# RN-BSN Program

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# About the RN-BSN Program

- 15 months = 4 semesters long (including summer)
- Online Courses and In-Person Community Health Clinical
- About Lectures
  - Coursework is completed online
- About Clinical
  - Minimum of 90 supervised clinical hours
  - Clinical hours will be completed in Spring Semester during the following course: Nursing 4221 - Community & Public Health Nursing (Practicum)
  - 1 eight-hour in-person clinical day per week is required (Monday - Friday, 8am - 5pm)
  - Students notified of clinical placements by end of 1st semester of the program
  - Clinical placements are in Kern County

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# RN-BSN Program Admission Requirements

- **Eligibility Requirements**
  - Graduate of a nationally recognized, regionally accredited Associate Degree Program in Nursing
  - Hold a current registered nurse license from the California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN), unencumbered, unrestricted, with no disciplinary action pending or imposed (Students may apply while in-progress)
  - Hold a current American Heart Association Healthcare Provider CPR card (Students may apply while in-progress)
  - Must have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or greater in the last 60 semester/90 quarter units of course work

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# RN-BSN Program Admission Requirements (cont.)

- **Eligibility Requirements**
  - Completion of all prerequisite course work with a minimum grade of "C" or above by the start of the program (courses may be in-progress prior to entering the program)
  - Transfer students must be in good standing at the last college attended.
  - Meet all CSUB Department of Nursing new student requirements upon admission including Essential Functions (See Undergraduate Handbook under "General Information").
  - Must be accepted to CSU Bakersfield.
  - Submission of a completed RN to BSN Program application through NursingCAS.
  - Recommended: Meet with the RN-BSN Program Advisor to review your

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# RN-BSN Program Schedule and Costs

# RN-BSN Curriculum

| Fall | Spring | Summer | Fall |
|---|---|---|---|
| N3210: RN-BSN Transitions (2 units) | N4220: Community & Public Health Nursing Theory (3 units) | N4218: Healthcare Ethics (3 units, GWAR) | N4250: Special Leadership Project (3 units) |
| N3220: Professional Nursing: Influence, Policy & Issues (3 units) | N4221: Community & Public Health Nursing Clinical (2 units) | N4240: Professional Nursing Career Development (2 units) | N4918: Leadership in Nursing (Capstone) (3 units) |
| N3250: Foundations of Nursing Research (3 units) | N4230: Pathophysiological Basis of Illness & Disease (3 units) | Upper Division C course (3 units) can be taken during any semester | |
| Area F Ethnicity course (3 units) can be taken during any semester in the program | | | |
| 8-11 units | 8-11 units | 5-11 units | 6-12 units |
| *Students are required to complete 30 CSUB resident units, except post-baccalaureate students. | | | |
| **Students may need to complete additional graduation requirements depending on their previous coursework. | | | |

# Program Costs

- Based on the 2024-25 Academic Year, tuition and fees is $4,039 per semester *(before financial aid)*
- Other costs may include (but are not limited to):
  - Books
  - Background Check, Drug Test, and Clinical Requirements through Verified Credentials
  - Immunizations, Mask Fit Testing, CPR Certification (if not, up-to-date)
  - Clinical Sites Travel Expenses
  - Application for Graduation
- Post-Graduation Costs: Public Health Nurse Certificate Expenses
  - Board of Registered Nursing Fee
  - Transcript Fee
- Program Cost estimate is subject to change. See the CSUB Catalog for further details/updates.

