

# NURSING, BSN

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## Program Description

The Department of Nursing offers a baccalaureate program built upon a foundation of science and liberal education that prepares graduates as professional nurses for positions in hospitals and community agencies. All graduates from the program are recommended for certification as public health nurses in the State of California. This program also prepares students for entrance into graduate programs in Nursing.

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree program at California State University, Bakersfield is approved by the

California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN)  
PO Box 944210  
Sacramento, CA 94244-2100  
916-322-3350.

The BSN degree program is accredited by the

Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education  
655 K Street NW, Suite 750  
Washington, DC 20001  
202-887-6791.

The nursing curriculum is organized according to the four universal concepts of nursing which include the client, the environment, health, and the nurse. The client is defined as individuals, families, groups, communities, and diverse populations across the lifespan and the continuum of health care environments. Students study health, health problems and human responses that occur as a result of life processes. Emphasis is placed on the nursing process as a systematic method of assisting clients to attain, regain and maintain maximum functional health status. Nursing intervention with clients is based on the use of the nursing process with a focus on the various roles of the nurse including educator, clinician, leader, and researcher.

## Baccalaureate Program Goals and Objectives

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program is designed to support the achievement of the following goals:

1. BSN graduates will be prepared to function in the four professional nurse roles of clinician, researcher, leader, and educator.
2. BSN graduates will be prepared for graduate study and value lifelong learning to support excellence in nursing practice.
3. Traditional BSN graduates will successfully complete the RN licensure examination (NCLEX).

The program objectives are to prepare students for graduation who:

1. Integrate the knowledge and methods of the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences as a foundation for nursing practice.
2. Incorporate knowledge, skills, and attitudes in leadership, quality improvement, and client safety as necessary components of high-quality health care.
3. Evaluate current evidence and incorporate evidence-based practices to improve client outcomes.
4. Utilize knowledge, skills, and attitudes in client care technologies, information systems, and communication devices to deliver safe and effective nursing care.
5. Demonstrate an understanding of healthcare policies, including financial, legal, and regulatory, and their direct and indirect influences on the nature and functioning of the healthcare system.
6. Use effective communication and collaborative skills as part of an inter-professional team to deliver patient-centered care.
7. Deliver population-focused nursing care, with an emphasis on health promotion and disease prevention in a diverse, multicultural society.
8. Demonstrate professionalism and a respect for the inherent ethical values of altruism, autonomy, human dignity, integrity, and social justice as fundamental to the discipline of nursing.
9. Engage in clinical nursing practice with clients, including individuals, families, groups, communities, and diverse populations across the lifespan and the continuum of healthcare environments.

In summary, the professional baccalaureate program in nursing is based on the belief that the graduate is a liberally educated, self-directed person who has beginning competency in delivering nursing care and is a responsible citizen.

## Traditional BSN Program

The Traditional BSN program provides students the opportunity to complete the requirements for a BSN degree. Graduates are eligible to seek licensure as a Registered Nurse with successful completion of the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN). Graduates are also eligible for the California Public Health Nurse Certification and are prepared to progress into a master's degree program.

## Admission Requirements

Additional information regarding the following Department of Nursing policies is available at [www.csub.edu/nursing](http://www.csub.edu/nursing) (<https://catalog.csub.edu/academic-degrees-programs/undergraduate-majors/nursing-bsn/www.csub.edu/nursing/>):

1. Admission Criteria and Application Procedure
2. Physical and Mental Health Requirements

3. Health Clearance for Newly-admitted and Continuing Nursing Students
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5. Program Progression
6. Requirements related to Program Completion, including Graduation Checks, Testing, and Applications for BRN Approval for NCLEX Testing and the Public Health Nurse Certificate
7. Admission with Advanced Standing

