essay thoughtful consideration.

Instructions are as follows:

1. Develop a scholarly essay in which you include the following elements:
   A. Introduction – Briefly share your educational and work experiences.
   B. Discussion of concepts
      1. Discuss your views of nursing as a profession.
      2. What are your goals for working as a nurse?
      3. Our master's degree will prepare you to teach in nursing programs. Please share your plans for teaching in a nursing education program or health care setting.
   C. Conclusion
   D. References

2. The document must be a 3 - 5 page typed essay, double-spaced, with 12-point type and one-inch margins.

3. Attach the essay to the signed Department of Nursing’s Graduate Program Application form (see Page 4), verifying that the essay is your own work.

FINANCIAL AID

Contact the Financial Aid Office (www.csufresno.edu/catoffice/current/admssnsfees) for information about scholarships and loans at (559) 278-2182. Federal traineeships are awarded to eligible students through the Department of Nursing (www.csufresno.edu/nursing).

GRADUATE ORIENTATION

An orientation session is offered before the start of the program. Students will be notified as to date, time, and location.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, Please contact:

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The University General Catalog is available at http://www.csufresno.edu/catalog/
The Schedule of Courses is available at http://www.csufresno.edu/scheduling/
California State University, Fresno
Department of Nursing
Entry Level Master’s Graduate Program Application

Last Name First M.I. Maiden

Street City State Zip

Soc Sec # Date of Birth

Home Phone Work Phone E-Mail

Prerequisite or Equivalent Courses required prior to Summer 2012:

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Colleges & Universities attended or currently enrolled. One official transcript must be submitted from each college or university attended except work in progress for the spring semester.* Attach to this application transcripts in sealed envelopes from institutions. You must document a completed baccalaureate degree.

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School Name Location

*Official transcripts showing grades for the in-progress spring term are due in the appropriate offices by June 1.

Previous degree dates: Baccalaureate _____ Master’s _____ Other, specify _____

Previous experience: List your work experience starting with the most recent.

Institution Location Position Date

I verify that the above information is accurate and that the Graduate Program Written Essay is my own work:

Signature __________________________ Date __________________________

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