



SCHOOL OF NURSING  
**Bachelor of Science in Nursing**  
**Prerequisite Requirements**

### Application Deadlines

Admission to the baccalaureate nursing program is a two-step process 1) admission to the University, and 2) admission to the clinical nursing program. Application deadlines are strictly enforced. **Candidates may apply to the School of Nursing pending receipt of their formal University admission decision.** Students who apply to the University after the priority enrollment periods below are not eligible for admission to the clinical nursing program, but may attend the University as an Expressed Interest Nursing student if approved by Admissions and Outreach. Per University policy, the application evaluation fee may not be transferred or used to apply to another term. Sacramento State students, who have graduated or have had a lapse in enrollment, may be required to reapply to the University and are required to meet the same deadlines. For additional information regarding University admission, please contact Admissions and Outreach, Lassen Hall Lobby, (916) 278-3901, [www.csus.edu/admissions](http://www.csus.edu/admissions).

Deadlines	Fall	Spring
University Application	October 1 – November 30	August 1 – August 31
Supplemental Nursing Application	February 1 – March 1	September 1 – October 1

### California Residency

**The clinical portion of the nursing program is open only to students who can satisfy the California residence requirements.** Expressed Interest Nursing students are not required to be residents of California. Paying resident fees based on a military fee waiver does not classify a student as a California resident. For additional information, please contact the Residency Screening Office, Lassen Hall, Room 1011, (916) 278-7779, [www.csus.edu/admissions/residency/](http://www.csus.edu/admissions/residency/).

### Prerequisite Courses

Prerequisite courses are acceptable regardless of date completed, but current knowledge is essential. Prerequisite courses must be completed with a C- or better grade.

1. English 1A (any *G.E. Area A2* course)
2. Oral Communication (any *G.E. Area A1* course)
3. Critical Thinking (any *G.E. Area A3* course)
4. Quantitative Reasoning (Statistics is recommended; any *G.E. Area B4* course is acceptable.)
5. Organic Chemistry (with in-class lab)
6. Anatomy or Anatomy and Physiology I (with in-class lab)
7. Physiology or Anatomy and Physiology II (with in-class lab)
8. Microbiology (with in-class lab)

### Corequisite Courses

Students are strongly encouraged to complete the corequisite courses prior to admission to the clinical major; however, it is not required and the number of corequisite courses completed will not be a factor in the selection process. If needed, student schedules will be modified to allow additional time to finish the corequisite courses, before beginning the clinical nursing curriculum. Life Span Human Development, Introductory Psychology, and Nutrition must be completed prior to enrollment in the second semester of the clinical nursing program. A Societal-Cultural Patterns course must be completed prior to graduation. Corequisite courses must be completed with a C- or better grade.

Good news! Pharmacology is being integrated across the Nursing curriculum. Students applying for admission Spring 2014 or later **will no longer need to enroll in a separate pharmacology course**. Those of you who have already completed pharmacology will benefit from the foundation when you enter the clinical nursing program. As a courtesy, during this transition, students applying for Spring 2014 or Fall 2014 admission will have the option to include or omit their pharmacology grade in the Nursing GPA calculation.

1. "Life Span" Human Development (adult component required)
2. Introductory Psychology
3. Nutrition
4. A Societal-Cultural Patterns Course must be completed before graduation (e.g. SOC1, ANTH 2, ANTH 101, ANTH 144, ANTH 186, ETHN 011, ETHN 100, or HRS 161).

## Completion of the ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)

Completion of the ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) is required for all students applying to the clinical nursing program. Any version of the TEAS is acceptable (e.g. 4.0 or V). A minimum score of 75.0% is required to be considered for admission. The test may be taken three times within a five-year period preceding the Supplemental Nursing Application deadline; the highest score will be used. Scores over five years old are acceptable; however, they will NOT be considered an attempt when determining the three-attempt limit. There are no rules regarding the length of time between each test, but ATI recommends a month to allow students time to review test results and study those areas where improvement is possible. The College of Continuing Education (CCE) at Sacramento State facilitates the ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS). Testing dates, location and registration information may be found on the CCE TEAS website at [www.cce.csus.edu/teas](http://www.cce.csus.edu/teas). If you have any questions, please contact CCE at [ccenursing@csus.edu](mailto:ccenursing@csus.edu). Due to human resource limitations, please do not contact the School of Nursing. The last day to take the TEAS for a fall term is March 1; no exceptions. The last day to take the TEAS for a spring term is October 1; no exceptions. For TEAS tests taken at a non-Sacramento State location, an official TEAS transcript must be purchased online from ATI and submitted by ATI directly to the School of Nursing, [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com). TEAS policies vary at each institution. We recommend you seek advisement from each nursing program you are considering.

