



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY LONG BEACH

BSN Program

Our Mission & Vision

The CSULB School of Nursing's mission is to create a collaborative learning environment that empowers students to become nurse clinicians, scholars, and leaders to improve the health and well-being of others. Our vision is a world where nursing professionals are empowered to meet the changing healthcare needs of all communities.

The BSN Program

The program offers courses that prepare the student to become a licensed Registered Nurse.



Admission Prerequisites

- Must meet minimum requirements for admission to the University
- All applicants must take the **Casper** Situational Judgment Test prior to the application deadline: Fall – Feb 1st, Spring – Sept 21st. The exam is administered online on specific dates; please see the website for these dates.
- There are eight prerequisite courses to be completed prior to application. Each course must be completed with a "C" or better grade; when all prerequisites are completed the GPA for the prerequisite courses must be "B" or better (3.0 or better). Students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.25.
 1. Human Anatomy Lecture and Lab (4 semester units minimum) - CSULB BIO 208
 2. Human Physiology Lecture and Lab (4 semester units minimum) - CSULB BIO 207
 3. Chemistry Lecture and Lab (4-5 semester units /6 -10 quarter units): An introductory or preparatory chemistry course is not acceptable. Chemistry courses from community colleges that articulate to CSULB CHEM 111A, 111B, 112A, 112B, 140, 220A or 220B are acceptable or an AP Chem score of 4 or greater. Please refer to www.assist.org for articulated courses.
 4. Microbiology Lecture and Lab (4 semester units minimum) – CSULB BIO 201
 5. Statistics or AP Statistics - CSULB STAT 108, STAT 118, HDEV 190, PSY 110, SOC 170. AP stats score of 3 or higher.
 6. Oral Communication (any communications course that meets GE requirements)
 7. Written Communication/College Composition (any composition course that meets GE requirements, including AP English). Applicants must have a score of 3 or higher for AP credit.
 8. Critical Thinking (any critical thinking course that meets GE A3 requirements)

Application Instructions:

1. Cal State Apply
 - Spring admission** applications open July 1st – August 31st
 - Fall Admission** applications open Aug 1st – November 30th
2. Submit CSULB Enrollment Services Supplemental Application (only if a Transfer applicant)
3. Submit School of Nursing BSN Application (www.csulb.edu/nursing).

Admission Process

Students must be admitted to California State University *and* complete the School of Nursing BSN application. Due to the high volume of applicants, the process for admission decisions is complex. Students are first evaluated based on their performance in the prerequisite courses and their Casper test results to determine applicants who will move to the second phase of the process. If selected to move into phase two, applicants are invited for an interview focusing on written and oral communication skills. The interviews are held by the School of Nursing faculty where students complete a writing exercise as well as an oral communication exercise. The top 75-80 applicants are then admitted to the program.

BSN Nursing Orientation

All students accepted into the BSN program must attend a mandatory orientation session. Students must also submit a criminal background check and drug testing as part of the initial process. The School of Nursing reserves the right to deny admission to students based on prior criminal activities found on the background check. Students must also have multiple immunizations completed prior to starting the program, be in good physical and behavioral health, complete and maintain American Heart Association, Basic Life Support Certification for Healthcare Providers and have individual health insurance throughout the program. Additional information, including the purchase of uniforms, lab coats and other requirements will be addressed during orientation.

Courses within the Program

The program requires 5 semesters of study. Depending on the semester one starts (Fall vs Spring), will dictate the expected graduation date. Additionally, we do have a 5 consecutive semester option that is assigned based on student preference and availability. The School of Nursing has the ultimate decision as to whether students are in the 5 semester or 5 consecutive semester program. The course requirements are identical.

Semester 1	NRSG 200* Foundations NRSG 302 Pharmacology NRSG 305 Pathophysiology
Semester 2	NRSG 250* Intermediate Med-Surg Nursing NRSG 312 Health Assessment
Semester 3	NRSG 331* Advanced Acute Care Nursing NRSG 341* Psych/Mental Health Nursing NRSG 450 Nursing Research/EBP
Semester 4	NRSG 351* Maternal/Newborn Nursing NRSG 361* Child Health Nursing NRSG 456 Health Care Delivery
Semester 5	NRSG 402* Community Health Nursing NRSG 454* Professional Nursing Practice NRSG 458 NCLEX-RN Review

*Indicates a clinical experience is required

Graduation & Professional Life

Students who complete this program are eligible to take the NCLEX-RN examination to become a licensed Registered Nurse. Graduates are also eligible for the Public Health Nurse certification in California. Graduates of the CSULB School of Nursing BSN program have had a near 100% first-time pass rate on the NCLEX-RN exam for the past five years.



