



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY LONG BEACH

RN-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 RN-BSN Program

The RN-to-BSN program is a fully online program offered in 8-week sessions for busy nurses who have graduated from an Accredited Degree in Nursing (ADN) program (or evaluation of diploma program for equivalency by an Accredited Associate Degree program), and hold a current California Registered Nurse (RN) license (or be eligible for license).



Admission Prerequisites

- ◆ Must meet minimum requirements for admission to the University
- ◆ Have graduated from an Accredited Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) program (or evaluation of diploma program for equivalency by an Accredited Associate Degree program), and
- ◆ Hold a current unencumbered, unrestricted, California Registered Nurse (RN) license (or be eligible for licensure).
- ◆ Have 56 to 70 transferable units including:
 - Statistics (suitable for general education math credit) and
 - Chemistry Lecture and Lab (4-5 semester units/6-10 quarter units). CHEM courses from community colleges that articulate to CSULB CHEM 111A, 111B, 112A, 112B, 140, 220A or 220B are acceptable. Please refer to www.assist.org for articulated courses.
- ◆ A minimum GPA of 2.75 in all community college courses required for the Associate Degree in Nursing
- ◆ A minimum grade of "C" must be attained in each course
- ◆ Maintain malpractice and health insurance throughout clinical coursework and submit to a criminal background check
- ◆ Fulfill the Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR) either prior to admission or within the first semester in the program
- ◆ It is recommended that applicants discuss coursework with their current/ recent institutions for course equivalency.

1. Cal State Apply

Spring admission applications open July 1st – September 30th

Fall admission applications open October 1st – April 1st

2. Submit an RN-BSN Online application to the School of Nursing (www.csulb.edu/nursing).

Admission Process

Students submit their application via Cal State Apply, submit the CSULB Supplemental Application as a transfer student, and the School of Nursing RN-BSN Online application. Once Enrollment Services has reviewed the application for university qualifications, the applications are forwarded to the School of Nursing for further review. The School of Nursing will likely send a follow up email requesting additional information to confirm eligibility (watch your email!). Your Associate Degree must be in nursing; no other Associate Degree qualifies for this program. Once the School of Nursing completes their review and recommends admission to Enrollment Services, you will receive a request to submit official transcripts for a specified deadline. If your transcripts are not received by the specified date, your admission will be withdrawn.

RN-BSN Nursing Orientation

All students accepted into the RN-BSN program must attend a mandatory orientation session. Students must submit a criminal background check and urine 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 agree to 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 will be addressed during this orientation.

Courses within the Program

The program requires 3 semesters of full-time study. Many students however progress at a part-time pace for this program. Expected graduation dates are individualized to meet student needs.

Semester 1	NRS 306 Patho & Pharm for RNs NRS 309 Dimensions of Professional Practice NRS 314 Health Assessment for RNs
Semester 2	NRS 460 Research & Evidence Based Practice NRS 462 Health Systems Management and Nursing
Semester 3	NRS 464 Current Issues in Nursing NRS 406* Population Health NRS 468 Bridging Education & Practice

*Indicates 90 practice hours are required

Graduation & Professional Life

Students who complete this program are eligible for the Public Health Nurse certification in California as well as graduate studies at CSULB School of Nursing.

