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RN to BSN Distance Education Program

Why is This Program For You?

- ◆ Courses are held once a week at a facility near you
- ◆ Affordable tuition and scholarship opportunity
- ◆ Finish in eight to ten semesters
- ◆ Web-based courses can be worked into your busy lifestyle
- ◆ Learn from distinguished nursing faculty
- ◆ Networking opportunities with a group of experienced nurses
- ◆ Clinical experiences in leadership and community health
- ◆ Assigned academic advisor
- ◆ Training in computer use and on-going professional development

Act Now, and Give Us a Call:

Toll Free (866) 729-7729

Or Check our Website at <http://nursing.fullerton.edu>

Distance Nursing Department
California State University, Fullerton
800 N. State College Blvd.
Fullerton, CA 92834-6868

Admission Requirements

Requirements for Admission to the University include:

- ✓ California residents must meet these requirements to qualify as an upper-division transfer student: Completion of at least 60 transferable semester units with a Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 2.0*.
- ✓ Non-California residents must have a GPA of 2.4 or higher. All undergraduate applicants, regardless of citizenship, who have not attended schools at the secondary level or above for at least three years full-time where English is the principal language of instruction, must demonstrate competence in English by taking the TOFEL test. A minimum score of 500 (paper) or 173 (computer) on the TOEFL Test is required.
- ✓ "Basic Four" requirements: Speech, English Composition, Critical Thinking, and a transferable Math (College Algebra, Statistics, or Liberal Arts Math). Elementary or intermediate algebra do **not** satisfy this requirement under most circumstances, so please call for advisement. You can also check www.assist.org to make sure you have taken the courses which meet the Basic Four requirements. *You must complete Speech and English before admissions but Math and/or Critical Thinking can be completed within the first academic year of the program.* Students are urged to apply for certification of their general education units before transferring.

Requirements for Admission to the Bachelor Program in Nursing include:

- ✓ An Associate degree or its equivalent in nursing from an accredited institution
- ✓ Completion of college level courses in the following areas with a grade of C or better:
 1. Anatomy and Physiology, with lab
 2. Psychology
 3. Chemistry, with lab (high school chemistry **is not** accepted)
 4. Sociology or Anthropology
 5. Microbiology, with lab
- ✓ Current California RN license or eligible for a California RN license**
- ✓ Professional liability insurance, which **must be separate** from insurance you may have through your employer (for lab/clinical courses)
- ✓ Current CPR card
- ✓ Current medical clearance (PPD or chest x-ray; Measles, Mumps, Rubella titer; Hepatitis B titer; Varicella titer)
- ✓ Current California driver's license
- ✓ Current automobile insurance

** Completion of one year of work experience as a registered nurse is recommended not required.

To determine what to complete before admission, please consult our Distance Nursing Advisor at (714) 278-7648 or email anelson@fullerton.edu

What Are the Costs to Attend?

Fees:

Application Fee	\$55.00
Registration fees per semester (California residents)	
0 – 6 units	\$1069.00
7 or more units	\$1651.00
Distance Student Fee (per unit, in addition to registration fees, distance fees are <i>non-refundable</i> if classes are dropped)	
Seminar Course	\$50.00
Lab Course	\$100.00
Book and Supplies	vary by courses
Graduation Processing Fee	\$115.00

All fees and tuition are subject to change by the University. The CSU system has proposed an 8% increase for Fall 2006, exact fees are not known yet.

Financial Aid:

Financial aid is available to remove the cost barriers that may prevent you from pursuing your educational goals. Assistance is available from a variety of programs funded by federal, state, university, and private sources. These include grants, scholarships, loans, and employment opportunities. Financial aid is frequently given to single or married individuals with children and extended families.

Nursing students are eligible for any scholarships, grants, or loans available to the general student body. Students interested in applying for assistance can call University Financial Aid at 714/278-3125 – press 0 when the message begins for faster service. Federal aid requires you to apply for financial aid online at <http://www.fafsa/ed/gov>.

Nursing students are encouraged to obtain a *University Scholarship Handbook* available annually in December in the Office of the Dean at (714) 278-3311. Also, see the Nursing Department website for additional scholarship and financial aid information at <http://nursing.fullerton.edu>.

Note that fees are split at 7 or more units. For most semesters, 5 units are required in Distance Education to complete the program in 9 semesters. However, 6 units per semester are required by some employers to qualify for financial aid.

If you are interested in financial aid, we urge you to apply as soon as possible so that the funds will be available when you are ready to start the program.

Facts About the Distance RN to BSN Program

When do I start?

It depends on the site you choose to attend. Students start classes in groups called "cohorts". You and your classmates are assigned to a group and attend the distance education classes together. Please see your cover letter regarding the starting date and location.

Where are classes located?

Our distance education program features sites throughout the State of California. Our recruitment experts can assist you to find a program near you to minimize commuting time. Every effort will be made to set up a site near you. Encourage your friends and coworkers to apply also. A minimum of 20 students and available video conference capability will assure a site. Help us to set up a site near you.

What is the time commitment for classes?

