RN-BSN (TRACK A) AND ADN-BSN COLLABORATIVE TRACK

Units required for Major: 44-46
Total units required for BSN: 120

Program Description

The School of Nursing offers two pathways for students who start their nursing education in a non-baccalaureate program to earn a bachelor’s degree (BSN).

These two pathways are:

1. RN-BSN Track A - Traditional 15-Week Semester track
2. ADN to BSN Collaborative track

Both tracks are designed to be completed in 12-15 months if attending full time. Nursing courses are offered in hybrid format (http://www.csus.edu/umanual/acadaff/fsd00010.htm). Depending on the student’s needs, General Education courses may be hybrid or on campus. The programs include a Community/Public Health clinical course (NURS 174C). Completion of the full program of study, which includes NURS 174C, qualifies students to apply for a Public Health Nurse (PHN) certificate from the California Board of Registered Nursing. The School of Nursing faculty strongly recommend NURS 174C for all students as it is an important part of the BSN education and offers opportunities for diverse nursing roles and employment. Students may petition to be exempt from taking NURS 174C as part of their program; petitions must be received no later than 45 days before the start of their program.

Admission Requirements

RN-BSN Track A - Traditional 15-Week Semester Track:

- Prerequisite courses must be completed prior to admission;
- Must possess a current valid California registered nursing license;
- Applicants who are currently employed as a Registered Nurse and/or completed all prerequisites will have priority for admission;
- Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.6 upon completion of qualifying nursing program
  - In the event all candidates meet all eligibility requirements, supplemental written or oral communication may be required;
- Admission to Sacramento State;
- Completed RN to BSN online application;
- Official transcripts of all institutions attended;
- Program admission is contingent upon meeting requirements outlined and passing drug screening and background check.

ADN to BSN Collaborative Track:

- Students currently in good standing and actively enrolled in one of the community college nursing programs at American River, Sacramento City, or Sierra College are eligible to apply;
- Prerequisite courses must be completed prior to admission;
- Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.6 or higher
  - In the event all candidates meet all eligibility requirements, supplemental written or oral communication may be required;
- Admission to Sacramento State;
- Completed RN to BSN online application;
- Official transcripts of all institutions attended;
- Program admission is contingent upon meeting requirements outlined and passing drug screening and background check;
- Must have a current valid California registered nursing license to enroll in third semester.

Note: Students must pass the NCELEX RN examination and possess a current valid Registered Nurse License to enroll in third semester. Students not passing the examination may apply for the RN-BSN Program Track A and have units transferred.

Required Prerequisite Requirements

The prerequisite classes listed below must have all been completed prior to admission with a grade of "C" or better and are used as part of the 70 transferable units:

- A two-semester Anatomy and Physiology series with an in-class lab (8 units) such as:
  - BIO 25 Human Anatomy and Physiology I AND BIO 26 Human Anatomy Physiology II or Systemic Physiology OR BIO 22 Introductory to Human Anatomy AND BIO 131 Systemic Physiology
- A Microbiology course with a lab (4 units) such as:
  - BIO 39 Microbiology for Allied Health Students OR BIO 139 General Microbiology
- Chemistry as approved by campus; general, inorganic, or integrated; with associated lab (if applicable at the institution where the course was taken) (5 units) such as:
  - CHEM 5 Chemistry for Nurses OR CHEM 6B Introduction to Organic and Biological Chemistry
- A Written Communication course (any GE Area A2 course) (3 units) such as:
  - ENGL 5 Accelerated Academic Literacies
- An Oral Communication course (Any GE Area A1 course) (3 units) such as:
  - COMS 4 Introduction to Public Speaking
- A Statistics course (3 units) such as:
  - STAT 1 Introduction to Statistics
- A Critical Thinking course (any GE Area A3 course) (3 units) such as:
  - COMS 2 Argumentation OR ENGL 1C Critical Thinking and Writing

In Progress Policy: Classes may be in progress prior to admission. Unofficial transcripts may be submitted for in-progress classes but must be replaced with official transcripts.

Minimum Grade Requirement

Satisfactory completion of the program requires a grade of "C" or better in every nursing course.

Program Requirements

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A3 - Critical Thinking  

Area B: Physical Universe and Its Life Forms (6-12 Units)
B1 - Physical Science  
B2 - Life Forms  
B3 - Lab (Note: Lab experience to be taken with one of the following: B1, B2 or B5)  
B4 - Math Concepts  
B5 - Additional Course (Any B to reach 12 units) - Take upper-division course to complete Area & upper division requirements.

Area C: Arts and Humanities (9 Units)
C1 - Arts
C2 - Humanities
C1/C2 - Area C Course
C1/C2 - Area C Course - Take upper-division course to complete Area & upper division requirements.

Area D: The Individual and Society (12 Units)
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Area D Course - Take upper-division course to complete Area & upper division requirements.

Area E: Understanding Personal Development (3 Units)
Area E Course

Total Units: 30-36

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2 Required in Major; also satisfies GE. 

3 Department offers students an "OR" option for CHEM 5 or CHEM 6B:  
   • If student chooses to take CHEM 5, they will meet Area B1 and Area B3.  
   • If student chooses to take CHEM 6B, they will still be required to complete a Area B1 and Area B3.

Note: 
• Students graduating with a BSN (post-licensure) in Nursing will not be subject to the University’s Foreign Language Graduation Requirement. Students who change major may be subject to the University’s Foreign Language Graduation Requirement.  
• Opportunity to repeat nursing courses will depend upon space availability in classroom and clinical placements.  
• Total Units Required for BSN (post-licensure program) 120.

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**Note:** There is no way to list all possible overlaps so please consult with a professional advisor. The Academic Advising Center can be visited online [here](http://www.csus.edu/acad), by phone (916) 278-1000, or email [advising@csus.edu](mailto:advising@csus.edu).

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**Required in Major; also satisfies Graduation Requirement.**

**If not satisfied before entering Sacramento State, it may be satisfied in General Education Area C2 (Humanities). “C- or better required.”**

The alternative methods for satisfying the Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement are described here: [here](https://www.csus.edu/wll/flgr/)

**Note:** Students with a declared major of Nursing (all concentrations) in are exempt from the Foreign Language Graduation Requirement.