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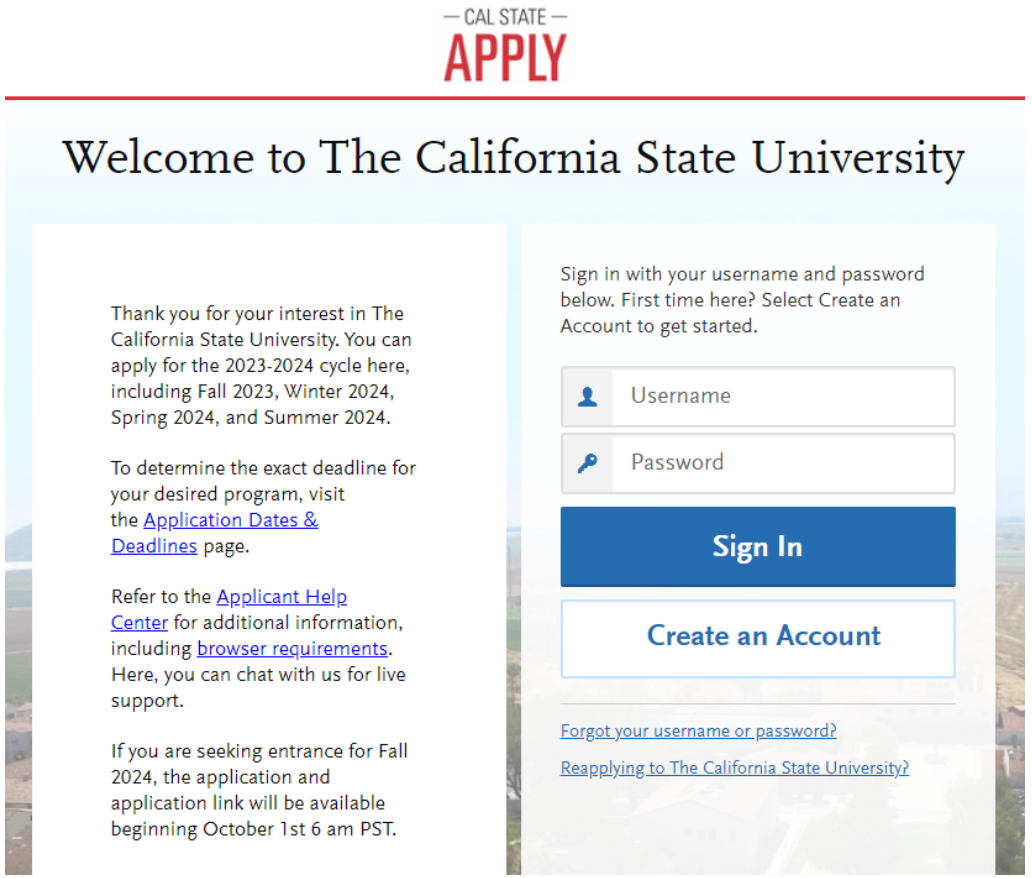
# Application Process & Next Steps

# STEP 1:
# Cal State Apply Application

- Go to https://www2.calstate.edu/apply
- Choose “Fall 2025” for the Term
- Create an Account
- Choose Program: “Nursing - RN-BSN” for CSU Bakersfield
- Complete all sections of the application
- Pay $70 Application Fee



