The School of Nursing offers a Basic/Trimester Bachelor of Science, a Entry Level Master of Science and a RN to Bachelor of Science. The Basic/Trimester BSN Program is open to both undergraduate and second degree seekers. The Entry Level MSN Program is for students who have already earned either a BS or BA in another field. The RN to BSN program is open to undergraduates and second degree seekers who have a California Registered Nurse’s license.

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b.) GPA in the science prerequisite courses (4 points max)
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17. **What courses can I take after my prerequisite course work is completed?**
   Many students like to complete their general education courses before entering the nursing program. This will allow them to focus on the nursing courses and be ready for graduation as soon as the nursing courses are finished.

18. **What GPA do I need to apply to the nursing program?**
   For both the Basic/Trimester and Entry Level MSN, all prerequisite courses must be C or higher. A grade of C- is not acceptable. Students must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 in each of their science and their general education prerequisite courses. However, the science GPA average Fall 2013 was 3.85. The higher the grades the better the applicants’ chances are of being admitted to the program. The Entry Level MSN applicants must have earned a CUM GPA of 3.0 in their BA/BS or MS/MA degree.

19. **How long will it take me to complete the BSN Program?**
   Students admitted to the Basic BSN Program take six semesters to complete the nursing courses. The Trimester program takes 4 semesters and two summers. The Entry Level MSN Program takes 4 semesters. The RN to BSN program takes approximately 4 semesters to complete.

20. **Can I attend courses on a part-time basis?**
   For the basic BSN program, each semester is scheduled for 15 or 16 units. Some students take general courses during the summer or winter break to decrease the number of units during the regular semester. If students must be out a semester, the leave of absence procedure must be followed. For the Entry Level MSN program, each semester is scheduled for 22-23 units. Entry Level MSN students attend summer and winter intersessions.

21. **Are there any nursing classes in the evening?**
   Nursing courses are usually offered during the day or early evening. Lecture and lab classes are offered one or two days a week. Clinical classes are offered Monday through Sunday during day or evening shifts.

22. **Can I take the state board exam before I graduate?**
   No. The NCLEX can only be taken after your BSN has been awarded by the university.

23. **What if I have my LVN already?**
   LVNs, who are accepted for admission, can have Nursing 200 waived. Two spaces are reserved each semester for LVN admissions. After you have submitted an LVN application, official transcripts and TEAS results, you will speak with the LVN nursing advisor who will help you plan your program and get you on the LVN waiting list.

24. **What if I have my RN already?**
   A.D.N.-RN students enter with 56 units of transferable lower division credit. Fourteen additional units may be given for lower division general education course work. Up to 70 total units may be transferred. RNs should be GE certified at the community college prior to application to CSULB. The RN Pathway program has been developed for the A.D.N.-RN student. The first year is a bridge year. Some classes may be taken with the basic students while others are designed to help transition students to the BSN level. All students merge during the senior year.

25. **Are there nursing classes in the summer?**
   Yes, students in the Trimester option and Entry Level MSN will attend in the summer.

26. **When can I meet with a nursing counselor?**
   There are group counseling sessions each semester. It is recommended that you attend one of these sessions prior to submitting your application to the nursing department. Once you have this information, a personal appointment can be made by calling 562-985-2201 or emailing monalisa.ward@csulb.edu if you have additional questions.

27. **Does acceptance into the program mean that I am automatically accepted to the University?**
   No. You must file three separate applications (two for CSULB and one for the SON) by the deadlines required for each. Check the CSULB website (www.csulb.edu) or the University application deadline.

28. **Where do I send my official transcripts?**
   It is recommended that you have your official transcripts sent directly to you and that you attach one set of official unopened transcripts to your nursing program application, and submit one set to the University. ELM applicants only need to submit a complete set to Enrollment Services. They do not need to submit a set to the SON.

29. **Can I take the TEAS more than once and if I can take it more than once, which score will be used?**
   You may take the TEAS more than once; however, we require that there must be 30 days between each test date. We will use the test that yields you the highest rating.

30. **When is the TEAS offered?**
   Multiple TEAS dates are offered during August and January. If the TEAS was not taken at CSULB, applicants must arrange to have official TEAS scores sent by atitesting.com to CSULB.

31. **What if I want to transfer from another nursing program to your program?**
   Transfer students are taken on space availability only. Write a letter of interest to the Undergraduate Director, submit letter of recommendation from current Nursing Dean/Chair, and submit official transcripts along with nursing course syllabi. Fill out a transfer application. After your file is reviewed, the Undergraduate Director will meet with you to discuss your options.

32. **Do I need to submit letters of references?**
   Letters of reference and testimonials are not a factor in the basic BSN or ELM application process. Please do not submit these items.

33. **For the Entry Level MSN, do I need to take the GRE?**
   No. The GRE is not a factor in the ELM application process.

34. **Can I substitute Anthropology for Sociology?**
   No. We only accept a Sociology 100 equivalent course. Anthropology is not equivalent to Sociology 100.

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