# CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY

# **RN-BSN Program**

### **Our Mission & Vision**

The CSULB School of Nursing is a student-centered program whose mission is to educate undergraduate and graduate students to become quality professionals for entry into practice in diverse community settings. We strive to be the premier university-based professional nursing program.

# The RN-BSN Program

The RN-to-BSN program is a program designed for students who have graduated from an Accredited Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) program (or evaluation of diploma program for equivalency by an Accredited Associate Degree program), and hold a current California Registered Nurse (RN) license (or be eligible for licensure).



# **Admission Prerequisites**

- Must meet minimum requirements for admission to the University
- Have graduated from an Accredited Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) program (or evaluation of diploma program for equivalency by an Accredited Associate Degree program), and
- Hold a current unencumbered, unrestricted, California Registered Nurse (RN) license (or be eligible for licensure).
- Have 56 to 70 transferable units including:
  - statistics (suitable for general education math credit) and
  - an inorganic, organic, and/or biochemistry course with lab (5 units CSULB CHEM 140 or combined/ integrated chemistry course is preferred)
- A minimum GPA of 2.75 in all community college courses required for the Associate Degree in Nursing
- A minimum grade of "C" must be attained in each course
- Maintain malpractice and health insurance throughout clinical coursework and submit to a criminal background check and drug testing.
- Fulfill the Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR) either prior to admission or within the first semester in the program
- It is recommended that applicants discuss coursework with their most recent/current school counselors/advisors to ensure courses are CSU-transferable

# **Application Instructions:**

1. Cal State Apply

**Spring admission** applications open August 1<sup>st</sup> – August 31<sup>st</sup>

Fall admission applications open October 1<sup>st</sup> – November 30<sup>th</sup>

2. Submit CSULB Enrollment Services Supplemental Application (only if a Transfer applicant)

Email: nursing@csulb.edu

#### **Admission Process**

Students submit their application via Cal State Apply and submit the CSULB Supplemental Application as a transfer student. Once Enrollment Services has reviewed the application for university qualifications, the applications are forwarded to the School of Nursing for further review. The School of Nursing will likely send a follow up email requesting additional information to confirm eligibility (watch your email!). Your Associate Degree must be in nursing; no other Associate Degree qualifies for this program. Once the School of Nursing completes their review and recommends admission to Enrollment Services, you will receive a request to submit official transcripts for a specified deadline. If your transcripts are not received by the specified date, your admission will be withdrawn.

#### **RN-BSN Nursing Orientation**

All students accepted into the RN-BSN program must attend a mandatory orientation session. Students must submit a criminal background check as part of the initial process; the School reserves the right to deny admission to students based on prior criminal activities found on the background check. Students must also agree to have multiple immunizations completed prior to starting the program, be in good physical and behavioral health, complete and maintain American Heart Association Basic Life Support Certification for Healthcare Providers, and have individual health insurance throughout the program. Additional information will be addressed during this orientation.

#### **Courses within the Program**

The program requires 3 semesters of study. Depending on the semester one starts (Fall vs Spring), will dictate the expected graduation date.

Semester 1	NRSG 305 Pathophysiology   NRSG 309 Dimensions of Professional Practice   NRSG 312 Health Assessment
Semester 2	NRSG 402* Community Health Nursing NRSG 456 Health Care Delivery
Semester 3	NRSG 454* Professional Nursing Practice NRSG 450 Nursing Research/EBP

\*Indicates a clinical experience is required

#### **Graduation & Professional Life**

Students who complete this program are eligible for the Public Health Nurse certification in California as well as graduate studies at CSULB School of Nursing.



