

Nursing

General Information

The School of Nursing offers a six-semester program that leads to the bachelor's degree in nursing. The program is licensed by the California Board of Registered Nursing and accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. A minimum of 121 semester units is required for the degree. Students should consult the university's *General Catalog* for nursing degree requirements. Upon completion of the program, students are eligible for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) and the California Public Health Nurse Certificate.

High school students preparing for a career in nursing should take biology, chemistry, and the additional school preparatory courses required for CSU admission.

Admission to the Nursing Major

Because we receive more applications than space available, the nursing program is designated as impacted. Prospective nursing students must file applications to *both* the university and the Nursing School. The school's deadlines are as follows:

March 1-31 — filing period for fall semester entry.

August 1-31 — filing period for spring semester entry.

1. **University applications** are done online. The online application and deadline information are available at www.csumentor.edu. Please follow university procedures for submission. The university Office of Admissions requires two official transcripts of all work taken at institutions other than California State University, Fresno.

2. **Nursing Program applications** are done entirely online. The online application is available at www.csufresno.edu/nursing

The online application must be submitted by the deadline. One official transcript from each school and/or university attended must be sent directly to the Nursing Admissions Office. (Fresno State transcripts are not required.)

3. All prerequisites must be completed by the last day of the application period (March 31 for fall and August 31 for spring). Applicants must meet all criteria for admission to the university and to the nursing major. All students applying to the university must select "pre-nursing" as the desired major.

4. Minimum admission criteria to the Nursing Program:

a. Completion of all prerequisites with a minimum *C* grade and

b. Grade Point Average of 3.0 or above in all prerequisites and an overall 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 twice, but this must be done prior to their application. For TEAS information, see www.atitesting.com.

c. Only two prerequisite courses may be repeated for substitution

5. Admission into the major is competitive. Applicants compete against the entire pool of applications. There is no waiting list. Selection is based on GPA in prerequisite courses.

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School of Nursing

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B.S. in Nursing

M.S. in Nursing

Options:

- *Clinical Specialist/Nurse Educator*
- *Primary Care/Nurse Practitioner*

School Nurse Services Credential

Doctor of Nursing Practice

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General Education

While completing lower-division General Education requirements, students should enroll in nursing prerequisite courses (up to seven of the eight prerequisite courses satisfy General Education areas).

Nursing Prerequisite Courses

There are eight school courses that must be completed prior to entry into the nursing program:

1. G.E. Area A1 (COMM 3, 7, or 8) (3 units)
2. G.E. Area A2 (ENGL 5B or ENGL 10) (3 units)
3. G.E. Area A3* (SOC 3) (3 units)
4. G.E. Area B4* (3 units) (MATH 11 or PH 92)
5. Anatomy (BIOL 64) (3 units)
6. Physiology (BIOL 65) (5 units)
7. Chemistry (CHEM 3A) (4 units)
8. Microbiology (BIOL 20) (4 units)

Total (28 units)

* See General Education section of *General Catalog* for approved courses for areas A3 and B4

Major

The major consists of 57 units of nursing courses including six semesters of clinical and theoretical courses. Consult the California State University, Fresno *General Catalog* for course descriptions.

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program takes a minimum of four years full-time school attendance. The majority of our nursing students spend five years completing the BSN — two years to complete nursing prerequisite courses and lower-division General Education courses, and then three years to complete the major and upper-division requirements.

Additional Requirements to the Major

In addition to the nursing major, the Nursing School requires that all students complete the following additional courses. These courses may be completed concurrently with the major, but many transfer students choose to complete them at a community school:

- Philosophy of Ethics
- Lifespan Development or Human Development
- General Psychology
- Nutrition
- Sociology or Anthropology

For additional information, write

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PLEASE NOTE: This document is for general informational purposes only. The information is subject to change; consult the appropriate department or an academic adviser. Entering freshmen must follow the revised General Education program effective fall 1999 and thereafter. The university catalog and schedule of courses are available online at www.fresnostate.edu/ClassSchedule and www.fresnostate.edu/catalog.

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