Good news! Candidates with regionally accredited baccalaureate or higher degrees may apply to the Traditional BSN program—even when University admission is closed to Second Bachelor’s (Cal. Educ. Code 89267.3).

**Do NOT apply to the University through CSU Mentor** - submit Supplemental Nursing Application to the School of Nursing only. Please review FAQs below for additional information.

**Frequently Asked Questions**

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1. **Do you offer a continuous Accelerated Second Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ASBSN) or Entry Level Master’s (ELM) track for post-baccalaureate students?**
   
   No. Post-baccalaureate candidates are encouraged to apply to our four-semester Traditional BSN program (winter and summer intersessions off).

2. **Can you direct me to other program options?**
   
   Yes. Here is a link to the California, Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) list of accredited nursing programs, [http://www.rn.ca.gov/education/rnprograms.shtml](http://www.rn.ca.gov/education/rnprograms.shtml). You might consider one of the Accelerated Second Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ASBSN) or Entry Level Master’s (ELM) programs offered in California.

3. **Why should I consider Sac State?**
   
   - State-of-the-art human-patient simulation lab
   - Excellent NCLEX pass rates, [http://www.rn.ca.gov/education/passrates.shtml](http://www.rn.ca.gov/education/passrates.shtml)
   - Exposure to multiple clinical agencies
   - Ranked #20 in “Top Nursing Schools in the U.S.” by College Atlas—ranked #2 in California

4. **Do you admit spring and fall?**
   
   Yes.

5. **Do you offer a part-time track?**
   
   No. 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.

6. **May I work while I am in the program?**
   
   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 advise no more than 16 hours per week—work must be scheduled around the nursing curriculum.

7. **Can I qualify for financial aid?**
   
   While it is more difficult to obtain financial aid as a graduate, 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, [http://www.csus.edu/faid/future-students/index.html](http://www.csus.edu/faid/future-students/index.html).

8. **Are fees higher for post-baccalaureate students?**
   
   Yes. The fee schedule for post-baccalaureate students is slightly higher. Here is a link to the University fee schedule, [http://csus.edu/aba/bursars-office/fees_deadlines_refunds.html](http://csus.edu/aba/bursars-office/fees_deadlines_refunds.html).
9. Do I need to submit a supplemental application to the School of Nursing?
   Yes. A link to the application materials will be available on the Traditional BSN homepage on
   September 1 to October 1 for spring; February 1 to March 1 for fall, http://www.csus.edu/hhs/nrs/programs/undergraduate/traditional/.

10. Is the Nursing admission criteria different for post-baccalaureate students?
    No. Continuing Sac State students, community college transfers, and Second Bachelor’s are
    given equal consideration in the selection process—it is all about the points! Please refer to
    the Selection Criteria and Applicant Pool Statistics guides for more detailed information,
    http://www.csus.edu/hhs/nrs/programs/undergraduate/traditional/.

11. Do you ever make exceptions or waive admission criteria?
    No.

12. How do I know if I am eligible to apply or what my chances are for selection?
    We currently have over 1,300+ Sac State, Expressed Interest Nursing students and an even
    larger number of transfer students seeking program information—we need your help and
    patience! Due to impaction, we are not able to provide phone or drop-in advising at the
    School of Nursing. We ask prospective students to complete the following steps:
    ▪ Read our online program information. It’s easy - just click on the program
    ▪ Write down any questions not addressed on our website.
    ▪ Attend a BSN group advising session. You will have an opportunity to ask questions
      one-to-one at the end of the presentation.

13. Should I apply to the University?
    No. Do not apply to the University! Submit a supplemental nursing application to the School
    of Nursing only. If you are selected for admission, you will receive special instructions how to
    apply to the University in your admission decision email.

14. What if University admission is closed to Second Bachelor’s?
    No worries! Even when University admission is closed to Second Bachelors, there is an
    exception for Nursing. If you are selected for admission, you will receive special instructions
    how to apply to the University in your admission decision email.

15. If University admission is closed to Second Bachelor’s, may I attend Sac State to complete
    any missing prerequisite or corequisite coursework?
    No. However, Second Bachelor’s may be eligible to complete coursework during winter and
    summer intersession through the Sac State, College of Continuing Education. Check the
    winter and summer class schedules and contact the College of Continuing Education for
    additional information, http://www.cce.csus.edu/. A local community college is another
    option!

16. May I use my previous college coursework to satisfy the nursing prerequisite and
    corequisite requirements?
    Yes. Equivalent coursework completed at any regionally accredited college is acceptable.
17. What if my coursework is over 5 to 7 years old?
   Good news! Your coursework does not expire at Sac State. However, current knowledge is important to your success in the Nursing program. If you completed anatomy or physiology several years ago, you may want to dust off your textbooks and self-study. We recommend you seek advisement from each program you are considering—policies vary!

