**Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Program**

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To be the premier university-based professional nursing program.

OUR MISSION
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.

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The School of Nursing at California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) has been educating Master’s prepared nurses for over 40 years. The graduate nursing programs at CSULB are fully accredited by the Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) in the State of California and nationally accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). In addition, the pediatric nurse practitioner program has met the rigorous national accreditation standards by the Pediatric Nursing Certification Board (PNCB).

The pediatric nurse practitioner (PNP) program in the School of Nursing at CSULB is well-known for its excellence in educating nurses to provide evidenced based, culturally sensitive, respectful health care to children. Graduates of the PNP program will possess advanced knowledge in primary health care of infants, children and adolescents. PNP graduates will have expertise in providing anticipatory guidance to children and families as well as the ability to provide health care to children for acute illnesses and to those children with chronic disease.

Graduates of the PNP program will have completed 44/45 units of graduate course work. Course work includes: advanced pathophysiology, pharmacology, pediatric physical assessment, health care economics, nursing theory and roles, diversity and psychosocial issues in advanced practice nursing, nursing research in addition to content in advanced pediatric theory and clinical experiences. PNP students complete 755 clinical hours in pediatric ambulatory care and/or pediatric specialty practices. In addition to working in other clinical sites in the community, PNP students have the unique opportunity to work with PNP faculty at Health on Wheels, a school-based nurse managed clinic, providing health care to underinsured or uninsured children in the City of Norwalk. Prior to graduation, PNP students will be able to complete comprehensive examination, thesis or directed project. Master’s degree coursework must be completed within 7 years.

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Admission requirements

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Other health related Bachelor degrees will be considered
- Current RN license or eligibility to practice nursing in California
- Grade point average of 3.00 or better in upper division units of the Bachelor’s degree. Applicants with GPAs below 3.00 will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Upper division course in community health nursing with a laboratory
- College level course in statistics
- Upper division or graduate level course in pathophysiology
- Physical assessment course with a laboratory component completed within the last 5 years

Application Process

Apply for University admission online at: www.csumentor.edu or call 562-985-5471.

Apply to the Graduate Nursing Program at http://www.csulb.edu/colleges/chhs/departments/nursing/programs/ or call 562-985-8379.

Include or send a set of official transcripts of all college work to the University Graduate Admissions office.

Please see Website for Current Application Deadlines.

Monthly information sessions are offered in the School of Nursing during Fall and Spring semesters. Please call the Graduate Office at 562-985-8379.

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Post Master’s Program

Nurses with Master’s degree in Nursing may complete specific courses to obtain a certificate as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner. This Post Master’s education qualifies the post master graduates to apply to the State of California for the NP license and qualifies the graduates for the National Certification examination.

Sample Curriculum

**First Semester**
- Advanced Pathophysiology (2 units)
- Advanced Pharmacology (3 units)
- Diversity and Psychosocial Issues in Nursing (2 units)
- Health Care Economics (2 units)

**Second Semester**
- Nursing Theory and Roles (2 units)
- Nursing Research (3 units)
- Advanced Pediatric Physical Assessment (4) (35 clinical hours)

**Third Semester**
- Advanced Pediatric Theory I (3 units)
- Advanced Pediatric Clinical I & II (6 units) (288 clinical hours)

**Fourth Semester**
- Advanced Pediatric Theory II (3 units)
- Advanced Pediatric Clinical III & IV (6 units) (288 clinical hours)

**Fifth Semester**
- Advanced Pediatric Theory III (3 units)
- Advanced Pediatric Clinical V (3 units) (144 clinical hours)
- Comprehensive Exam (3 units)
- OR Directed Project (3 units)
- OR Thesis (4 units)

Classes are available on a part-time or full-time schedule with classes offered during Fall and Spring semesters.