## GPA Requirements

The nursing grade point average used to rank candidates for admission to the clinical nursing program will be calculated using the grades from the prerequisite and corequisite courses completed at the time of application (quarter units and grade points will be converted to semester). Plus and minus grades will not be considered (e.g. a C- or C+ will be considered a C). **A minimum Nursing GPA of 3.3 is required to be considered for admission.** All prerequisite and corequisite courses must be completed with a C- or better grade. Eligible AP Examination credit will be considered a pass; no effect on Nursing GPA calculation. **Candidates must also meet the GPA requirements required for admission to the University.**

## In-Progress Policy

One science and one non-science prerequisite course, two total, may be in progress in spring when applying for fall; fall when applying for spring. All eight prerequisite courses must be completed by December when applying for a spring term; June for fall. When applying for a fall term, course work completed in summer will not be considered. Candidates attending quarter-system schools may apply for fall with winter and spring courses in progress; application will not be processed until winter grades are submitted to the School of Nursing. Candidates attending quarter-system schools may apply for spring with summer and fall courses in progress; application will not be processed until summer grades are submitted to the School of Nursing. There is no limit on the number of in-progress corequisite courses.

## Repeat Policy

If a prerequisite or corequisite course has been taken more than once, the highest grade will be included in the Nursing GPA calculation used to rank candidates. However, if a course has been taken more than twice within a seven-year period, preceding the first day of the Supplemental Nursing Application filing period, a five-point deduction per course will be taken from the candidate's final score in the ranking for admission to the clinical nursing program. Repeats will be evaluated based on content and GE Areas; not course numbers. Exceptions may be allowed for students who completed course work as part of a previous major on a case-by-case basis. The In-Progress Policy above applies to repeated courses. If you are considering applying to other institutions, we recommend you contact each institution for advisement regarding their repeat policy.

## **Health Requirements**

Students admitted to the clinical nursing program are required to have specified immunizations by the Student Health Center or a private physician prior to beginning nursing course work. Drug and alcohol screening is required before beginning clinical nursing. Health insurance is required and must be maintained throughout the program. Complete information on health requirements for nursing students may be secured from the School of Nursing.

## **Technology Competence**

To be successful in the curriculum, students must be able to demonstrate competency in computer technology, such as word processing, use of the Internet, email, and database searches. Clinical nursing students are required to own a personal computer.

## **Professional Liability Insurance, Automobile Insurance, Transportation, Schedules, and CPR Certification**

All students enrolled in clinical laboratory courses in the nursing major must pay the University fee for professional liability insurance, provide proof of automobile insurance, and have a means of transportation to extended campus facilities. Professional liability insurance is mandatory prior to beginning clinical experiences. In certain nursing courses, students may have a rotating schedule in the clinical laboratory necessitating flexibility in planning other classes and activities. CPR certification for health professionals is required as a prerequisite to the program and recertification must be maintained according to the requirements of the American Heart Association or Red Cross.

## **Background Checks**

The Board of Registered Nursing requires investigation of any prior convictions and disciplinary actions. Failure to disclose a conviction may interfere with clinical placement and subsequent licensure as a Registered Nurse. All students admitted to the clinical nursing program are required to complete a background screening process by an outside agency. Individuals with reported convictions should refer to the "Prior Convictions and Disciplinary Actions" in the Licensing and Examination section and "Background Checks for Student Clinical Placement" in the Nursing School section of the Board of Registered Nursing Web site at [www.rn.ca.gov](http://www.rn.ca.gov).