## Program Requirements

Code	Title	Units
<b>General Education Requirements</b>		
First-Year Seminar (FYS)		
		2
Lower Division Area A: Foundational Skills <sup>11</sup>		
		0
Lower Division Area B: Natural Sciences <sup>11</sup>		
		0
Lower Division Area C: Arts and Humanities		
		6
Lower Division Area D: Social and Behavioral Sciences <sup>11</sup>		
		0
Lower Division Area E: Student Enrichment and Lifelong Learning (SELF) <sup>11</sup>		
		0
Lower Division Area F: Ethnic Studies		
		3
American Institutions: Government and History		
		6
Junior Year Diversity & Reflection (JYDR) <sup>11</sup>		
		0
Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR) <sup>11</sup>		
		0
Upper Division Thematic Area C and D		
		3
General Education Capstone <sup>11</sup>		
		0
<i>General Education Subtotal</i> <sup>11</sup>		
		20
<b>Required Prerequisite Courses for the Traditional BSN Program</b> <sup>1</sup>		
<i>Expository Writing</i> <sup>2</sup>		
ENGL 1109	Writing and Research <sup>3</sup>	3
<i>Speech</i>		
COMM 1008	Strategies of Public Communication <sup>4</sup>	3
<i>Critical Thinking</i>		
Select one of the following: <sup>5</sup>		
		3
PHIL 1019	Critical Thinking	
PHIL 2019	Ethical Reasoning	
SOC 1018	Critical Thinking and Contemporary Social Problem	
<i>Statistics</i>		
Select one of the following: <sup>6</sup>		
		3
MATH 1209	Statistics in the Modern World	
PSYC 2018	Introduction to Statistical Methods in Psychological Research	
SOC 2208	Introduction to Statistics in the Social Sciences	
<i>Chemistry</i>		
Select one of the following: <sup>7</sup>		
		3-5
CHEM 1000	Foundations of Chemistry	
CHEM 1003	Foundations of Chemistry for Healthcare Professionals	
One 5-semester unit combined general/organic chemistry course		
<i>Human Anatomy, with lab</i>		
BIOL 2210	Human Anatomy <sup>8</sup>	4
<i>Human Physiology, with lab</i>		

BIOL 2220	Human Physiology <sup>8</sup>	4
<i>Microbiology</i>		
BIOL 2230	Microbiology <sup>8</sup>	4
<b>Cognate Courses</b>		
<i>Psychology</i>		
PSYC 1018	Explorations in Psychology <sup>9</sup>	3
<i>Pathophysiology</i>		
BIOL 3220	Human Pathophysiology <sup>8</sup>	4
<i>Lifespan Development</i>		
NURS 2190	Lifespan Development	3
<i>Nutrition</i>		
BIOL 2240	Principles of Nutrition	2
<b>Required Nursing Courses for the Traditional BSN Program</b> <sup>10</sup>		
<i>Level I</i>		
Prerequisite Courses		
<i>Level II</i>		
NURS 2110	Health Assessment and Physical Examination (Theory)	2
NURS 2111	Health Assessment and Physical Examination (Clinical)	1
NURS 2120	Fundamentals of Nursing Practice (Theory)	3
NURS 2121	Fundamentals of Nursing Practice (Clinical)	3
NURS 2130	Medical-Surgical Nursing (Theory)	3
NURS 2131	Medical-Surgical Nursing (Clinical)	3
NURS 2140	Pharmacology I	1
NURS 2150	Pharmacology II	1
<i>Level III</i>		
NURS 3110	Nursing Care of Women and the Childbearing Family (Theory)	3
NURS 3111	Nursing Care of Women and the Childbearing Family (Clinical)	3
NURS 3120	Nursing Care of Children and Adolescents (Theory)	3
NURS 3121	Nursing Care of Children and Adolescents (Clinical)	2
NURS 3130	Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing (Theory)	3
NURS 3131	Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing (Clinical)	2
NURS 3140	Gerontological Nursing (Theory)	2
NURS 3141	Gerontological Nursing (Clinical)	1
NURS 3150	Foundations of Nursing Research	3
NURS 3160	Pharmacology III	1
NURS 3170	Pharmacology IV	1
<i>Level IV</i>		
NURS 4110	Critical Care Nursing (Theory)	3
NURS 4111	Critical Care Nursing (Clinical)	3
NURS 4120	Community Health Nursing (Theory)	3
NURS 4121	Community Health Nursing Practicum (Clinical)	2
NURS 4140	Becoming a Nurse: Licensure Preparation	1
NURS 4190	Pharmacology V and Cumulative Pharmacology Review	2
NURS 4901	Professional Nursing Practicum	2
NURS 4908	Leadership in Nursing Traditional BSN	3
<i>Major Subtotal</i>		99-101

<b>Additional Units Needed Towards Graduation</b>	<b>0</b>
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<b>Total Units</b>	<b>119-121</b>
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- <sup>1</sup> **Note:** It is expected that prerequisite courses be taken within ten years of the student's expected baccalaureate graduation. See [www.csub.edu/nursing/](https://www.csub.edu/nursing/) for course currency policy.
- <sup>2</sup> Advanced English Composition
- <sup>3</sup> Satisfies Area A2
- <sup>4</sup> Satisfies Area A1
- <sup>5</sup> Satisfies Area A3
- <sup>6</sup> Satisfies Area B4
- <sup>7</sup> Satisfies Area B1
- <sup>8</sup> Satisfies Area B2
- <sup>9</sup> Satisfies Area D
- <sup>10</sup> The Bachelor of Science in Nursing requires the completion of the following courses in Nursing arranged according to level. The levels are taken sequentially.
- <sup>11</sup> Satisfied in prerequisite, major, or other university requirement. The SELF requirement is met by completing a LD Area B, C, or D course with a SELF component.

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