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RN to BSN Program Overview and Application Requirements

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WELCOME AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN OUR RN TO BSN PROGRAM!

- The purpose of this PowerPoint is to provide an overview of the RN to BSN program and application requirements.
- Is this the right program for you?
 - Affordable
 - Online
 - Flexible
 - Engaged and responsive faculty



WHY CHOOSE SAC STATE?

- Affordable tuition and Low-cost materials
 - Low cost of Sac State tuition
 - Open-educational resources
- Quality online courses
 - Courses created for students' needs
 - Certified as organized and accessible
- Accredited by the Commission on the Collegiate Nursing Education



FLEXIBLE PROGRAM

- Be done in 2 or more semesters
 - Choose full-time track or go at your own pace
 - You don't have to pick one and stick with it, you can change during the program
- Ability to apply to receive your Public Health Nursing (PHN) certificate
 - Option to take NURS 174C, PHN clinical course



OVERVIEW OF THE RN-BSN PROGRAM

- Courses in the program are all offered online with synchronous and asynchronous content.
- All students are required to attend orientation prior to the start of their first semester.
- All synchronous classes occur on Wednesdays, 1-4 times per semester.



TRACK OPTIONS

- Full-time: done in two semesters. We do not recommend this if you are working full time or are in a new job!
- Part-time: go at your own pace.
- You can switch while in the program!



SUGGESTED FULL-TIME PATTERN

Semester 1

- NURS 171A: Transitional Concepts: The Baccalaureate Nurse (3 units)*
- NURS 171B: Transitional Concepts: The Client Lifespan (3 units)
- NURS 170: Foundations for Evidence-Based Nursing Practice (3 units)
- NURS 174: Community Health Nursing: Concepts and Practice (4 units)
- NURS 174C: Community Health Nursing: Clinical Elective (2 units)**
- 1st Upper GE course (3 units)

Total = 18 units

*NURS 171A must be taken during the 1st semester

**NURS 174C is an elective clinical course (90 hours); course required for PHN certificate

Semester 2

- NURS 173A: Theoretical Foundations for Leadership (3 units)
- NURS 173B: Theoretical Foundations for Management (3 units)
- NURS 179: Professional Communication and Reasoning Development (3 units)***
- NURS 178: Culminating Project (3 units)****
- 2nd Upper GE course (3 units)

Total = 15 units

***WPJ exam must be taken prior to enrolling in NURS 179

****NURS 178 must be taken during the last semester of nursing courses



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Note: Students automatically receive up to 19 units for completion of the NCLEX

SUGGESTED PART-TIME PATTERN

Go at your own Pace.

Semester 1

- NURS 171A: Transitional Concepts: The Baccalaureate Nurse (3 units)*
- NURS 171B: Transitional Concepts: The Client Lifespan (3 units)
- NURS 170: Foundations for Evidence-Based Nursing Practice (3 units)

Total = 9 units

Semester 2

- NURS 174: Community Health Nursing: Concepts and Practice (4 units)
- NURS 174C: Community Health Nursing: Clinical Elective (2 units)
- NURS 179: Professional Communication and Reasoning Development (3 units)

Total = 9 units

Semester 3

- NURS 173A: Theoretical Foundations for Leadership (3 units)
- NURS 173B: Theoretical Foundations for Management (3 units)
- NURS 178: Culminating Project (3 units)

Total = 9 units

Semester 4

- Two upper GE courses (6 units) (may be taken earlier if blended with required BSN course during 1st thru 3rd semesters)

Total = 6 units



IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS

- NURS 171A must be taken during the first semester
- NURS 178 must be taken during the last semester
- NURS 179: Must pass WPJ prior to taking - meets GE Area C2.
- Plan on taking required GE courses throughout the program
- NURS 174C: This clinical course must be taken concurrently with the theory course (NURS 174) or the very next semester after completing NURS 174.
 - It is important to note that students who do not complete NURS 174C will not be eligible to apply for a Public Health Nurse certificate from the Board of Registered Nursing.



WRITING PLACEMENT FOR JUNIORS (WPJ)

- The Writing Placement for Juniors (WPJ) exam must be taken before enrolling in NURS 179. Enrollment in NURS 179 is contingent upon the score received on the WPJ. Students are encouraged to take the WPJ during their first semester.
- Students who already have a BA/BS in another field are exempt from the WPJ requirement.



GE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE RN-BSN PROGRAM

- Applicants who have not had a GE evaluation are encouraged to have a GE evaluation **prior** to applying to the RN to BSN program.
- See the [College of HHS Student Success Center](#) for transfer students. Be sure to have your unofficial transcripts ready for your GE advising session.
- 3 upper division GE courses are required (NURS 179 serves as one of the three upper GE for area C).
- Students who already have a BA/BS do not have to take the 2 additional upper GE course besides NURS 179.
- GE courses may be taken anytime, during fall, winter, spring, or summer semesters.
- *Note: The graduation requirement for foreign language is waived for the RN to BSN program.*



TUITION AND CAMPUS FEES

- Go to the [Sac State Website](#) for current tuition and fees
 - Scale is different for students without a prior BA/BS follow the fee schedule for Undergraduates.
 - Low additional program costs (minimum textbook costs or other fees)
- *Note: All fees are estimates and subject to change upon approval by the Board of Trustees.*



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- An unencumbered valid California registered nursing license before the start of 2nd semester of the program
 - ADN program completion prior to starting program
- California state resident
- Admission to Sacramento State
- A cumulative G.P.A of 2.6 upon completion of qualifying nursing program
- Program admission is contingent upon meeting clearance requirements outlined.



REQUIRED PRE-ADMISSION COURSES

- Anatomy (with a lab)
- Physiology (with a lab)
- Microbiology (with a lab)
- Chemistry (integrated or organic chemistry is not required)
- Written Communication
- Oral Communication
- Statistics
- Critical Thinking

Applicants must pass above courses with a "C" or better.



APPLICATION

Application is a **two-step** process:

1. **First**, apply to Sacramento State. Link to apply online <https://www2.calstate.edu/apply>
2. **Second**, apply to the RN to BSN program. Please check the nursing department's [website](#) for the correct link to apply online to the RN to BSN program. There is a supplemental application fee for the RN to BSN program.



APPLICATION DEADLINES

FALL DEADLINES

- University application period:
October 1 – July 15.
- School of Nursing RN to BSN application period:
October 1 – July 15.

SPRING DEADLINES

- University application period:
August 1 – December 15.
- School of Nursing RN to BSN application period:
August 1 – December 15.

Financial Aid deadlines are different. See the Sacramento State website for more information: [Tuition, Fees and Living Costs – Bursar's Office](#)



IMPORTANT DETAILS

- Ensure your applications are complete!
 - Be sure to submit all transcripts, including courses in progress
 - Keep copies of everything
- We notify by email regarding admission status and other important communication, so check your email for messages from us.



QUESTIONS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

- Applicants who have further questions about the program are encouraged to attend an optional information session.
 - Please check our [website](#) for dates of advising sessions.
- Applicants may also email us at sacstatenursing@csus.edu with questions.



WE HOPE TO SEE YOU IN OUR PROGRAM AT SAC STATE!



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