# Cal State Apply Application (cont.)

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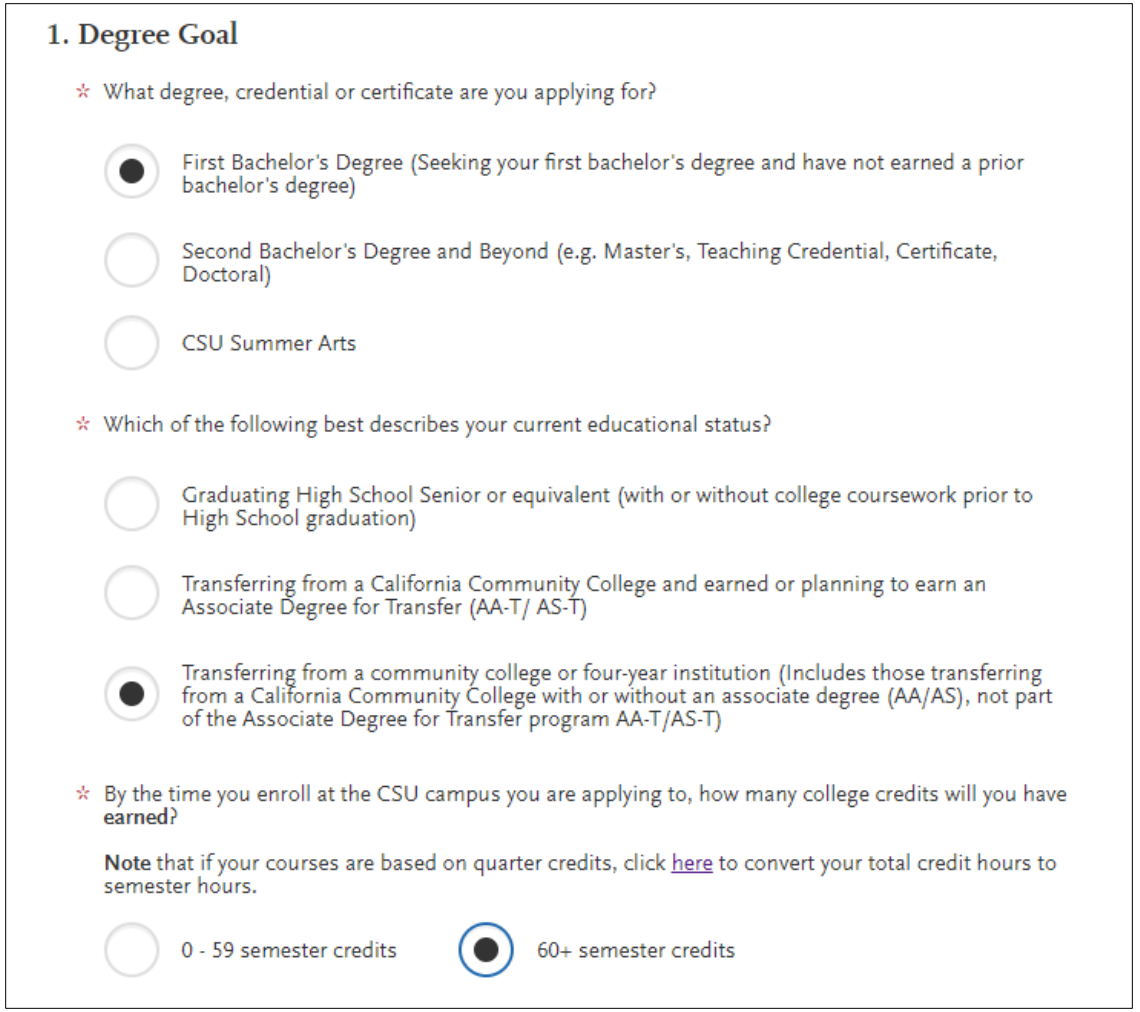


1. Degree Goal

* What degree, credential or certificate are you applying for?

- (●) First Bachelor's Degree (Seeking your first bachelor's degree and have not earned a prior bachelor's degree)
- ( ) Second Bachelor's Degree and Beyond (e.g. Master's, Teaching Credential, Certificate, Doctoral)
- ( ) CSU Summer Arts

* Which of the following best describes your current educational status?

- ( ) Graduating High School Senior or equivalent (with or without college coursework prior to High School graduation)
- ( ) Transferring from a California Community College and earned or planning to earn an Associate Degree for Transfer (AA-T/ AS-T)
- (●) Transferring from a community college or four-year institution (Includes those transferring from a California Community College with or without an associate degree (AA/AS), not part of the Associate Degree for Transfer program AA-T/AS-T)

