California State University, Long Beach
1250 N. Bellflower Boulevard
Long Beach, CA  90840-0301

Master of Science
in Nursing
Entry Level Master’s Program

University Application Deadline is
November 30

Application Deadline for the Nursing Department
April 15

Next Information Meeting
Mon., June 23 at 4:00 p.m.
Mon., Sept. 22 at 1:00 p.m.
No Reservation Needed

Applicants seeking admission to the nursing program are encouraged to attend an information session before submitting an application

Up-Dated 04/08
Dear Prospective Nursing Student:

Thank you for your interest in the Entry Level Master’s Nursing Program, offered by the Department of Nursing. We will be accepting applications for the fall of 2009 up until the application deadline of April 15, 2009.

If you have thought about becoming a nurse but didn’t want to spend many years in school, or have had difficulty gaining admission into one of the many impacted nursing programs, this full-time accelerated MSN degree program may be designed for you. This MSN program will prepare you to be a Clinical Nurse Specialist. The Entry Level Master’s program is specifically designed for individuals with degrees in other fields who would now like to enter the nursing profession. The first 16 months of this full-time academic program will prepare you to take the National Council Licensing Examination (NCLEX) to practice in California and to apply for a State of California Public Health Certificate. The final 18 months of this academic program will prepare you to work in adult acute care settings.

You will learn to accurately assess the physical, psychological, social, and spiritual health status of human beings across various cultural and age groups. Clinical decision making techniques, as well as a variety of other key concepts and applicable skills will be covered, giving you a thorough and well-rounded education in the field of nursing. The program utilizes technology as well as a cohort group format to enhance your learning experience. Convenience, accredited instructors, and quality curriculum are additional keys to the success of this program combined to bring you closer to your goal of a rewarding career in nursing.

For your information the following materials are enclosed: (1) an Overview of the MSN Program (2) an Admissions Worksheet (3) a Sample Program Schedule and, (4) a Department of Nursing Application form. It is important to recognize that all applicants must apply to both the University (using the official CSULB Application form which may be downloaded from the CSULB website) and, the Department of Nursing (using the Department of Nursing Application form enclosed), and must meet all the criteria for admission in both areas. Specifics will be outlined in the Admissions Worksheet enclosed.

You MUST apply to CSU, Long Beach after October 1, 2008 and by the deadline of November 30, 2008. Your application for the program will NOT be considered unless you have applied to CSU, Long Beach by the deadline. There are NO exceptions.

The demand for qualified nurses has reached staggering proportions in this country. To answer that need, the University and the Department of Nursing have developed this accelerated MSN degree program – and it is with great pleasure and excitement that we are able to offer it to you, now. If you would like to be considered for admission please carefully review the enclosed materials, and prepare the necessary documents. We will accept nursing applications for Fall 2009 between March 1, 2009 and April 15, 2009.

If you have additional questions that have not been addressed in this package, you are encouraged to contact:

Monalisa Ward
Admissions Coordinator – ELMSN Program
California State University, Long Beach
562-985-2201    Office Telephone
562-985-2382    Fax
mward2@csulb.edu
Master of Science in Nursing
Degree program

Experience a rewarding career in nursing! If you have thought about becoming a nurse but didn’t want to spend many years in school, this full-time accelerated nursing degree program is designed for you. CSULB’s Department of Nursing is pleased to offer this entry level master’s in nursing program, which will prepare you to enter the nursing field with the knowledge and skills necessary to practice nursing in any setting.

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Program Description
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Prerequisites
There is a five year time limit on these science courses.
1. BIOL 208 Human Anatomy Lecture & Lab
2. BIOL 207 Human Physiology Lecture & Lab
3. Chem 140 or an equivalent 5 unit combined integrated general, organic and biochemistry course
4. MICR 200 Microbiology Lecture & Lab

There is no time limit on these courses.
5. Quantitative Reasoning (e.g. College Algebra or Statistics) **
6. Oral Communication **
7. College Composition **
8. Critical Thinking **

** These courses may have been completed as requirements in your first degree program.

Special Note:
Entry Level MSN students must complete Statistics, Sociology 100 and Psychology 100 prior to entering the program if they were not requirements of the first degree.

Special Features and Benefits
- Classes are conveniently scheduled, in modular format, for three to eight week periods.
- The cohort group format helps you to build professional networks.
- Program instructors are personable and highly qualified.
- Preparation for the NCLEX State Licensing Exam is available.
- Professional leaders were utilized to design this program.
- Courses are scheduled to allow students to pursue the degree on a year-round basis.
- Courses will be offered in a 34 month period not including breaks.
- Financial aid packages are available to help cover program costs.

Selection Criteria
A personal profile will be developed for each applicant with points earned from:
- GPA in the prerequisite science 4 points maximum courses—minimum 2.5 gpa required
- GPA in the prerequisite general 2 points maximum education courses—minimum 2.5 gpa required
- General Assessment Test (TEAS) 2 points maximum (minimal score 70th percentile)
- TEAS Math Score 2 points maximum

Candidates with the highest cumulative scores, based upon their personal profile, are selected for admission. Forty-eight (48) students are admitted each Fall semester.

This is an impacted program; therefore, we may only consider California residents for admission.

