

California State University, Long Beach
School of Nursing
Graduate Program Admissions Information

The following information is for the Master of Science Degree in Nursing offered by the School of Nursing at California State University, Long Beach. The goal of the program is to prepare exceptional nurses within their specialty. Our current offerings are:

- **Adult/Geriatric (A/GNP)**
- **Family (FNP)**
- **Pediatrics (PNP)**
- **Psychiatric/Mental Health (PMHNP)**
- **Women's Health Care (WHCNP)**
- **Adult CNS**
- **Dual Master's Degree:**
 - **Nursing & Public Health (MSN/MPN)**
 - **Nursing & Health Care Administration (MSN/MSHCA)**
- **Other areas of emphasis:**
 - **School Nurse Credential (postmasters for PNPs/FNPs)**
 - **School Nurse Credential only (different application)**
 - **Nurse Educator**

The time required to complete the programs varies upon the program selected, but usually requires two years and a half years of full-time enrollment (9 units or more per semester) for the single degree and three years for the dual degrees.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS:

1. Minimum GPA 2.75 (3.0 for the dual degree and WHCNP programs) in undergraduate program.
2. GPA of 3.0 in all prerequisite courses.
3. Current R.N. license or eligibility to practice nursing in California. A copy must be included.
4. Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree (BSN). Other health related Bachelor's Degrees will be considered on an individual basis.
5. Three Evaluations (one from each of the following):
 - a. A recent educator (e.g. academic, Continuing Education, or certificate)
 - b. A recent employer
 - c. Another health professional (see enclosed form)

6. A one page essay demonstrating conceptualization and writing skills of the expanded role in the specialty area for which you have applied. State your reasons for pursuing an advanced degree in Nursing and what you have to offer to the field of nursing. Include a statement of your plans for practice following completion of your educational program. Discuss a current issue in your selected specialty area.

PREREQUISITE COURSES:

The following prerequisite course must be successfully completed by all MSN options:

- Statistics (college level course)

All of the NP and CNS option candidates must have the following prerequisite courses:

- Pathophysiology – college level or graduate level course
- Physical Assessment with a clinical component -- taken within the last five years.
- Community Health Nursing course with clinical experience -- for applicants who have a non-nursing bachelor's degree. Requirement fulfilled by the public/health community nursing course and laboratory course in a nursing baccalaureate program.

Additional requirements for specific programs:

Family, Pediatric and Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner Programs

- A course in Growth and Development

Adult CNS and Adult/Geriatric -- No additional requirements

Women's Health Care Program -- No additional requirements

- Harbor/UCLA graduates must follow the current Women's Health program. Please call Graduate Office at (562) 985-4473 for more information regarding this path.

Concurrent Program in Nursing and Public Health (MSN/MPH)

- Official copy of GRE scores
- Current Professional Resume
- PHN Certificate for State of California
- Upper Division or Graduate Level Ethics (HSC 451 or equivalent)
- Upper Division or Graduate Level Cultural Diversity

Concurrent Program in Nursing and Health Care Administration (MSN/MSHCA)

- Official Copy of GRE or GMAT scores
- Current Professional Resume
- A general accounting course
- A microeconomics course (or equivalent)
- A nursing informatics or information systems course (or equivalent)

TRANSFER CREDIT:

CSULB School of Nursing will accept up to 6 units of transfer credit into a Graduate Program. Transfer credit will be evaluated by CSULB faculty with the syllabus from the course(s) taken at another institution.

For post-Master's students, up to 12 units of your MSN can be transferred into a CSULB School of Nursing Graduate Program.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS:

For any student applying who has received a Bachelor's Degree in another country, your original transcripts must be sent to the CSULB Center for International Education for evaluation when applying to the program.

STUDENT COUNSELING:

General counseling sessions are held monthly, usually one Wednesday or Thursday of each month during the semester from 5PM to 6PM in the Department of Nursing. Please call 562-985-4473 to verify dates and times. Sessions are generally not held in the months of May-August and December-January.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

1. **You will fill out two applications: one for CSULB and one for the School of Nursing.**
2. **Fill out a graduate application for CSULB at www.csumentor.edu**
 - a. This online application form will include your application fee.
 - b. You will also need to have one set of official transcripts from each and every college or university you have attended sent to the CSULB Office of Admissions and Records. Call (562) 985-5471 for further information regarding university admission.
 - c. Students who graduated from a college/university outside the USA must apply through the Center for International Education at CSULB, (562) 985-5476. TOEFL or equivalent is required.
3. **Apply to the graduate program in the School of Nursing.** Submit a completed application packet to the School of Nursing, which includes the following:
 - a. Application form
 - b. Three letters of reference (in sealed envelope)
 - c. A copy of your current RN license
 - d. Essay

4. **DEADLINES** – The School of Nursing will accept applications at any time prior to the deadlines listed below for the respective semester. You must apply to CSULB prior to applying to the School of Nursing.
- a. **MAY 1st DEADLINE**- admitting once per year for fall semester only. Family, Pediatric, Adult, Women’s Health & Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
 - b. **MAY 1st and OCTOBER 15th** Deadlines for CNS, Women’s Health Care, MSN/MSHCA and MSN/MPH.

****APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH ALL ITEMS ATTACHED. AN INCOMPLETE APPLICATION WILL NOT BE EVALUATED.****

Submit completed School of Nursing application packet to:
California State University, Long Beach
School of Nursing -- Graduate Program
1250 Bellflower Blvd.
Long Beach, CA 90840

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Evaluations should be mailed to you and left in the sealed envelope, which you will turn in with your application form.
- It is the student’s responsibility to make certain that all applications are complete and submitted by the deadline.
- You will not be notified if your file is incomplete.
- Academic degrees must have been awarded from an institution of higher learning accredited by a nationally recognized regional accrediting body.
- We do not pull forms from old files or applications. Appropriate forms must be submitted with each individual application.
- Retain a copy of everything submitted, as all submitted application materials become property of CSULB and will not be returned.
- CSULB is not responsible for lost, late, or misdirected mail.
- CSULB cannot guarantee the processing of applications that arrive after the published deadline.
- In order to receive acknowledgement of receipt of your School of Nursing application include a self-addressed/stamped envelope and allow at least 6 to 8 weeks.

SELECTION PROCESS FOR GRADUATE NURSING PROGRAMS:

A committee will evaluate each application, which includes faculty from the specialty area indicated on the application,. As each program fills or becomes impacted (this happens when we receive more eligible applications than we have space to admit), applicants will be given preference for admission based upon GPA as well as having met the prerequisite requirements. Alternates may be admitted through the second week of the semester in the event a student does not accept admission or drops out. Applicants who are not admitted may reapply for the next admission date.

NOTIFICATION PROCESS:

A letter of the decision regarding acceptance whether they are admitted, an alternate, not admitted or not qualified will notify applicants. Applicants who decline acceptance for the semester to which they apply must provide a letter to the Student Affairs Committee of the intent to enter, or not enter, at a later date. Students entering in a different semester will compete with the eligible pool of applicants for that semester. No priority will be given. (A new application to the university will need to be made for each subsequent semester.) Applications of those not admitted will be kept and filed in the Department of Nursing for one year, at which time they will be destroyed.

1. Students who wish to be reconsidered for admission in the next application period must submit a letter to the Student Affairs Committee of their intent to reapply.
2. A new application to the university will need to be made for each subsequent application.
3. It is the student's responsibility to keep his or her file current with the Graduate Nursing Office (including update of transcripts and prerequisites).
4. Students who reapply will not be given special/priority status.