

HEALTH PROFESSIONS OFFICE

NURSING

There are several levels of career choices including the Licensed Vocational Nurse (L.V.N.), Registered Nurse (R.N., often through a bachelor's degree), and advanced practice nurses who generally have a master's degree and/or a doctoral degree in nursing. Students wishing to obtain a B.S.N may follow one of two routes: complete the pre-nursing requirements listed at the bottom in preparation for transferring to a bachelor's program in Nursing at another school, or complete a bachelor's degree at UCSB and apply to an accelerated BSN program. These programs allow students to earn a BSN in 12-18 months, and are designed for students who have a bachelor's degree in a non-Nursing discipline. Students wishing to obtain a master's degree in Nursing should apply to programs called Direct-Entry MSN programs, which admit students who have a bachelor's degree in a field other than Nursing.

Specialization at the graduate (MSN) level may be according to clinical area, e.g. nurse anesthesia, community health nursing, gerontological nursing, medical-surgical nursing, psychiatric mental health nursing and nurse midwifery; according to age group, e.g. child health nursing and nursing of the adult; or according to functional area, e.g. teaching and administration. Programs that prepare generalists are also available. Graduate preparation is widely becoming accepted as a basic requirement for advanced certification. Nursing as a professional discipline is concerned with human responses to actual and potential health problems. Current research in nursing is focused on nursing practice, including human responses to acute and chronic health problems, health promotion and health maintenance and nursing interventions.

For More Information

www.aacn.nche.edu

www.allnursingschools.com

Course Requirements for Direct-Entry Graduate Nursing Programs

Below is a list of classes generally needed for admission to a direct-entry program.* Be sure to check the web site of each school to ensure you have taken all the necessary classes for admission. Most programs require a minimum 3.0 GPA (3.5 GPA for more competitive schools) and a few require the GRE. Direct-entry programs do not require a particular major.

*If interested in transferring to get a BSN, consult the desired school for a list of pre-requisites you can complete here at UCSB before transferring.

General Chemistry	Chem 1ABC + labs (or 2 series)
Microbiology (w/ lab)	MCDB 131 (pre-requisites include MCDB 101A, Chem 109ABC – if non-science major, may be best To complete course at SBCC BIOMD 127)
Statistics	PSTAT 5A (or equivalent – Psy 5 or Comm 87)
English	Writing 2, 50 (some schools may require a full year)
Anatomy & Physiology (w/ lab)	not offered at UCSB – offered at SBCC BIOMD 107 & 108
Humanities	12-15 units

*all schools will require specific courses (higher math, psychology, public speaking, etc) so check with each school that you are planning on applying to

CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS

Direct-Entry MSN

Azusa Pacific University – School of Nursing (Azusa)
Samuel Merritt College – School of Nursing (Oakland)
University of San Diego – Hahn School of Nursing and Health Science (San Diego)
University of San Francisco – School of Nursing (San Francisco)
Western University of Health Sciences – College of Graduate Nursing (Pomona)
California State University – Dominguez Hills
California State University – Los Angeles
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, San Francisco

Accelerated BSN

Mount St. Mary's College – Department of Nursing (Los Angeles)
Loma Linda University – School of Nursing (Loma Linda)
Samuel Merritt College – School of Nursing (Oakland)

BSN (For Transfer)

Azusa Pacific University
Loma Linda University
Mount St. Mary's College
Point Loma Nazarene University
Samuel Merritt College
University of Phoenix
University of San Francisco
Biola University
California College for Health Sciences
Cal State Bakersfield
Cal State Chico
Cal State Fresno
Cal State Hayward
Cal State Long Beach
Cal State Los Angeles
Cal State Sacramento
Cal State San Bernadino
Dominican University of California
Humboldt State University
Mills College
San Diego State University
San Francisco State University
San Jose University
Sonoma State University
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Los Angeles