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Master of Science in Nursing

Entry Level Master's Program

**University Application Deadline
is
November 30**

**Application Deadline for the Nursing
Department
April 2, 2010**

Next Information Meeting

TBA

No Reservation Needed

**Applicants seeking admission to the nursing program
are encouraged to attend an information session
before submitting an application**



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH

School of Nursing

Dear Prospective Nursing Student:

Thank you for your interest in the Entry Level Master's Nursing Program, offered by the School of Nursing. We will be accepting nursing applications for the fall of 2010 between the March 1 to April 2, 2010.

If you have thought about becoming a nurse but didn't want to spend many years in school, or have had difficulty gaining admission into one of the many impacted nursing programs, this full-time accelerated MSN degree program may be designed for you. This MSN program will prepare you to be a Clinical Nurse Specialist. The Entry Level Master's program is specifically designed for individuals with degrees in other fields who would now like to enter the nursing profession. The first 16 months of this full-time academic program will prepare you to take the National Council Licensing Examination (NCLEX) to practice in California and to apply for a State of California Public Health Certificate. The final 18 months of this academic program will prepare you to work in adult acute care settings.

You will learn to accurately assess the physical, psychological, social, and spiritual health status of human beings across various cultural and age groups. Clinical decision making techniques, as well as a variety of other key concepts and applicable skills will be covered, giving you a thorough and well-rounded education in the field of nursing. The program utilizes technology as well as a cohort group format to enhance your learning experience. Convenience, accredited instructors, and quality curriculum are additional keys to the success of this program combined to bring you closer to your goal of a rewarding career in nursing.

For your information the following materials are enclosed: (1) an Overview of the MSN Program (2) an Admissions Worksheet (3) a Sample Program Schedule and, (4) a Department of Nursing Application form. It is important to recognize that all applicants must apply to both the University (using the official CSULB Application form which may be downloaded from the CSULB website) **and**, the Department of Nursing (using the Department of Nursing Application form enclosed), and must meet all the criteria for admission in both areas. Specifics will be outlined in the Admissions Worksheet enclosed.

You **MUST** apply to CSU, Long Beach after October 1, 2009 and by the deadline of November 30, 2009. Your application for the program will **NOT** be considered unless you have applied to CSU, Long Beach by the deadline. There are **NO** exceptions.

The demand for qualified nurses has reached staggering proportions in this country. To answer that need, the University and the School of Nursing have developed this accelerated MSN degree program – and it is with great pleasure and excitement that we are able to offer it to you, now. If you would like to be considered for admission please carefully review the enclosed materials, and prepare the necessary documents. We will accept nursing applications for Fall 2010 between March 1, 2010 and April 2, 2010.

If you have additional questions that have not been addressed in this package, you are encouraged to contact:

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Degree program

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Program Description

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Prerequisites

There is a five year time limit on these science courses.

1. BIOL 208 Human Anatomy Lecture & Lab
2. BIOL 207 Human Physiology Lecture & Lab
3. **Chem 140 or an equivalent 5 unit combined integrated general, organic and biochemistry course**
4. MICR 200 Microbiology Lecture & Lab

There is no time limit on these courses.

5. Quantitative Reasoning (College level Math Course) **
6. Oral Communication **
7. College Composition **
8. Critical Thinking **

** These courses may have been completed as requirements in your first degree program.

Special Note:

Entry Level MSN students **must complete Statistics, Sociology 100 and Psychology 100** prior to entering the program if they were not requirements of the first degree.

Special Features and Benefits

- Classes are conveniently scheduled, in modular format, for three to eight week periods.
- The *cohort group format* helps you to build professional networks.
- Program instructors are personable and highly qualified.
- Preparation for the *NCLEX State Licensing Exam* is available.
- Professional leaders were utilized to design this program.
- Courses are scheduled to allow students to pursue the degree on a year-round basis.
- Courses will be offered in a 34 month period not including breaks.
- Financial aid packages are available to help cover program costs.

Selection Criteria

A personal profile will be developed for each applicant with points earned from:

GPA in the prerequisite science 4 points maximum courses—minimum 2.5 gpa required

GPA in the prerequisite general 2 points maximum education courses—minimum 2.5 gpa required

General Assessment Test (TEAS) 2 points maximum (minimal score 70th percentile)

TEAS Math Score 2 points maximum

Candidates with the highest cumulative scores, based upon their personal profile, must participate in a mandatory department interview. The interviews will be held approximately thirty days after the nursing application deadline.

After the interviews, successful candidates will be offered admission into the program.

This is an impacted program; therefore, we may only consider California residents for admission.

Letters of reference and testimonials are not a factor in the application process. Please do not submit these items.

Alternates: An alternate list will be selected. An alternate is admitted to replace a candidate who withdraws from the program before the end of the first week of the semester. Because there is no waiting list, alternates not admitted will need to re-apply to be considered for admission the next year.

Notification of Admission Status: You will be notified by the Nursing Department of your admission status by mail by the 2nd week of May. **Do not repetitively call or email asking for your status prior to May 15, 2010.**

Admissions Worksheet

The purpose of this worksheet is to guide you through the steps you need to take in order to be considered for the Entry Level Master of Science in Nursing Degree Program.

1. Have you completed a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university with a CUM GPA of 3.0 or better in your BA/BS?
2. Have you taken or are scheduled to take the School of Nursing's TEAS Admission Test before the deadline date?
3. Have you successfully completed all of the prerequisite courses? Remember to include a copy of your registration form for the course in progress.
4. Entry Level MSN students **must complete Statistics, Sociology 100 and Psychology 100** prior to entering the program if they were not requirements of the first degree.
5. Two applications must be submitted when applying to this program.
 - Application to CSU, Long Beach between October 1 and November 30. You **MUST** apply to CSU, Long Beach by the deadline of **November 30, 2009**. Your application for the program will **NOT** be considered unless you have applied to CSU, Long Beach by the deadline. There are **NO** exceptions
 - Entry Level MSN Application along with your **official transcripts** and **TEAS results** by **April 2, 2010**.

Prior to submitting an application to the Nursing Department, applicants must have all foreign transcripts evaluated by a Credential Evaluation Service to confirm their academic equivalency to educational standards of accredited colleges and universities in the United States. Please contact mward2@csulb.edu for a list of credentialed evaluation service companies.

Nursing applications are to be sent, along with the necessary support documentation to:

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