Courses offered through videoconferencing will be held once a week for 4.5 to 6 hours. Courses offered through the Internet can be accessed at any time of the day during a regular semester.

How long is the program?

The distance education program in Nursing can usually be completed in 8 to 10 semesters.

Can I apply/transfer credits from my Associate Degree program?

Yes. The best way for a student to transfer is to complete the general education lower division requirements, i.e. become GE certified, and lower division major requirements prior to transfer. Nursing students must have an AA/AS degree in Nursing or its equivalent and have current RN licensure (or be in the process of obtaining one) prior to transfer. No nursing clinical course can be taken before receiving your RN license. We recommend that all transfer candidates visit their Community College Transfer Center and meet with the CSUF representative for advisement.

If you attended a Community College, you may apply up to 70 transferable units towards the degree requirements. If you attended both a Community College and a University, you may apply 94 transferable units towards the degree requirements. A minimum of 30 units must be taken at CSUF in order to be granted a CSUF degree.

What if I haven't met the Entry Level Math Requirements?

If you have not completed the transferable Math class (upper division math), you must take the ELM test before taking other math courses required for graduation or complete a transferable math, such as statistics, prior to admission to CSUF. Our student advisors are available to answer your questions regarding preparing for and taking the ELM.

Do I need to have my own computer?

You will need to have access to a computer. Recommended computer specifications can be found on the CSUF Nursing website: <http://nursing.fullerton.edu>. We recommend the following computer experience: basic word processing skills, basic knowledge of internet searches, and basic knowledge of the use of e-mail. Our technical experts can also provide support with computer use.

Will I meet the requirements for nursing graduate school?

In general, yes. In fact, about 60% of our students go on to graduate studies. You must maintain a B average or better throughout the BSN program.

When should I complete the online application?

Apply as soon as possible before the semester in which you are requesting admission. If you need coaching regarding the completion of the online admission applications please feel free to contact us for assistance. If you would like for us to review your transcript prior to applying to the University, simply send an unofficial transcript to the Distance Nursing Department along with the Department's application (included in this packet). We'll contact you to review whether or not there are steps that will help you to complete missing prerequisites and/or to answer questions you may have.

Course Descriptions

NURS 300, Nursing Theories (3) - Online

Discussion and comparison of concepts and theories from nursing, humanities, and science with emphasis on their significance to the practice of professional nursing. Includes philosophical and conceptual framework of the nursing program and use of theory in the nursing process. *Prerequisites: Junior standing or consent of instructor.*

NURS 302, Assessment of Nursing Scholarship (2)

A course which provides each student with a comprehensive assessment of personal and professional learning methods. This course introduces the student to the professional appraisal and portfolio development process. This is the first course in the RN to BSN program. *Prerequisite: Admission to the Nursing major.*

NURS 305, Professional Nursing I (3)

Focuses on professional nursing role, communication theory and principles, and the nursing process. Includes psychosocial concepts relative to health of the individual. Influence of culture, role, social support, and values evaluated. Meets undergraduate writing requirement. *Prerequisite or corequisite: NURS 300. Corequisite: NURS 305L.*

NURS 305L, Professional Nursing I: Lab/Clinical (2)

Focuses on interaction and socialization into the professional role. Students utilize nursing process with clients exhibiting psycho-social-spiritual-cultural risks to health. Competence in critical thinking evaluation, and writing is facilitated. *Prerequisite or corequisite: NURS 300. Corequisite: NURS 305.*

NURS 307, Health Promotion: Parent-Child Nursing (3)

Covers theories and issues important in parent-child nursing and discusses specific nursing interventions useful in promoting health relative to developmental change. Topics explored: genetic counseling, parent-child bonding, sexuality, adaptation patterns from conception through adolescence, cultural determinants. *Prerequisite or corequisite: NURS 300.*

NURS 320, The Process of Teaching in Nursing (2) - Online

Presents nursing content and skills in clinical teaching situations with individuals, families, and groups. Content includes theories and principles of learning, teaching strategies and methodologies, teaching resources, and evaluation of instruction. *Prerequisites: NURS 300, 305 and 305L.*

NURS 353, Alterations in Health Status: App. in Nursing (4)

Discusses alterations in health status and their applications in nursing practice. Addresses alterations at the cell and system levels, and potential resulting functional changes. Epidemiological approaches and clinical case studies will be presented to support nursing assessments and interventions. *Prerequisite: Junior standing or consent of instructor. NURS 300 is to be taken prior to or concurrent with NURS 353.*

NURS 355, Professional Nursing II (3)

Presents adult health assessment content including common variations found in the child and older adult. Analysis of health data and identification of health risks of specific groups emphasized. Research findings used to support nursing interventions to reduce risk and promote health. *Prerequisites: NURS 305, 305L. Corequisites: NURS 355L. NURS 320 and 353 are to be taken prior to or concurrent with NURS 355.*

NURS 355L, Professional Nursing II: Lab/Clinical (2)

Students practice history taking, physical examination techniques and risk identification on peers in supervised setting. Students apply these skills and intervene to reduce risk and/or promote health with individual clients. *Prerequisites: NURS 305, 305L. Corequisites: NURS 355. NURS 320 and 353 are to be taken prior to or concurrent with NURS 355L.*

