



**California State University, Long Beach**  
**Department of Nursing**  
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***BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING***  
**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND**  
**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**University Application Deadlines are:**

**Fall October 1 to November 30**

**Spring August 1 to August 31**

**Application Deadlines for the Nursing  
Department**

**Fall January 1 to February 15**

**Spring August 1 to September 15**

Basic Student Counseling sessions are held on the 2nd  
Wednesday of each month during the  
Fall and Spring semesters

**Starting at 4:30 p.m. on**  
**September 10, 2008 in PE-63**  
**October 8, 2008 in PH1-223**  
**November 12, 2008 in PE-63**  
**December 10, 2008 in AS-244**

Applicants seeking admission to the nursing program  
are encouraged to attend a counseling session  
before submitting an application

## ***Prerequisite Courses***

### **Natural Sciences**

**Human Anatomy** (BIOL 208) Lecture & Lab – 4 semester units minimum

**Human Physiology** (BIOL 207) Lecture & Lab – 4 semester units minimum

**Microbiology** (MICR 200) Lecture & Lab – 4 semester units minimum

**Chemistry 140**—5 semester units minimum (Or an equivalent 5 unit **integrated** chemistry course with lab—this course **must** cover general chem, organic chem and biochem)

**Time Limits:** All natural sciences must have been taken within the last 5 years—The committee cannot consider science courses taken prior to Fall 2004.

### **CSULB's Prerequisite General Education Courses-applicants only need one from each category**

**Quantitative Reasoning:** MATH 103, 108, 109, 112, 114, 115, 117, 119A, 122, 123, MTED 110

**Oral Communication:** COMM 110, 130, 132, 171, 331, 335, 441I

**College Composition:** ASAM 100, B/ST 100, CHLS104, ENGL 100

**Critical Thinking:** ASAM 190, B/ST 150, COMM 131, 131W, CWL 161, CECS 100, ETEC 171, ENGL102, HIST101, PHIL 170, POSC105, PSY 130, UHP100

**Grades:** All prerequisite course grades must be C or higher (a grade of C- will not be accepted). To apply to the program you must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 in the Natural Sciences prerequisite courses, and a minimum GPA of 2.5 in the General Education prerequisite courses. However, a science GPA of 2.5 is not competitive as the average science GPA for the Fall 2008 admits was 3.52.

**Repeated Courses:** For admission into the basic nursing program, calculation of the grade point average for prerequisite courses repeated at CSULB or transferred into CSULB from another college or university will follow CSULB policy as described in the annual [Undergraduate and Graduate Catalog](#)

**Course in Progress:** **One** course can be in progress at the time you submit an application. Admission is contingent upon your completing the course with a grade of C or better. Admission GPA for an in-progress course will be calculated as a grade of C.

**Co-Requisite Courses:** Psychology 100 and Sociology 100 must be taken prior to taking Nursing 341 & 341L (your 3<sup>rd</sup> Nursing Program semester). If you have not taken them prior to admission, you will be required to take them your 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Nursing Program semesters or you will not be allowed to advance to 3<sup>rd</sup> semester program courses.

## ***Application Procedure***

**Attend a Student Counseling Session:** Before submitting an application for admission to the nursing program, you **should** attend a counseling/advising session where the application process will be explained. Time will be allotted for questions. See counseling dates on the front page.

**Apply to the University as a Nursing major:** You must apply to and meet the university admission requirements prior to applying to the nursing program. Applications may apply on-line at <http://www.csumentor.edu>. Submit one set of official transcripts from all college level work to the University. For further information on University transfer requirements, please go to CSULB's transfer website: <http://www.csulb.edu/depts/enrollment/admissions/transfers.html>

## ***Applying to the Department of Nursing***

**This is a separate application from your admission to the University.** Complete the nursing application and submit it with a set of official transcripts for all college work.

**Course Equivalencies**—For science courses NOT taken at CSULB, please check to make sure the course(s) you have taken are equivalent. For most local community colleges and other local colleges you can check this at <http://assist.org>. For college courses not found at assist.org, please contact the nursing office.

**Course in Progress:** attach proof of enrollment for any course in progress.

**General Assessment Test (TEAS)** - all applicants must take our Department test prior to the application deadline. The test is offered on during two weeks before each semester starts, and once during the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of May, July and December. It is advisable to sign up early to guarantee you can take the test on the date you want to. If registering by mail, your mail in application must be postmarked at least 14 days prior to a test date. You may sign up in the Nursing Department in Room 17, one day before the test date if space is available. The cost of the test is \$35.00. There is no limit on how many times you can take the TEAS; however, it is your responsibility to indicate which test date we are to use to calculate your rating. You must score at least 70% to be eligible to submit an application. However, a TEAS score of 70% is not competitive as the average science TEAS score for the Fall 2008 admits was 88.6%.

## ***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)
GPA in the prerequisite general	2 points maximum	education courses (minimum 2.5 gpa)
General Assessment Test (TEAS)	2 points maximum	(minimal score 70%)
TEAS Math Score	2 points maximum	

Candidates with the highest cumulative scores, based upon their personal profile, are selected for admission. Ninety (90) students are admitted each Fall and Spring semester. The average rating for the Fall 2008 admits was 8.97.

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

**Notification of Admission Status:** You will be notified by the Nursing Department of your admission status by mail by the 4th week of April or November.

**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 semester.

**Instructions for Candidates Who Have Submitted a Supplemental Nursing Application for a Previous Term:** You do not need to resubmit any documents we already have on file (TEAS score, transcripts) unless there has been a change since your last application.

**Trimester Program:** In addition to our traditional six semester-three year program, the Department of Nursing offers students who have been accepted into the program the option of entering a trimester program that can be completed in just two years. The curriculum in this program is exactly the same with the exception that the course work is scheduled over the summer. Selection for this option will be done by lottery at the mandatory new student orientation.

## ***Additional Information***

**General Education:** You do not have to complete your general education requirements before you enter the nursing program. A few of the nursing prerequisites courses also meet general education requirements.

**Health Requirements:** Upon admission to the program, all students will be required to pass a departmental health examination and will be evaluated on their ability to meet the Department's Essential Performance Guidelines. For more information, see Undergraduate Handbook online at <http://www.csulb.edu/colleges/chhs/departments/nursing/>.

**Background Checks:** Students who are accepted into the program must submit to the Department of Nursing a criminal background check and potential drug screening. This should be done 60 days prior to the start of the first semester.

## ***Licensed Vocational Nurses***

LVNs can seek advanced placement. An LVN advisor is available to assist you with the application procedure. LVNs who are only seeking RN Licensure can use the thirty-unit option.

## ***Second Degree Applicants***

At this time, the university will not accept applications for the Undergraduate BSN Program from applicants who have already earned a BS/BA. However, the university will accept applications from second degree applicants for our Entry Level MSN Program. This program only admits in the Fall. Please contact our department for further information.

## ***Foreign Students & Non-Resident Students***

**Foreign Student Applicants:** Prior to submitting an application to the Nursing Department, applicants must have all non U.S. 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 the Nursing Office for a list of credentialed evaluation service companies. Please submit the evaluation report with your nursing application.

**Non-Resident Applicants:** Our program is under impaction; therefore, we may only consider California residents for admission. We may admit two highly qualified F-1 Visa students each semester.

## **Telephone numbers that may be helpful**

Academic Advising	(562) 985-4837	Center for Internat'l Education	(562) 985-4106
University Admissions/ Enrollment Services	(562) 985-5471	International Admissions	(562) 985-5476
		Financial Aid	(562) 985-8403