

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (BSN)

The BSN program prepares registered nurses as generalists in professional nursing practice. Graduates are equipped to function as leaders, managers and resource persons in a variety of health care settings. Critical thinking and decision making are informed through both general and discipline-specific education.

A. Program Objectives

Upon completion of the BSN program, graduates:

1. Design and implement skilled, patient-centered professional nursing care for individuals, families, and populations across the health continuum in a variety of community based settings and institutions, emphasizing quality and patient safety.
2. Integrate knowledge from the physical and behavioral sciences, informatics, and the humanities into professional nursing practice.
3. Demonstrate cultural competence and respect for human dignity in working with others and providing care from beginning to end of life.
4. Implement health promotion and disease prevention plans for individuals, families and populations.
5. Use critical thinking, research findings and evidence-based practice in delivering professional nursing care.
6. Form interdisciplinary collaborative relationships to improve professional nursing practice and the quality of health care for all.
7. Demonstrate ethical behaviors and professional nursing values.
8. Participate in political regulatory processes to influence social justice, health care systems enhancements and quality improvement policies.
9. Exhibit effective communication skills for professional nursing practice.

B. Admissions Requirements

Minimum of 60 semester units of transferable college credit with a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 (C) or better and grades of C or better in all transferable course work and have satisfied any high school subject deficiency in English and mathematics by equivalent course work (the maximum transferable credit accepted from a two-year college is 70 semester units). A 2.5 GPA is required for second baccalaureate applicants.

Nursing Program Prerequisite Course CSU GE-Breadth Area

- Oral communication A1
- Written communication A2
- Critical thinking A3
- Chemistry: general, inorganic, organic or integrated B1, (B3) (with associated lab if required at the institution where the course was taken)
- Human anatomy (with required lab) B2, B3
- Human physiology (with required lab) B2, B3
- Microbiology (with required lab) B2, B3
- Statistics B4
Licensure: *Students may apply to the University in the third or fourth semester of their Associate Degree Program. Licensure is required before Community Health and Leadership and Management classes. United States RN licensure must be unencumbered, unrestricted, with no probation or disciplinary action pending or imposed.*

C. Program Structure

The BSN program comprises classes and/or examinations that include content essential for professional nursing practice. These courses must be taken through the normal schedule with the exception of two courses. BSN 306 and BSN 346 may be completed by obtaining credit by examination. Please contact the School of Nursing for current procedures in place to complete these courses using the testing option.

D. Academic Regulations

A cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or better is required in all courses taken to satisfy the degree requirements. A student will be placed on probation if, in any term, he or she has failed to earn a grade point average of 2.0 or higher for the work taken that term. During the subsequent probationary term the student must achieve a grade point average of 2.0 or better. Failure to do so may result in dismissal from the program.

All integrated nursing and support courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better. A course may be repeated once according to University policy. Any student receiving a grade of "D" or lower must meet with an advisor before proceeding to enroll in additional courses.

Courses must be successfully completed according to the sequence in the student's approved program of study.

General Education

For Nursing students only the scheduled courses are approved to fulfill upper division General Education requirements as specified:

Course	Title	GE Category	Semester Units
BSN 306	Cultural Diversity and Health Care	F3	3
BSN 346	Human Pathophysiology	F2	3

BSN Degree Requirements (48-49 units)

A total of a minimum of 120 semester units are required for the degree. In addition to the major, students must complete general education requirements. Students transferring from a community college can transfer a maximum of 70 units and students from a four year institution may transfer a maximum of 96 units. Electives are not required unless necessary to complete degree requirements.

A. Support Courses (6 units):

BSN 306	Cultural Diversity and Healthcare	3
BSN 346	Human Pathophysiology	3

B. Required Nursing Courses (17 units)

BSN 302	Concepts of Professional Nursing Practice	3
BSN 381	Health Assessment Skills Seminar	1
BSN 382	Health Assessment	2
BSN 422	Community-Based Nursing	3
BSN 423	Community-Based Nursing Role Performance	2
BSN 452	Management and Leadership in Health Care Systems	
BSN 460	Nursing Research Utilization	3

C. Elective Course (0-2 units)

BSN 494	Independent Study	1-3
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NOTE: Students may earn additional 3-6 units from a Humanities course and/or an English Composition course.

D. NCLEX Credit (up to 24 units)

Students may be granted up to 24 units of NCLEX credit once the RN license is verified. Student who have fewer than 120 units after all other transfer BSN, and NCLEX credit has been granted will need to complete additional upper division courses through CSUDH