NURS 357, Health Promotion: Adult-Aged Nursing (3)

Discusses developmental theories of adulthood and the aging process with emphasis on analysis of health behavior of adults. Normative transitions, basic crises of adult life, and the nurse's role in health promotion throughout the adult life cycle are included. *Prerequisite: NURS 300.*

NURS 400, Professional Dimensions of Nursing (2) - Online

Analysis of social trends and issues affecting nursing and health care. Bioethics, health care legislation, and roles of professional organizations are examined. Nursing leadership tasks are explored in relation to group dynamics, values clarification, and ethical decision-making. *Prerequisites: NURS 300, 305, 305L. Corequisite: NURS 400L.*

NURS 400L, Professional Dimensions of Nursing: Lab (1) - Online

Promotes understanding of group dynamics theory by assuming leader and member role. Actual and potential stressors are explored and communication patterns analyzed. Includes examination of pending legislation, health planning, professional organizations, and community health advocacy groups. *Prerequisites: NURS 300, 305, 305L. Corequisite: NURS 400.*

NURS 402, Community Health Nursing (3) - Online

Synthesizes theories of community health and nursing to help students facilitate the adaptation process of clients, families, and communities to attain and maintain optimal health. Emphasis on family health care, assessment of community health needs, advocacy, collaborative role. Requires clinical placement one day a week at a community health agency. *Prerequisites: Junior level nursing courses. Corequisite: NURS 402L.*

NURS 402L, Community Health Nursing Clinical (3)

Applies community health nursing concepts to family health care in the community milieu. Students collaborate with families and others and use community resources to promote optimal family health and improve health status. (Clinical 9 hours). *Prerequisites: Junior level nursing courses. Corequisite: NURS 402.*

NURS 450, Nursing Research (2) – Online

Presents historical, philosophical, and ethical aspects of nursing research. Relationship between nursing research and professional accountability. Principles and methods of research process with emphasis on evaluating research for use in leadership and professional role. *Prerequisites: NURS 300, upper division statistics course. Corequisite: NURS 405L.*

NURS 450L, Nursing Research Laboratory (1)

Evaluation of specific nursing studies to determine significance and applicability to nursing practice. *Prerequisites: NURS 300, upper division statistics course. Co-requisite: NURS 450.*

NURS 452, Leadership & Mgmt in Professional Nursing (3)

Application of leadership/management theories and skills in student-selected and faculty approved clinical settings. (Clinical 9 hours). *Prerequisites: NURS 400, 400L, 402, and 402L. Corequisite: NURS 452, NURS 450 and 450L must be taken prior to or concurrently.*

NURS 452L, Leadership & Mgmt in Prof Nursing: Clinical (3)

Application of leadership/management theories and skills in student-selected and faculty approved clinical settings (Clinical 9 hours). *Prerequisites: NURS 400, 400L, 402, and 402L. Corequisites: NURS 452, 450 and 450L must be taken prior to or concurrently.*

All courses have some web augmentation – some courses are fully online.

Application Checklist

- Students must submit application materials for both the University and the Department of Distance Nursing. Failure to do so will prevent the application from being processed.
- If you apply after the deadline noted on the cover sheet we cannot guarantee that we will be able to accommodate all students, thus you may not be able to register for the courses you need.
- We will begin processing and sending out registration materials to students after being admitted to the university. Late applicants may not receive all materials in time.
- It is also important that you register for courses on time and do not wait until the first week of class. Late registration interferes with your access to course materials, blackboard access, etc. Please work with us and register on time.

Nursing Department application checklist

- ❑ Department of Nursing application (included in this packet)
- ❑ **One unofficial transcript** from each institution of higher education attended
- ❑ Department of Nursing recommendation forms (2) (forms included in this packet)
- ❑ Copy of California RN license
- ❑ Copy of professional liability insurance (we cannot accept policies that you may have through your employer; they do not cover you as a student)
- ❑ Copy of CPR card
- ❑ Copies of medical clearances: PPD or chest x-ray if PPD is positive; titers for Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Hepatitis B, and Varicella (state law requires immunity or titers, not vaccines)
- ❑ Copy of California driver's license
- ❑ Copy of automobile insurance

The documents listed above should be mailed to the following address:

CSU, Fullerton – Distance Nursing Department
P.O. Box 6868
Fullerton, CA 92834-6868

University application checklist

- ❑ Submit a University Application online at www.csumentor.edu. If you need help, please call our Distance Nursing office at (714) 278-5177.
- ❑ **One official transcript** from each institution of higher education attended, mailed to:
CSU, Fullerton – Admissions & Records
P.O. Box 6900
Fullerton, CA 92834-6900
- ❑ Check or money order for \$55.00 (payable to California State University) can be paid online or mailed to:
CSU, Fullerton – Student Financial Services
P.O. Box 6808
Fullerton, CA 92834-6808

Quick Start:

Fax your unofficial transcript for review to our Distance Nursing Advisor at (714) 278-2096.