18. Do I need to complete any other General Education or graduation requirements?
   No. Candidates with regionally accredited bachelor’s degrees are only required to complete the coursework necessary for preparation as a registered nurse—the prerequisites, corequisites, and “clinical” Nursing major curriculum (EO 1084).

19. May I use coursework completed outside of the United States?
   You need an expert! Equivalent coursework approved for transfer by the University, Admissions and Outreach office is absolutely acceptable. Please submit the following items with your supplemental nursing application:
   - Written statement/email from the Sac State, Admissions and Outreach office stating your degree and units are transferable, http://www.csus.edu/admissions/aboutus.html.
   - Original, sealed transcript.
   - U.S. educational records evaluation in English by a service approved by the University (such as WES or ERES).

20. How do I determine if my coursework is acceptable?
   - Equivalent coursework completed at any regionally accredited college is acceptable.
   - Anatomy or A&P I, Physiology or A&P II, and microbiology must include in-class, on-campus labs—virtual or kitchen labs are not acceptable.
   - A “statistics” course completed within your major is absolutely acceptable—a research course alone would not satisfy this requirement.
   - Life span human development must be birth through “adult”—a child development course alone is not acceptable.
   - Societal-cultural patterns should be a study of multiple societies and the cultural norms of those societies—awareness of cultural norms is very important in patient care! For example, Introductory Sociology or “Cultural” Anthropology—“Physical” Anthropology would not work!
   - Confirm the title of the course matches the content area and the total units are 3 for non-science and 4 to 5 for science lab coursework (quarter system courses may be slightly less when converted to semester units). For example, if you completed a course with an in-class lab titled “Anatomy” you are all set! If you completed a unique course such as “Zoology,” or the units are less than noted above, you need to email Teri Tallman, BSN Admissions Coordinator, at tallmant@csus.edu with 2BA in caps in the subject line for advisement. If you do not receive a response within two weeks, resend with SECOND REQUEST in caps in the subject line.
   - These guidelines are intended for the Sac State BSN program only. We recommend you seek advisement from each program you are considering—policies vary!

21. How do I know if my oral communication, written communication, and critical thinking courses will transfer?
   Second Bachelor’s are not required to complete additional GE, unless they choose to improve their Nursing GPA. In recognition of your previously earned degree, we will find coursework
within your previous degree to satisfy these requirements—however, we will hold you to the content requirements.

- Oral communication must be a public speaking, group discussion, or course involving oral presentation.
- Written communication may be a lower-division or upper-division writing course.
- Critical thinking may be a second, more advanced, writing course or a course including “critical thinking” or “analysis” in the course description. You may want to review the Sac State, critical thinking course descriptions for examples of what we are looking for (may need to scroll down), http://catalog.csus.edu/16-17/first%20100%20pages/ge.html#Course%20Requirements.

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22. I have taken multiple chemistry courses—which course should I use?
Within the limits of the Nursing, Repeat Policy, use the course with the highest grade! Generally, for chemistry, a course is considered a repeat if you repeat coursework with similar content (e.g. multiple CHEM 1A or CHEM 1A equivalent courses). Completing a different series is not considered a repeat. For more detailed information, please refer to the following guide (see Chemistry FAQ link), http://www.csus.edu/hhs/nrs/programs/undergraduate/traditional/docs/bsn_prereq_changes_7-31-15.pdf.

23. May I substitute upper-division coursework with the same content?
Yes. We recommend you seek advisement for each program you are considering—policies vary!

24. May I repeat coursework to improve my Nursing GPA?
Yes, within the limits of the Nursing, Repeat Policy. Please refer to the “Repeat Policy” section of the Prerequisites Requirements guide for more detailed information, http://www.csus.edu/hhs/nrs/programs/undergraduate/traditional/. We recommend you seek advisement for each program you are considering—policies vary!

25. If the course I am repeating is in progress at the time of application will the prior grade be included in the Nursing GPA calculation?
No—within the limits of the “In Progress” policy outlined in the Prerequisite Requirements guide, http://www.csus.edu/hhs/nrs/programs/undergraduate/traditional/. If you do not complete the course with a grade of C- or better, your Nursing GPA will be recalculated using the previous grade. We strongly recommend you do not relax on your in-progress coursework in case you need to reapply!

26. Do I need to take the Writing Placement for Juniors (WPJ) examination?
No. The WPJ exam is waived for Second Bachelor’s admitted to the BSN program.