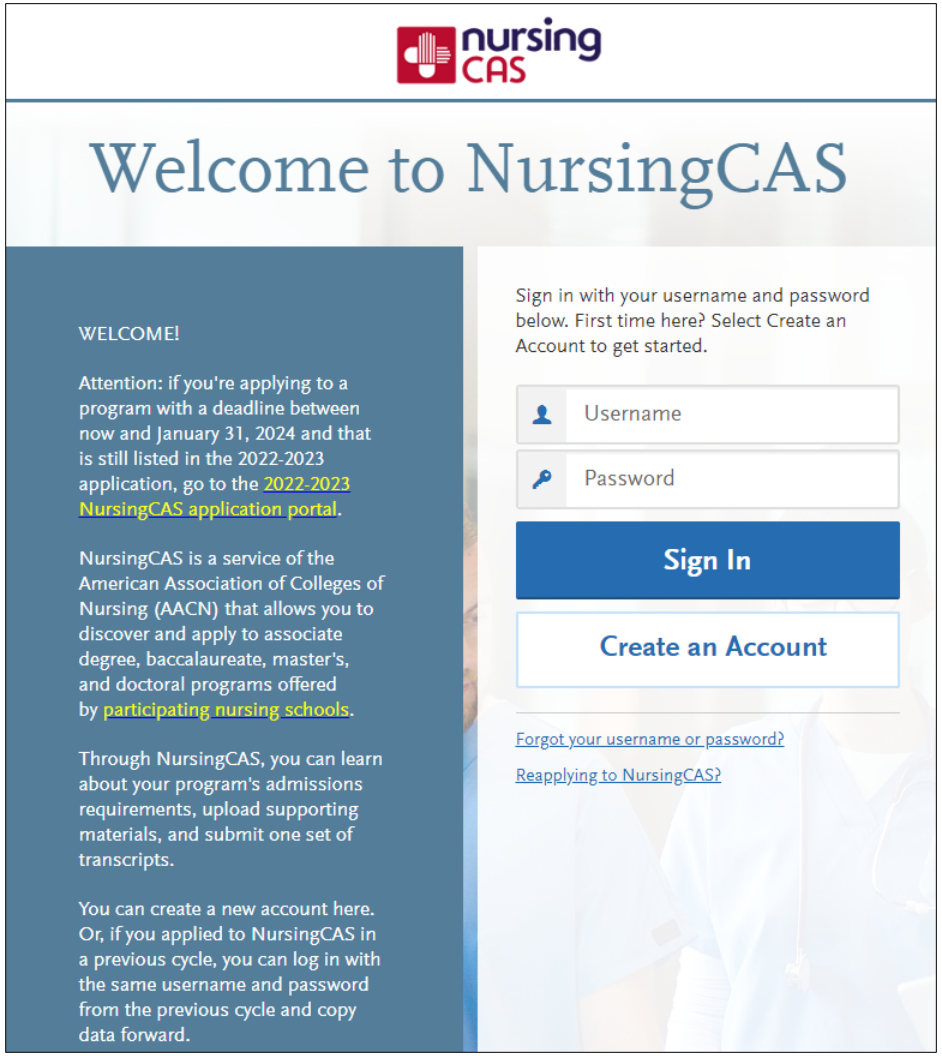
* By the time you enroll at the CSU campus you are applying to, how many college credits will you have **earned**?

**Note** that if your courses are based on quarter credits, click here to convert your total credit hours to semester hours.

( ) 0 - 59 semester credits (●) 60+ semester credits

# STEP 2:
# NursingCAS Application

- Go to www.nursingcas.org
- Choose “Apply Now”
- Select Term “Fall 2025”
- Create an Account
  - Choose Program: CSUB – RN-BSN
  - Complete ALL sections of the application
    - Upload unofficial transcripts from all colleges/universities attended
    - Upload CV/Resume with 2 professional references listed
    - Answer Personal Statement Questions
  - Pay NursingCAS Application Fee




NursingCAS Application Common Questions:
See Submitting and Completing Application for more information

# TRANSCRIPTS

- Submit Transcripts of **ALL** colleges attended to both:

1. CSUB Admissions and Records
   - See Application Process for Transfer Students for information on how to submit transcripts after you have applied through Cal State Apply

2. NursingCAS Application
   - See Transcript Submission Section for more information

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# Planning Ahead: Fall 2025 Important Dates

- Cal State Apply Application
  - Opens October 1, 2024
  - Deadline to apply is March 1, 2025 (no exceptions)
  - Official transcripts of ALL colleges required
    - In-progress coursework should be included
- NursingCAS Application
  - Opens October 1, 2024
  - Deadline to apply is March 15, 2025 at 8:59 pm PST
  - Unofficial transcripts of ALL colleges attended due by March 15, 2025
- RN-BSN Program Evaluation Fee
  - $30 is due by March 22, 2025
- May – June 2025: RN-BSN Decisions Sent Through NursingCAS

