Good news! In Fall 2008, the three-year traditional clinical nursing program was restructured to allow completion within two years. This change shortened the time to graduation, allowed students to enter the workforce earlier, and significantly reduced student costs—all while maintaining the same quality and standards which are the hallmarks of the Sacramento State nursing program. Through improved teaching methods and technology, we will continue to provide our community with the most highly-skilled workforce possible. We have increased enrollment 67% since 2004 and our efforts, along with our community and private college partners, have ensured Sacramento is one of the few communities not facing a critical nursing shortage.

### Four-Semester Traditional BSN Track

**Co-Req.**  
12 Units

**Complete before second semester:**
- “Life Span” Human Development (3) CHDV 30
- Introductory Psychology (3) PSYC 2 or PSYC 1 or PSYC 5
- Nutrition (3) FACS 10
- Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR) placement. Prerequisite: Second Semester Composition GE graduation requirement (Sac State ENG 20 or equivalent course). Must be completed prior to enrolling in NURS 120 in the second clinical semester.

**Complete before graduation:**
- Societal-Cultural Patterns Course (3) (e.g. SOC 1, ANTH 2, ANTH 101, ANTH 144, ANTH 186, ETHN 11, ETHN 100, or HRS 161)

**Pharmacology:** Good news! Pharmacology was integrated across the nursing curriculum Spring 2014. **Candidates no longer need a separate pharmacology course.** As a courtesy, during this transition, students applying to begin the clinical nursing program Spring 2014 and Fall 2014 were allowed to include or omit their pharmacology grade in the Nursing GPA calculation. This grandfather clause will not be offered Spring 2015 forward.

**1st - 12 Units**
- NURS 111 Professional Nursing (3)
- NURS 112 Nursing Care of Adults (5)
- NURS 113 Professional Nursing Communication, Assessment and Skills (4) *(previously NURS 15, NURS 16 & NURS 18)*

**2nd - 14 Units**
- NURS 123 Nursing Families in Complex Illness (6)
- NURS 129 Mental Health Nursing (5)
- NURS 120 Nursing Application of Research and Critical Analysis (3) *(replaced NURS 150 & NURS 169)*

**3rd - 12 Units**
- NURS 136 Nursing Laboratory for the Childbearing Family (1)
- NURS 137 Nursing the Childbearing Family (5)
- NURS 138 Nursing the Childrearing Family (5)
- NURS 139 Nursing Laboratory for the Childrearing Family (1)

**4th - 14 Units**
- NURS 143 Leadership and Management in Nursing Practice (3)
- NURS 144 Community Health Nursing (5)
- NURS 145 Clinical Leadership and Professional Role Development (6)

1 May be used for upper division GE by Nursing majors (Area E). Effective Fall 2005, may be used for Writing Intensive GE requirement by Nursing majors.

### Additional Information and Recommendations

- The traditional baccalaureate program will allow for a four-year curriculum of lower and upper division coursework—two years of General Education, including prerequisite (pre-clinical) coursework, and two
years of clinical nursing coursework. The time to complete prerequisite coursework and general education may increase the time to complete degree requirements.

- Students are strongly encouraged to complete the corequisite courses prior to admission. Many very competent, newly-admitted students have difficulty adjusting to the workload requirements of the clinical nursing program. Reducing the number of units in the first clinical semester will decrease stress, improve performance, and make the transition from general education to nursing education much easier. Students are not required to complete the corequisite courses prior to admission, and the number of corequisite courses completed will not be a factor in the selection process. Life Span Human Development, Introductory Psychology, and Nutrition must be completed before the second semester of the clinical nursing program. A societal-cultural patterns course must be completed before graduation.

- Admission is only offered to candidates who are able to attend full-time; including evenings and weekends. Lecture, clinical, and labs are generally offered during the day, Monday through Friday, but students may also be scheduled for clinical or labs evenings and weekends.

- Due to the rigorous nature of the clinical nursing program, it is recommended students not work during the program. If a student must work, the faculty strongly advises no more than 16 hours per week and work must be scheduled around the nursing curriculum. Students are encouraged to meet with a representative in the Financial Aid Office a year or more in advance of application to the clinical major to obtain information regarding eligibility for scholarships and low-interest loans, www.csus.edu/faid/.

- Selection to the clinical nursing program is determined by a points system. A maximum total of 112 points are possible—50 for GPA, 50 for the ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS), and 12 for Optional Criteria. Please refer to the program information below and the School of Nursing website for detailed program information, www.csus.edu/hhs/nrs/programs/undergraduate/traditional/index.html.

**Impacted Program**

The Traditional, Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at California State University, Sacramento is an official CSU "impacted" program. Since the campus receives more applications than it can accommodate, a supplemental criteria and a competitive selection process has been established.

The program is divided into two phases: 1) Expressed Interest Nursing, and 2) Clinical Nursing. Admission as an Expressed Interest Nursing student does not guarantee admission to the clinical nursing program. Applicants are admitted to the "clinical" nursing program based on the rank ordering of admission points assigned to the Nursing GPA, the ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS), as well as points assigned to Optional Criteria.

The average Nursing GPA of students selected to the clinical nursing program in Fall 2012 was 3.903 (range 3.730-4.0). The average TEAS score was 87.5% (range 79.3%-95.3%). Please refer to the Applicant Pool Statistics and Selection Criteria documents for more detailed information, http://www.csus.edu/hhs/nrs/programs/undergraduate/traditional/index.html.

Applicants to the Traditional, BSN program must complete "pre-clinical" courses, an Undergraduate Application for Admission to the University, a Supplemental Nursing Application, and the ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS).

Please consult the School of Nursing website for a complete explanation of all requirements and deadlines, www.csus.edu/hhs/nrs/programs/undergraduate/traditional/index.html.