Letters of reference and testimonials are not a factor in the application process. Please do not submit these items.
Alternates: An alternate list will be selected. An alternate is admitted to replace a candidate who withdraws from the program before the end of the first week of the semester. Because there is no waiting list, alternates not admitted will need to re-apply to be considered for admission the next semester.

Notification of Admission Status: You will be notified by the Nursing Department of your admission status by mail by the 2nd week of May.

Admissions Worksheet
The purpose of this worksheet is to guide you through the steps you need to take in order to be considered for the Entry Level Master of Science in Nursing Degree Program.

1. Have you completed a baccalaureate (or higher) degree from an accredited college or university with a CUM GPA of 3.0 or better?
2. Have you taken or are scheduled to take the Nursing Department’s TEAS Admission Test before the deadline date?
3. Have you successfully completed all of the prerequisite courses? Remember to include a copy of your registration form for the course in progress.

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- Quantitative Reasoning (e.g. College Algebra, Calculus or Statistics)**
- Oral Communication **
- College Composition **
- Critical Thinking **

** These courses may have been completed as part of your first degree program.

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4. Two applications must be submitted when applying to this program.
   - Application to CSU, Long Beach between October 1 and November 30.

You MUST apply to CSU, Long Beach by the deadline of November 30, 2008. Your application for the program will NOT be considered unless you have applied to CSU, Long Beach by the deadline. There are NO exceptions
   - Entry Level MSN Application along with your official transcripts by April 15, 2009.

Prior to submitting an application to the Nursing Department, applicants must have all foreign transcripts evaluated by a Credential Evaluation Service to confirm their academic equivalency to educational standards of accredited colleges and universities in the United States. Please contact mward2@csulb.edu for a list of credentialed evaluation service companies.

Nursing applications are to be sent, along with the necessary support documentation to:

Entry Level BSN/MSN Nursing Program
California State University, Long Beach
Attn: Monalisa Ward
Department of Nursing
1250 Bellflower Blvd.
Long Beach, CA 90840-0301
**Application for Admission to the Entry Level BSN/MSN Nursing Program**

Directions: All sections must be completed. Please type or print clearly and attach official transcripts (unopened) with your application. If you have any questions regarding this application, please contact our office for clarification.

Name__________________________________________________________________ Date ________________________

Last    First    M.I.

Address ____________________________________________________________________________________________________

Street        City    State    Zip

Telephone (________)______________________________ Cell phone (________)______________________________ Social Security # __________-_______-__________

E-mail address: _________________________________________ CSULB ID # _______________________________

Emergency Contact Person: ______________________________ (_______) _________________________

Optional: Ethnic background ___________________ DOB _____________ Gender ________

Are you a California resident (Circle) Yes No

Semester you plan to enter the nursing program (e.g., Fall 2009) _________________________

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*See next page for listing of CSULB courses

Corequisite Courses Completed: Only Sociology 100, Psychology 100 and Stats must be completed prior to the first day of classes. Psychology 100:

Sociology 100

Stats

Bio 204-Pharmacology:

Bio 304-Pathophys:

Nutrition 339

N310 Lifespan/Devel

Baccalaureate Degree obtained (field)_______________________________________________________________________

University ____________________________________CUM GPA ________ Month/Year Completed ________________

1250 BELLFLOWER BOULEVARD LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA 90840-0301 562/985-4463  FAX 562/985-2382
Prerequisite course in progress on April 15, 2009:

You may submit an application with ONE courses in progress – include a copy of your registration form with this application. Indicate only which course you will have in progress at the time of application.

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Oral Communication: Communication Studies 110, 130, 132, 171, 331, 335, 4411

College Composition: Asian American Studies 100, Black Studies 100, Chicano & Latino Studies 104, English 100

Critical Thinking: Asian Studies 190, Black Studies 150, Communication Studies 131, 131W, English 102, Comparative World Literature 161, CECS 100, History 101, Philosophy 170, Political Science 105, Psychology 130, University Honors Program 100

Application Checklist:

- Applied to the University using graduate application and under Add’l BS-Direct MSN – via CSUmentor.edu or sent graduate application to CSULB by Nov. 30, 2008 with $55.00 fee and 1 set of official transcripts for Fall 2009.
- Attached sealed, official transcripts (1 set) of all college work with this application. Prior to submitting an application to the Nursing Department, applicants must have all foreign transcripts evaluated by a Credential Evaluation Service to confirm their academic equivalency to educational standards of accredited colleges and universities in the United States. Please contact mward2@csulb.edu for a list of credentialed evaluation service companies. TOFEL results must be available by April 15, 2009. No exceptions.
- Include a copy of your registration form for the course in progress.
- Arranged for course equivalency approvals for prerequisite courses not listed on assist.org. Contact 562-985-2201 to arrange for equivalencies.
- TEAS MUST be taken prior to April 15, 2009
  Date the TEAS Admission Test was taken (month & year)? ____________________ Location ____________
  If TEAS not taken at CSULB, you must contact atitesting.com to arrange for the official results to be sent to CSULB.

Students applying to the Department of Nursing must submit to a criminal background check and potential drug screening.

APPLICATION DEADLINE
APRIL 15, 2009

CSULB, Department of Nursing
Monalisa Ward –Entry Level BSN/MSN Applications
1250 N. Bellflower Boulevard
Long Beach, Ca  90840-0301

Applications may be submitted between March 1 to April 15, 2009 with no more than one prerequisite in progress

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