# Frequently Asked Questions

# Q: Coursework from a Foreign University

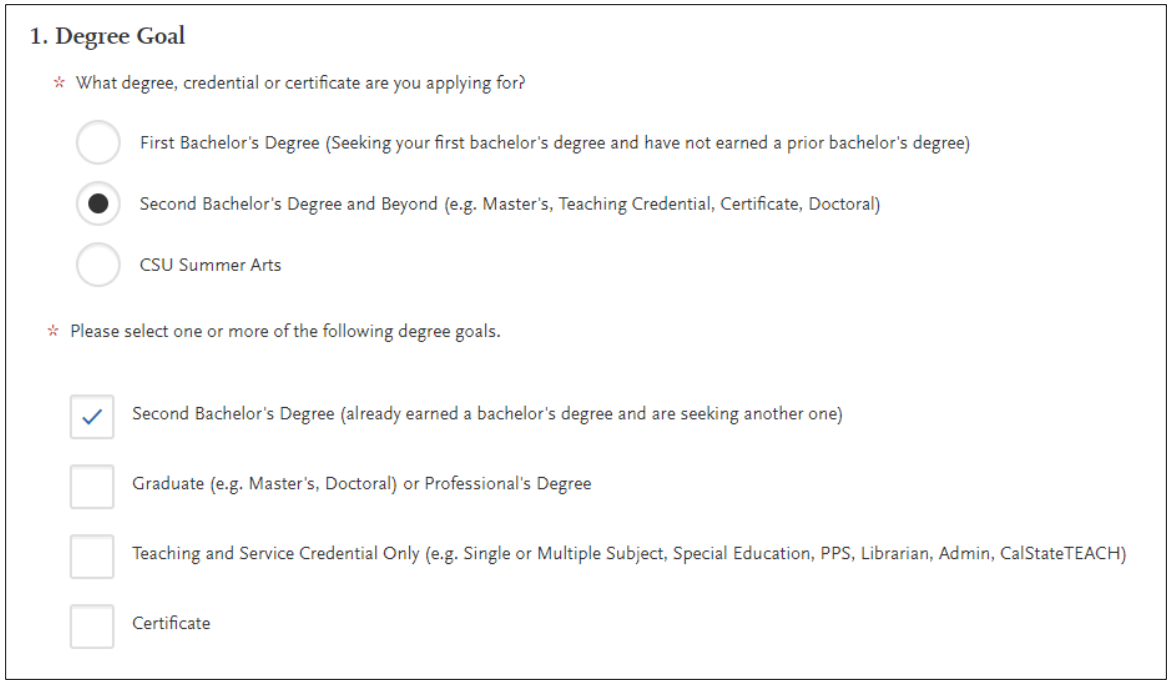
## RN-BSN Foreign Credit Policy

1. Nursing Coursework
    - Applicants with nursing courses from a foreign university must have a course-by-course evaluation completed by the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS) (www.cgfns.org)
    - Submit an official copy of this evaluation with your RN-BSN Program application through NursingCAS
2. Non-Nursing Coursework
    - Approved Evaluation Service (www.ctc.ca.gov)
    - Choose an evaluation service that is NACES approved such as World Education Services (WES) or SpanTran
    - Request two transcript evaluations:
        - Submit one to the CSUB Office of Admissions and Records
        - Submit one with your RN-BSN Program application through NursingCAS

- Please include all original foreign transcripts to the Office of Admissions and Records upon submitting the Cal State Apply Application.
- Please start this process early as this can take months to complete.

# Q: Post-Baccalaureate or 2nd Bachelor's Student

- Can I apply as a Post-Bacc or 2nd Bachelor's student?
  - Yes, the RN-BSN program allows post-baccalaureate or those seeking a 2nd bachelor's degree to apply.
    - For Cal State Apply, you will need to choose "Second Bachelor's Degree" in your profile (see photo)
  - Make sure to submit your transcripts from your 1st Bachelor's degree. If your degree is from abroad, please look at the previous FAQ for the process to have these transcripts evaluated.



# Q: Financial Aid and Resources

- Do I qualify for Financial Aid for the RN-BSN Program?
  - Students are encouraged to complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) by the March 3rd priority deadline for California.
  - Students are encouraged to apply for scholarships through CSUB (https://www.csub.edu/financial-aid/types/scholarships).
  - Department will send information for scholarships and grants to current students, if available.

Visit the CSUB RN-BSN Nursing Website for more information

# Thank You

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